

# Luthervillian

*News & Updates from the Lutherville Community Association*

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## Message from the President

**Pamela Shaw - President**



Wow what a summer! Cloudy and cold, followed by sunny but not too warm, and then brutally hot (after the pools had closed). AND THEN hail two nights in a row!!! Many of us were without power for days, and others had to deal with older trees that just gave way. I'm thankful for a break from all this crazy weather.

After this long summer I'm sure many of you have questions on your mind, hopefully this answers a few.

### North - South Corridor study

- This is the plan to put a Light Rail or Bus Rapid Transit up the middle of York Rd. We've been promised a report on the evaluation of the seven potential routes for months now. We're still waiting.
- The Governor's focus appears to be on the Red Line, otherwise known as the East-West Corridor study. This is the route that would go from Security Sq Mall where active redevelopment is in progress or Ellicott City to somewhere on the Eastside (Tradepoint Atlantic, Whitmarsh, Essex).

### Lutherville Station

- There were no meetings with Councilman Koch over the summer regarding this project. The last meeting was just prior to our May General Meeting, so there is "no new news".

### Yorkridge / Old Shell station

- finally after a year and a half of inaction, progress was finally made to demolish the old station, remove the debris, grade the site and begin digging. As of this writing nothing is above ground.
- The blocking of the Southbound entrance to Yorkridge from York Rd has West Ridgley Rd tied up in knots, making it nearly impossible to turn into Yorkridge Eastbound on Ridgley, much less get out of the shopping center turning left on Ridgley. Here's hoping this construction moves forward at a faster pace than it has so far.

All that said, this issue is full of information on a variety of topics.



Our next meeting is October 10th, 7 p.m. at the Vista Room at the Maryland State Fairgrounds. See you there!



# Community Security Update

With the appointment of the new Police Chief Robert McCullough comes a management reorganization that was effective September 15, 2023. As our community sits right on the police border between the Precincts we continue to work with closely with both community relations assigned officers.

Previously, there were three police Operations areas, which are now reduced to two; the East and West sides. The Cockeysville Precinct (#7) is in West Operations under the command of Major Orlando Lilly. Towson Precinct (#6) is in East Operations under command of Major Deanna Chemelli.

- **Cockeysville Precinct 7:** Captain Douglas McManus moves to Night Commander (West). Replacing him is newly promoted Captain Scott Walston.
- **Towson Precinct 6:** Captain Sam Houston moves to Night Commander (East). Replacing him is Captain Leonard Schroeder

## Upcoming Precinct PRCR Meetings:

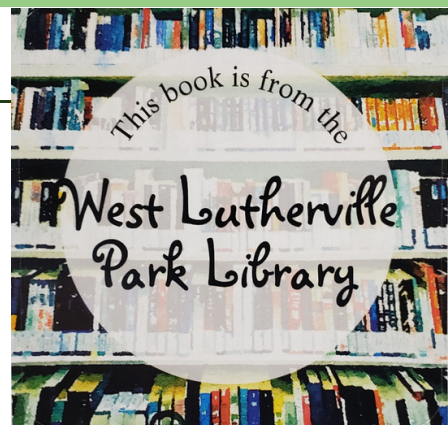
- Cockeysville is the 4th Wednesday of the month, 7 p.m. at CCBC Hunt Valley, 11101 McCormick RD.
- Towson is 4th Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church - Memorial Hall, 120 Allegheny Ave.

Note: Newly promoted Captain Scott Walston will be the featured speaker at our next general meeting - October 10th.

## West Lutherville Children's Library

The little library at the children's park has been a huge success; over the summer it was hard to keep the shelves full! We are appreciative of all of the donations we've received thus far and want to continue to stock the library with pre-school to middle school level books (No adult content please). Any books donated to the little library are inspected and repaired if necessary.

There is a wide variety of cultural and ethnic stories for all reading levels and this month there will be a special shelf of Spanish language books. *Thank you for your continued support in keeping this library going.*



## Comprehensive Zoning Map Process

### CZMP 2024 Timeline

The Comprehensive Zoning Map Process (CZMP) begins in August of 2023 and is finalized in September of 2024 with the County Council vote. The timeline and major steps in the process are outlined below.

