

# HEMPFIELD

— TOWNSHIP —

## PUBLIC SAFETY TASKFORCE MONTHLY PUBLIC MEETING

JANUARY 8, 2020 | 7:00 pm

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**Members Present:** Mr. Bill Bretz  
Mrs. Linda Ralph  
Mr. Greg Saunders  
Mr. Jason Winters

Mr. Roger Bailey  
Mr. Daniel Mertz  
Mr. Anthony Kovacic

**Staff Present:** Mrs. Callie Krueger

### A. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Hempfield Township Public Safety Taskforce was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mr. Jason Winters.

### B. CITIZENS COMMENTS (AS PER RESOLUTION #2012-24) – *NONE*

### C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### 1. Consideration to Approve the Minutes from the October 9, 2019 Hempfield Township Public Safety Task Force Monthly Meeting

Mr. Bailey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Saunders to approve the minutes from the October 9, 2019 Hempfield Township Public Safety Taskforce monthly meeting. Vote: 7-0. Motion carried.

### D. DISCUSSION ITEMS

#### 1. Service Agreement Update

A review of the Service Agreements was given by Mr. Winters. All twelve fire departments were visited by either Mr. Winters, Mr. Kovacic, or Mr. Storey or a combination of the three to discuss the agreements and answer questions. As of January 1<sup>st</sup>, the Township and all fire departments were moving forward with the Service Agreements. There were a number of revisions to the agreements before the final one was distributed because there was a lot of input from the departments that was taken into consideration. One of the changed items from the beginning to the final product was the response rate percentage. It was eliminated completely and the focus is now on active training. It was also noted that all departments received the same Service Agreement. A final copy of the Service Agreement was requested by the Taskforce and will be sent out after the meeting.

#### 2. 2 New Quint Trucks

Mr. Kovacic discussed the new Quint Trucks purchased by the Township. An 8-hour introductory class on the equipment was held with great participation. The trucks are spending a lot of time on the road, drivers are documenting all of their time operating the vehicles. All certifications which are applicable to the operation of the vehicle are being pulled to ensure all courses and certifications are current for those drivers.

#### 3. Emergency Reporting / Spotted Dog

Emergency Reporting is new software that will be used for incident reporting within the Fire Department. This software is free from the state; however, the Township did purchase other modules so that the reporting

system would be complete. These modules include inspections, inventory, and preplan as well as others. Emergency Reporting did not have a dispatch sequence so the Township has purchased Spotted Dog to activate the firefighter's phone, iPad, etc. Both softwares are used in conjunction with each other. There is a code that the firefighter must input into the app and then Mr. Kovacic is notified and approves the requests for use of the app. Besides a lot of new and current features, the new software will also lead to a huge cost savings from the old ECM software which the Township used to use.

#### **4. Future Discussion Topics**

At this time the members discussed topics they'd like to have discussions on:

1. Mr. Mertz mentioned the line of duty deaths and asked that the limited access highway safety is discussed as a whole and practiced in the field. Mr. Kovacic noted that Mr. Storey is a State Fire Instructor and he does teach the highway safety, flagger safety courses. This topic will be looked at and added to the agenda.
2. Mr. Winters stated that the ISO will be discussed further as time goes on since there have been many changes taking place within the Fire Department.
3. A short discussion was held regarding the SAFER Grant and the stipend. There are many procedures in place to protect against fraudulent activity. The college tuition was increased through the SAFER Grant, physicals and the purchasing of turnout gear is also available through the SAFER Grant.

#### **E. ITEMS FOR RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS – *NONE***

#### **F. GENERAL COMMENTS**

Mr. Bretz stated that he was impressed with the tremendous improvements being made within the fire departments and everything coming to fruition.

Mr. Saunders invited the members to visit the station to see the new fire apparatus.

#### **G. ADJOURNMENT**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Hempfield Township Public Safety Taskforce was adjourned at 7:53 p.m. with a motion made by Mr. Saunders and seconded by Mr. Mertz. Meeting adjourned.

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CHAIRMAN