


Crawford  County

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Fire Commission

c/o Crawford County DPS

632 Pine Street

Meadville, Pennsylvania 16335

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Bob Wimer, Greenwood

Jim Brown, Titusville

Crawford County Fire Commission

AGENDA

September 20, 2023, 7:00pm

- I. Commissioner Eric Henry welcomed the member to the September Fire Commission Meeting.
- II. Roll Call of Commission Members Attending was, Clark, Fuller, Horvat, Lamey, Koon, McCartney, Pratt, Sekerski, Treacy, Wimer and Brown. Greg Beveridge attended from Crawford DPS.
- III. Subcommittee Reports
 - a. Communications: Chair John Treacy, Jim Pratt, Joe Smock, Kris Simmons, and Greg Beveridge
 - i. Public Safety Director Greg Beveridge reported that the two tone detect was down temporarily due to CAD updates. Communication tower shelter for Greiser Rd is purchased. Both towers under construction should increase portable coverage in southern and eastern Crawford County. Please let him know of any dead spots in the county. To switch to P25 digital radio would cost around 14 million dollars without purchasing mobiles and portables. Agencies considering the purchase of new communications equipment should contact Greg prior to determine whether digital, analog or multi-band would be an appropriate purchase based on migration to P25. All full-time 911 positions are full. He is still looking for part time dispatchers. He discussed with the Shift Leaders the calls with extra allowed time and they agreed to lift assists, pumping basements, CO calls, and burning complaints.
 - b. Government: Chair Maryann Menanno, Rob Horvat, Eric Coston, Don Bovard, and Justin Sullivan
 - i. No report

- c. Operations: Chair Ryan Sekerski, Bob McCartney, Eric Coston, Jim Brown, and Phil Koon
 - i. The Subcommittee really can't do anything until an authority is formed and a dedicated funding stream.
- d. Stakeholders: Chair Allen Clark, Eric Henry, John Treacy, and Phil Koon
 - i. Commissioner Henry mentioned that the Commissioner would be open to discussing property tax forgiveness if the eligibility was outlined. What criteria should be used? Percentage of calls, hours of training, hours of fundraising, hours spent working for a department. A workgroup made up of Scott Schell, Robie Horvat, Ryan Sekerski, and Allen Clark will meet and come up with a draft.
 - ii. Commissioner Henry reported he had a meeting with Active Aging and MMC and will be having a meeting with the MCO's in the near future. Lifting equipment is available. The goal is to end fire and EMS responding to lift assists by December 31, 2023.
 - iii. Commissioner Henry will be obtaining \$25,000 for recruitment and retention efforts in the County which is Phase I. Kim from Starn Marketing has submitted a proposal and some ideas.

IV. County Updates:

- a. Crawford and Venango Counties Fire School Committee
 - i. Fire School was held on September 9 and 10 and STAT Class October 7 and 8. There were 86 students from 8 counties. The use of the Crawford County Fairgrounds worked well. They had to cancel 4 classes. They are looking into options for a burn building. The options are to repair the building at Fire School Grounds, repair the Saegertown Burn Trailer, build a new building in a new location, or purchase a smaller mobile unit. Next meeting is October 25 at Cooperstown Fire Dept.
- b. Crawford County Fireman's Association
 - i. Last Meeting September 18th 7:00pm at Springboro Fire Dept. with 12 fire depts. attending and the next Meeting November 20th 7:00pm at Venango Fire Dept.

V. Action Items for Next Meeting

- a. County-wide Fire Chiefs Meeting Monday, October 30th 7pm at DPS

VI. Next Meeting, Wednesday, November 22, 2023, 7:00pm at Crawford County DPS

VII. Adjournment was at 8:06pm