



Northern Chester County Fire Chiefs Association

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C/O Ridge Fire Company
480 Ridge Rd. Spring City, PA. 19475 - 9678

Minutes for the January 12, 2011 Meetings

PCH Foundation Meeting

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order by President Brian M. Gallagher at the Twin Valley Fire Dept. at 1908Hrs.
- The pledge of allegiance was recited followed by a moment of silence.

Attendance:

- An attendance sheet was circulated with 42 members, and 1 guest from 14 departments.

Guest Speaker:

- Special Thanks to John Stout from Belfor for providing the meal for tonight's meeting

- Chief Keith Romig (69) Welcomed everyone and talked about their new building and the process they went through.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

- The minutes had been electronically circulated previous to the meeting. A motion was made by Jeff Kimes (73) and seconded by Terry Hipple (64) to approve the minutes as circulated and forego reading them, all in favor.

New Business:

- Lynn Hartmann was not in attendance from PCHF
- New Officers for 2011 were introduced to the group.
- Valley Forge Received a Mini Grant to train rookie firefighters.
- Tuition assistance grant awarded to Kimberton member for a degree in Fire Science.
- Parks Springs Apartments are receiving a safety award with a Safety Day planned.
 - Chief 63 was advised to apply for a mini grant for the event when information is received.

Old Business:

- Jeff Kimes (3) commented on the Training DVDs Available to the NCCFCA.
 - Stations are starting to use them
 - Brian stated that they are good refreshers for senior members as well.

Safety Truck & Trailer:

- Safety Trailer already has reservations for the 2011 season.
 - Applications for use are available on the NCCFCA website.
- Special Thanks to Roger Kolb for storing the truck and to Belfor for shrink wrapping the trailer for the winter.
- Since repairs could not be made prior to winter storage the mini grant received will be used in the spring to fix and replenish needed equipment and supplies.

Communications

- No Communications

Close:

- Being no further business to conduct a motion was made by Rick Beittel (68) and seconded by Scott Markley (73) to adjourn, all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 1923Hrs.

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Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order by President Brian M. Gallagher at the Twin Valley Fire Dept. at 1923Hrs.

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 Jeff Kimes (73) and seconded by Terry Hipple (64) to approve the minutes as circulated and forego reading them, all in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

- November's Starting Balance of \$7,624.29, Total Expenses \$175.74, Total Deposits of \$0.00, Interest of \$3.19, and Ending Balance of \$7,451.74.
- December's Starting Balance of \$7,451.74, Total Expenses \$0.00, Total Deposits of \$0.00, Interest of \$3.10, and Ending Balance of \$7,454.84.
- 2010 Year End had total Expenses of \$1,221.64 of the estimated \$1,743.00 and Total Deposits of \$4,945.94 of the estimated \$3,625.00.
- The 2011 Projected Budget was distributed with an estimated \$2,193.00 in Expenses and \$3,875.00 in Deposits.
- Treasurer's Report was distributed
- 2011 Dues are being handed out tonight, Due back at March's Meeting.
- A motion was made by Keith Romig (69) and seconded by Rick Biettel (68) to approve the Treasurer's Report, all in favor.

Correspondence:

- A letter was read from the Valley Forge Volunteer Fire Co. with a \$250 donation check to the NCCFCA in the name of Former Fire Chief Harry Hicks and his lifelong dedication to the community.

Advisory Board and Chief Association Report:

- A detailed meeting notes sheet was distributed at the meeting, Highlights are below:
- Jonathan Brackbill and Brian Gallagher attended November's Advisory Board meeting.
- 1st West Chester and the West Chester Fire Dept. are 100% Certified
- Chief Orientation and Billy Goldfeder will be February 12th; The County is sponsoring 3 members from each station. Any more please contact Dawn to be put on a waiting list.
- The Coatesville fire is under investigation by two different outfits. The CCFCA sent letters for an end report. Letter has since gone ignored.
- Malvern had a fire with a member of Paoli injured, A report will be issued upon completion.
- EMS trailers are in progress, due in February.
- Looking to bring up DuPont's railcar simulator in 2012.
- Flashover Simulator now becoming available from the South. Joel McMillan (62) made a motion, seconded by Jay Pollinger (61) to pursue getting the simulator to the North for use. All in favor.
 - Logistics still need to be worked out.
 - John Weer (FM 103) explained the reason for the rental fee outside of the Southern Chiefs.
- The central radio abuse issue:
 - Chiefs of offending organizations were spoken to, and changes are being implemented.
- 2010 CCFCA outgoing officers' were recognized for their hard work.
- The NCCFCA recognized the Chester County DES for their continued hard work and support of the fire service.
- Fire Training Classes must now be approved by the County Fire School first.

DES Report:

- Beau Crowding(DES) and John Weer(FM 103), were in attendance:
- Rebanding will start up at the end of January. Issues worked out by EFJ.
 - Thanks offered to Devin and others for their continued involvement.