- Early Online Application Period  
August 14-31, 2023
- Public Filing Period  
Sept. 1-Oct. 15, 2023
- Planning Board Filing Period  
October 1-31, 2023
- County Council Filing Period  
November 1-30, 2023
- Planning Board Public Hearings  
February 2024
- County Staff Recommendation  
March 2024
- Planning Board Recommendation  
April 2024
- County Council Public Hearings  
June 2024
- County Council Decision  
TBD Vote must be prior to  
September 16, 2024

The every four year Comprehensive Zoning Map Process (CZMP) cycle has just begun and will culminate next year at this time. Any citizen may request a zoning change on any property in the County. The CZMP covers a period of approximately twelve (12) months and results in zoning decisions that are reflected in a final Log of Issues, with the County Council enacting legislation for each issue whether to retain the existing zoning or to enact a different zones or districts.

Generally, each issue is a single property, but an issue may cover many adjoining properties and may even cover many hundreds of acres. The zoning on all properties, which were non-issues, are re-enacted without change.

There are several time periods during the CZMP calendar, shown alongside this article. In the Spring of next year each district will have a public hearing on the issues in that Councilmanic District.

**The District 3 hearing is scheduled for February 13, 2024 from 6-9pm at Loch Raven Highschool.**

For more information on the CZMP process visit: <https://comprehensive-zoning-map-process-bc-gis.hub.arcgis.com/>

A short video on the CZMP can be found at: <https://youtu.be/PvjvaJchFN4?si=xQFtvH7ndo5VfhPI>

The recording of the last meeting can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PvjvaJchFN4>



# LVFC Firehouse Open House...

...on Saturday October 7, 2023 from 11 am - 3 pm @ 1609 Bellona Ave

Our doors are open! During our open house, please visit the Lutherville Fire Company and learn important fire safety tips for you and your family. This year's event will include: fire engine rides, use of fire hoses, children's crafts, a moon bounce, station tours and other fun activities! (Pizza and other refreshments will be provided.)

This presents an excellent opportunity to learn more about us and our various types of membership. Looking forward to seeing you!

## WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

- NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED
- LIVE-IN PROGRAM

**LUTHERVILLE VOL. FIRE CO. [LVFC.COM/JOIN](http://LVFC.COM/JOIN)**



The LCA wants to **THANK** the following local businesses for their support in 2022



## Lutherville Garden Club

by Corinne Lears, Chairman

As many Lutherville neighbors are aware, six years ago College Manor graciously allowed Lutherville Garden Club to establish gardens on their property along the path towards Front Avenue. The original goal was to plant a Wildlife Habitat but, over time, the gardens have expanded to include a Monarch Waystation, fern garden, bog garden and other garden areas such as the newly planted pollinator and wildflower gardens. We're proud of our award-winning gardens, which have won several National Garden club awards as well as numerous Federated Garden Club of Maryland awards and grants.

The goal of our gardens is to attract and support local wildlife such as birds, bees, and butterflies and other "critters" such as owls, bats, and beneficial insects. For that reason, we work on establishing year-round gardens, starting with spring bulbs and perennials, featuring high nectar plants through summer and fall, and leaving seed heads standing for winter food. Best gardening practices mean that we incorporate native plants, both to support native wildlife, and for their ability to thrive with less water and fertilizer once established. And of course, we plant milkweed, the host plant for the Monarch butterflies, as well as high nectar plants to assist them on their annual migration to Mexico.

We're always pleased to chat with Lutherville residents as they walk along the path. We thank both College Manor and the local Lutherville community for your support of our club and gardens!



## Support Your Community

Your membership helps our community flourish, improves the quality of life in our neighborhood, and helps cultivate a strong family atmosphere.

Annual fee is only \$25 per household

You can pay online via PayPal by visiting [luthervillecommunityassociation.org](http://luthervillecommunityassociation.org) or mail in your check payable to: Lutherville Community Association



# Community Events

Flock with family & friends to a NEW "driveway happy hour"



## WHERE?

*A new neighbor will host each Friday!*

**Look for the big "inflatable flamingo"**

in the LCA boundaries at the host home each week

**Follow the LCA on Facebook**

"Lutherville Community Association OFFICIAL Group"

Save this Link for the event brochure.

