

Disasters Don't Plan Ahead.
YOU CAN.



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NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2017

The Responder

An informational source for the Emergency Responders of Chester County

SEPTEMBER IS National Preparedness Month 2017 WEEKLY THEMES

Week 1	Make a Plan for Yourself, Family and Friends SEPTEMBER 1ST - 9TH
Week 2	Plan to Help Your Neighbor and Community SEPTEMBER 10TH - 16TH
Week 3	Practice and Build Out Your Plans SEPTEMBER 17TH - 23RD
Week 4	Get Involved! Be a part of Something Larger SEPTEMBER 24TH - 30TH

BUILD A KIT
Include enough food, water, and medical supplies for your needs in your emergency kit to last for at least 72 hours.

READY.GOV/MYPLAN

MAKE A PLAN
Include your specific health and safety needs when creating your emergency plan.

READY.GOV/MYPLAN

GET INVOLVED
Advocate including people with disabilities and others with access and functional needs into emergency planning in your community.

READY.GOV/MYPLAN

DON'T WAIT, PARTICIPATE!

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

FROM THE DIRECTOR...

Project Updates & Monthly Stats



Bobby Kagel,
Director

Computer-Aided-Dispatch System (CADS):

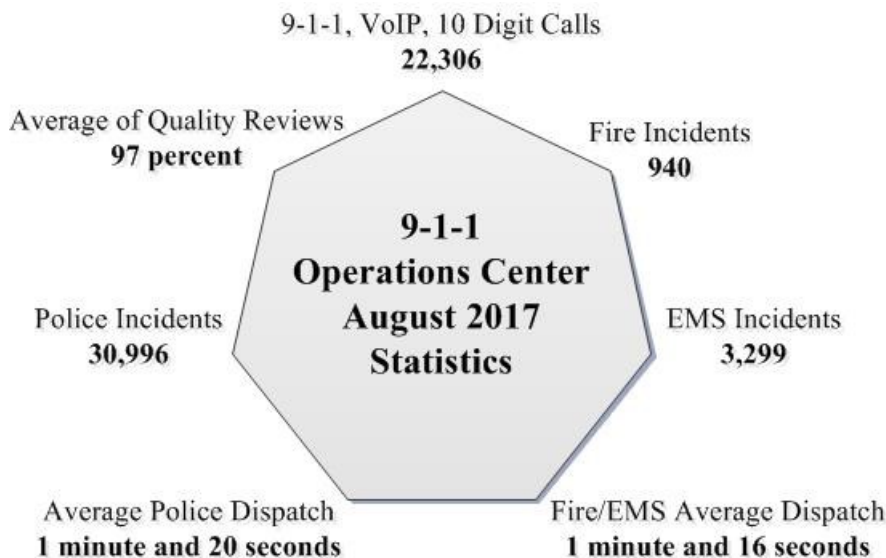
- An estimate of effort is being developed by Intergraph for additional changes that have been requested in MPS, but not yet completed.

Voice Radio Project:

- We continue working with AT&T to resolve a tower space issue before moving forward with the Wayne enhancement site. We are finalizing the contract with Harris for the West Chester Borough expansion and hope to have it on the September Commissioners agenda.

Training Facility:

- Last month we hosted 600 people at 62 events in the Academic Building.
- We hosted 13 training sessions in the Tactical Village.



