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NEWSLETTER JUNE 2017

The Responder

An informational source for the Emergency Responders of Chester County

Spring 2017 Fire I Graduates

Wagontown, PA_ On Thursday, April 27th folks from all over Chester County attended the Spring 2017 Fire I Graduation Ceremony held at Wagontown Fire Company. Deputy Chief Gerry DiNunzio of Goshen Fire Company served as the Guest Speaker. Tyler DeVoe of Keystone Valley Fire Department as well as J. Patrick McDonnell of Concordville Fire Company (Delaware County) earned the “Class Cadet Award.” Cadet Joshua DiSylvestro served as the class spokesperson.

There were a total of 17 graduates who earned their Fire I certificate, 14 of which are residents of Chester County. Graduates of this course put in approximately 172 hours towards earning their National Firefighter I classification.

The next Fire I course begins **Tuesday, September 5, 2017.**

For more information on this course and all other trainings offered by Emergency Services, please visit destraining.chesco.org.



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FROM THE DIRECTOR...

Project Updates & Monthly Stats



Bobby Kagel

Computer-Aided-Dispatch System (CADS):

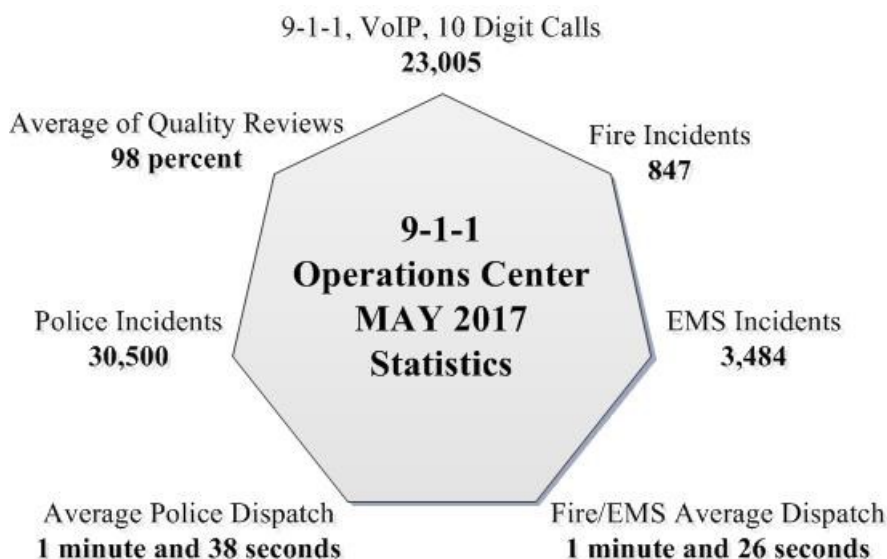
- Intergraph has successfully concluded the 30-day reliability test. An estimate of effort is being developed by Intergraph for additional changes that have been requested in MPS, but not yet completed.

Voice Radio Project:

- We continue working with AT&T to resolve a tower space issue before moving forward with the Wayne enhancement site. West Chester Borough Police have indicated they would like us to proceed with the Borough enhancement so they can join the system.

Training Facility:

- Last month we hosted 1,536 people at 149 events in the Academic Building. Last month we hosted 46 training sessions in the Tactical Village.



COME TRAIN WITH US

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

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

610-344-4241

DO YOU HAVE 5 MINUTES?

Take the public survey offered by the Chester County Planning Commission.



<http://www.chescoplanning.org/>

County Commissioners Honor Law Enforcement Agencies with a Proclamation During Police Week



In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as Police Week. Currently, tens of thousands of law enforcement officers from around the world converge on Washington, DC to participate in a number of planned events which honor those that have paid the ultimate sacrifice.

Pictured above, law enforcement agencies were on hand at the Chester County Board of Commissioners' Sunshine Meeting in which they proclaimed the week of May 13-20, 2017 as National Police Week

Arson Awareness Week Celebrated with a Proclamation from County Commissioners

The 2017 theme of Arson Awareness Week is focused on Houses of Worship. Arson robs congregations of their valuable assets, lives and property. Arson destroys more than the buildings used as houses of worship; it can devastate a community, resulting in the decline of the neighborhood through increased insurance premiums, loss of business, and a decrease in property values.

