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# Fire Commission

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## **Crawford County Fire Commission AGENDA**

February 22, 2024, 7:00pm

- I. Commissioner's Welcome – Commissioner Scott Schell
- II. **Introduction of Commission Members**
- III. Commission Overview – Previous Efforts, Meeting Dates, Committees, and Information
  - a. www.crawfordcountypa.net Public Safety Page
- IV. Committees
  - a. Communications:
    - i. 9-1-1 Center Enhancements
    - ii. P25 Radio Project
    - iii. Public Safety Agencies Enhancements
  - b. Government:
    - i. Municipal Tax Forgiveness Program Vernon Township
    - ii. DCED 2022 Fire Study Suggestions
      - 1. County Commissioners facilitate meetings with municipalities to address public fire protection issues and encouraging them to meet their legal obligations, including funding, page 5
      - 2. County Commissioners facilitate county-wide Community Risk Reduction Plan to include; Education, Engineering, Enforcement, Emergency Response, and Economic Incentives or Impact, page 7
      - 3. County Commissioners encourage fire departs to participate in shared service agreements, page 8

- 4. Fire Departments look into opportunities for merger or consolidation, page 9
- 5. County should explore opportunities to expand public water systems, page 11
- 6. County-wide Organization established; council of governments, alliance, authority
- iii. Identify funding for two paid firefighters in three locations in the county
- iv. Create a report showing how much municipalities contribute to fire protection
- v. State and Federal Legislation

#### c. Operations:

- i. Defining a Rescue Department; Equipment, Personnel, and Training
- ii. County-wide Standard Operating Guidelines
- iii. Count-wide Standard Training Guidelines

#### d. Stakeholders:

- i. County-wide SAFER Grant for Recruitment and Retention
- 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, and others

### V. County Organization Updates:

- a. Crawford and Venango Counties Fire School Committee
- b. Crawford County Fireman's Association
- VI. Action Items for Next Meeting
- VII. Next Meeting, Wednesday, April 17, 7:00pm at Crawford County DPS
- VIII. Adjournment