## BYO?

BYO chairs, drinks & snacks

*Ice provided at host home*

## HOSTS



**WANTED!**

# FALL FEST IS OCTOBER 21!

Presented by College Manor and the Lutherville Community Association

**WHERE:** The College Manor Lawn

**WHEN:** Saturday October 21st

**No Raindate**

Bonfire I BYOB I Food Trucks I Vendors I  
Bands I Punkin Decorating I Activities  
Costume Parade I Raffle  
....And LOTS of neighborhood Fun!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Email: [getsomethingmerry@gmail.com](mailto:getsomethingmerry@gmail.com)

## FALL FEST SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

4pm - Kid Costume Parade. Face Painting. Balloon Art

4pm - Boss Burger and LVFC HotDog stand starts serving

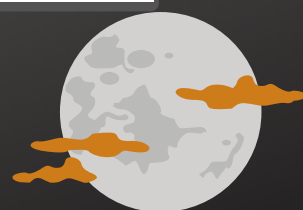
5:00 - Opening Band - CAMERON & THE CLAYTONES

5:30 - Lighting of the Bonfire

6:30 - Headlining Band - GREEN

7:00 - Raffle Drawing

9:00 - Wind down the evening





# Want to get involved?

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!

### Block Captains Needed!

*Want an easy way to get involved?*

We are currently looking for block captains to help distribute yard signs, general information, membership envelopes, etc. 2-3 times per year. Volunteers for all streets needed!

Please email Claire-  
[cdhach@gmail.com](mailto:cdhach@gmail.com)

## Join the LCA Events & Fundraising Committee!

We are looking for a few fun neighbors to help with events & fundraising ideas and events.

**\*No minimum time commitments required!\***

**\*Kid-Friendly meetings and opportunities\***

**\*Ideas and Suggestions Welcome!\***

Email Events Chair Maija Johns:  
[GetSomethingMerry@gmail.com](mailto:GetSomethingMerry@gmail.com)

Lutherville Community Assoc.

## General Meeting

**Tuesday,  
October 10th @  
7pm**

Vista Room - MD  
Fairgrounds  
2200 York Rd, Lutherville-  
Timonium, MD 21093

For more information:

Facebook

Nextdoor

Sign up for our listserve by  
emailing us at  
[luthervillecommunity@gmail.com](mailto:luthervillecommunity@gmail.com).

General meetings are open to  
members and interested parties.

Your online business presence is  
more important than ever.

## HOW DOES YOUR WEBSITE LOOK?

[jpdgweb.com](http://jpdgweb.com)



# Dumpsters, Donuts and Donations, Oh My!

**Thank you to Marianne** and  
her team for organizing the  
Dumpster Day for CCP!  
Neighbors came to get rid of  
stuff, donate for new life, and  
have a donut on Sat, 9/16.

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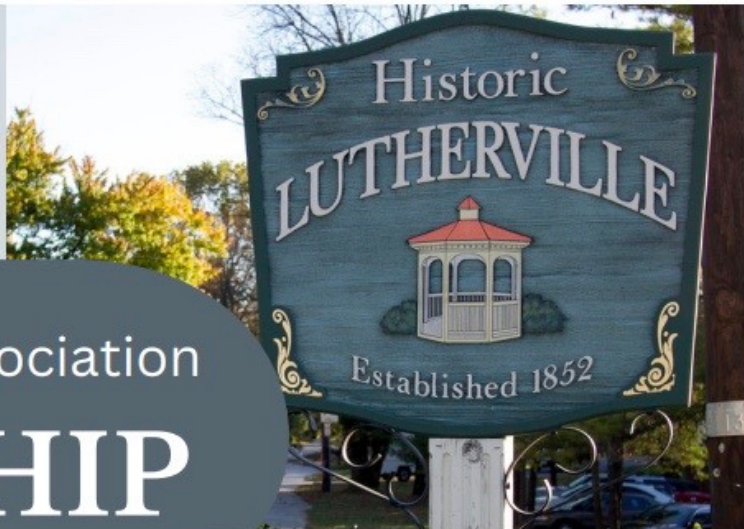
  
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## Lutherville Community Association

# MEMBERSHIP

### BENEFITS OF JOINING:

- Creates a unified voice
- Helps maintain home values
- Addresses neighborhood concerns
- Advocate concerns with local government
- Build bonds within the community
- Increases respect for neighborhoods and security
- Not an HOA

#### Yearly Events:

- Winter Holiday Celebrations
- Towson Univ. Spring Clean Up Volunteer Day
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Annual Yard Sale
- Fall Fest & Bon-Fire at College Manor

### INTERESTED IN JOINING US?

**Residence: \$25**

**Business: \$35**

The LCA offers two types of memberships- residence or business. Our membership aligns with the LCA's fiscal year, October 1 to September 30 (per LCA bylaws). Please note: any payments made beginning July 1 will be applied to the upcoming fiscal year.