- PD will now have County radios/ MDC provided for them.
- 2016 Radio System:
 - Will require more towers. Looking for support from responders to help Municipalities understand the importance of more towers and their location so County doesn't have to take escalated steps.
 - Bi-Direction Building Amplifiers needed for large buildings to increase quality.
 - Would like to see put into zoning ordinances and work with Planning Commission.
- Training Facility:
 - Closed on the site in December. Renovating the current building on site for classrooms for early 2012.
 - Design phase of tactical village and burn buildings will be underway soon.
 - Looking to obtain the promised money from the Governor, Senate, and other Organizations.
 - Charlie Owens is heading up the Training Facility Project.
- Residential Sprinkler Requirement:
 - Beau and others met with Senator Pilleggi about the importance of the sprinkler code. He stated their needs more support from rural departments, insurance companies, water companies, and more education on the system.
 - Builder's want the code amended, putting a lot of false statements out.
- SERTF:
 - Hydrant Bags for County interoperability are being held up by the Feds.
 - CC Task Force will have a jump start meeting soon
 - Grant funding moving forward.
 - 2010 Grant items to be coming in 2012
 - Feds are holding up the new Fire House Software
 - SERTF recognized across the state for their abilities
 - Governor Elect Corbett nominated Glenn Cannon for PEMA
- 2011 Fire Training Calendars are out:
 - Classes filling up
 - Looking to get the Haz-Mat team more involved.

- Fire Marshals Report:
 - 248 Responses in 2010
 - 0 Fatalities
 - 24 Injuries
 - 3 Civilian Fatalities
 - 48 Civilian Injuries
 - New Part Time FM to be announced.
 - Injuries and Fatalities are down in the County, State, and Nation.

Funeral Committee:

- None

Old Business:

- Letters sent to Elverson EMS and Upper Providence with the NCCFCA's decision.
- Brian read updates on the New Paging System from Andy Inhof:
 - Will be a voice system, with a Alpha Numeric option to follow
 - RFP is out, there are 7 potential bidders
 - Project is on schedule
- 2016 Radio System (Devin Guth):
 - Ed Atkins wants everyone involved and requirement based system.
 - New system won't be a proprietary system or equipment
 - Needs to be performance based
 - Data system provisions to be included in RFP
 - Preventive maintenance included in RFP
 - Would like to see a back-up system with separated PD and FD channels
- Check County Website for Wills for Heroes locations and dates. February 2nd is next date
- Letter handed to CCFCA on endorsing politicians
- Royersford Fire Department Merger: Keith Bliss Jr. (84)
 - Both stations voted to go through with the merger, Station 98 will be in service February 1st 2011.

- Stay in CAD as two separate stations until under one roof.
- Phoenixville Fire Dept Merger: Jim Gable (Phx)
 - Voted to start a new 501c3 on March 1st, 2011
 - 2nd Career daytime guy assigned to 65 to staff the Engine from 8-5pm M-F.

New Business:

- 2011 Mission or Goal: Mayday Protocol:
 - Cory Mowrer (62) would like to establish a Mayday Protocol
 - UNCAN Protocol: Unit, Condition, Actions, & Needs
 - Ray Stackhouse, President CCFCA, looking to form a MAYDAY committee
 - Motion made by Jay Pollinger (61), seconded by Corey Hostetler (69) to accept has our goal and forms a NCCFCA Mayday committee. All in favor.
 - Committee: Cory Mowrer(62), Chuck Fields(61), Matt Robinson(73), Jay Pollinger(61), John Trego Jr.(63), Jeffery Cook(69), & Patrick Fota(54).
- Incident Print Out Issues while on Relocates:
 - Not receiving incident close outs when on stand-by for incident reporting
 - CAD and dispatcher procedures are conflicting with needs
 - Utilize MDCs to resend calls to station printer, and clear the relocate by voice.
- March's meeting will be with the Elected Officials for dinner and allotted time before the meeting.

Good of the Company:

- Berks County: Nothing to Report
- Montgomery County:
 - Sanatoga (58) and Norco (64) are working to resolve radio issues.
 - Plan in place with PennDOT for the Rt 422 rebuild in 2012
- NCCFCA to bring up the Quint designation again.
 - Motion was made by Rick Beittel (68), seconded by Scott Markley(73) for Devin to reintroduce the Quint designation. All in Favor.
- Beau Crowding(DES) recognized Ludwigs Corner(73) on 75% and Limerick Twp (51 & 54) on 100% certification level.

New Apparatus:

- 69 took over Elverson Ambulance's (Station 89) Rhino UTV. Has ran two calls so far.

Close:

- Being no further business to conduct a motion was made by Jeff Kimes (73), and seconded by Matt Robinson (73) for adjournment at 2105Hrs, all in favor. The next meeting will be at the Ridge Fire Co, Station 62, on March 9th 2011 at 1900Hrs, dinner at 1800 with Elected Officials.

January 12, 2011

Jonathan Brackbill

NCCFCA Secretary