



NORTHERN CHESTER COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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C/O RIDGE FIRE COMPANY
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Minutes for the November 14, 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 1927Hrs.
- The pledge to the flag was recited and a moment of silence observed for the devastation New York and New Jersey during Superstorm Sandy.

Attendance:

- An attendance sheet was circulated with 23 members from 13 departments.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

- The minutes had been electronically circulated previous to the meeting. A motion was made by Jim Gable (65) and seconded by Chris Miller (54) to approve the minutes as circulated and forego reading them, all in favor.

New Business:

- Lynn Hartman was not available.
- Need to fill out your Mini Grants.
- The association is not a 501C3. Foundation is offering a grant for organizations to become 501c3. Motion to move towards 501c3, motion Devin Guth (73) seconded by Andy Inhof (64). All in favor.

Old Business:

- Digital History Program:
 - Received a grant for \$5,000 instead of the \$18,000
 - Ludwigs Corner wrote the grant for the association
 - Grant won't cover all the editing costs, but will cover the recording costs

- Brian will be meeting with the PCHF
- Mike will be contacting the remaining stations to finish recording.

Safety Truck & Trailer:

- Richard Hedrick presented a report on the safety trailer usage and needed repairs
 - 20 Events, with 10 Fire Companies, and 2,675 participants in 2012. 4 Events were with non-member stations.
 - The trailer has had a record number of attendance and events compared to the past
 - Need to think of the future of the trailer. It will be over 11 yrs old and we need to think of renovations or replacement for the future
 - Need to look at replacing the TV and upgrading to a DVD Player.
 - Evan suggested using a mini grant to pay for it
 - Devin suggested closing the opening and mounting a flat panel
 - Richard thanked everyone that assisted and drove the unit to events.
 - Generator is working real well, outlets and blinds to be repaired.
 - Sparky was used 3 times during 2012, need to get new water bottle and straps for housing cradle.
 - Approval was granted to purchase needed material and make necessary repairs.
- Gas Cards for Truck:
 - Voyager Fuel Cards lost the state contract.
 - New Sunoco fleet cards are available for use.

Good of the Company:

- Jeff Kimes said all the DVDs are in and are available for use during the winter. Contact Jeff Kimes (73) if you need them.
- Being no further business a motion for adjournment was made by Roger Kolb (62) and seconded by Chris Miller (54), all in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 1943hrs

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 1943Hrs

Roll Call of Officers:

- President Brain M. Gallagher, Vice President Charles Palmer, Treasurer Evan Taylor and Secretary Jonathan Brackbill 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:

- September's Starting Balance of \$6,920.35, Total Expenses \$367.21, Total Deposits of \$600.00, Interest of \$1.58, and Ending Balance of \$7,154.72.
- October's Starting Balance of \$7,154.72, Total Expenses \$332.65, Total Deposits of \$0.00, Interest of \$1.49, and Ending Balance of \$6,823.56.
- Motion was made by Keith Romig (69) and seconded by Denny Rumler (51) to approve the Treasurer's Report. All in favor.

Recognition:

- The NCCFCA recognized Charlie Palmer (55) for serving 50 years in the fire service. Charlie received a recognition plaque from the NCCFCA.
 - Charlie thanked all who attended the party and the gift.

Correspondence:

- None.

CCFCA Advisory Board Report:

- Advisory Board Meeting Notes were distributed prior to the meeting.
- Rebanding, CAD and pagers moving along.
- Belfor completed their classroom
- New ERG and Training calendar coming out soon.
- EMS was a big topic. Apparatus numbering schemes are out of whack. Looking to be corrected by February.
- Leo Scaccia is stepping down from President of EMS Council.
- PECO presentation to be rescheduled to a later CCFCA Meeting..

DES Report: Mike Holmes

- Novembers' Fire Marshals Report was presented
- Rebanding: Radios being deployed, distribution to be completed by March 2013.
- New Radio System: Final stages with the vendors.
- New Paging System: New paging system cutover on 10/16/2012..
- New CAD System: Connectivity and mapping design currently in progress..

