



Upper Uwchlan Township Emergency Management Planning Commission



Meeting Minutes February 26th, 2009 6:30 P.M.

I Call to Order

Jamie Goncharoff called the meeting of the Emergency Management Planning Commission (EMPC) to order at 6:44p.m. The following persons were present: John DeMarco, Julie Hearn, Tom Baynard, Donna Spillane, Dick Guth, Jamie Goncharoff, Richard Ruth, Bryan Rambo and Michael Monahan.

Additional Attendees: Cathy Tomlinson

II Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the November 20, 2008 meeting were approved, after J. DeMarco made a motion, which was seconded by D. Guth.

III Fire Services Committee Report

Dick Guth reported that fire companies were having issues with boxes, and the designation of what companies respond first. Mr. Guth indicated that examples of previous problems did not involve UUT calls.

Mr. Guth mentioned the state tax incentive program for volunteers, and the limited amount of money available.

IV EMS Committee Report

The adult CPR course for January 24th, 2009 had only two (2) people register, and the course was canceled. One registered individual was able to take the course at Uwchlan Ambulance. The EMPC recommended that township residents be notified of the monthly CPR classes available for township residents, and that this would be a good way for residents to become trained.

V Training Report

Mr. Baynard indicated that he was reviewing the status of individual training performances and working to document them. Mr. Baynard identified training being organized with the Lions Club.

Mr. Goncharoff circulated information on available training courses and encouraged members to enroll in training opportunities.

VI Chairman/Coordinator Report

Through the county credentialing program, EMPC members will be issued identification cards to facilitate emergency participation outside UUT. Updated EMPC identifications should be available in the near future.

Mr. Goncharoff indicated that a pipeline emergency response plan was available on CD, and would be the subject of review at a future EMPC meeting.

Mr. Goncharoff mentioned the new state statute encouraging municipalities to band together to provide mutual aid in the event of emergencies.

VII Old Business

Mr. Monahan informed the EMPC about the status of the township contract for computer/website services. Mr. Goncharoff reminded the EMPC that the website related to emergency preparedness may be able to be improved. Mr. Monahan will report on the available services.

Mr. Rambo provided a review of the Long Range Study report from the committee. The committee evaluated the data from the Ray Ott study and organized the data into a variety of categories. Discussion ensued on the various categories. Mr. Rambo will add information on the two additional fire companies, and report back to the EMPC with issues for discussion, and subsequent recommendations for action.

The EMPC agreed that an award recognition program could be created to recognize fire and ambulance volunteers for exemplary service. Ms. Hearn will evaluate a possible program.

VIII. New Business

A discussion took place concerning certain responders such as Teen Aid not being licensed. Mr. Guth indicated that licensing mandates might result in responders terminating their services. Chief DeMarco will report back at the next EMPC meeting with information that will be helpful in evaluating whether UUT should mandate licensing for these basic EMS services.

Mr. Goncharoff indicated that he was running for district judge and that he may resign as the chairman and EMC. Ms. Tomlinson indicated that as a candidate, he would not have to resign.

Mr. Baynard and Ms. Hearn discussed the Sheltering Training that they received and how this training was helpful to the community.

IX. Round Table

EMPC members were given the opportunity to discuss items not already discussed. Among items was Ms. Hearn's report of emergency training that she received with Mr. Baynard concerning sheltering of animals, and the availability of breathing apparatus for pets who suffer respiratory injury.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Next meeting:

Thursday, March 26, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathi Friedman
Administrative Assistant