



NORTHERN CHESTER COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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C/O RIDGE FIRE COMPANY

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January Advisory Board Notes 1/07/2026.

DES Report:

- Fire Paging – Pager Delivery to DES slated for January.
- Tax Rebate – Updated Ordinance passed and new information posted to the website.
- Chief Update – Working on some dates. Got a lot of mixed responses.
- Radio Update – Motorola portables being ordered in. PD traffic will all be encrypted once implemented. New Fire/EMS portable radios RFP will go out in 2027

Districts:

- **North** - Meet January 14th at Station 73. Ridge has a meeting with OJR to discuss potential tax credits for the district.
- **South** – Not present
- **East** – Not Present
- **West** – No Report
- **EMS** – We welcomed back Chaz. Working on getting implemented on First Due.
- **FP** – Met on Sunday the 4th, President Sly was in attendance. Working on setting up some speakers. Thank you to the CCFCFA for their annual donation pledge.
- **RTF** – Assisted with the partial barn collapse with operator trapped call.

Old Business:

- Pleased at the support of the potential change in Trees & Wires responses. Sly is not looking to take fire calls away from anyone.
- Continue to send feedback on municipal and school tax rebate ordinances. Sly willing to assist where needed to keep that momentum going.
- Looking to work with CATO and township officials to help them realize the fire service in Chester County is changing just like EMS did 15 years ago.

New Business:

- Sly is looking at doing a Countywide Association Mutual Aid agreement on paper to help have that documentation for grants and other official capacity as most agreements do not seem to have an official document.
- Radio traffic is getting out of hand. We were doing really good and now its getting out of hand again. County realizes that SMUs being down are not helping the situation, but please remember each station has 4 MDCs on front line apparatus that should be getting used.
- Looking at doing a policy where the radio room will assign Ops channels at dispatch to for larger incidents automatically to help manage traffic and maintain the incident on one operations channel.
 - Future radio system fleet mapping may take away the regional Ops channels & just utilize Tac channels