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Public Safety Training Campus

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The Responder

An informational source for the Emergency Responders of Chester County

December 2015

Firefighter I Graduation

Thursday, November 19th, friends, family and fire company officials were on hand at Wagontown Fire Company to witness and celebrate the fall Firefighter I graduating class. Twenty-six graduates received their certificates and recited the Firefighter Oath, which was led by Lead Fire Instructor John DeMarco.

Chaplain, Gerald Schwartz served as the Keynote Speaker while Jun Oh Yoon, Fame Fire Company, chosen by his classmates served as the Class Spokesperson. Director Robert Kagel, Deputy Director of Fire Services, Beau Crowding, and Fire Training Coordinator Jeff Groves from the Department of Emergency Services as well as Chaplain Schwartz presented graduates with their certificates.



Above: Fire I Class Cadet Award: Kimberly Siegel (Longwood Fire Company) with Deputy Chief Matt Ruoss (Longwood Fire Company) Beau Crowding.

Pictured Below: Jun Oh Yoon



Pictured Below: Fall 2015 Fire I Graduates



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From the Director....

Project Updates & Monthly Stats

December 2015 Stats

22,031	9-1-1, VoIP, 10 Digit Calls
844	Fire Incidents
3,204	EMS Incidents
1 minute 21 seconds	Fire/EMS Average Dispatch
29,122	Police Incidents
1 minute 31 seconds	Average Police Dispatch
97 percent	Average of Quality Reviews

Computer-Aided-Dispatch System (CADS):

- The CAD has been fully configured. Configuration continues with the Mobile for Public Safety relating to NCIC and PennDot.
- Installation continues on the Mobile Data Project.
- The schedule for CAD and Mobile Data is awaiting a finalized project schedule with AT&T. The CAD schedule will be revised once the AT&T schedule is reviewed and approved.

Voice Radio Project:

- The 60-day burn-in period continues with only one minor microwave issue reported.
- Cutover is scheduled for 4 January 2016 with all emergency responders operational on the system scheduled for 21 April 2016.
- We are 33 months (87%) into the 38 month Implementation Phase. About 91% of the project implementation tasks have been completed. So far we have spent \$30,878,545 (69%) of the \$45,000,000 total project budget.

Important VRP Dates on Page 4

Training Facility:

- Preparation continues to release the bid for firing range construction.
- Last month we hosted 2,621 people at 56 events.
- The Facility was awarded a Fire Industry Equipment Research Organization Honor award.



Radio Distribution

Public Safety Training Campus



*Monday, December 21
12:00 pm—8:00 pm*

*Tuesday, December 22
12:00 pm—8:00 pm*

*Radio pick-up will be at
the rear of the building.*

**Representatives should arrive
with a vehicle large enough to
accommodate multiple boxes.**

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Please direct any questions to John Cocchi at jcocchi@chesco.org

FALL 2015

FIREFIGHTER I

Pictured below: Structural burn session. One of the two final burns for the FFI class where they demonstrate their structural firefighting skills.

Graduate	Assignment
Jeremy Adamsoki	Modena Fire Company
Henry Busby	Wagontown Fire Company
Matthew Cohen	Fame Fire Company
Matthew Coonce	Wagontown Fire Company
Zach Coonce	Wagontown Fire Company
Matthew Crockett	Keystone Valley Fire Department
David Gledhill	East Brandywine Fire Company
Joseph Greene	Birdsboro Union Fire Company
Andrew Hiferty	Limerick Fire Company
DeAndre Johnson	West Bradford Fire Company
Joshua Jones	Keystone Valley Fire Department
Ryan Large	Po-Mar-Lin Fire Company
Matthew Lewis	Blue Rock Fire Rescue Company
Michael Lomax	Goshen Fire Company
Luke Mellon	Wagontown Fire Company
Benjamin Mucha	East Brandywine Fire Company
Dennis Nunan	Radnor Fire Company
Gabriel Pepper	Longwood Fire Company
Nick Proko	East Brandywine Fire Company
Aidan Raymond	East Brandywine Fire Company
Paul Rullo	Modena Fire Company
Kimberly Siegel	Longwood Fire Company
Joshua Smith	Minquas Fire Company
Craig Soden	Ludwigs Corner Fire Company
Scot Vanina	Limerick Fire Company
Jun Oh Yoon	Fame Fire Company



To learn more about volunteering or for information on the 2016 Spring Firefighter I Class, please visit: destraining.chesco.org/fire

Recognition of Telecommunicator Koren VanVoorst

Translation of CPR Document from English to Spanish

Several months ago, Fred Wurster of Field Services looked within the department for assistance in having a hand's only CPR document translated from English to Spanish. It was brought to his attention that Koren VanVoorst a 9-1-1 Telecommunicator was well versed in the Spanish language. After contacting Koren, she immediately jumped in on the project and went to work translating the document. Shortly after his request for the translation, the document was completed by Koren and available for distribution.

We would like to recognize and thank Koren VanVoorst for her willingness to lend her time and her expertise in translating the Hands Only CPR document.



THANK YOU!

