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Lead Instructor, John DeMarco administers the Firefighter Oath to graduating cadets.



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The Responder

An informational source for the Emergency Responders of Chester County

Fire Fighter I Fall Class # 16112002



Class Picture

Standing L to R: Kevin Rafine, Christopher Simpkins, Henry Schlimme, Jason O’Leary, Michael Daulerio, Amanda Stewart **Kneeling L to R:** Darren Grygo, Scot Kreger, Kyle Mastrangelo, Courtney Yaletchko, Chris Dorgan, Jason Brofsky.



Pictured above: Kevin Rafine and Chief Andrea Testa

More graduation pictures on pages 4 & 5

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

FROM THE DIRECTOR...

Project Updates & Monthly Stats



Bobby Kagel

Computer-Aided-Dispatch System (CADS):

- MPS reassessment workshops have been completed. Intergraph and DES are working with responder representatives on testing the requested changes. An estimate of effort is being developed for additional changes that have been requested, but not completed, by Intergraph.
- Now that all of the premise data has been entered into the Special Address database, DES is prepping to roll and updated CAD and MPS map. This map roll will allow AVL recommendations to switch from straight-line to routable distance. This will also provide for better out of county unit recommendations by AVL.

November 2016 Stats	
22,169	9-1-1, VoIP, 10 Digit Calls
941	Fire Incidents
3,312	EMS Incidents
1 minute and 15 seconds	Fire/EMS Average Dispatch
29,356	Police Incidents
1 minute and 28 seconds	Average Police Dispatch
98%	Average of Quality

- DES is working on new response plans to provide a better second due territory for areas with split territory such as 55/187; 93/193; 94/194, etc.

Voice Radio Project:

- Harris is working on clean-up items related to radio programming and install work. Second touch programming has begun. Speaker Microphone replacements will coincide with second touch programming. GPS and standard speaker microphones are being replaced, regardless of whether County or agency-owned. Firefighter microphones (yellow) are not being replaced.
- We are working with AT&T to resolve a tower space issue before moving forward with the Wayne enhancement site. Harris is working on a preliminary design and cost for West Chester Borough Police.
- We are 45 months (98%) into the 46 month Implementation Phase. About 99% of the project implementation schedule has been completed. So far we have spent \$37,906,199 (84%) of the \$45,000,000 total project budget.

Training Facility:

- Last month we hosted 1,903 people at 74 events in the Academic Building. Last month we hosted 46 training sessions in the Tactical Village for a YTD total of 292. A new sign was installed along Modena Road marking the Public Safety Training Campus.
- The foundation wall is well underway for the range. The secondary parking lot is expected to be completed by the end of December.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



**Chester County
Law Enforcement Firing Range**

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Upcoming Trainings



Leadership I	Sat, 1/14/17 - Sun, 1/15/17 Registration Closes: Sat, 1/7/17
Leadership II	Sat, 1/21/17 - Sun, 1/22/17 Registration Closes : Sat, 1/14/17
Leadership III	Sat, 1/28/17 - Sun, 1/29/17 Registration Closes : Sat, 1/21/17
Instructor I	Sat, 1/21/17 - Sun, 2/12/17 Registration Closes : Sat, 1/7/17
Health & Safety Officer	Sat, 2/4/17 - Sun, 2/5/17 Registration Closes : Sat, 1/21/17

2016

Fall

Graduates

Brofsky, Jason	First West Chester Fire Company
Daulerio, Michael	Ludwigs Corner Fire Company
Dorgan, Chris	Minquas Fire Company
Grygo, Larren	Minquas Fire Company
Mastrangelo, Kyle	Kimberton Fire Company
O'Leary, Jason	Exeter Twp. Fire Company
Rafine, Kevin	Paoli Fire Company
Schlimme, Henry	Avondale Fire Company
Simpkins, Christopher	Goodwill Fire Company
Stewart, Amanda	Minquas Fire Company
Yaletchko, Courtney	Union Fire Company



Graduation pictures are available on DES Social Media

Chesco.org/des • facebook.com/ccdes • twitter.com/ccdes • instagram.com/chescodes

Wagontown, PA_ On Thursday, November 17th folks from all over Chester County attended the fall 2016 Fire I Graduation Ceremony held at Wagontown Fire Company. Chief Andrea Testa served as the Guest Speaker and two cadets, Larren Grygo and Amanda Stewart received the “Class Cadet” award.