✉ [luthervillecommunityassociation.org](mailto:luthervillecommunityassociation.org)

📍 PO Box 6, Lutherville, MD 21094

## Paying your dues online is fast and easy and we'll take a check too!

Scan this QR code or Visit:

<https://luthervillecommunityassociation.org/join>



THE LUTHERVILLE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
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**SECRETARY:** Jenna Hatfield  
**TREASURER:** Tyler Stiff





Baltimore County Public Schools

# **CENTRAL AREA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAPACITY RELIEF BOUNDARY STUDY**



## **Participating Schools:**

Carroll Manor, Cromwell Valley Regional Magnet, Halstead Academy, Hampton, Jacksonville, Lutherville, Mays Chapel, Oakleigh, Padonia International, Pine Grove, Pinewood, Pleasant Plains, Pot Spring, Rodgers Forge, Riderwood, Stoneleigh, Timonium, Warren, and West Towson elementary schools

## **Public Information Session:**

**Wednesday, November 15, 2023, 7 – 8 p.m.**

Cockeysville Middle School, Cafeteria

**Thursday, November 16, 2023, 7 – 8 p.m.**

Loch Raven High School, Cafeteria

## **Board of Education Dates:**

**Recommendation: Tuesday, February 27, 2024, 6:30 p.m.**

Greenwood Building E

**Board Public Hearing: Wednesday, March 6, 2024, 6:30 p.m.**

Loch Raven High School, Auditorium

## **Board Decision:**

**Tuesday, March 19, 2024, 6:30 p.m.**

Greenwood Building E

## **Committee Meeting Dates:**

- **Thursday, September 21, 2023, 6–8:30 p.m.,** G.W. Carver Center, Cafeteria
- **Thursday, October 12, 2023, 6–8:30 p.m.,** G.W. Carver Center, Cafeteria
- **Thursday, November 2, 2023, 6–8:30 p.m.,** G.W. Carver Center, Cafeteria
- **Thursday, January 4, 2024, 6–8:30 p.m.,** G.W. Carver Center, Cafeteria
- *Snow Date: Friday, January 5, 2024, 6–8:30 p.m.*
- **Thursday, January 25, 2024, 6–8:30 p.m.,** G.W. Carver Center, Cafeteria
- *Snow Date: Friday, January 26, 2024, 6–8:30 p.m.*

The Lutherville Community Association Board had a joint meeting with the Orchard Hills Community Association Board to receive a briefing from the Baltimore County Fire Department and the Lutherville Volunteer Fire Company on the subject on calls for service, dispatching and alerting. The following Q&A reflects a collaborative effort between the parties to summarize the subjects covered during the meeting.

**Special thanks to Chief Joanne Rund, Executive Officer Ray Norris, and LVFC President James Cahn for their collaboration.**

**Q - What is the composition of the fire response in Baltimore County?**

**A - There are twenty-five (25) Career companies and twenty-nine (29) Volunteer companies.**

**Q - How does Baltimore County receive call for service?**

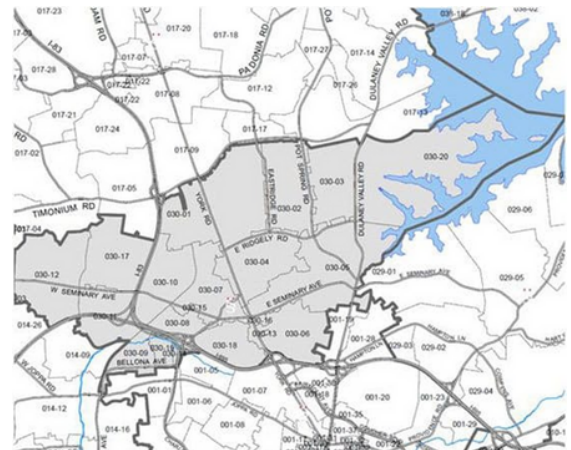
**A - Typically, most of the calls for service are requested by the public. Often a citizen places the call via 911 and the units respond as dispatched. There will be occasions when an officer may call into the Communications Center and request assistance. The response could be either emergency or non-emergency depending upon the officer's request. An example of a non-emergent situation; the police were chasing a bad guy and they suspect he threw evidence on top of a school. After the bad guy has been caught the officer may ask for a ladder to retrieve the evidence. As for an emergency call, an officer is on traffic control detail and is struck by a passing motorist. Depending on the extent of the officer's injuries, he may need transport to the hospital.**

