



# **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 July 14, 2011 Meetings**

### **PCH Foundation Meeting**

#### **Call to Order:**

- The meeting was called to order by President Brian M. Gallagher at the Valley Forge Fire Co. at 1950Hrs.
- The pledge to the flag was conducted and a moment of silence observed for LODD John Lackovic and the passing of former PA Fire Commissioner Chet Henry.

#### **Attendance:**

- An attendance sheet was circulated with 37 members from 12 departments and 4 guests.

#### **Previous Meeting Minutes:**

- The minutes had been electronically circulated previous to the meeting. A motion was made by Matt Robinson (73) and seconded by Joel McMillan (62) 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

#### **Old Business:**

- None

#### **Safety Truck & Trailer:**

- Rear stabilizers are done, and exhaust fans are in.
- Kimberton cleaned and stripped old decals for new graphics
- Going to Marsh Creek Signs for new graphics package

- Devin brought up about getting the same heavy duty stabilizer jacks on the front of the trailer as well. Chuck Fields (61) made the motion seconded by Marty Blumenthal (73) to spend up to \$300 on the project. All in favor.
- Brian reminded the group to get your events scheduled soon for the Fall.

### **Close:**

- Being no further business to conduct a motion was made by Jeff Kimes (73) and seconded by Andy Inhof (64) to adjourn, all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 1955Hrs.

## **Northern Chester County Fire Chiefs Association Meeting**

### **Call to Order:**

- The meeting was called to order by President Brian M. Gallagher at the Valley Forge Fire Co. at 1955Hrs.

### **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:**

- May's Starting Balance of \$10,533.37, Total Expenses \$665.50, Total Deposits of \$0.00, Interest of \$3.43, and Ending Balance of \$9,871.30.
- June's Starting Balance of \$9,871.30, Total Expenses \$199.02, Total Deposits of \$250.00, Interest of \$3.30, and Ending Balance of \$9,925.58.
- Treasurer's Report was distributed. Motion was made by Keith Romig (69) and seconded by Jeff Kimes (73) to approve the Treasurer's Report. All in favor.

### **Correspondence:**

- PECO LGS Picnic August 19<sup>th</sup> 1700-1900Hrs
- Linfield's Outback Fundraiser
- Recall information of Lasko box fans. Fans are starting fires.

## **Advisory Board Report:**

- Advisory Board on summer break
  - Notes from May's AB meeting circulated

## **DES Report: Beau Crowding**

- Rebanding: Installation is starting up again. Going to hold trainings on new equipment.
  - Currently fighting with Sprint and EFJohnson on funding shortfall. FCC mediating.
- New Radio System: Moving along well, RFP going out in early July, due back in October.
- Paging System: Have an equipment vendor. Still looking for an infrastructure vendor, have 2 bids in, all due by mid August.
- Training Facility: Final electric/lighting plans and furniture list being finalized
  - Instructors got a tour of the Academic Building, starting construction in September.
- Regional Taskforce: Additional equip. came in for Level B Hazmat SWAT team on the mainline.
  - Foam Trailer going to Station 6 in Exton.
  - ATVs came in for DES and Station 35 (Wagontown). Available for Events and Responses.
  - Credentialing: Testing equipment out. Will be opening up Kiosks. DOD was the hold up, but it is now an official form of ID that expires every 3yrs.
  - Trailers and Rehab units will be put in CAD and inventoried per DHS Specs.

## **Funeral Committee:**

- LODD John Lackovic service will be private on Friday, July 15, 2011

## **Old Business:**

- CCFCA Participation Policy: Ray Stackhouse and Brian Garver from CCFCA were in attendance to go over the proposed participation policy.
  - Ray thanked the organization for the invite to the picnic and updated the group on the AFG grant. All information has been received, thank you for the participation.
  - Looking to bring a draft policy to August AB meeting. Looking for 5 out of 10 meetings a year from a representative from each station.
    - Joel McMillan (62) asked why participation in NCCFCA was not accepted for CCFCA? Ray stated that the North is very well organized and other areas of the county have no representation at CCFCA.
- Devin stated the Voice Radio System RFP is a performance based document that far exceeds our current system.
- Safety Officer Taskforce: Chuck Fields
  - Had little to no feedback from the North and County Chiefs. Are we leaning towards a Safety Officer Taskforce or Mutual Aid Chief Taskforce? Consensus was leaning towards Mutual Aid Chief Officers to fill ICS roles.
  - Reminded the county IST team is available for incidents.
  - Chuck said he is looking for district reps for the committee and he will chair it.

- Devin brought up about stations reviewing box assignments if there is a lack of personnel.
- MAYDAY Committee: Cory Mowrer
  - Final draft is available for vote. Chuck stated that the committee kept it basic on terminology and concept.
- MDC/Radio Committee: Brian Gallagher
  - Working on coming up with the templates of the policy. Bringing in comments and feedback for August.
- HB 797 Cancer Presumption Bill, looking to have a speaker come in to inform the group. Beau is working to get speakers.
- Brian said he is working to get with politicians for a statewide fire service funding through a system user fee.
- Southern Chief's Fire Simulator: Can be used as a group and pay their instructors per hour to use.
  - Chuck would like to see if the North would have a company to write an AFG grant for our own simulator.
    - Brian said he would check with Lynn Hartman at PCHF about funding.
  - Matt Fink (PFD) mentioned about leaving it to the stations for training.

### **New Business:**

- Hero Fund Ride FP Injury and citation. Keith Romig (69) stated that the FP were breaking down after the bike ride had passed the station. The Fire Policemen was struck stepping out from the side of the apparatus. PD said since the apparatus was off the road the striking vehicle had the right of way. Court hearing on the matter is scheduled.
- MAYDAY Policy Vote: Joel McMillan (62) made the motion, seconded by Terry Hipple (64) to approve the policy. All were in favor.
- CCFCA Political Endorsement Policy: Brian reaffirmed that the NCCFCA will not endorse anybody. Ray Stackhouse (CCFCA) said the organization needed to make a formal policy since none existed before. A legislative committee was formed to make the policy and to be presented to Advisory Board.
  - NCCFCA will talk with the Legislative Committee on the policy.

### **Good of the Company:**

- Montgomery County Report:
  - Both taskforces are up and running
  - Foam trailer will be stored at Pottstown-Limerick Airport
  - Limerick is currently having a carnival
  - Limerick is having Billy Goldfeder up for his new program, "Not Everyone Goes Home."
  - Charlie Palmer (55) updated on the Consolidation
    - Up and running, going to have water rescue training.
    - Staying in both stations as of now.
    - Second water rescue boat going to Collegeville (Montco 34).

- Kimberton Fair July 25-30<sup>th</sup>.
- Kimberton has a Trench Trailer going into service
- Remember to use the North's resources if you need them

**Close:**

- Being no further business to conduct a motion was made by Marty Blumenthal (73), and seconded by Joel McMillan (62) for adjournment at ~2110Hrs, all in favor. The next meeting will be at station 62 on September 14, 2011 at 1900Hrs.

July 15, 2011

Jonathan Brackbill

NCCFCA Secretary