This year, 30 residents of Chester County earned their Fire I certificate. Graduates of this course put in approximately 172 hours towards earning their PA State Volunteer Certificate as well as the National Firefighter I classification.

The next Fire I course begins Tuesday, February 7, 2017.

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



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CHESTER COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL

NOVEMBER 2016

10

7

7

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Winter is here, and with that brings the increased chance in heating and cooking related fires!

NOTIFICATIONS
YTD 90

UNDETERMINED
YTD 40

UNINTENTIONAL
YTD 93

INTENTIONAL
YTD 13

NATURAL
YTD 8

ASSEMBLY

1 Fire
\$0 Loss

EDUCATIONAL

0 Fires
\$0 Loss

INSTITUTIONAL

1 Fire
\$0 Loss

RESIDENTIAL

9 Fires
\$631,500 Loss

BUSINESS

4 Fires
\$0 Loss

YTD: 8 Fires
\$182,000 Loss

YTD: 1 Fire
\$150 Loss

YTD: 21 Fires
\$103,100 Loss

YTD: 120 Fires
\$9,994,760 Loss

YTD: 18 Fires
\$718,510 Loss

INDUSTRIAL

1 Fire
\$150,000 Loss

MANUFACTURING

0 Fires
\$0 Loss

STORAGE

0 Fire
\$0 Loss

OUTSIDE

4 Fires
\$2,600 Loss

OTHER

7 Fires
\$0 Loss

YTD: 8 Fires
\$444,500 Loss

YTD: 3 Fire
\$200,000 Loss

YTD: 16 Fires
\$1,502,700 Loss

YTD: 36 Fires
\$508,300 Loss

YTD: 15 Fires
\$20,525 Loss

RESPONDER
INJURIES

1

YTD 13

RESPONDER
DEATHS

0

YTD 0

CIVILIAN
INJURIES

5

YTD 36

CIVILIAN
DEATHS

0

YTD 2

0

2

3

8

9

ACTIVE ARSON
CASES

YTD 12

FIRE
INSPECTIONS

YTD 124

YOUTHFUL FIRE
SETTERS PROGRAMS

YTD 19

REPORTS SENT
TO ASSESSMENT

YTD 67

FOLLOW-UP WITH
INSURANCE COMPANIES

YTD 169

PUT A ON FREEZE

WINTER HOLIDAY FIRES
It's fun to decorate for the winter holidays, but holiday decorations can increase your risk for a home fire. As you deck the halls this season, be fire smart.

Read manufacturer's instructions



for the number of light strands to connect.

2 out of **5** home decoration fires are started by candles.



The top **4** days for home candle fires are

Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.



Keep candles at least

12 inches away from anything that burns.

Although live Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are dangerous. On average,

1 of every **34**

reported home **Christmas tree fires resulted in death.**



A heat source too close to the Christmas tree causes

1 in every **4** of the fires.

Make sure your tree is at least



3 feet away from heat sources like fireplaces, radiators, space heaters, candles or heat vents. Also, make sure your tree does not block exits.



Get rid of your tree after Christmas or when it is dry.

For more information on how to prevent winter fires, visit: www.usfa.fema.gov and www.nfpa.org

U.S. Fire Administration



Training Highlight

Mutual Aid Training at Chester County Public Safety Training Campus

Have you trained with your mutual aid companies recently?

Lionville Fire Company hosted a burn drill earlier this year utilizing the Chester County PSTC, Tactical Village. They were joined by West Whiteland Fire Company, Goshen Fire Company, Alert Fire Company, Minquas Fire Company, and Uwchlan Ambulance. Members were able to practice multiple evolutions including fire attack, hose line advancement, search and rescue, and pump operations.

If you are interested in using the Chester County Public Safety Training Campus for your next training, please contact:

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For more information, or to request space for your next training, please visit the “Public Safety Training Campus” page on the DES website at www.chesco.org/des.

Check back next month for our featured “Prop of the Month.”

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West Chester, PA 19380

Public Safety Training Campus
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Questions, Comments, Concerns?
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