



NORTHERN CHESTER COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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C/O RIDGE FIRE COMPANY
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Minutes for the January 8, 2014 Meetings

PCH Foundation Meeting

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order by President Brian M. Gallagher at the Ridge Fire Co. at 1904Hrs.
- The pledge to the flag was recited and a moment of silence was observed for our safety in the New Year and through all the weather.

Attendance:

- An attendance sheet was circulated with 21 members from 11 departments and 1 guest.

Guest Speaker:

- Senator John Rafferty was in attendance to discuss the new transportation bill and the continued posting of area bridges due to weight restrictions.
- Bridge weight limits reduced (State, County, Municipal)
- Lawrence Ward is In charge of PennDOT's Permits
 - Looking to streamline the permit process
 - Maybe one form for one departments
 - No fees to be charged to FD, let Senator Rafferty know if you were charged
 - Changes will apply for all districts
 - Need to cover the mutual aid through the statewide mutual aid agreement
 - Senator Rafferty is determining when the permit fee was waived
 - Will PennDOT permits work for County and Local bridges?

Previous Meeting Minutes:

- The minutes had been electronically circulated previous to the meeting. A motion was made by Jason Cole (68) and seconded by Keith Romig (69) to approve the minutes as circulated and forego reading them, all in favor.

New Business:

- Evan needs assistance with the new truck and trailer advertising.
 - Need to get forms, pricing and sizing completed.

Old Business:

- PCHF has refunded the Scholarship program for PASD residents pursuing a Public Safety career. Scholarships are for uses at Delco and Montco community colleges.
 - Lynn and Lou are trying to get the board to expand the tuition assistance program to outside the PASD.
- Smoke detectors have all been distributed.
- Only 4 stations have applied for mini grants last year.
 - Please apply for mini grants to keep the program funded
- Old safety trailer was sold to a fire chiefs association in Michigan for \$10,000

Safety Truck & Trailer:

- Truck is out getting new leaf springs installed.
- The registration is in for the truck, will need the current mileage.
- Trailer will be finishing up at Bullex.
- Need assistance with coming up with a flyer for advertising. Space is available.
- Need to get stations members through the trailer for training.

Correspondence:

- Lynn has been sick and apologizes for not being in attendance.

Good of the Company:

- FIT test machine is available for the North to use.
- 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 Chris Totaro (73) and seconded by Marty Blumenthal (73), all in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 1939hrs

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 1939Hrs

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 Jeff Kimes (73) and seconded by Denny Rumler (51) to approve the minutes as circulated and forego reading them, all in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

- November's Starting Balance of \$10,730.20 as of 10/25/2013
- Deposits of \$10,001.48 Safety Trailer sale + Interest
- Credits of \$1152.46
- Ending Balance of \$19,579.22
- October's Starting Balance of \$19,579.22 as of 11/25/2013
- Deposits of \$2.36 (Interest)
- Credits of \$222.93
- Ending Balance of \$19,358.65 as of 12/25/2013
- Treasurer's Report was approved as read.

Correspondence:

- Great responses on the recent surveys and polls, Thank You!

CCFCA Advisory Board Report:

- Advisory Board Meeting Notes were distributed prior to the meeting.
- Would like to get the local Chaplains involved with Chaplain Schwartz to assist with the Chaplain school.
- EMS- Numbering changes have been processed through all organizations. Still educating some stations on the procedure. Will be resolved by the end of January.
- A lot of CAD changes to be announced in the near future.

DES Report: Mike Holmes

- Presented the Monthly FM and 911 report.
- Rebanding: wrapping up and to be completed in February.
- Voice Radio: Trying to finalize leasing options for Towers
- CAD: Run Stream inputting and MDC screens ongoing. Working with Intergraph
- CCFCA meeting moved to 1/21 due to the weather. Federal representatives will be there to go over the affects of the Affordable Care Act on the fire service.

Technical Division:

- For Chester County radios being used by Montco companies. If they need repaired they should have an Enterprise Wizard Login. If not please get in touch with Steve Watson.
- Many stations have been experiencing a bad channel in the system. Please report these experiences in Enterprise Wizard.
- A discussion was had in reference to the radio installs by Metropolitan.
- Redistricting is in discussion for the new radio system. (proposed is a North, South and EMS zone)
- CAD System:
 - A discussion was had in reference to the current work the Advisory Board is performing..

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 (Phx)
 - 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.
- Chief Romig (69) provided a critique of the pileup on the Turnpike in December.
- 2014 Goal: Stay on top of the current technology changes going on in the county.

Good of the Company:

- NCCFCA Policy Reminders:
 - Junior Members: Need a marking or stripe signifying Junior FF. Typically a Red Stripe
 - Staging Levels:
 - Level 1 Staging: Within a block of the scene
 - Level 2 Staging: Stage a block out of the scene
- Montgomery County Report: Going through their own CAD update. Having issues with the 9.2 Intergraph system update.
- Berks County Report: Nothing to report.
- Tom Hornsberger (69) went over the Affordable Care Act changes on the fire service.

Close:

- Being no further business to conduct a motion was made by Jason Cole (68), and seconded by Chris Miller (54) for adjournment at 2034 Hrs, all in favor. The next meeting will be at Station 62 on March 12, 2014.

January 8, 2014,

Jonathan Brackbill

NCCFCA Secretary