

UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP
FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES BOARD
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MARCH 13, 2018

The Upper Merion Township Fire and Rescue Services Board (FRSB) met for its regularly scheduled meeting on March 13, 2018; in the Administrative Conference Room in the Upper Merion Township Building. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m., followed by a pledge of allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL:

The following members of the FRSB were present: Bernie Gutkowski, Chairman; Chief Dennis Orangers, Vice-Chair, Swedeland Fire Company; Chief Jerry Recupido, Swedesburg Fire Company; Chief Ed Martin, Lafayette Ambulance; Mark Forster, King of Prussia Fire Company; Charles Rossi, Secretary; Bill Gittins; Deputy Fire Marshal William Daywalt, Staff Liaison; and Bill Jenaway, Board of Supervisors Liaison.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion to approve the January 9, 2018 meeting minutes was made by Chief Orangers, and seconded by Chief Recupido. All were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chief Orangers reported that Engine 48 slid on ice into Swedeland's station causing minor damages to both the truck and the building. Chief Orangers explained that the stipend program has been put into place and is working well to date. He also commented that Swedeland's banquet is on March 24th.

Chief Recupido reported that the stipend program is also working well for Swedesburg.

Chief Martin explained that Lafayette will be providing First Aid/CPR/AED training for Upper Merion Township employees and police officers.

LIAISON REPORTS:

Board of Supervisors Liaison's Report:

Supervisor Jenaway reported that hard shoulder running will be used on the Schuylkill Expressway; meaning that vehicles will be allowed to drive on the shoulder of the highway to alleviate traffic. Supervisor Jenaway also reported that there have been approximately 25-30 applicants for the new Fire Chief's position, and that the Firefighter job descriptions will be completed in the near future. The FRSB ordinance will also be looked over and modified as needed to accommodate the new structure of the emergency services in Upper Merion Township.

Staff Liaison's Report:

Deputy Fire Marshal William Daywalt reported on response statistics and monthly activity reports for the months of January and February.

NEXT MEETING:

The joint meeting with the Board of Supervisors is scheduled on April 12th at 8:00PM. The next regular FRSB meeting will be held on April 12th at 7:00PM, and the May meeting is cancelled.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

Charles Rossi, Secretary

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Minutes Approved:

Minutes Entered: