



NORTHERN CHESTER COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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C/O RIDGE FIRE COMPANY
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Minutes for the September 15, 2010 Meetings

PCH Foundation Meeting

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order by President Brian M. Gallagher at the Ridge Fire Co. at 1930Hrs.
- The pledge of allegiance was recited followed by a moment of silence.

Attendance:

- An attendance sheet was circulated with 25 members from 12 departments

Previous Meeting Minutes:

- The minutes had been electronically circulated previous to the meeting. A motion was made by Jeff Kimes (73) and seconded by Keith Romig (69) to approve the minutes as circulated and forego reading them, all in favor.

New Business:

- Lynn Hartmann was not in attendance, but left a reminder for companies to apply for mini grants
- NCFCA can participate in the 2010 Charitable Organization Ceremony
 - Brian will forward on other upcoming PCHF events for those interested.

Old Business:

- Marty (73) talked about the health screenings for FF
 - PCHF would need to gather membership information for each station to fund it
 - Chuck Fields (61) brought up about looking into mobile groups that come to the stations
 - Goshen has physicals done by Occupational Health paid for out of relief.
 - Chris (54) and Devin (73) gave a brief description of their programs and will be sending information to Richard Hedrick.
 - Evan (68) made a motion to leave it at the company level and gather information
 - Group decided to table the matter and continue to find information
- Jeff Kimes (73) is ready to loan out the Training Videos
- Laptops have all be distributed and are being placed into service.

- Two laptops belong to the NCCFCA are being kept on reserve for any station that is down one for 60 days or less.
- Devin Guth (73) said two of his laptops might be available for another station in need.

Safety Truck & Trailer:

- Fall Schedule is up and open for events
- Truck and trailer to be winterized in November
 - TVFD said they might have an empty bay at the new station for the winter
- Devin Guth (73) is looking into getting the lettering re-done.
- Mini grants was approved for supplies and new equipment up to \$500
- Fall cleaning and winter prep to be scheduled
- Trailer has been re-keyed
 - 4 Keys: (Truck, Panels, and Main Doors)
- Brian expressed thanks for all who participate and work on the safety trailer this past year

Communications

- Letters were read from Elverson EMS and Upper Providence Twp. Department of Fire and Emergency Services.
 - Representatives of each organization were not available for questions
 - A discussion was held about the two request concerning: membership criteria for PCHF and NCCFCA, the original mission of the PCHF and NCCFCA, Department make up Career vs. Volunteer, and EMS vs. Fire.
 - Brian composed a list of questions to take to each organization from the discussion held
 - Voting was tabled until November's meeting.

Close:

- Being no further business to conduct a motion was made by Jeff Kimes (73) and seconded by Jason Sheer (63) to adjourn, all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 1942Hrs.

Northern Chester County Fire Chiefs Association Meeting

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order by President Brian M. Gallagher at the Ridge Fire Co. at 1942Hrs.

Roll Call of Officers:

- President Brain M. Gallagher, Vice President Devin Guth, Secretary Jonathan Brackbill, and Treasurer Evan Taylor were in attendance.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

- The minutes had been electronically circulated previous to the meeting. A motion was made by Terry Hipple (64) and seconded by Andy Inhof (64) to approve the minutes as circulated and forego reading them, all in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

- July's Starting Balance of \$7,820.55, Total Expenses \$49.56, Total Deposits of \$0.00, Interest of \$3.02, and Ending Balance of \$7,774.01.
- August's Starting Balance of \$7,774.01, Total Expenses \$41.76, Total Deposits of \$0.00, Interest of \$3.55, and Ending Balance of \$7,735.80.
- \$500 mini grant will be reported in September's report.
- Treasurer's Report was distributed
- A motion was made by David Meadows (Phx) and seconded by Jim Gable (Phx) to approve the Treasurer's Report, all in favor.

Correspondence:

- Letters from Elverson EMS and Upper Providence Twp. Dept. of Fire and Emergency Services discussed during the PCHF Meeting.

Advisory Board and Chief Association Report:

- A detailed meeting notes sheet was distributed at the meeting, Highlights are below:
- Evan Taylor attended on Thursday, August 19, 2010
- County Grant items are now moving forward
- County Fire School donating its cascade to a station in need of one
- Devin Guth (73) was applauded for his hard work so far on the new radio and paging projects
- Training Facility is being fast tracked by South Coatesville:
 - Expected site closing on October 10, 2010.
 - Awaiting the chance to close the door on the East Fallowfield site.
- Credentialing is being held up by the DOD. They want to make the cards and actual government issued ID.
- Brian attended the Sept. 2, 2010 Chief's Meeting:

- Rebanding has been completely halted due to hardware issues with the new mobiles and portables.
- The Fed's have 25 million doses of anthrax vaccine available.
- The Fall Training Schedule is available
 - There will be 18 ICS300 courses and 12 ICS 400 courses presented over the next 18 months.

DES Report:

- Charlie Owens, FM 101, was in attendance:
- DES Report:
 - Telephone Calls Last Month: 24, 104
 - Telephone Calls per Day: 777
 - Fire Incidents: 797
 - Average Dispatch Time: 1min 19 sec.
 - Formal Quality Reviews: >99%
- See attached DES Fire Chiefs Report
- There will be a \$100 fee for challenging courses
- D Block of frequencies are being allocated for data transfer for Emergency services

Funeral Committee:

- None

Old Business:

- Richard Hedrick (62) stated that any company event taking place to let him know to post on the website.
- Devin gave a report on the 2016 voice radio system project

New Business:

- Jim Gable (Phx) updated the group on the PFD consolidation
 - All active members took a survey, majority says to go towards one entity
 - Steering committee would like to one board of directors seated by the first of the year.
- Keith Bliss Jr. (84) spoke about Royersford Fire Department merger:
 - Station 98 by the first of the year, 84 and 85 will be no more.
 - Consolidation of officers
 - 4 yr outlook for a new station
- Fit test equipment needs a new MSA adapter
 - Motion made by Keith Bliss Sr. seconded by Andy Inhof (64) to purchase new adapter up to \$500, all were in favor.