**Q - Can you explain how the Coordinated Police & Fire Dispatch works?**

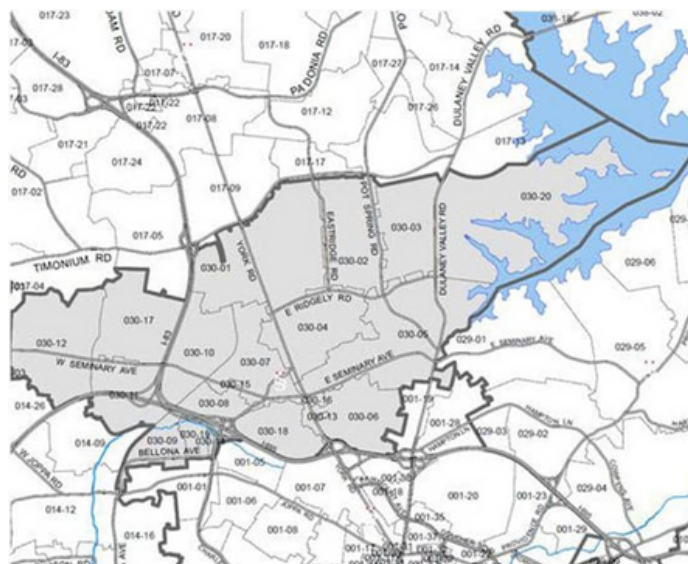
**A - The Communication Center staff consists of 911 call takers, fire dispatchers, police dispatchers, and supervisors. Calls for service are dispatched according to call types. There are emergencies that require an individual response from the either police or fire as well as a dual response from both police and fire. When a citizen calls 911 the call taker enters the required information into the Computer Automated Dispatch program (CAD). Based on the information entered, the CAD automatically selects the appropriate call type and the units that are due to respond.**

**Q - What is a First Due area?**

**A - A map of the county resides in CAD. All addresses within the county have also been entered into the CAD to include fire stations. Based on the geographic location of each address and a few other factors, each address is placed into an area the fire department refers to as a box area. While each box area may vary in size and density, we attempt to have apparatus arrive on an emergency scene within the box area as soon as possible. First due areas are described as the areas in which each station should arrive first if the are responding to a call from the station.**







Lutherville is Station 30 and the areas in grey are 030-## are their first due. Above our area is first due for Station 17 - Texas (Career) Below us are first due for Station 14 - Brooklandville (Career) and Station 001 - Towson (Career) and Station 29 - Providence (Volunteer)

**Q - How does the Fire Department decide what units to dispatch?**

**A -**When a citizen calls 911, the call taker asks a series of questions. Based on the answers given and the information entered, the CAD selects the call type and alerts the stations available to respond. Some call types require a single engine response while others will require multiple units. A small trash can fire at an outdoor event would call for one engine to respond. In contrast, the explosion at the Waste Water Treatment Plant called multiple engines, multiple ladder trucks, ambulances, and a few chief officers.

The Lutherville Volunteer Fire Company has a complement of three engines, a rescue squad, a utility vehicle and a special unit vehicle.

## The Fleet



Engine 301



Engine 302



Squad 303



Utility 306



Engine 307



Engine 309 (Antique)

**Q - What constitutes a rescue?**

**A -** The department responds to roughly 600 rescues a year. Rescues range from a cat stuck in a tree to an airplane crash or train derailment with a hazardous material spill. There are over 3000 response profiles in the CAD that calls for a special service response (Squad, Truck, Tower). Due to station location, station configuration, calls for service, and apparatus costs, there are a limited number of special services in the county. Unlike fire engines these units are not in every fire station and are strategically placed throughout the county to provide the best coverage for an emergency response. The volunteers fleet consists of eight squads and five trucks/towers. The special services carry the larger more robust rescue tools and are dispatched according to call type and box area.

**Q - When is a Rescue Squad or other Special Unit used?**

**A -** Lutherville's Squad 303 may be alerted to respond in the 30-??? Box area for a to a motor vehicle crash with rollover (single car). This response may call for 1 ambulance, 1 engine, and 1 special service. The next call they may be alerted for could be a motor vehicle crash with rollover on I83 near the MD/PA line. The crash may involve an 18-wheeler transporting diesel fuel. This response may call for 1 ambulance, 2 engines, 1 squad, 1 truck/tower, the hazmat unit, and a chief officer. This type of incident will also generate a response from external partners such as Maryland Department of the Environment. The call type is generated by the information given to the call taker. Unit response is dependent upon availability and proximity to the response area.

