

STRATEGY RECOMMENDATIONS

Prepared for UDCOG

Strategic Plan Objectives and Outcomes

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Strategy Recommendations

Communications

Objective 1: Implement Communications and Messaging Plan

Recommended Actions

- Determine key audiences
- Build support for the future of EMS
- Implement appropriate communication strategies

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Stakeholder Committee

Objective 2: Formalize Municipal Government Stakeholder Committee

Recommended Actions

- Finalize municipal representation framework
- Develop service agreements for designated 9-1-1 EMS providers
- Develop performance expectations for designated 9-1-1 EMS providers
- Determine reporting requirements for designated 9-1-1 EMS providers

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Municipal Governance Entity

Objective 3: Establish municipal government governance entity

Recommended Actions

- Pursue a regional approach to governance and management of EMS
- Form EMS Authority to manage and fund the day-to-day operations and staffing needs of the participating EMS departments
- Authority members should be diverse group of local stakeholders
- If Authority disbands, assets will be returned to the participating agencies

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Funding

Objective 4: Determine long-term funding solution

Recommended Actions

- Review available funding models
- Adopt a fair and equitable funding model to support EMS
- Increase funding immediately or incrementally over 2-3 consecutive years

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Community EMS Advisory Committee

Objective 5: Establish a community EMS advisory committee

Recommended Actions

- Increase communication
- Build better relationships
- Membership shall include a diverse mix of citizens, community leaders, business leaders, and school district leaders
- Shall meet quarterly and report to the regional EMS governance entity

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New Partnership Opportunities

Objective 6: Pursue new partnership opportunities with existing 9-1-1 basic life support EMS organizations

Recommended Actions

- Work towards new partnerships and collaboration
- Opportunities may include governance, administration, purchasing, staffing (career and volunteer), training

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Workforce Recruitment and Retention

Objective 7: Develop a workforce recruitment and retention plan

Recommended Actions

- Improve both volunteer and career workforce recruitment and retention
- Adopt Act 174 tax credit program
- Pursue the new state tuition and recruitment reimbursement program
- Develop a high school and return-to-work workforce training program

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The Future

Objective 8: Future of the Volunteer Fire Service

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- Develop a plan for the future for Upper Dauphin County's volunteer-staffed fire service

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