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C/O RIDGE FIRE COMPANY
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Minutes for the March 12, 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 all the losses since the beginning of the year. Remember to be vigilant and safe.

Attendance:

- An attendance sheet was circulated with 24 members from 12 departments and 1 guest.

Guest Speaker:

- Denise Graft was in attendance from the American Red Cross to go over the services the Red Cross provides in the area.
 - Federally mandated to provide services to all areas of the nation. Not federally funded
 - First Responders are the best source of information at the scene.
 - Will Provide financial assistance to get the victims through the next couple of days
 - Radio Room can make the notification for you. Typically the Red Cross rep will call the OIC for additional information

Previous Meeting Minutes:

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

New Business:

- Lynn Hartman (PCHF) brought up the newest edition of the "The Help Book" and the annual report of the Health Foundation.

- 2014 the PCHF has funded \$3500 in mini grants. Please apply for \$500 for the educational supplies.
- There is interest in the scholarship program.
- Lynn needs to look about having the educational program brought back.
 - She would like to have information to present at the May meeting.
- Financial Recovery has been good since the recession.
- The recent issues of reading the AEDs at the hospital were brought to Lynn's attention.
- Need to have a driver and operator for the Dogwood Parade in Phoenixville on May 17th from 11-3pm.
- Jeff Kimes (73) brought up that new laws are in place that if the vehicle is over 17,000lbs and being driven during non-emergency events the driver needs a DOT-Medical Card.

Old Business:

- 501c3 status update. Brian needs to follow up with David Freeze from PCHF.
 - Up to \$1000 is available to help with the costs associated with getting your 501c3 status
- FIT test equipment is available for use.
- Digital History Program: A number of stations need to be scheduled.

Safety Truck & Trailer:

- Trailer is back and the server weather station has been installed. Odds and Ends were addressed as well.
- Truck has a new battery and the suspension was updated and beefed up.
- Richard will be coordinating more drivers to get trained and also trained on running the unit.
 - To drive you need to be over 21, have approval from their local FD and approved driver from the NCCFCA driver's list.
- Advertising is still in progress and Glen Russell is going to assist Evan to get the advertising completed.
- Scheduling is being done by Richard Hedrick for 2014.

Correspondence:

- None

Good of the Company:

- Being no further business a motion for adjournment was made by Chris Totaro (73) and seconded by Chris Miller (54), all in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 2001hrs

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 2004Hrs

Roll Call of Officers:

- All Executive Officers were present with the exception of Vice President Evan Taylor who is out of town.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

- The minutes had been electronically circulated previous to the meeting. A motion was made by Ed Walters (61) and seconded by Chris Miller (54) to approve the January minutes. A motion was made by Marty Blumenthal (73) and seconded by Jeff Kimes (73) to approve February's Special Meeting Minutes as circulated and forego reading them, all in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

- January's Starting Balance of \$19,358.65 as of 12/25/2013
- Deposits of \$852.41 2014 Dues + Interest
- Credits of \$10,850.63 Trailer Payment and Limerick Fire Company
- Ending Balance of \$9,360.43
- February's Starting Balance of \$9,360.43 as of 1/25/2014
- Deposits of \$2,001.38 (Due + Interest)
- Credits of \$286.61
- Ending Balance of \$11,075.20 as of 2/25/2014
- A motion was made by Chris Totaro (73) and seconded by Denny Rumler (51) To approve the Treasurer's report. All in favor.

Correspondence:

- Community Risk Analysis being presented at MCFA.
- Received an update from Ed Atkins on the new Radio System.
- Information was sent out on how the MDCs will work.

CCFCA Advisory Board Report:

- Advisory Board Meeting Notes were distributed prior to the meeting.
- EMS has provided type code changes to be implemented with the new CAD. Biggest difference is the MVA responses.

DES Report: Beau Crowding

- Have had good response to the radio display at the March CCFA meetings
- The new radio system was setup in a warehouse in VA and was tested.
- March 24th the first tower is being installed at the PSTC
- January 2016 is when County is due to accept the new system
- Metro is the installer and providing maintenance for the new system.
- Need to push the Bidirectional amplifiers for large buildings
- Construction starts March 17 on the structures for the Tactical Village

Technical Division:

- A presentation was made on the new Harris Radios that were on display at the March meeting.
- 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.
- CAD System:
 - Went over the new CAD default responses.
 - Need to look at the QRS Responses
 - Need to get clarification on the 1 AMB/MIC >> I MED/PED Response
 - Need to bring up the North's request for 2 boats on water rescues.

Funeral Committee:

- Nothing to report.

Old Business:

- Bridge Permit Issues:
 - Brian received a phone call from the top level PennDOT Reps
 - New Policy is still in progress. Brian is meeting with the Bridge Engineer for District 6.

New Business:

- Fire Chief's Code: There is no state law to back this up
 - There are Federal codes for risking a catastrophe and interfering with a Firefighter that is in place.
- May's Meeting with the public officials and annual apparatus display. Please come with questions and submit any questions to Brian so they can be asked.

Good of the Company:

- David Meadows discussed their firefighter incident and the workman's comp is denying the claim. Their good insurance through relief is covering the costs and it is important to have good insurance through relief. Providence Insurance is the private insurance. Physicals are being recommended for fire schools
- Montgomery County Report: Nothing to report.
- Berks County Report: Nothing to report.

Close:

- Being no further business to conduct a motion was made by Jeff Kimes (73), and seconded by Ed Walters (61) for adjournment at 2122 Hrs, all in favor. The next meeting will be at Station 62 on May 14, 2014.

March 12, 2014,

Jonathan Brackbill

NCCFCA Secretary