

Upper Uwchlan Township (UUT) Emergency Management Planning Commission (EMPC)

Meeting Minutes Thursday, March 28, 2019 6:30 PM

I Call to Order

Byron Nickerson called the EMPC meeting to order at 6:35 PM. The following members were also in attendance: Richard Ruth, Kevin Cook, Bernie Carroll, Julie Hearn-Nicely, Tom Kelly and Jamie Goncharoff (call in). Tony Przychodzien (Chester County Department of Emergency Services (DES)) was also in attendance.

II Approval of Previous Minutes

Tom Kelly made a motion for the Draft Meeting Minutes to be approved. Richard Ruth seconded the motion. The motion to accept the meeting minutes was passed unanimously.

III Fire Services Report

Richard Ruth reported that members of the Lionville Ambulance and Fire Services attended hazardous materials training and that multiple members also have attended flammable liquids/pipeline training at Texas A&M.

IV Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Report

No report.

V County Report

- The County Report was distributed to the commission and is attached to these meeting minutes. Tony Przychodzien announced that the Knowledge Center will be replaced by WebEOC starting April 1, 2019. The county DES will be providing multiple sessions of WebEOC training starting in mid-April.
- The Coatesville Training Center and the Tactical Village have been getting heavy usage.
- Mike Murphy is the new director of Chester County DES

VI Training Officer Report

- Byron Nickerson encouraged EMPC members to suggest any ideas they have for emergency management training.
- Kevin Cook and Byron discussed the status of the Hazard and Emergency Awareness, Preparedness and Response training that the EMPC is considering offering to the residents of UUT. Plans for the training have changed from Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) a more interactive workshop to provide the practical, focused training that was

originally envisioned. CERT training will be discussed and encouraged during the workshop. EMPC members agreed with the altered training program design. Kevin and Byron are attempting to recruit training support from the DES. It is hoped that the training will be conducted in May 2019.

- Chief DeMarco, Tom Kelly and Kevin Cook attended the Faith-Based Preparedness Symposium on February 27, 2019 sponsored by the DES and held at the Calvary Chapel in Exton, PA. The training was well done and very well received.

VII Chairman/Coordinator Report

- Byron noted that the next meeting will be held on April 25, 2019 at UUT's new temporary facility located at 415 Eagleview Blvd Suite 116, Exton, PA 19341
- The police will be relocating to 520 Milford Road, Downingtown, PA 19335 during the new township building construction period.

VIII Old Business

EMPC Pipeline Officer: Tom Kelly offered to serve as the Pipeline Officer. Byron agreed to forward available and future pipeline information to Tom.

IX New Business

Nothing to report.

X Round Table

Julie Hearn-Nicely made a motion to adjourn and Richard Ruth seconded the motion.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 25, 2019 at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathi McGrath
EMPC Secretary