

# Crawford County



## *County Commissioners*

### *Chairman*

Eric Henry

### *Vice-Chairman*

Francis F. Weiderspahn, Jr

### *Secretary/Treasurer*

John Christopher Soff

## *Fire Commission Members*

Allen Clark, Conneautville

Eric Coston, East Mead

John Fuller, Vernon Central

Robert Horvat, Vernon Township

## Fire Commission

c/o Crawford County DPS

632 Pine Street

Meadville, Pennsylvania 16335

## *Fire Commission Members*

Joe Lamey, At Large Member

Phil Koon, Saegertown

Bob McCartney, Fallowfield

Maryann Menanno, Meadville

Jim Pratt, West Mead #2

Ryan Sekerski, Cochranton

Kris Simmons, Crawford DPS/911

Joe Smock, Meadville

Justin Sullivan, Townville

John Treacy, Conneaut Lake

Bob Wimer, Greenwood

Jim Brown, Titusville

## Crawford County Fire Commission

### AGENDA

September 20, 2023, 7:00pm

- I. Commissioner's Welcome
- II. Roll Call of Commission Members
- III. Fire Commission Testifiers and Guest Speakers
- IV. Subcommittee Reports
  - a. Communications: Chair John Treacy, Jim Pratt, Joe Smock, Kris Simmons, and Greg Beveridge
    - i. 9-1-1 Center Enhancements
    - ii. Public Safety Agency Technology Enhancements and Training
  - b. Government: Chair Maryann Menanno, Rob Horvat, Eric Coston, Don Bovard, and Justin Sullivan
    - i. County Commissioners facilitate meetings with municipalities to address public fire protection issues and encouraging them to meet their legal obligations, including funding, page 5
    - ii. County Commissioners facilitate county-wide Community Risk Reduction Plan to include; Education, Engineering, Enforcement, Emergency Response, and Economic Incentives or Impact, page 7
    - iii. County Commissioners encourage fire departments to participate in shared service agreements, page 8
    - iv. Fire Departments look into opportunities for merger or consolidation, page 9
    - v. County should explore opportunities to expand public water systems, page 11

- vi. County-wide Organization established; council of governments, alliance, authority
- vii. Identify funding for two paid firefighters in three locations in the county
- viii. Create a report showing how much municipalities contribute to fire protection
- c. Operations: Chair Ryan Sekerski, Bob McCartney, Eric Coston, Jim Brown, and Phil Koon
  - i. Defining a Rescue Department; Equipment, Personnel, and Training
  - ii. County-wide Standard Fire Operating Guidelines
  - iii. Count-wide Standard Fire Training Guidelines
- d. Stakeholders: Chair Allen Clark, Eric Henry, John Treacy, and Phil Koon
  - i. Met with Kim Flinn and another meeting with Jerry Ozog from PFESI and Scott Ryno on recruitment and retention and county wide Safer Grant
  - ii. Recruitment; Brochure, Media and Social Media Advertising, target Middle School students and retired residents
  - iii. Public Education; Fireworks, Outside Burning, Lithium Battery Devices, etc.
  - iv. Firefighter Education; Lithium Battery Fires, Solar Panel Emergencies, Safety Stand Down
  - v. Days/Events to Promote: May 4 Firefighters, September 11, Fire Prevention week 8 to 14, and others
- V. County Updates:
  - a. Crawford and Venango Counties Fire School Committee
    - i. September 9 and 10
    - ii. STAT Class October 7 and 8
  - b. Crawford County Fireman's Association
    - i. Last Meeting September 18<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm at Springboro Fire Dept.
    - ii. Next Meeting November 20<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm Location TBD
- VI. Action Items for Next Meeting
  - a. County-wide Fire Chiefs Meeting Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup> 7pm at DPS
- VII. Next Meeting, Wednesday, November 22, 2023, 7:00pm at Crawford County DPS
- VIII. Adjournment