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The Responder

An informational source for the Emergency Responders of Chester County

Spring 2018 Fire I Class

Friends and family gathered on May 2nd to congratulate 16 Chester County citizens who graduated from the Spring 2018 Fire I program. This group of cadets began classes back in February and concluded in April. They spent weekday evenings as well as their weekends training to pass the certification requirements needed to become a certified volunteer firefighter here in Chester County. Assistant Chief Harold Ross Trego of Ludwigs Corner Fire Company served as the guest speaker. Class spokesperson, Cadet William Pyne, delivered remarks to the graduating class 18112001. Beau Crowding, Deputy Director of Fire Services for the Chester County Department of Emergency Services presented the Class Cadet Award to William Pyne of Lionville Fire Company as well as Samantha Marcus, of Po-Mar-Lin Fire Company.



CLASS PHOTO ON PAGE 5

Chester County Board of Commissioners: Michelle Kichline | Kathi Cozzone | Terence Farrell
 Robert J. Kagel, Director

FROM THE DIRECTOR...



Bobby Kagel,
Director

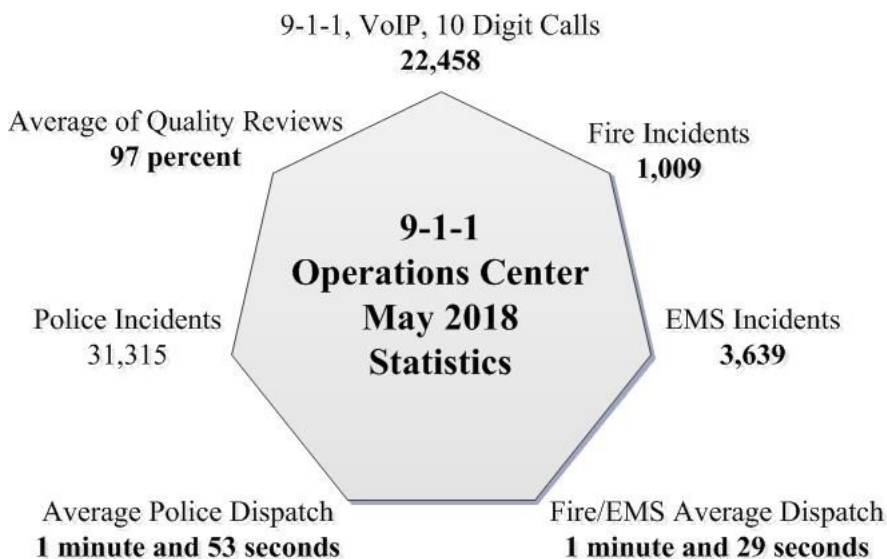
Project Updates & Monthly Stats

Voice Radio Project:

- Construction continues at West Chester Borough Building, the Justice Center, and the tower modifications at the West Bradford tower.
- The work to enhance coverage in the panhandle of Tredyffrin Township continues.

Training Facility:

- Last month we hosted 1,361 people at 133 events in the Academic Building; 731 people at 42 events in the Tactical Village; and, 423 people at 33 events in the Law Enforcement Firing Range.



HAVE YOU SCHEDULED A TRAINING
AT THE CHESTER COUNTY PUBLIC
SAFETY TRAINING CAMPUS?



COME TRAIN WITH US




For assistance with booking, call
John Gillespie, Assistant Director of
Chester County Public Safety
Training Campus at:

