



# **NORTHERN CHESTER COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION**

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C/O RIDGE FIRE COMPANY  
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## **Minutes for the November 9, 2011 Meetings**

### **PCH Foundation Meeting**

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

- The meeting was called to order by President Brian M. Gallagher at the Ridge Fire Co. at 1915Hrs.
- The pledge to the flag was conducted and a moment of silence observed for all LODD.

#### **Attendance:**

- An attendance sheet was circulated with 21 members from 11 departments and 0 guests.

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

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

#### **New Business:**

- Lynn Hartmann was not in attendance due to a scheduling conflict, but left a reminder for companies to apply for mini grants
- Final Report of grant allocations will come out in December
- For 2012 there will be 1 grant distribution in September
- The College Funding for Associate Degree in Fire Science, Emergency Management, and Emergency Medicine for students residing in PASD will try to be expanded to NCCFCA Territory.
- The meeting with the Safe Kids Coalition went well, would like to push the next meeting and tour of the trailer to the spring due to scheduling and winterization.
  - Brian asked how to charge for rent?
    - Joel McMillan (62) suggested a base fee and charge for mileage
    - We would have to provide the transportation of it.

## **Old Business:**

- Video History: Brian met with Mike Grasso and Mike drew up a budget of costs for the project
  - Brian met with PCHF on funding a grant for the project.
    - PCHF will underwrite \$15,000 for September 2012
    - They would like to place it in libraries.
    - TVFD and Limerick are interested in sponsoring the grant
    - Marty Blumenthal (73) made the motion, seconded by Matt Robinson (73) to proceed, all in favor
  - Motion for a \$2,500 retainer for Mike Grasso to get started until funded through the grant was made by Corey Hostetler (69) and seconded by Charlie Palmer (55), all in favor.

## **Safety Truck & Trailer:**

- Will get winterized on 11/10/11 by Belfor. Need to look for covers for the wheels.
  - Charlie Palmer (55) said he could house the truck at Mont Clare for the winter.
- The truck needs to get used more often. Brian brought up about installing a lightbar and siren on it.
  - Could be used as an alternative chief's vehicle
  - Brian has a lightbar and siren package for the truck at no cost to the Assoc.
  - Motion made to proceed by Chris Totaro (73), 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff Kimes (73), all in favor
  - Need to get a list together of qualified drivers from each station
- On the trailer the wiring for the generator has been properly fixed, and we need to repair the phone in the control room.
- For 2011 seven fire companies used the Trailer for a total of 14 Events, 1214 people went through, and Sparky went out 5 times.

## **Good of the Company:**

- PCHF asked if there has been contact with Pottstown Health Foundation? Limerick states there has been a little contact, but nothing has been written with them.
- Being no further business a motion for adjournment was made by Matt Robinson (73) and seconded by Chris Totaro (73), all in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 19:48hrs

## **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 1948Hrs

## **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 Don Maleta (51) and seconded by Chris Miller (54) to approve the minutes as circulated and forego reading them, all in favor.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

- September's Starting Balance of \$8,531.66, Total Expenses \$197.77, Total Deposits of \$250.00, Interest of \$2.57, and Ending Balance of \$8,586.46.
- October's Starting Balance of \$8,586.46, Total Expenses \$106.03, Total Deposits of \$0.00, Interest of \$2.65, and Ending Balance of \$8,483.08.
- The Treasurer's Report also included a 2011 YTD Report compared to the 2011 Estimates
- Treasurer's Report was distributed. Motion was made by Roger Kolb (62) and seconded by Jeff Kimes (73) to approve the Treasurer's Report. All in favor.

## **Correspondence:**

- None

## **Advisory Board Report:**

- Notes from September's and October's AB meeting were circulated.
  - The hold up with Rebanding was discussed
  - Any station that does not have a generator contact Ray Stackhouse (CCFCA)
  - SERFTF is setting up a Incident Management Team and their next exercise is May 2012.

## **DES Report: Beau Crowding**

- Rebanding:
  - Software issue seems to be the solution to the Emergency Button issue. Will go through a couple of weeks of testing. Hope to start up training after the first of the year.
- New Radio System: Commissioners are looking over the cost differences between the county radio systems. Proposals due back the end of November, looking to be awarded summer of 2012.
- New Paging System: Minitor V will be the new pagers, working with the new CAD system on capabilities.
- Training Facility: Work has started on the academic building. Looking to finish the site in 2013. \$2.9 Million funding gap. Brandywine gave \$400K to Capital and \$200K for maintenance. Looking for Corporate funding to help fund the facility and courses. Are looking to do naming rights for the classrooms or soft naming rights throughout the facility.

- Credentialing: On hold again, work with the Feds again on issues.
- There have been several soda bomb incidents in the county. Be cautious on investigation calls.

### **Funeral Committee:**

- Nothing at this time

### **Old Business:**

- Technical Committee: (Devin Guth) RFP are out and due back the end of the month for the new radio system. It's a performance based spec. Feds have a scale of 1-5. Spec requires a 3.4 as stated by the Feds to be acceptable. Decibel level for signal strength is written at -82dbm at hip level.
- Accountability Committee: Chris Totaro
  - Looking at surrounding county and city policies
  - Picking out basic points from all and forming a rough draft for January.

### **New Business:**

- Nominations Committee: Charlie Palmer
  - President: Brian Gallagher
  - Vice President: Devin Guth (Declined) >> Charlie Palmer nominated by Joel McMillan
  - Treasurer: Evan Taylor
  - Secretary: Jonathan Brackbill
  - Motion made by Rick Beittel (68) seconded by Chris Totaro (73) for the Secretary to cast the single ballot for all positions, all in favor.
- Devin Guth (73) brought up about constant calls for Trees and Wires incidents.
  - If there is not a wire down on the ground why is the FD being dispatched?
    - Beau Crowding (DES) said the call has to be assigned to an "Agency" in CAD
  - Devin Guth (73) made a motion to move the matter on the Advisory Board for further discussion and look at policy, seconded by Rick Beittel (68), all in favor.

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

- Montgomery County Report:
  - County's IST got to work with the CC IST at Luzerne County during flooding issues to support their EOC during evacuations.
  - Linfield's Quint is in it's a Pierce 105' aerial.
  - Limerick is hosting ICS 400 through the SERFTF on Nov. 19 & 20
- Ridge has Haz-Mat Awareness scheduled for November 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Twin Valley has their Harley Raffle on December 25, 2011
  - Engine 61-1 is now Engine 61
- 2012 Station Membership invoices are available.

**Close:**

- Being no further business to conduct a motion was made by Rick Beittel (68), and seconded by Chris Totaro (73) for adjournment at 2104Hrs, all in favor. The next meeting will be at Station 62 on January 11, 2012 at 1900Hrs with a light dinner at 1830hr.

November 09, 2011

Jonathan Brackbill

NCCFCA Secretary