- Training Facility: Site work on the tactical village has started. Been working with Tech College on having fire/pd/ems training at the facility.
- The EOC was open for 68 hours and saw a lot of cooperation through Hurricane Sandy.
- SEPARTF: Funding has been reduced across the board. \$10.5 Million for 2013.

Technical Division: Devin Guth

- Narrowband Cutover
 - Volume issues on scanners are due to older scanners being wide band.
 - Newer scanners can be set to Narrowband
 - Paging vendor coming in to adjust background noises.
- Minitor V Pagers
 - There is a distinctive priority click, can be adjusted, but don't go longer than 1 sec.
 - False Alerting: When programming, type "S" and set number to 1 to correct.
 - How will the \$300 per pager be enforced for stations missing them.

Funeral Committee:

- Nothing to Report

Old Business:

- Rebanding Training:
 - North's training to be in February at Station 62
 - All MontCo stations are included in that training.
 - Terry (64) asked if the Montco EMS rig will be getting a mobile.
 - Brian informed him that it is one for one replacement.
 - 2016 system should account for the mobile.
- Cancer Presumption Bill: Mike Holmes
 - Municipalities are being dropped from workman's comp. PA will have a program to step in.
 - FD are being forced to look at the state system or pay for the increased coverage.
 - Yearly physicals can be done to reduce the FD costs.
 - Talk with your municipal workmen's Comp provider
 - Beau attended a meeting in Harrisburg on the subject.
- Jr FF ID:
 - Would like to stick with a red stripe system.
 - Would like to amend the policy to encompass other helmet colors schemes.

New Business:

- East Vincent and East Coventry EMS Provider Change: Roger Kolb
 - East Vincent Twp meeting was 11/14/2012. Predicted change from 1-67 to MC 325A.
 - East Coventry made a resolution on changing EMS provider on Monday from 1-67 to MC 329A
 - Changes may not be permanent.
- InterOps 1 Failure:
 - Antenna was damaged during storm
 - Could not receive transmissions.
 - Lack of communications from certain DES Officials.
- Loss of Membership Status:
 - Sanatoga Fire Co has not met meeting requirements for 2012, will lose membership status for 2013. Will need to meet with 58 on their intentions and if penalties will be applied for the use of the safety trailer throughout 2012
- Rescue Task Force:
 - Requesting station number. Looking to give them a 70 series number for dispatch streamlining.
 - NCCFCA would like the Taskforce not to use chief designations.
- Western Companies Consolidation:
 - Requesting station number
 - Looking to use Station 1
 - May conflict with the Radnor boxes in Tredyffrin.
- PECO Meeting at CCFCA to be rescheduled for early 2013
 - Brian has resubmitted the question for PECO from May.
- Election Committee: Denny Rumler
 - President: Brian Gallagher
 - Vice President: Evan Taylor and Charlie Palmer. Evan Taylor won Vice President through majority ballot.
 - Treasurer: Tom "Pete" Hornsberger
 - Secretary: Jonathan Brackbill
- The Secretary casted a single ballot for all unopposed positions.

Good of the Company:

- Montgomery County Report:
 - Chris Miller 54: Will be putting in a low band repeater to enhance coverage for Limerick and Northern Chester County.

- Heard down the grapevine that MontCo is looking for a APCO P25 Digital system through Motorola.
- Black Rock Fire Dept.
 - December 13th is the last meeting of the Mont Clare Fire Co.
 - December 20th is the first meeting of the Black Rock Fire Dept.
- Next CCFCA meeting is at Belfor with the annual Christmas dinner on December 6th.

Close:

- Being no further business to conduct a motion was made by Jim Gable (65), and seconded by Jeff Kimes (73) for adjournment at 2057 Hrs, all in favor. The next meeting will be at Station 62 on January 9, 2013 at 1915Hrs with dinner at 1830hr.

November 14, 2012,

Jonathan Brackbill

NCCFCA Secretary