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 August 2017 STATS

FIRE MARSHAL



August 2017		6	3	6	0	0
Have you checked your batteries in all smoke alarms?		NOTIFICATIONS YTD 95	UNDETERMINED YTD 33	UNINTENTIONAL YTD 75	INTENTIONAL YTD 8	NATURAL YTD 6
ASSEMBLY 1 Fire \$-- Loss Reported <i>YTD: 10 Fires</i> \$2,500 <i>Loss Reported</i>	EDUCATIONAL 0 Fires \$-- Loss Reported <i>YTD: 2 Fires</i> \$-- Loss Reported	INSTITUTIONAL 0 Fires \$-- Loss Reported <i>YTD: 8 Fires</i> \$-- Loss Reported	RESIDENTIAL 11 Fires \$452,100 Loss Reported <i>YTD: 126 Fires</i> \$8,264,075 <i>Loss Reported</i>	BUSINESS 0 Fires \$ -- Loss Reported <i>YTD: 10 Fires</i> \$1,970,000 <i>Loss Reported</i>		
INDUSTRIAL 1 Fire \$77,000 Loss Reported <i>YTD: 7 Fires</i> \$106,000 <i>Loss Reported</i>	MANUFACTURING 0 Fires \$-- Loss Reported <i>YTD: 3 Fires</i> \$310,000 <i>Loss Reported</i>	STORAGE 0 Fires \$-- Loss Reported <i>YTD: 19 Fires</i> \$943,000 <i>Loss Reported</i>	OUTSIDE 2 Fires \$-- Loss Reported <i>YTD: 20 Fires</i> \$139,750 <i>Loss Reported</i>	OTHER 1 Fire \$-- Loss Reported <i>YTD: 16 Fires</i> \$-- Loss Reported		
RESPONDER INJURIES 12 YTD 24	RESPONDER DEATHS 0 YTD 0	CIVILIAN INJURIES 2 YTD 38	CIVILIAN DEATHS 0 YTD 2			
1	5	1	3	12		
ACTIVE ARSON CASES YTD 11	FIRE INSPECTIONS YTD 97	YOUTH FIRE SETTERS PROGRAMS YTD 3	REPORTS SENT TO ASSESSMENT YTD 99	FOLLOW-UP WITH INSURANCE COMPANIES & INVESTIGATORS YTD 95		



RECENT CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS



Recently, the following DES staff members have earned FEMA Advanced Certificates.

Koren Van Voorst

Andrew Thurston

**Congratulations
on your
achievement!**



**Robert Linnenbaugh,
Planning Coordinator for
Chester County Department
of Emergency Services
Graduates from FEMA's
Emergency Management
Institute**



Pictured Above: Paul Butki and Robert Linnenbaugh
Photo by Shane Gibbon

On July 21, 2017, Robert Linnenbaugh graduated from FEMA's National Emergency Management Advanced Academy at the Emergency Management Institute in Emmitsburg, MD. He completed the full curriculum that provides the strategic level training, education, and the essential skills needed for emergency management professionals to manage resilient emergency management programs.

CONGRATULATIONS, ROB!

CCDES APPOINTS FRANK SULLIVAN AS HAZARDOUS MATERIALS COORDINATOR AND CHIEF OF HAZMAT STATION 15



Please welcome Frank Sullivan as the Hazardous Materials Coordinator and Hazardous Materials Response Team (HMRT) Chief to his new position.

Frank has been a member of the HMRT for over twenty years starting as a HazMat Technician and working his way through the ranks of Captain, Battalion Chief, Assistant Chief and now accepting the full time position of Chief of the team. Frank has also been a member of the Chester County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) since 1992. In addition to his experience with the team Frank has held various positions working as a

paramedic and flight nurse. Frank has also more recently worked for various hospitals in the region serving in emergency management and preparedness roles and volunteers with the Paoli Fire Company serving as Assistant Chief 3A.

Frank will be responsible for day-to-day operations and management of the 29 member Chester County Hazardous Material Response Team (HMRT). The position also is responsible for development and maintenance of Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) plans, administration of HazMat related grants, and various other HazMat related activities for Chester County.

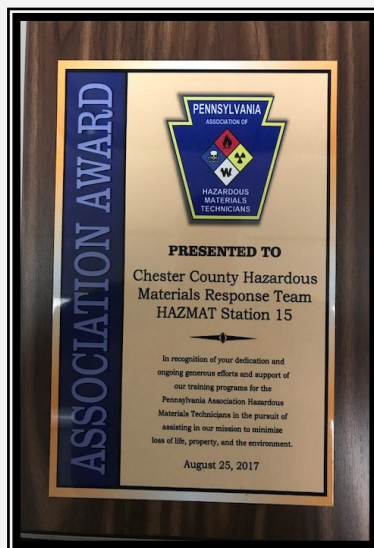
Chief Sullivan comes on board full time with a diverse background and a wealth of knowledge and experience that can greatly benefit the Department.

