



NORTHERN CHESTER COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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C/O RIDGE FIRE COMPANY
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Minutes for the May 8, 2013 Meetings

PCH Foundation Meeting

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order by President Brian M. Gallagher at the Ridge Fire Co. at 1928Hrs.
- The pledge to the flag was recited and a moment of silence observed in remembrance of firefighters lost in Texas and Wisconsin.

Attendance:

- An attendance sheet was circulated with 24 members from 12 departments.

Guest Speaker:

- None

Previous Meeting Minutes:

- The minutes had been electronically circulated previous to the meeting. A motion was made by Denny Rumbler (51) and seconded by Devin Guth (73) to approve the minutes as circulated and forego reading them, all in favor.

New Business:

- Advertising space needs to be worked out for the truck and trailer.
 - Need to decide on equal portions of real estate.
 - Maybe need to look at a tiered system
 - Need to have trailer here to map out the space
 - Thinking of using a two year advertisement plan.
- Lynn was not available for the meeting.

Old Business:

- 501c3 update:
 - Takes about a year process
 - Price ranges \$1500 to \$4000
 - PCHF said they would assist with \$1200 grant
- Digital History Program:
 - Kimberton is making progress on scheduling. Limerick is scheduled, Valley Forge is scheduling. Would like all stations to be scheduled before July's meeting.
- Glenn Russell broke down the cost and supplies of the fire prevention material
 - Smoke Detectors are \$0.91ea, he can guarantee 30 to each station
 - Coloring Book wasn't available by meeting. He thinks it will be \$0.16ea.
 - Glenn will coordinate the distribution.
- Limerick mentioned their fire prevention program they have for seniors where they work with the local senior centers and 55+ communities.
 - Ridge has been doing a similar program with their 55+ community.

Safety Truck & Trailer:

- Loan from PCHF is underway with Limerick Fire Co. New trailer is scheduled for delivery after the 20th of May. Limerick's Chief Engineer will be picking the trailer up at the end of the month.
- Glenn Russell said that we need to start thinking of lettering and the trailer should be coming with a second room remote for activation as it was in the proposal.
- The current trailer is uncovered and the truck is up for inspection, registration and service. Trailer tags are up. Devin recommends getting it inspected before the tags run out at the end of June.

Good of the Company:

- Jeff Kimes said all the DVDs are available for use during the summer. See Jeff Kimes (73) if you need them.
- Being no further business a motion for adjournment was made by Keith Romig (69) and seconded by Terry Hipple (64), all in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 2002hrs

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 2002Hrs

Roll Call of Officers:

- All Executive Officers were present.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

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

Treasurer's Report:

- February's Starting Balance of \$13,858.98 as of 2/25/2012
- Deposits of \$1,001.63
- Credits of \$18.00
- Ending Balance of \$14,569.61
- Starting Balance of \$14,569.61 as of 3/25/2013
- Deposits of \$1.88
- Credits of \$0.00
- Ending Balance of \$14,571.49 as of 4/25/2013
- Received dues from Norco and Royersford.
- Motion was made by Marty Blumenthal (73) and seconded by Terry Hipple (64) to approve the Treasurer's Report. All in favor.

Correspondence:

- Harris sent a project overview on the new 2016 radio system. Brian will email out to everyone. Questions can go to Matt Fink.
- President Brian Gallagher apologized for missing Ridge Fire Company's Banquet.
- Joe Inzone spoke on the Motorcycle Ride his business, Benny's Pizza, is sponsoring for the Chester County Hero's fund. The ride will be leaving from the Ridge Fire Co. and ending in West Chester during Super Sunday.

CCFCA Advisory Board Report:

- Advisory Board Meeting Notes were distributed prior to the meeting.
- By Law changes for the CCFCA
 - During the By Law updates a DEP rep was added and the CCFB rep was removed
 - Would like to add back in the CCFB rep back to it.
 - Will also narrow the scope for the voting group
 - Proposed CCFCA Board and the reps from the 5 districts
 - Evan Taylor is writing the changes and needs signatures.
- Meeting with Political Reps:
 - CCFCA is having the meeting this year
 - NCCFCA will be having its meeting next year and will tie it into the May apparatus display.
- EMS Numbering:

- First phase has gone through to realign the numbering.
- County Chiefs meeting was cancelled due to the death of Captain from West Bradford. Junes meeting will be at Westwood and it will be the annual picnic.
 - Will need assistance for the picnic
 - Belfor is picking up the cost of the dinner.

DES Report: Mike Holmes

- Mike Holmes had to leave prior to the meeting due to business. Brian provided the FM report.

Technical Division: Devin Guth

- Rebanding: Mobile radio installation and portable chargers should be installed by the end of 2013 to the start of 2014. Stations should continue to monitor installations to ensure proper install.
- New Radio System: DES is aware of the Spring City water tower being torn down at the end of 2016. Working with PSPE to relocate the radio tower down there. Old tower was sold. White Clay Creek site will need to be larger. West Vincent needs a variance as the site is residential. The new Pottstown site on Rt. 100 will have Chester County equipment on it. System should have a 97.1% radio coverage.
- New CAD System: Innograph is onsite and starting to bring in new equipment and servers. Looking to go online by July 2014, with cutover after testing.
- Paging: Still working with the vendor on the primary paging system. Rebroadcast issues with North Penn are in the FCC hands. They classify it as not harmful, but annoying. Need radio recordings of Chester County transmissions being overtaken by North Penn transmissions.

Funeral Committee:

- Nothing to Report

Old Business:

- RIT Committee:
 - Ray Kolb (62) Meeting on the 22nd, still need to get feedback from Station 68.

New Business:

- Annual Apparatus Display:
 - Rescue 54, Traffic 58, Utility 51, and Tac 61 were on display. Each station went over the truck's configuration.
- Apparatus Changes:
 - One of Sanatoga's Engines will be sold, looking to purchase a Pumper-Rescue
 - Rescue 62 is sold to Gonvick, MN, with the new Rescue-pumper due in August.
 - Tanker 64 is sold, Looking at a pumper-tanker and will be selling Engine 64-1.

- PA Small Games of Chance:
 - Raffles are not legal anymore
 - PA tax needs to be charged
 - PA is conducting audits. Errors could affect your 501C3 status
 - Elected officials looking to revamp the law to help nonprofit organizations.

Good of the Company:

- Montgomery County Report:
 - Rebanding is ongoing in the West.
 - Foam trailer will be dispatched if requested. Hazmat officer will be dispatched as well.
 - Limerick will respond with the trailer and an Engine.
 - Chester County trailer is at Station 6 and doesn't come with an Engine.
- Berks County Report:
 - Berk's new radio system is being held up by land disputes with the new tower sites.
- Up Coming Events:
 - Station 68 is hosting rescue classes
 - Phoenixville will be hosting VRT
 - Norco is doing a night at the Phillies raffle to benefit the new truck.
 - Ridge is looking to do NFPA physicals using Professional Health Services
 - Any company that wants to join in please let Ridge know as they can have the trailer scheduled for multiple days.

Close:

- Being no further business to conduct a motion was made by Terry Hipple (64), and seconded by Roger Kolb (62) for adjournment at 2119 Hrs, all in favor. The next meeting will be at Station 68 on July 10, 2013.

May 8, 2013,

Jonathan Brackbill

NCCFCA Secretary