**Turtle Creek Valley COG**

**Director’s Report**

TCVCOG Board Meeting

June 27, 2019

**Important Dates:**

9/17: Police Chief Meeting
9/18: Manager’s Meeting
9/26: TCVCOG Board Meeting

**2018 Audit**

Auditing of 2018 books took place June 3rd through June 6th. I will bring the report when it becomes available.

**Code Enforcement**

We have been working on the launch of our software. In addition to the towns where we perform code enforcement (Chalfant, Churchill, East McKeesport), the following towns are planning to participate in this collaborative software:

Pitcairn Borough
Liberty Borough
Munhall Borough
White Oak Borough
Wilkins Twp

**Vactor**

The Vactor is currently at Freightliner for additional repairs. A needed part is due to be in on August 8th.

**Police Feasibility Study**There are five towns participating in the feasibility study: East Pittsburgh, Rankin, Braddock, North Braddock and Whitaker. Surveys and agreements need to be submitted before the study can start.

**Other**

I have been participating in meeting pertaining to lead and the 2020 Census.

**Managers Meeting: Wednesday, June 19, 2019**

In Attendance: Patty Logo, North Versailles; Denise Hartford, East Pittsburgh; Greg Bachy, Swissvale; Tim Little, Monroeville; Dave Soboslay, Plum; Rebecca Bradley, Wilkins; Amanda Settelmaier, TCVCOG

Mark Szewcow from Gibson-Thomas engineering presented on ARLE Grant Opportunities. July 1st is the deadline to have a project submitted for the next round.

Laura Stephany from Allies for Children presented information on lead and what remediating suggestions are being proposed. She informed the group that they are working with CCAC to develop a dust sampling tech certification program so that code enforcement officers can get certified to perform dust wipes during occupancy inspections. Dust wipes would be used if the property visually passed inspection (ie: no chipping, peeling paint). Eight dust wipes at $5/each would equate to an additional $40 on top of the Occupancy Inspection fee. Remedy is cleaning. Conversation: Does this move the needle on lead poisoning in children? Is there a better, more cost effective approach?

**Police Chief Meeting: Friday, June 18, 2019**ATTENDANCE: Chief Kraeer, Chief Stroschein, Chief Akerly, Chief Payne, Chief Watson, Chief Burton, Chief Williams

Dr. Emma Lucas of the University of Pittsburgh’s school of social work informed the chiefs of an upcoming forum on Law Enforcement & Social work – August 1st – 8am until Noon at the Cathedral of Learning. She will send additional information to Amanda to share with the group. She encouraged each town to send a representative as they design courses that can best prepare students to work with police. Research shows that having someone on staff to address social service needs can be very helpful to police. As such, the City of Pittsburgh now has an MSW employee. Amanda asked if Code Enforcement could be included in the discussion.

Chief Burton informed the group that additional field force training opportunities through the city will be available this summer. He will send additional information to Amanda as it becomes available.

Chief Watson updated the group on Active Shooter Training. The instructors have been meeting and should be ready for their first class in September. The next instructor meeting is July 11th. He asked the Chiefs if having back to back classes would be too much of a burden. Chiefs agreed that it depends on scheduling, but it should be ok.