Pictured right, members of law enforcement and fire services gathered with the Chester County Board of Commissioners as they proclaimed the week of May 7-13, 2017 as Arson Awareness Week in Chester County.



FOR MORE INFORMATION
ON FIRE STATS, SEE PAGE 5

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



Chester County Law Enforcement Firing Range

- Law Enforcement Firing Range: Roof decking has been completed with the majority of the roof complete. Most of the underground work for the plumbing has been completed inside the range and temporary lighting has been installed so that interior work can commence. The project is on schedule.



Upcoming Trainings

Leadership I: Strategies for Company Success-NFA (LSI)	June 24 th and 25 th
Leadership II: Strategies for Personal Success - NFA (LSII)	July 29 th and 30 th
Leadership III: Strategies for Supervisory Success-NFA (LSIII)	August 19 th and 20 th
Decision Making for Initial Company Operations	July 15 th and 16 th
Strategy and Tactics for Initial Company Operations	August 5 th and 6 th

TO SIGN UP FOR A TRAINING PLEASE VISIT:

<http://destraining.chesco.org/>



CHESTER COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL

May 2017

8

4

8

2

0

Have you checked your batteries in all smoke alarms?

NOTIFICATIONS
YTD 67

UNDETERMINED
YTD 22

UNINTENTIONAL
YTD 54

INTENTIONAL
YTD 5

NATURAL
YTD 3

ASSEMBLY

3 Fires
\$ -- Loss

EDUCATIONAL

0 Fires
\$ -- Loss

INSTITUTIONAL

1 Fire
\$ -- Loss

RESIDENTIAL

13 Fires
\$1,251,250 Loss

BUSINESS

1 Fire
\$100,000 Loss

YTD: 9 Fires
\$2,500 Loss

YTD: 2 Fire
\$ -- Loss

YTD: 7 Fires
\$ -- Loss

YTD: 85 Fires
\$5,241,950 Loss

YTD: 7 Fires
\$1,800,000 Loss

INDUSTRIAL

0 Fires
\$ -- Loss

MANUFACTURING

2 Fires
\$300,000 Loss

STORAGE

2 Fires
\$ 45,000 Loss

OUTSIDE

0 Fires
\$ -- Loss

OTHER

0 Fires
\$ -- Loss

YTD: 6 Fires
\$29,000 Loss

YTD: 2 Fires
\$300,000 Loss

YTD: 7 Fires
\$692,500 Loss

YTD: 16 Fires
\$34,750 Loss

YTD: 7 Fires
\$ -- Loss

RESPONDER
INJURIES

2

YTD 11

RESPONDER
DEATHS

0

YTD 0

CIVILIAN
INJURIES

2

YTD 27

CIVILIAN
DEATHS

0

YTD 1

2

37

0

26

6

ACTIVE ARSON
CASES

YTD 7

FIRE
INSPECTIONS

YTD 56

YOUTHFUL FIRE
SETTERS PROGRAMS

YTD 2

REPORTS SENT
TO ASSESSMENT

YTD 61

FOLLOW-UP WITH
INSURANCE COMPANIES
& INVESTIGATORS

YTD 47

Emergency Medical Services Council, Inc. EMS Awards Banquet

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.

300 plus attendees were welcomed by Council President Keith Johnson. Department of Emergency Services Director Kagel offered his remarks, and introduced Chester County Commissioner Kathi Cozzone who also offered remarks and presented President Johnson with an EMS Week Proclamation.

The Council, Inc. proceeded to recognize 242 award recipients. An impressive 180 Clinical Save Commendations were awarded for cardiac arrest saves. In addition, 25 Life Saving Clinical Excellence Commendations and 11 Pre-hospital Delivery Commendations were also awarded. Individual and agency awards were presented to:

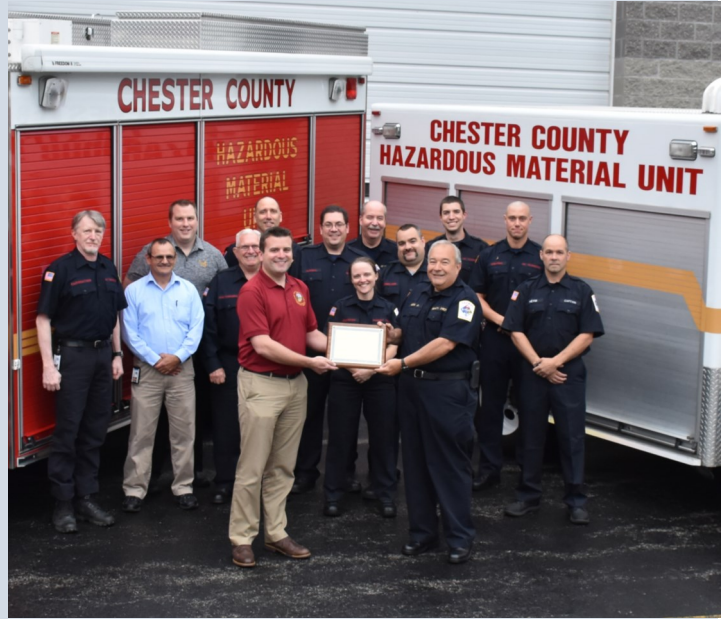
Citizens Award	Taylor England, Allison Keeports, Melissa Robinson, Angela Peterson,
Medal of Valor	Michael Borrello, Sgt. Joseph Bunt, Cpt. Greg Stone, Sgt. Brian Greisser, Off. Robert Edwards, Wesley Holman, Mark
BLS Provider of the Year	Nicholas Melchiorre
ALS Provider of the Year	Amanda Baker
Telecommunicator of the Year	William McClimans
EMS Educator of the Year	James Reagan
Distinguished Provider Award	Thomas Amico
Distinguished Service Award	Washington Hose Company #1
Nicholas H.S. Campbell Meritorious Service - EMS Leadership Award	Keith Johnson
President's Award	Tammy Whiteman and Andrew O'Donnell



Chester County Hazardous Materials Response Team Recertified

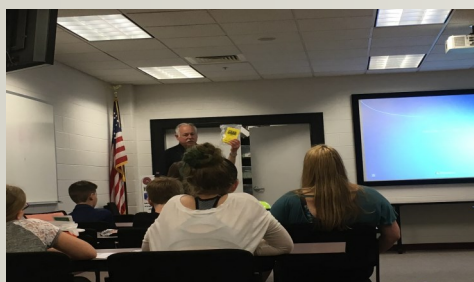
The Chester County Hazardous Materials Response Team (HMRT) was recently recertified by the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) in accordance with the provisions of the Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning and Response Act 165. The recertification process involved an extensive application, an onsite visit conducted by PEMA, PA Department of Environmental Protection, and PA Department of Health, and the completion of an evaluated team exercise.

The specialized response for hazardous materials requires a very high level of proficiency in a variety of skill set areas. In addition recent changes in the Commonwealth's Hazardous Materials Safety Program and additional mandates of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) made the recertification process a daunting task. By achieving recertification the Chester County HMRT demonstrated meeting high standards of training, safety, skills, and operational readiness. The certification is valid for four years and the HMRT will be due for recertification in 2021.



Take Your Child To Work 2017

On Thursday, April 27th Chester County Department of Emergency Services participated in Take Your Child to Work Day. Throughout the day, children were able to participate in various activities such as a hearing a demonstration of the new 9-1-1 enhancement service, Smart911. After the demo, parents were granted access to the computer lab at the GSC and were able to sign up for the service. DES offered tours of the 9-1-1 Communication Center as well as a Hands only CPR training. A presentation was given to children regarding Community Emergency Response Team, "CERT." Children were also provided a Fire Truck demo.