Good of the Company:

- TVFD looks to be completed in 4 weeks
- Berks County: Nothing to Report
- Montgomery County: 700 Mhz System Rebanding
 - MontCo foam trailer stored at 54 for anyone needing its response

- There was talk of an Email bank of area station chiefs for background checks of new members
 - Brian needs email address of membership secretaries
- Nomination Committee was appointed:
 - Andy Inhof
 - John Trego Jr.
 - Matt Robinson
- Comm 1 is a work in progress with training and programming.

Close:

- Being no further business to conduct a motion was made by Jason Shear (63), and seconded by Matt Robinson (73) for adjournment at 2015Hrs, all in favor. The next meeting will be at station 62 on November 10, 2010 at 1900Hrs.

September 15, 2010

Jonathan Brackbill

NCCFCA Secretary

Appendix:

Fire Chiefs
September 2010

24,104 Telephone Calls last month: 777 per day.

797 Fire Incidents

Average Fire/EMS Dispatch time of 1 minute and 19 seconds

Telephone, Radio and EMD Formal Reviews at or above 99%.

Technical

> Re-Banding:

- o The system benchmarking testing is progressing and should be complete by 5 November.
- o Training and distribution of new radios has been suspended because of technical problems with both the portable and mobile radios.
 - There have been numerous reports - that EFJohnson confirmed - from other counties that the portables are having receive sensitivity issues.
 - EFJohnson is developing a formal plan to fix this problem probably with a retrofit of a replacement board.
 - So far we have installed 20 mobiles and four of them locked up and stopped working for no apparent reason. EFJohnson is investigating.
 - This problem and the potential schedule slip have been communicated to the Federal Communications Commission appointed Transition Administrator.
- > **Voice Radio Project:** The Requirements Document should be completed this month. The RFP for the new system vendor should be released by September of next year.
- > **New Fire/Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Paging System.** The Kick-Off meeting for this project was held on 1 Sep. Meeting times will be changed to the evenings to accommodate the fire and EMS responders.

Training Facility:

Land: We should close on the South Coatesville property this fall. The Economic Development Council is in the process of hiring a "Construction Manager".

Money The U.S. Department of Transportation has added another year to our original three year grant so we will receive an additional \$750,000. This increases the total amount raised so far to \$18.3 million. We have spent a total of \$2,289,986 of which \$1,000,445 has been County money.

- > Raised: \$18.3 million
- > Spent: \$2.0 million

Southeastern Pennsylvania Regional Task Force

- > The Task Force is operating with the new fiduciary agent, the Public Health Management Corporation (PHMC) of Philadelphia. They are much more responsive than Bucks County was. The "Hold until New Agent" projects on the attached chart should start moving soon.
- > Start thinking about 2011 Grant projects: Probably about \$250,000 will be available for fire projects.

Existing Chester County SHSGP Projects

YR	Project	Amount	Discipline	Status
08	New Comm Veh.	\$614,465	Common	Done
08	Credentialing Cards for JNET	\$36,000	Police	Done
08	EOC Video Conf	\$250,000	Common	In Planning
08	HOC VoIP	\$7,076	Common	Done
08	2 Sheriff Bomb Dogs	\$43,450	Police	Done
08	Crew Carrier	\$31,219	Common	Done
08	ARES/RACES Ant. On Justice Ctr	\$29,805	Common	Done
08	ARES/RACES Ant @ Bucktown	\$112,000	Common	Done
08	Training	\$130,000	Common	In Progress
08	Credentialing Cards	\$117,000	Police	Done
08	SNS Planning	\$100,000	Pub Health	Done
08	MS Point of Reg.	\$170,430	Common	In Progress
09	Firehouse Software (Web based)	\$441,430	Fire	Hold until new Agent
09	Credentialing	\$150,000	Common	Hold until new Agent
09	2 Flatbed Pods	\$7,950	Common	Hold until new Agent
09	Empty Pod	\$36,930	EMS	Hold until new Agent
09	2 Polaris Rangers 1 fire kit, 2 EMS Kits, 2 Trailers	\$62,190	Fire/EMS	Hold until new Agent
09	100 GPS units	32,500	EMS	Hold until new Agent
09	100 CO Detectors	\$25,000	EMS	Hold until new Agent
09	Chem Antidotes	\$50,000	EMS	Hold until new Agent
09	Message/ Arrow Boards	\$150,000	Fire	Hold until new Agent
09	3 Rehab Trucks	\$150,000	Fire	Hold until new Agent
09	2 Traffic Trailers	\$50,000	Fire	Hold until new Agent
09	Training	\$17,437	Common	Hold until new Agent
09	Cobra-Net Records Management	\$511,000	Police	At PEMA

2010 Projects Requested

Project	Amount	Discipline	Status
Cobra Net mx (3 Yr)	\$279,000	Police	Hold until new Agent
20 Chest Compressors	\$254,852	EMS	Hold until new Agent
114AEDs, 57TAC Sticks, 57 CO2 Detectors	\$216,000	Fire	Hold until new Agent
EOC Smart Boards	\$50,148	EMA	Hold until new Agent