



# **NORTHERN CHESTER COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION**

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C/O RIDGE FIRE COMPANY  
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## **Minutes for the November 13, 2013 Meetings**

### **PCH Foundation Meeting**

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

- Members assembled for a Holiday Dinner from 1830 to 1927
- 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 was observed in remembrance of all LODD and firefighter deaths over the past year.

#### **Attendance:**

- An attendance sheet was circulated with 21 members from 12 departments.

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

- The minutes had been electronically circulated previous to the meeting. A motion was made by Chris Totaro (73) and seconded by Ed Walters (61) to approve the minutes as circulated and forego reading them, all in favor.

#### **New Business:**

- New truck and trailer advertising planning is underway.
- PCHF has refunded the Scholarship program for PASD residents pursuing a Public Safety career. Scholarships are for uses at Delco and Montco community colleges.
- There was a discussion about what fuel type to use with the new generator since it will be sitting for extended periods of time between events. Joel McMillan (62) made a motion and Jay Pollinger (61) seconded to purchase and use Ethanol Free Tool Fuel in the generator. All in favor.
- Jay Pollinger (61) made the motion and David Meadows seconded the motion to issue a \$10,000 check to PCHF as partial payment on the \$18K loan for the new Safety trailer. All in favor.

- A \$500 invoice was received from Fire Line Equipment for their commission on the sale of the old safety trailer. Payment was approved and Joel McMillan (62) brought up about asking Fire Line to see if they would want to advertise on the new trailer. Brian will follow up with Fire Line.

### **Old Business:**

- Smoke detectors are available at a cost of \$0.95 each. Each station has received their allotted amount that have requested.
- Mini Grants are still open, Please apply for \$500. Only 3 of the 13 companies have applied.
  - Brian would like every station to apply so the program is continued to be funded.
- Old safety trailer was sold to a fire chiefs association in Michigan for \$10,000

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

- Trailer and Truck are at TVFD for winter storage inside. Trailer will be going to Bullex in December for Severe Weather Package upgrade.
- Still need stations to get trained on the new trailer. Please coordinate with TVFD once it returns in January.
- Richard Hedrick (62) provided the 2013 Safety Trailer Report.
  - Richard will be getting a counter for the trailer to allow for better participant tracking for the coming years.
- Richard is working on making the necessary repairs to Sparky.
- Chris Totaro (73) announced that the trailer took first place in the state parade. Limerick currently has the trophy. Thanks to Chris for driving through the parade and running kids through as they wait.

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

- Lynn Hartman apologizes on not being able to attend the meetings due to a scheduling conflict for the year.
- Limerick and Kimberton have the Bullex Fire Extinguisher training simulator for any stations interested for training.
- Jeff Kimes (73) made a presentation on the FF1 and FF2 training DVDs that are available for winter. See Jeff
- Being no further business a motion for adjournment was made by Jeff Kimes (73) and seconded by Marty Blumenthal (73), all in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 1954hrs

# **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 1954Hrs

## **Roll Call of Officers:**

- All Executive Officers were present with the exception of Vice President Evan Taylor who was away on business.

## **Previous Meeting Minutes:**

- The minutes had been electronically circulated previous to the meeting. A motion was made by Keith Romig (69) and seconded by Chris Totaro (73) to approve the minutes as circulated and forego reading them, all in favor.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

- September's Starting Balance of \$10,980.31 as of 8/25/2013
- Deposits of \$1.51 (Interest)
- Credits of \$116.25
- Ending Balance of \$10,865.57
- October's Starting Balance of \$10,865.57 as of 9/25/2013
- Deposits of \$1.35 (Interest)
- Credits of \$136.72
- Ending Balance of \$10,730.20 as of 10/25/2013
- Motion was made by Jeff Kimes (73) and seconded by Chris Totaro (73) to approve the Treasurer's Report. All in favor.

## **Correspondence:**

- Becky Corbin sent a thank you for allowing her to visit during September's meeting. She said to consult Sen. John Rafferty on the Small Games of Chance.
  - Marty, Rich and Jay said that she did provide the coloring books that she offered to the companies that inquired.

## **CCFCA Advisory Board Report:**

- Advisory Board Meeting Notes were distributed prior to the meeting.
- CC Fireman's Relief and Fireman's Assoc to be dissolved and remaining money to be donated to the Heroes Fund.
- EMS- Numbering changes have been run through all organizations. Still educating some stations on the procedure. No date on implementation set.

## **DES Report: Mike Holmes**

- Presented the Monthly FM report
- Rebanding: On track to be completed in February.
- Paging System: The switch over of the East/Central repeaters to the West repeater went smooth. North Penn to adjust their antenna.
- Still need Cross Streets on dispatches and location information

## **Technical Division:**

- Voice Radio Project: Matt Fink needs help attending all the meetings. Looking for volunteers to attend a meeting in WC once a month and a Webinar once a month. Does not need to be an officer.
- Brian reviewed the BiDirectional Amplifier upgrades for large buildings. Convince your municipalities to adopt the Fire Code where it is built in.
- CAD System:
  - CAD Type Codes: The existing type codes have been distributed. If you have any comments get them back to Brian and he will send down to the committee.
  - Not much information received on the high speed broadband cards.
    - MontCo works on a regional “Family” plan that keeps prices low. May want to look into latching on to that.

## **Funeral Committee:**

- Committee is working on updating the current procedures and break out the requirements for the three tiers.

## **Old Business:**

- Nominating Committee: Jay Pollinger (61) said that all positions were filled and none opposed. The Secretary casted the single ballot for all positions.
  - President: Brian Gallagher (65)
  - Vice President: Evan Taylor (68)
  - Treasurer: Tom Hornsberger (69)
  - Secretary: Jonathan Brackbill (62)
- Many stations have gone through the NFPC physicals with good success.
  - PHS will do your DOT physicals for an extra \$15 with advanced notice.

### **New Business:**

- Need 1-2 reps for the Voice Radio Project. Radio fleet mapping to start up soon.
- Jay Pollinger (61) brought up about the recent weight postings on local bridges and that each station will need to apply for permits for all their apparatus for each bridge they will need to cross in their first due and MA areas. A long discussion was had on the best way to proceed. It was decided to have Senator John Rafferty attend the January meeting to see what can be done.
  - Jeff Kimes (73) added that McCormick Taylor is the engineering firm for the County bridges and they have the power to enforce the weight restrictions and have asked local PD to assist with enforcement of all vehicles. PennDOT handles all state and municipal bridges.
- Ludwig's Corner and West Bradford Fire Companies along with the County Hazmat team are receiving checks for \$10,000 for servicing Columbia Gas' pumping stations.

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

- December 5<sup>th</sup> is the Annual CCFCA Christmas Party at Belfor. RSVP needed by Thanksgiving.
- Montgomery County Report: Nothing to report.
- Berks County Report: Berks got their towers in place and are working on programming their radios to the new 700 MHz system.

### **Close:**

- Being no further business to conduct a motion was made by Marty Blumenthal (73), and seconded by Ed Walters (61) for adjournment at 2115 Hrs, all in favor. The next meeting will be at Station 62 on January 8, 2014. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

November 13, 2013,

Jonathan Brackbill

NCCFCA Secretary