



EMERGENCY OPERATIONS COMMAND COLONEL'S NOTE

As mentioned previously, I will meet formally with the Majors and Battalion Chiefs each month and impart specific information for them to discuss with our station personnel. I believe this will enhance the quality of communication in the Emergency Operations Command (EOC). This month's Majors and Battalion Chiefs meetings will include discussion of the many personnel moves that have occurred. In addition, in the upcoming months I hope to speak with some of our field personnel to discuss how we can work together to improve our Command.

Below is a synopsis of recent events/decisions that impact our daily operations:

- All of our vacancies are being filled as of April 11, 2010. This will allow EOC to operate more efficiently, and ensure we are managing our personnel resources as effectively as possible.
- Truck 829 is returning borrowed equipment to the FETA. We are in the process of acquiring equipment from another Company to ensure Truck 829 stays in service.
- Our Risk Management Reports have not been getting the attention they require, and the Administrative Services Command will be reviewing these documents more thoroughly in the future. Please ensure these documents are complete and factual.
- There will be a NIOSH forum on April 27, 2010 at the Fire Services Building, designed to address the natural gas explosion that occurred at Penn-Mar Shopping Center last year. Valuable information will be presented and all Departmental personnel are invited to attend.
- Over the next few weeks the Emergency Operations Command will work to form a Washington Gas Group. This group will work with Washington Gas to review our current procedures as they relate to Gas Emergencies. Additionally, this group will work with the Staffing Officer to ensure training for some of our specialty teams, and classes on training days. Acting Battalion Chief Krichbaum, Washington Gas Liaison, will lead the group. We will be setting up drills with the assistance of Washington Gas personnel, and have been afforded the opportunity to use their facilities and personnel for training purposes.
- We are currently experiencing an influx in the number of volunteer corporations expressing an interest in placing ambulances in service in the County.
- The Fire/EMS Department is supporting the National Medical Response Team (NMRT) Nuclear Non-Proliferation Summit from April 7, 2010 through April 12, 2010 in Washington, D.C. Major Wood is our point person for this group, and is ensuring the County is represented at this National event.

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- All Majors are being tasked with scheduling time for me to visit with personnel at each station in their battalion over the next few months. During these visits I plan to workout, train, and converse with personnel.
- April 11, 2010 will launch the start of Paramedic Ambulance 842 in Oxon Hill. This will increase not only our EMS coverage, but guarantee the Engine Company has three personnel 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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