



NORTHERN CHESTER COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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C/O RIDGE FIRE COMPANY
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Minutes for the January 11, 2012 Meetings

PCH Foundation Meeting

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order by President Brian M. Gallagher at the Ridge Fire Co. at 1912Hrs.
- The pledge to the flag was conducted and a moment of silence observed for all LODD.

Attendance:

- An attendance sheet was circulated with 30 members from 13 departments and 0 guests.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

- The minutes had been electronically circulated previous to the meeting. A motion was made by Jason Cole (68) and seconded by Chris Totaro (73) to approve the minutes as circulated and forego reading them, all in favor.

New Business:

- The Executive Board presented Chief Devin Guth with a gift for his services to the NCCFCA. He will be stepping down as the fire representative to the New Voice Radio project due to a conflict of interest.
- Lynn Hartmann was not in attendance, but left a reminder for companies to apply for mini grants
- Brian talked about the professional development classes offered by PCHF. Anyone interested talk to Brian.
- The College Funding for Associate Degree in Fire Science, Emergency Management, and Emergency Medicine for students residing in PASD is available. Brian is trying to get expanded to NCCFCA Territory.

Old Business:

- Video History: Mike Grasso
 - Mike went over the game plan for scheduling interviews.
 - Would like to use station work nights to film 4-6 members.
 - Would like to meet with a Key member or historian at the station for archived information.
 - If a station has an immediate need to get a member filming let Mike or the Board know.
- Safe Kids Coalition: Brian Gallagher
 - Working to meet again in the Spring and a proposed renting fee for use of the trailer.

Safety Truck & Trailer:

- Has been winterized thanks to Belfor.
- Need a list from each station on who they feel are qualified to move the safety trailer around. Will provide a list and copy of their driver's licenses to the insurance company.

Good of the Company:

- Being no further business a motion for adjournment was made by Chris Miller (54) and seconded by Jeff Kimes (73), all in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 19:31hrs

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 1931Hrs

Roll Call of Officers:

- President Brian M. Gallagher, Vice President Charles Palmer, 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 Chris Totaro (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 \$8,483.08, Total Expenses \$2,596.34, Total Deposits of \$0.00, Interest of \$2.57, and Ending Balance of \$5,889.02.
- December's Starting Balance of \$5,889.02, Total Expenses \$122.45, Total Deposits of \$1,000.00, Interest of \$1.60, and Ending Balance of \$6,768.17.
- The Treasurer's Report also included a 2011 YTD Report compared to the 2011 Estimates. The association had gone over the estimated expenses due to trailer repairs and vide history retainer.
- Treasurer's Report was distributed. Motion was made by Devin Guth (73) and seconded by Dick Hahn (73) to approve the Treasurer's Report. All in favor.

Correspondence:

- Due have been coming in.

Advisory Board Report:

- Notes from November's and December's AB meeting were circulated.
 - CCFA would like to use our MAYDAY Procedure for the County's Policy
 - December's AB meeting was a reorganization meeting.
 - Need to get the fire taskforce up and running again.

DES Report: Mike Holmes

- Rebanding: Emergency button issue resolved. Rebanding remains on hold while going through mediation ongoing with Sprint/Nextel.
- New Radio System: Bids in response to RFPs are in and under review.
- New Paging System: Equipment order comes in for February/March. To be completed by end of 2012.
- Training Facility: Walls are being constructed. Looking to hold classes in the Fall.
- PECO update: Nothing new. Still ongoing with trees and wires calls.
- New 2012 Training Calendar is out.
- Full DES report included in January Minutes

Funeral Committee:

- Nothing at this time

Old Business:

- Technical Committee: (Devin Guth) January 17th is the next meeting with the vendors that submitted responses to the New Voice Radio RFP.
 - Devin gave background information on the four vendors that submitted responses (ARINC, EF Johnson, Harris, and Motorola).
 - The benefits of a APCO-P25 system were explained as well.

- Accountability Committee: Chris Totaro
 - Looking to do a two tag system for apparatus and entry point.
 - Would like to obtain Accountability Boards.
 - Station 68 will email the committee their three tag system policy.
- Oaks and Mont Clare Merger: Charles Palmer
 - Have had several good meetings
 - A new name was approved, “Blackrock Volunteer Fire Dept” Montgomery Station 99.
 - Have been working with DCED out of Harrisburg.
 - Come March the Dept will be running dual responses
 - New Line Officer System: Department Chief, Deputy, and Assistant. Station Battalions, Captains and Lieutenants.
 - A new tower truck will be coming in the Spring.
- MAYDAY Training Presentation is coming out. First group had good responses to the trainings.
- Jonathan will check with the Advisory Board on an update with the Quint designation.

New Business:

- Brian attended the Emergency Services Convention:
 - State has opened up the web based Fire House Software program. It only has the fire reporting module. Stations will still need their in house system for inventory and personnel tracking and reporting. You can still send the reports down to County.
 - QRS stations will need to be logged on 24/7 in February and ran out of a department vehicle.
 - The 2% Loan Program is looking for a \$40 Million increase. Look for information to come out and offer your support for the program.
- Southern Chester County Fire Chief’s Association’s burn simulator was on display at Station 24 for the CCFCA meeting.. They will not transport it up to the North, but will allow us to use it for a weekend in the South. There is an approx. \$25/person fee. Sign up if interested.
- NCCFCA ride policy needs to be put in writing. The long standing verbal agreement is not suitable in today’s legal environment. It was decided to leave it at the station levels for their policy decisions.
- Brian asked if the membership would like to continue with meeting with the Elected Officials at March’s meeting. The members said yes, but would like to have the elected official attend personally.
- Evan asked for authorization to update the authorized parties on the Phoenixville Federal account. Jason Cole (68) and Devin Guth (73) made the motion and seconded it to authorize the board members to be placed on the account. All in favor.
- West End EMS: John Trego Sr.
 - County does not recognize the floating ambulance when 1-67 is out on a call.
 - Need to push West End EMS to use the term relocate instead of float.
 - The dispatch and recall of the second due EMS provider is delaying their responses.
 - There have been long responses of the second West End ambulance to calls.
 - EMS Providers need to standardize their statuses of their units.
 - Brain will speak with the EMS Council and draft a letter to West End EMS.

Good of the Company:

- Montgomery County Report:
 - Rick Dunn (51) Quint 51 is in-service, truck information was submitted the DES.
 - Chris Miller (54) Rescue-Pumper (Squad 54) is OSS, Tools have been moved to the engine. Squad 54 is being sold.
 - Limerick is hosting ICS 400 through the SERFTF on Nov. 19 & 20
- Ridge has Haz-Mat Awareness scheduled for February 4th .
- Tac 63 is OSS, and Engine 68-1 is For Sale.
- TVFD is having a housing and parade on May 12th 2012.
- Additional station events listed on agenda and website. Contact Brian or Richard Hedrick if you are having an event.

Close:

- Being no further business to conduct a motion was made by Chris Totaro (73), and seconded by Rick Beittel (68) for adjournment at 2044Hrs, all in favor. The next meeting will be at Station 62 on March 14, 2012 at 1900Hrs with a light dinner at 1830hr.

January 11, 2012

Jonathan Brackbill

NCCFCA Secretary