610-344-4241

CHESTER COUNTY May 2018 STATS

FIRE MARSHAL



May 2018		5	5	10	0	3
Have you checked your batteries in all smoke alarms?		NOTIFICATIONS	UNDETERMINED	UNINTENTIONAL	INTENTIONAL	NATURAL
		YTD 40	YTD 20	YTD 48	YTD 2	YTD 3
ASSEMBLY	EDUCATIONAL	INSTITUTIONAL	RESIDENTIAL	BUSINESS		
0 Fires \$-- Loss Reported <i>YTD: 2 Fires</i> <i>\$1,515,000</i> <i>Loss Reported</i>	0 Fires \$-- Loss Reported <i>YTD: 1 Fire</i> <i>\$175,000</i> <i>Loss Reported</i>	0 Fires \$-- Loss Reported <i>YTD: 2 Fires</i> <i>\$-- Loss Reported</i>	17 Fires \$4,689,000 Loss Reported <i>YTD: 68 Fires</i> <i>\$6,002,000</i> <i>Loss Reported</i>	2 Fires \$60,000 Loss Reported <i>YTD: 7 Fires</i> <i>\$2,015,700</i> <i>Loss Reported</i>		
INDUSTRIAL	MANUFACTURING	STORAGE	OUTSIDE	OTHER		
0 Fires \$-- Loss Reported <i>YTD: 2 Fires</i> <i>\$850</i> <i>Loss Reported</i>	0 Fires \$-- Loss Reported <i>YTD: 4 Fires</i> <i>\$310,000</i> <i>Loss Reported</i>	2 Fires \$-- Loss Reported <i>YTD: 8 Fires</i> <i>\$529,100</i> <i>Loss Reported</i>	3 Fires \$10,000 Loss Reported <i>YTD: 14 Fires</i> <i>\$84,400</i> <i>Loss Reported</i>	0 Fires \$-- Loss Reported <i>YTD: 7 Fires</i> <i>\$1,060,000</i> <i>Loss Reported</i>		
RESPONDER	RESPONDER	CIVILIAN	CIVILIAN			
INJURIES	DEATHS	INJURIES	DEATHS			
1	0	0	1			
YTD 4	YTD 0	YTD 13	YTD 1			
0	28	0	0	14		
ACTIVE ARSON	FIRE	YOUTH FIRE	REPORTS SENT	FOLLOW-UP WITH		
CASES	INSPECTIONS	SETTERS PROGRAMS	TO ASSESSMENT	INSURANCE COMPANIES		
YTD 2	YTD 46	YTD 5	YTD 26	& INVESTIGATORS		
				YTD 84		

To the Brotherhood of Fire!

By Chaplain Jerry Schwartz
Coordinator, CISM Peer Support Team

I come from a family of firefighters, at age 18, I followed in the steps of my father, Battalion Commander Fred R. Schwartz in the Baltimore City Fire Department. Later as Captain at the nation's busiest firehouse, we fought fires together with some of the most courageous and dedicated firefighters you'll find anywhere! My brothers and nephews started even younger as volunteers then entering the Baltimore County FD as career firefighters and officers and I'm proud to say that they are some of the bravest and strongest men I know!



In Chester County Fire Services, I have personally witnessed the same bravery and dedication as we see in firefighters across the nation.

The sad reality is that there's a suicide crisis among firefighters. We're now to the point that there are more suicides each year than line of duty deaths.

In 2016, 89 firefighters were killed in the line of duty, while 130 died by suicide. The trend has been growing for several years now.

A 2015 survey of more than 4,000 first responders found that 6.6 percent had attempted suicide. That's more than 10 times the rate in the general population.

There is no denying the facts, Critical Incident Stress and PTSD are real, which is why we work hard to continue to develop a dedicated and experienced Chester County CISM Peer Support Team as a resource for not only firefighters, but all First Responders in our county, but I want to make this point so well said by Sean Toomey of the Denver Fire Department, where he states:

"If we continue to tell our members that they are somehow damaged by what we do, it is only a matter of time before they come to believe this is true. However if we empower them with a sense of pride to be strong and courageous when others cannot, we will breed future generations of firefighters whom will rise to the call to serve their fellow man selflessly and without question, who will wear their battle scars with pride, as they tell a story of a life dedicated to the service of others."

This is our call to action for the fire service. We are not damaged, but rather forged in the fires of our craft to be stronger and more resilient than ever before, because we as firemen are called upon to exhibit this strength unwaveringly."

Are we affected by what we see? Can we develop PTSD? The answer to both questions is a resounding Yes!, but I want to say this loud and clear: "You can and you will recover and become stronger and more resilient than before! And there is always help available to achieve that goal, from Peer Support to other professionals in the field!

In any area of life, it takes a courageous man or woman to say "I need some help!" Never hesitate to reach out! Because, in this brotherhood, no one ever has to fight alone!

The Chester County CISM Peer Support Team is currently recruiting experienced firefighters to join our team and be a part of the solution! Go to chesco.org/des and click on the CISM tab under Law Enforcement for more information or contact myself, Chaplain Jerry Schwartz at: cism@chesco.org

CONGRATULATIONS

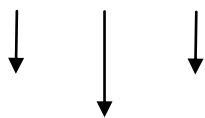
Firefighter I Graduation Class 18112001



Rear Row (L to R): Marcus, Samantha; Melrath, Phillip; Kahl, Sean; Aikin, Samuel; Simpson, Tyler; Lange, Ethan; Tuel, Joseph; Patterson, Mark

Front Row (L to R): Pyne, William; Stewart, Eric; Ahern, Patrick; Dorman, Royce; Cooper, Avery; Sloan, Thomas; Oyler, Josh; Bauer, Tyler

ATTENTION



**Chester County is now
live with Central Booking**

Per the Administrative Order of the Court signed by the President Judge on: 04/18/2018, the Prison will operate and staff a Central Booking facility for the County of Chester.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to reach out to:

Pat Davis, Deputy Director of Law Enforcement for Chester County
Department of Emergency Services

Email: jpdavis@chesco.org | 610-344-4619

Amy Amer recognized by Coatesville Girl Scouts

On Thursday, May 29th, Amy was recognized by the Greater Coatesville Area Girl Scout Service Unit with a “Friends of Scouting” award at their annual Award Ceremony.

