

**West Deptford Township  
Emergency Service Coordinating Council  
Reorganization Meeting Minutes  
January 14, 2013**

The Emergency Services Coordinating Council held their reorganization meeting on Monday January 14, 2013. Chief Nordaby called the meeting to order at 1931 hours, he then saluted the Flag and distributed sign-in sheets and minutes. At this time the Council began the election of 2013 officers led by Chief Zimm.

Chief Matson made a motion to nominate Chief Nordaby as Chairman. This motion was seconded by Chief Zimm. All were in favor.

Chief Zimm made a motion to nominate Chief Matson as Vice Chairman. This motion was seconded by CAL Chuck Weikel. All were in favor.

Chief Zimm made a motion to nominate Robert S. Cargill II as Secretary. This motion was seconded by CAL Chuck Weikel. All were in favor.

Chief Zimm motioned to accept the November and December 2012 meeting minutes with a correction to the incorrect reporting of Ed Coates as an absentee member. The motion was seconded by Chief Bilger. All in favor

**In Attendance**

Colonial Manor	Rep. Chief Kevin Nordaby	Present
	Alt. Thomas Pickering II	Present
Greenfields	Rep. Chief Marty Matson	Present
	Alt. Dave Raso	Present
Thorofare	Rep. Chief Phil Zimm	Present
	Alt. Brian Golle	Absent
Verga	Chief Jeff Bilger	Present
	Alt. J Miller	Absent
Public Safety Director	Mayor Ray Chintall	Present
Mayor Alternate	Eric M. Campo	Present
Township Liaison	John Austin	Present
Citizen at Large	Mike Nahas	Absent
Citizen at Large	Chuck Weikel	Present
Recording Secretary	Robert S. Cargill II	Present
Emergency Management Coordinator	Joe Gill	Present
Vehicle Maintenance	Marcus P Lang	Present
Public Works	Ed Coates	Present

**Fire Official's Report**

Mr. Austin reported on the attached Fire Marshall report. At that time he also made acknowledgements to the property managers of West Deptford Township, and additionally noted that he and Mr. Raso are being pro-active in collecting registrations and following up on Knox boxes.

**Vehicle Maintenance Report**

Mr. Coates reported that 6-66 is in the process of having its valve assemblies overhauled and power steering pump repaired; 6-21 is slated for various mechanical repairs. Mr. Coates also reported on cost estimates for 4-5 other trucks but said that the Township will attempt to repair in house.

### **Training Committee**

Chief Nordaby gave a brief update on potential offerings and stated there is no training sessions scheduled at this time.

### **Township Chief's Meeting**

NONE

### **Gloucester County Chief's meeting**

Chief Zimm reported on the following:

1. The GC Chief Association held their annual banquet, at which the Association honored Ken Fanslau for his 50 years of service to Thorofare Fire Hall. He was also honored by Gloucester County Freeholders and NJ State Senators via Citations.
2. Paulsboro Chief stated that Conrail opened a train derailment command post for 14 days; in that time Conrail spent 15.9 million dollars.
3. Fact finding Committee appointed by the Freeholders is comprised of Phil Zimm, Dennis McNaulty and Bill Volk to investigate the possibility of faulty equipment on the Conrail disaster.

### **Mayor's Alternate**

Mr. Campo announced that Mr. Gill has secured the check from FEMA and it shall be appropriated to the fire houses ASAP. Mr. Campo also congratulated Chief Nordaby as the new Chairman for the Council.

### **Public Safety (Mayor)**

Mayor Chintall acknowledged all of the West Deptford Township first responders for their dedication and hard work on the Conrail derailment. Mayor Chintall also noted he thought the first responders did an admirable job of alerting White Swan residents, however in light of some complaints he is open to suggestions as to improving our current methods of communication. He also mentioned researching of grants for this purposes.

### **Citizens at Large**

None

### **OEM**

1. Mr. Gill stated that all Hurricane Sandy paperwork has been submitted to FEMA, so we are waiting for FEMA to move forward. He also stated that the FEMA return will be 100% instead of 75%, like it was for Irene.
2. Mr. Jerry Maher asked if West Deptford Township can use the West Deptford Board of Education's global connects system for alerting residents of emergent issues.

### **Old Business**

Chief Matson requested Township Administration and Committee consider new vehicle purchases when budget meetings commence. He also noted the Fire Houses may be faced with new NFPA guidelines on condemned older materials. Chief Matson reminded Administration the importance of being pro-active in the Fire House's needs.

**New Business**

1. Chief Zimm received the annual scholarship information for WDHS from the four companies, which each is responsible for \$125.00.
2. Chief Bilger is in receipt from a letter from Riverfront Medical Center, Dr. Rosen is stepping down and Work Net is taking over his business. Chief Bilger asked Mr. Campo if the contract will carry over for the first responder's physicals and fit tests. Mr. Campo did not see that this would be an issue at the present time.

**Public Comment**

Mr. Jerry Maher congratulated Chief Nordaby on his new appointment as Chairman. He then reiterated Chief Mattson's concern and discussed lack of progress in the 5 year plan of apparatus improvements.

Motion to adjourn made by Chief Zimm and seconded by Mr. Austin at 2007 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert S. Cargill II  
Recording Secretary