Fire I Spring 2017



Fire Fighter Oath

I am a firefighter, it is my duty to have a concern for the safety of others. I shall serve with a willingness to all those in need. I will have courage to share and endure the ordeal of those when called upon. I will have the strength to bear whatever burdens that might be placed upon me. I recognize the supreme sacrifice that has been made by those before me and I will always honor their memory with my dedication and service to the protection of life and property.



**Fire Fighter I, Spring
Class # 17112001
Lead Instructor,
John DeMarco**

Robert Boden	Lionville Fire Company
Robert Burns	West Grove Fire Company
Matthew Casson	Kennett Fire Company
Shane Desiderio	Keystone Valley Fire Dept.
Tyler DeVoe	Keystone Valley Fire Dept.
Joshua DiSylvestro	Fame Fire Company
Dave Gondy	Ludwigs Corner Fire Company
Dennis Hagenbuch	Honey Brook Fire Company
Mason Koch	Concordville Fire Co., Delco
Ciaran Maguire	Radnor Fire Co., Delco
Dylan Martin	First West Chester Fire Co.
J. Patrick McDonnell	Concordville Fire Co., Delco
Frank Miller	Phoenixville Fire Dept.
Jordan Plotkin	Lionville Fire Company
Steven Senn	Ludwigs Corner Fire Company
Nicholas Sheplock	Wagontown Fire Company
Charles Walker	Ridge Fire Company

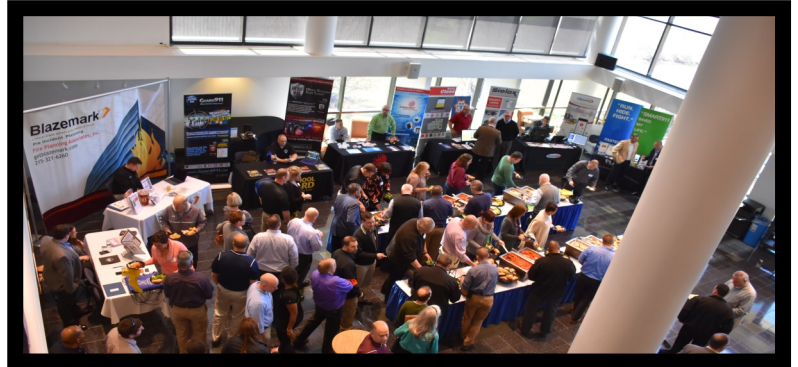
Congratulations to the Spring 2017, Fire I Class

If you are interested in obtaining a copy of any of the photos, please contact:
eoc-pio@chesco.org



Safe Schools Symposium

On March 29th, 2017 the Southeastern Pennsylvania Regional Task Force sponsored their first ever **Regional Safe Schools Symposium**. It was held in Malvern with over 300 attendees. There were school board members, school administrators, principals, nurses, counselors, school resource officers, first responders, telecommunicators, student transportation services, and emergency management representatives from all over the 4 surrounding counties in attendance to hear about a variety of topics related to safe schools. In today's society, school safety is a daily issue that ranges from classroom management to incident command for school crisis situations.



The Symposium began with a welcome by Chester County Department of Emergency Services Director, Robert Kagel. Robert in turn introduced the keynote speaker, Daniel Jewiss from Connecticut State Police. Daniel provided lessons learned from the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting and focused on how to save time on active threat dispatch, crisis response planning, investigative considerations and community recovery. This was an excellent presentation that was extremely beneficial to all attendees. Next, Karen Velocci from SI Services discussed what to do during emergency situations and how to prepare for students with special needs. Karen discussed some of the challenges students may have in coping with the incident and following emergency guidance. Laura Borth and Garret Rain from PEMA presented on Transportation Awareness. We heard about critical observation, preparation skills, improving situational awareness, and planning strategies for bus drivers. The message they instilled is no school's emergency plan is complete without school bus driver awareness. After lunch, Nancy Young from Chester County Intermediate Unit provided valuable information for school staff members on how to understand the person in crisis along with how to control your emotions in a crisis and how to stay calm. The fifth presentation was about Parent/Child Reunification by Chrissy DePaolantonio from Chester County Department of Emergency Services. Emergencies and disasters are inevitable and the effects on families can be



devastating. By coordinating with a multi-disciplinary team among local agencies, parent-child reunification can operate more efficiently. Our closing presentation was Michele Gay from Safe and Sound Schools.