**Q - What is "Alerting"?**

**A -** Alerting occurs when a call entered CAD and is selected by the dispatcher.

**Q - What are examples of how stations are alerted?**

**A - *Station lights.*** The lights in certain areas of the station turn on to notify the members in the station of an emergency call.

#### ***Audible Tones***

An unusual tone or bell alerts members that there is an emergency call.

#### ***Siren***

Volunteer stations have the sirens to notify members that there is an emergency call. It appears half of the volunteer companies still have the sirens in use as a redundancy for station alerting and the pagers. Most of those companies have restrictions on the alert times. Most start at either at 7 a.m. or 8 a.m. and turn off between 7 p.m. and midnight.

**Q - How are individual volunteer fire personnel alerted**

**A-**

#### ***Pagers***

Old(er) low band pagers which were provided about 20 years ago have passed their useful service. As a result the parts for the low band pagers are no longer available. As units break, they are placed out of service.



## ***Active 911***

Is a software program for use on smartphones which supplies limited information to members of the station who are subscribed for calls being dispatched to LVFC. It is not considered "reliable", or "timely". Calls do not always come through, or are delayed hours. It is only as reliable as the cell signal and the internet connection is at the location of use.

## ***CAD Paging***

CAD Paging is a software integration that is used to send text messages to the command staff of the Baltimore County Fire Department to notify them of emergency calls being dispatched. The text messages go to their departmental cell phones While generally reliable it is also dependent on the cell signal and the internet connection strength at the location of use.

(During the meeting an unplanned actual call for service at the Fire House during the meeting the CAD paging system failed to alert for the particular call being dispatched.)

Active 911 and CAD Paging is paid for by the volunteer companies and is eligible for reimbursement in certain categories up to the \$60,000 cap.

**Q - Why is the length of the siren sometimes longer than normal?**

**A -** The Siren is notified of an "extra" alert for the rescue box due to the CAD configuration. Under the current settings a regular Siren alert is 25 seconds, one with a Rescue box is 37 seconds. All companies are alerted the same. An emergency call is received and processed in the Communications Center. The dispatcher selects the call for service and announces the response type and dispatch order. Bells, tones, lights, sirens, pagers, and phones are activated to signal to the member that there is an emergency.

**Q -** The siren used to sound round the clock and for many more cycles. When and how did this change.

**A -** This change was made in 2019. The siren has been reduced in number cycles, volume and time it sounds.

- 3 cycles reduced to one cycle
- 24 hr/day to 7 a.m. to 10 pm
- Volume reduced by ~ 1/3
- Kill switch installed which can be used if two full crews are present.



**Q - Are there other technology upgrades?**

**A - Yes**

**Towers and repeater upgrades**

This is ongoing effort headed by the Office of Information and Technology and the State of Maryland. This helps with the signals being carried and received by the portable radios, pagers, and scanners.

***New CAD forthcoming***

The new CAD is scheduled to go into effect before the end of the year.

***Mobile Data Terminals (MDTs)***

Over the years the MDTs provided for use by the LVFC have not worked as intended. At the time of the meeting new MDTs had just been installed in the LVFC vehicles. These terminals provide information normally printed out on paper in the station. These can be useful is calls come out when the unit is on the road. These are still in testing.

***UPDATE - Progress is on schedule as predicted. The new CAD will being going live before the end of the year. A control group will be testing and provision the CAD to ensure proper service to the end user which includes Lutherville VFC. There will be new map layers and functionality that will be beneficial. Currently, it sends to the cab of the vehicle information normally printed on a piece of paper in the station. The success of this is relative to the quality of connectivity in the vehicle.***

***Replacement Pagers***

New Unication Monitor Pager/Scanners were identified by the Lutherville Volunteer Fire Company. Several were purchased by LVFC members. Two were obtained by the County for evaluation.

There is a Purchase order for 70 in the pipeline for further testing. (2-3 per company) for a testing period of about 6 months. Bidding, purchasing, programming, training, and distribution will take months, prior to the testing period.

***UPDATE - As of this writing, the purchase order has not progressed. Unfortunately, the Chief that was handling this project retired. The Fire Depart has a meeting scheduled with the Office of Information and Technology and this is on the agenda.***

