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## Emergency Management Monthly Meetings

At its February monthly meeting, the Department of Public Safety's Emergency Management Division presented an overview of the Strategic National Stockpile/Medical Countermeasures and Points of Dispensing (PODs), the recently completed Regional Fuel Capability Assessment and an overview of the department's equipment and technology that is available to local emergency management coordinators and first responders.

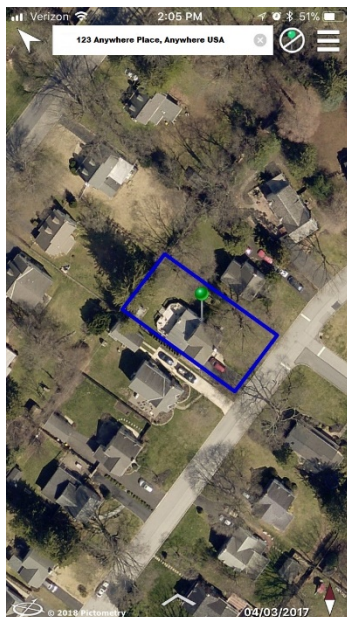


A detailed listing of the Department of Public Safety's Emergency Response Assets can be found on our website by following this link:

<https://www.montcopa.org/DocumentCenter/View/20511>

The Emergency Management Division's monthly meetings are hosted every 3rd Wednesday of the month and are open to all community stakeholders. The next meeting is scheduled for March 21<sup>st</sup> and will be held at the Public Safety Training Campus in Conshohocken. The presentation will be on AMTRAK and SEPTA safety. Those interested in attending should contact Heather Morgan, Training and Exercise Coordinator, at [hmorgan@montcopa.org](mailto:hmorgan@montcopa.org).

## New Regional Pictometry Images Available



The Montgomery County Department of Public Safety, along with its partners in Bucks, Chester and Delaware counties, has received new aerial imagery of the region from EagleView Pictometry.

The service provides both top-down and oblique imagery taken from all four directions to offer a 360-degree view of every property and parcel.

The new images were taken using the company's new AccuPlus product, which ensures the pictures are spatially accurate and more exact for mapping purposes and were paid for using \$800,000 in Homeland Security funding obtained through the Southeast Pennsylvania Regional Task Force.

There are a limited number of licenses available for our municipal partners to access the images. For more information, contact Jason Emmel at [jemmel@montcopa.org](mailto:jemmel@montcopa.org)

## Law Enforcement 2018 Spring Training Schedule

A series of law enforcement training courses being offered by the Montgomery County Department of Public Safety, in conjunction with the Montgomery County Chiefs of Police and the Montgomery County District Attorney, has been posted to the department's web site. All training will be conducted at the Montgomery County Public Safety Training Campus (PSTC) unless stated otherwise.

Courses are available through June of 2018 and registration information can be found at the following link: <https://www.montcopa.org/DocumentCenter/View/20316>

### Vehicle Rescue Technician/Traffic Incident Management Courses

The Montgomery County Fire Academy is running a Vehicle Rescue Technician I Certification course and a Traffic Incident Management course, both of which start in March.

The Vehicle Rescue course has prerequisites and will build on material already covered in previous courses. Students should have a strong working knowledge of vehicle rescue principles prior to enrolling.

The Traffic Incident Management course provides consistent training for all responders that operate on or near a highway. It identifies the risks involved and provides nationally recognized actions and methods to minimize and reduce those risks.

Additional information can be found in the attached February 2018 Notices.

### PECO Spring Training Schedule

PECO is offering weekend, daytime and evening training sessions open to all fire companies in its service area at the PECO Energy Fire Academy, 300 Front St., West Conshohocken, PA.

The emergency services training program, "Handling Natural Gas and Electrical Emergencies", consists of classroom and practical training sessions for emergency response to natural gas, carbon monoxide, and electrical systems incidents.

"Not a Routine Odor Response" is also being offered. To be eligible for this class, students must be at least age 18, have full turnout gear and have completed PECO Electric and Gas training mentioned above.

A maximum of 3 members from each fire company can register to attend each of the programs. Unregistered personnel will not be accepted.

Additional information is available in the attached February 2018 Notices.

### 5<sup>th</sup> Fire District Meeting

The Montgomery County 5<sup>th</sup> Fire District Association plans to hold its first quarterly meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at the Worcester Volunteer Fire Company, 1721 Valley Forge Rd., Worcester, Pa.



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## Emergency Management Certification Achieved



Congratulations to Montgomery County Senior Telecommunicator Barbara Landis for receiving PEMA County Professional Emergency Management certification.



Congratulations to Montgomery County Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator Bill Messerschmidt for receiving PEMA County Professional Emergency Management certification.



Congratulations to Master Sgt. James Weller, emergency management staff member at Montgomery County, for receiving PEMA County Advanced Emergency Management certification.



Congratulations to Jared Landis, emergency management staff member at Upper Frederick Township, for receiving PEMA Advanced Emergency Management certification.



Congratulations to Jameson Wendell, emergency management staff member at Montgomery Township, for receiving PEMA Basic Emergency Management certification.



Congratulations to Pottstown Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator Michael Lessar for receiving PEMA Local Basic Emergency Management certification.



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