Amy received this award by organizing a Girl Scout public safety program. This program held in the November 2017 for over 150 Girl Scouts from the Coatesville Area was held at the Chester County Public Safety Training Campus. Girls attending this program were able to complete their Girl Scout First Aid Safety badge/pin, fire safety, emergency preparedness, an ambulance tour and a tour of the 9-1-1 center. Each girl assembled a first aid kit for their personal use.



Emergency Services Places Third in the Chester County Mac n' Cheese Cook-off

Congratulations to Chester County Department of Emergency Services (CCDES) for placing third in the Chester County Mac n' Cheese Cook-off which is presented by the Rotary Club of Thorndale - Downingtown.

This year, 10% of the proceeds from this event will be donated to the Chester County Hero Fund.

CCDES thanks the Rotary Club of Thorndale - Downingtown for their generous donation and for inviting us to participate in the cook-off. We look forward to next year!





Annual awards banquet held to honor the efforts of Chester County EMS providers



In celebration of National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week, the Chester County EMS Council, Inc. held their annual EMS Awards Banquet on May 24th, at the Red Clay Room in Kennett Square. Emergency Services personnel from throughout the County once again gathered to celebrate some of the many success stories where the Chester County EMS system had a positive impact on a negative situation; and to honor our friends and colleagues who have made significant personal contributions to our EMS system.

Following an always popular social hour, the 200 plus attendees were welcomed by Council President Keith Johnson. Department of Emergency Services Deputy Director Haynes offered his remarks, and introduced Chester County Commissioners Michelle Kichline, Kathi Cozzone, and Terence Farrell who also offered remarks and presented President Johnson with an EMS Week Proclamation.

With appetites satisfied by the usual delicious meal, the Council, Inc. proceeded to recognize 158 award recipients. An impressive 124 Clinical Save Commendations were awarded for cardiac arrest saves. In addition, 14 Life Saving Clinical Excellence Commendations and 5 Pre-hospital Delivery Commendations were also awarded. Individual and agency awards were presented to:

Citizens Award	Long Tran, Josh Prosser, Sean Kushnerock
Medal of Valor	David High, Anthony Stabilo, Andrew Vattilana, Joseph Waldron
BLS Provider of the Year	Dominique Saturno
ALS Provider of the Year	Jessica Heale
Telecommunicator of the Year	Jessica Bell
EMS Educator of the Year	Alexander McCarthy
Distinguished Provider Award	Jonathan (Jim) Werner
Distinguished Service Award	Malvern Fire Company
Nicholas H.S. Campbell Meritorious Service / EMS Leadership Award	Jerry Peters
President's Award	Mark Rupsis



Pictured above: Charles Brogan, John Haynes, Jessica Bell, Keith Johnson



Pictured above: Commissioner Farrell, Charles Brogan, Harry Moore, Mark Rupsis, Commissioner Kichline, Commissioner Cozzone, Keith Johnson

9-1-1 Telecommunicators Training Session

In April 2018, all DES radio room staff participated in a 4-hour training entitled “Next Level CAD.” This program had been in development since December 2017 and focused on some of the intricacies of Intergraph CAD, which allowed our telecommunicators to learn new techniques to increase work efficiency. Credit for development of the program goes to Keith Simpkins, Melissa Lang, Lawanna Smith, Justin Speidel, and Lori Weible.



CHESTER COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT FIRING RANGE IS NOW OPEN

The third and final phase of the Chester County Public Safety Training Campus is now complete with the opening of the Chester County Law Enforcement Firing Range. This state of the art facility offers:

- 50 & 100 yard firing range
- Driving Simulator
- Shoot House
- Firearms Simulator



Pictured above: Commissioner Farrell; Commissioner Kichline; Commissioner Cozzone; Chief Shane Clark, President of Chester County Chiefs of Police Association; Bobby Kagel, Director of Emergency Services

If you have any questions or to request future classes please contact:
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Gerald Lindenlauf at glindenlauf@chesco.org or 610-344-4365

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