HAZMAT STATION 15 PRESENTED WITH AWARD

Frank Sullivan, Chief of HazMat Station 15 was on hand at the Pennsylvania HazMat Technician Association dinner to accept an award on behalf of HazMat Station 15 for their continued support to the association since it began 25 years ago.

Chester County currently has two members of our team who are Eastern Region Directors in the association -- Kevin Heym, Battalion Chief and Kelly Raum, HazMat Specialist.

In addition to Kevin and Kelly, Frank Sullivan, Chief; Don Herb, Deputy Chief; Jim Fairweather, Captain; and John Reynolds, HazMat Technician are Charter Members of PA HazMat Technician Association.



Chester County Law Enforcement Firing Range

- Law Enforcement Firing Range: Construction meetings were held on the 1st, 15th and 29th. Construction continues to move forward.
- Work has begun on the targeting system. Exterior site work continues in preparation for the new water line installation.

GET INVOLVED IN CERT.

[Community Emergency Response Team]

WHAT CERT CAN DO:



RESIDENTIAL & COMMUNITY CHECKS

Make sure family members and neighbors are safe and well following disasters.



TRAFFIC & CROWD MANAGEMENT

Control the flow of people during small power outages or large scale concert or sporting events.



EMERGENCY OPS CENTER STAFFING

Staff emergency operations centers to help organize and complete the response effort.



PUBLIC INFORMATION

Inform communities how to prepare and explain resources out there to help in case of emergency.

Over 2,300 teams nationwide.
FIND YOURS AT FEMA.gov/CERT



FEMA

Photo by Jessica Stapf - Jan 09, 2015



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CERT TEAM IN
THIS AREA?

TO SIGN UP, VISIT:

destraining.chesco.org/ema/CERTFALL2017

Coatesville Youth Initiative Conducts Team Building Exercises at the Chester County Public Safety Training Campus

In July, 40 adolescents from the Coatesville Youth Initiative program utilized the Chester County Public Safety Training Campus to conduct some team building exercises. Their day was jam packed with exercises that made use of the drill tower as well as an opportunity to learn the correct way to use a fire extinguisher. Their day was complete with a tour of the backup 9-1-1 Center.



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TECH

Harris Portable Radio Li-Ion Battery Care

STORING LI-ION BATTERY PACKS

If a battery pack is expected to be idle for a month or more, it should be properly prepared. Li-Ion battery packs should not be stored fully charged. Before storing the battery pack, discharge it to 40% capacity. If the battery is not discharged prior to storage, its overall capacity may be reduced. Although all battery packs experience some capacity loss during storage, the shelf life for Li-Ion battery packs is about 3 months. However, note that any capacity drop which occurs during storage is permanent and cannot be reversed. Li-Ion battery packs should be purchased and used immediately. They should not be stockpiled without a rotating stock plan.

CHARGING BATTERY PACKS

Battery chargers are available from Harris with nominal charge times. Combinations include single and multi-position charge units.

Harris chargers are specifically designed for charging nickel-based and lithium battery packs. The chargers are chemistry-specific for the battery packs and automatically adjust the charging profiles accordingly. Refer to the appropriate charger manual for specific operating instructions. Observe the following guidelines when charging a battery pack:

- Avoid high temperature during charging.
- Discontinue use if the charger is overheating.
- Only charge Harris battery packs using a charger approved for use by Harris.
- Do not leave batteries in the charger indefinitely. For best results, leave the battery in the charger for two to six hours after the Green Ready LED comes on. Then place the battery pack into service and fully discharge (as indicated by the radio low battery warning) before re-charging.

If any faults are encountered while charging the battery pack, consult the charger's manual to determine the cause and possible corrective action.

For more information on this tech tip, please contact:

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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?
Contact us at : eoc-pio@chesco.org