Michele relived the events from December 14, 2012 and spoke to the audience about how the event has since changed her life. Michele's personal story and lessons learned in the aftermath of the Sandy Hook School tragedy was felt by everyone in the room. She spoke very proudly about her daughter, Josephine who unfortunately was lost during the tragedy.

A parent's perspective provided a unique insight and inspiration for parents, administrators, school staff, emergency responders, and community members who strive to make their school safer.

Since this was very well attended and we received great feedback, the hope is to continue this symposium each year moving forward. Thank you to all who attended!

CISM Corner with Chaplain Jerry Schwartz

(Critical Incident Stress Management)

The Chester County CISM Peer Support Team consist of a corps of trained and highly experienced First Responder Peers from every facet of emergency services. They include Fire, Police, EMS and 9-1-1 Telecommunicators along with the support of Mental Health Professionals. Our mission is to provide support for all emergency service providers that are regularly exposed to stressful and traumatic incidents in the performance of their duties and to mitigate conditions that can lead to Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Help is always available!



Chaplain Jerry Schwartz has 47 years of experience in emergency services. He spent nearly 20 years as a firefighter and officer in some of the busiest companies in the Baltimore Fire Department, spending the last 9 years as Captain at the Steadman fire station, known by many as the busiest firehouse in the nation. He has been decorated twice in his career for heroism. His experience as a firefighter and officer as well as his many years as a chaplain and member of the CISM Peer Support Team have uniquely prepared him to bring a wealth of knowledge to help assist First Responders across the county.

(Photo) Jerry Schwartz, Coordinator
Peer Support Specialist, Trainer & Chaplain

Need to talk?

Contact us:

Facebook: "Chester County CISM Peer Support Team"

E-mail: cism@chesco.org

Phone: 9-1-1 Center Supervisor 610-344-5100

EMA Hosts EMC Meet and Greet

The EMC Dinner provided municipal EMCs and County staff an opportunity to network and meet face to face while sharing best practices and ideas. The event also provided an opportunity for the attendees to get an update on current and future projects within Chester County DES and learn more about how they can become involved with the upcoming Limerick Generating Station Full Scale Exercise in November 2017.



TECH

Tech Tip for all MDC Users

Many times, users will submit a repair ticket for MDC connectivity problems. Before submitting a ticket make sure the MDC dock power switch is set to the “on” position. The power switch on most of the docks in service is located along the right side towards the back of the dock. When in the “on” position a green light on the switch will be lit. Older style docks have the switch located on the front face of the dock towards the right side.

With the dock in the off position the MDC will still operate because it has an internal battery, however the network connection passes through the dock and can only do so when the dock is powered on.

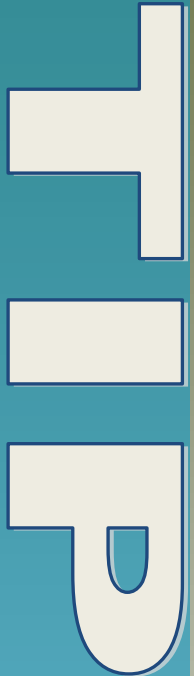
Questions regarding this or the CAD System?

Contact

Justin McClure, CAD Systems Administrator

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Email: jmclure@chesco.org



MPS TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

NEXT TRAINING:

Friday, JUNE 9th at 0900 at the GSC.

- ◆ This training includes MPS and the initial CLEAN certification for new police officers.

**special
date**

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Regular classes held on the
2nd and 4th Tuesdays of
each month at 0900 at the GSC.

For more information, visit: <http://destraining.chesco.org/>

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601 Westtown Road | Suite 012,
West Chester, PA 19380

Public Safety Training Campus
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Coatesville, PA 19320

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The Mission of the Department of Emergency Services is to promote and assist in providing safety and security to Chester County citizens so they can work, live and grow in a healthy and safe community.

Questions, Comments, Concerns?
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