Tony Przychodzien, Radiological Coordinator for DES– Recognized by Keystone Emergency Management Association for the “Spirit of KEMA” award. This award recognizes emergency management professionals who have worked to advance KEMA’s mission and forge partnerships that seek to advance the emergency management profession. The Spirit of KEMA Award was established by the KEMA Board of Directors in 2011.




Does ReadyChesCo Alert You?

Sign up for Chester County’s Notification System

Your Source For Emergency Information

By opting in to the Chester County notification system, you will be informed before, during and after incidents that could impact your safety.



VOICE RADIO PROJECT

UPCOMING MILESTONES

12/21/15 & 12/22/15	Radio Distribution
1/4/16	Cutover
12/14/15 - 4/21/16	Install Mobiles
4/22/16	EF Johnson Decommission

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Jon Kromer- Recognized by Pennsylvania Emergency Health Services Council as Telecommunicator of the Year. Kromer received his award for his significant contribution to the advancement of emergency medical dispatch. He answered a 9-1-1 call from a mother of a young child having a grand mal seizure and suffering cardiac arrest. Kromer talked the child's mother through procedures to help her child and according to the nomination, "Jon's cadence and empathy calmed the mother enough to focus on assisting her child during the emergency."

Steve Webb (Retired 2014)– Steve was honored with the Dr. George Moerkirk Outstanding Contribution to EMS award. Dr. Moerkirk was instrumental in the development of Pennsylvania's EMS system and known as the "father of EMS." Webb's 30 years of service in the EMS realm lent itself to his full understanding of the EMS system which in turn benefited personnel with in the EMS system as well as the citizens of Chester County.

DES AWARD RECIPIENTS



Pictured Left to Right: Beau Crowding, Jon Kromer, Steve Webb

Beau Crowding- Beau Crowding, deputy director for fire services, was honored with the President's Leadership award by the Pennsylvania Fire and EMS Services Institute. Beau received his award for his dedication and leadership. PFESI President Brian A. Conley said, "I am grateful that no matter the outcome of a decision, or if I am looking to get some opinions, I can count on Beau to be that sounding board, and more importantly can count on his support." Beau has been instrumental in the concept, design and building of the Chester County Public Safety Training Campus.

F.I.E.R.O. Award Acceptance

On Tuesday, December 1st at the Sunshine Meeting, the Commissioners, as well as Steve Fromnick from Facilities along with John Haynes from DES accepted the F.I.E.R.O. Station Design Award presented to Chester County by Manns Woodward Studios.

The F.I.E.R.O. Station Design Award winners are selected by a team of "jurors" who are active in the fire service and also have degrees in architecture. The team of five jurors plus the jury head comes from across the United States. An honor award is only given when all judges independently agree that the project is designed, developed, and executed in an excellent manner and pushes the envelope for public safety facilities .

DES would like to personally thank all who participated in the design and construction of the Public Safety Training Campus.



Pictured Left to Right: Commissioner Farrell, Steve Fromnick, Commissioner Kichline, Rob Manns , Commissioner Cozzone and John Haynes

HARRIS RADIO DEMONSTRATION

On November 9th, representatives from Harris Corp., occupied room 123 of the Public Safety Training Campus and provided models of radios that would be available for purchase by Chester County First Responder organizations. Representatives from 35 area first responder departments attended the event.



Representatives were on hand from B. Moyer Communications to complete a mobile data computer install on a Downingtown Borough Police SUV. Chester County DES would like to thank Chief McGowan for volunteering the vehicle as a pilot subject for the mobile data install.



TRAVELING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON?

WINTERIZE YOUR EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS KIT BY FOLLOWING THESE TIPS

Winter Weather Tips

KNOW WINTER WEATHER TERMS

- Watch = winter storm is possible in your area. Follow local officials and media for tips and updates.
- Advisory = conditions expected to cause major delays and may be hazardous. Use caution.
- Warning = winter storm is occurring or will occur soon in your area.

WINTER STORM TIPS

- Prepare for possible power loss: add warm clothes to emergency kit, check flashlight and radio batteries, charge mobile devices, fill car tank, take cash out (ATM's may not work).
- Only use generators in open areas away from windows and home to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Bring pets/animals inside and move livestock to sheltered areas with non-frozen drinking water.



Who to Call



Where to Meet



What to Pack

Ready



FEMA/ Jana Baldwin

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Prop of the Month

The Public Safety Training Campus consists of an Academic Building and the Tactical Village. The Tactical Village includes a number of training props, an administrative pavilion, Burn Building, and Drill Tower/ Scenario Building.

Burn Building

The Burn Building is a two and a half story Class A burn building. Live fire training is available in eight different rooms on the lower and upper level of the building. Roof and attic areas are also available on the third floor in this building for non-live-fire scenario training. A standpipe system is installed to all floors of the building.

The front of the Burn Building is a facade of seven town homes and also includes mock power lines for legitimacy. In addition, two sets of window bar props provide opportunity for additional training in forcible entry; the first set is for law enforcement training and can be pulled off of the wall; the second is for fire and rescue training and can be cut and replaced.



Front of Burn Building



Rear of Burn Building

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.”

Pictured: Firefighter I Training (Live Burn Day)