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C/O RIDGE FIRE COMPANY
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Minutes for the September 10, 2014 Meetings

PCH Foundation Meeting

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order by President Brian Gallagher at the Ride Fire Co. at 1911Hrs.
- The pledge to the flag was recited and a moment of silence was observed to remember the losses on September 11th 2001 and LODDs this year.

Attendance:

- An attendance sheet was circulated with 22 members from 11 departments.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

- A motion was made by Jeff Kimes (73) and seconded by Chris Miller (54) to approve the minutes as circulated and forego reading them, all in favor.

New Business:

- Remember the Scholarship Program is still available for PASD residents.

Old Business:

- 501c3 status: Brian met with the lawyers and the process continues. He would like to continue with the project until finished.
- FIT test equipment is available for use. It is currently with Station 68.
- Lynn sits on the board at Phoenixville Hospital and their meetings conflict this year. She regrets that she cannot attend.
 - There has been a good response to the mini grant program.

Safety Truck & Trailer:

- First response from ESI for \$250 advertisement to the trailer

- Belfor needs a letter for this year's donation to the trailer
- Glen Russell
 - Trailer is back,
 - Richard will be reprogramming the last remotes
 - UPS Battery Backup had to be replaced
 - Died after 18 months
 - Needed to control the pea brains on all the modules
 - Replacement batteries proved the device was dead
 - New APC purchased and installed
 - Generator was serviced and running properly
 - How to guide and safety stickers were sent down to be put on the trailer
- Need to talk to Bullex about getting resolution to these issues
 - Frustrating when it's out of service more than it's in service
 - Need to see about swapping out the generator for a Honda generator
- Fire Muster in October. Donald Auman (64) volunteered to take the trailer down

Correspondence:

- Distributed in the electronic communications.

Good of the Company:

- TVFD is still available to house the trailer over the winter in an empty bay
- Being no further business a motion for adjournment was made by Devin Guth (73) and seconded by Rich Hughes (99), all in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 1926hrs

Northern Chester County Fire Chiefs Association Meeting

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order by President Brian Gallagher at the Ridge Fire Co. at 1926Hrs

Roll Call of Officers:

- All Executive Officers were present

Previous Meeting Minutes:

- A motion was made by Ed Walters (61) and seconded by Jeff Kimes (73) to approve the March minutes as circulated and forego reading them, all in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

- July's Starting Balance of \$7,209.57 as of 6/25/2014
- Deposits of \$0.88 Interest
- Credits of \$298.77, Printer supplies, trailer and fuel.
- Ending Balance of \$6,911.68 as of 7/25/2014
- August's Starting Balance of \$6,911.68 as of 7/25/2014
- Deposits of \$0.89 (Interest)
- Credits of \$128.02 (Robotronics and Fuel)
- Ending Balance of \$6,784.55 as of 8/25/2014
- Treasurer reports we have received the first advertising check for the trailer.

Correspondence:

- Senate Bill 1342 for local tax exemption for volunteers is being considered.
 - Reds Flagel asked to contact Peleggi to gather support.
 - Brian Gallagher recommends talking to Senator Rafferty and Dinniman by 9/15
- West End 67 converted their old rescue to a Squad/Utility vehicle that is available

CCFCA Advisory Board Report:

- Advisory Board Meeting Notes were distributed prior to the meeting.

DES Report: Mike Holmes

- Radio System moving along
- Training Center construction continues, drill tower's 3rd floor is done and upper floors of burn building are being worked on. RFP for firing range are being reviewed.
- Mike Holmes presented the FM report: 17 Investigations for Augusts

Technical Division:

- A County CAD apparatus inventory sheet needs to be back by the end of September.
- Harris is offering a 0% Loan for any station bought portables that companies want to purchase
- Devin went over the Harris radio presentation
 - County added an extra System Fire Ground channel for use on scene
 - Greatly expanded coverage
 - Emergency ID activation. Radios will stay on the channel the radio was on
 - Simplex channels will get the alert for the units on the scene
 - System channels: All units will get it including dispatch
 - System Wide Talk Groups for each station and municipality
 - Over the air programming will be utilized.

Funeral Committee:

- Preliminary 3 class protocol for FF funerals. Being reviewed.

Old Business:

- No letters of intention from Westwood, Sadsburyville, and Glennmore to join the Association.
- Attendance from Stations 63, 58, 98 and 99 has been low for 2014
 - Need to think of any repercussions for stations not meeting the minimum attendance for the year.

New Business:

- 2015 Election Committee Volunteers:
 - Ed Walters
 - Jason Brooks
 - Glen Russell
- Endorsement of Candidates Policy first read
 - No questions
 - To be voted on in November
 - Any questions to go to Evan
- County MDC allotments are being looked at with the new systems. Brian would like to look at the stations that don't use the MDC to be repurposed and provided to stations that do use them.
 - Glenn Russell (54) recommended looking at a grant to purchase their own
 - Possible looking at a system that can use a tablet/ipad
 - New CAD is not compatible with a Tablet or iPad
- Glen and Brian brought back up the Pooling of Air Card minutes to bring the costs down
 - Pay a year in advance so no monthly billing
 - Select group of administrators to manage the cards
 - Air Cards will be best suited Chief's Cars
- Chuck made the recommendation to acquire MDCs through a regional AFG Grant. Evan Taylor made the motion (68) and seconded by Tom Hornsberger (69). All in favor

Good of the Company:

- Best wishes to Chief Casper of Black Rock on his retirement
- Montgomery County Stations won't receive CC Radios as the systems will be compatible.
- Berks County is going a 700Mhz P25 system.
- Chuck polled the group for average number charged for fire reports

- Chuck brought up that that the noise is back on the repeated dispatch and working channels. Seems to go away over the system channels.
- It was brought up about MICU 84 and 83 doing a large amount of voice traffic and need to talk to these groups.
- Elderly Fire Prevention program available through Limerick
- Need to get the NCCFCA Knox box, we have the lid for the safety trailer.

Close:

- Being no further business to conduct a motion was made by Ed Walters (61), and seconded by Jeff Kimes (73) for adjournment at 2112 Hrs, all in favor. The next meeting will be at Station 62 on November 12, 2014.

September 10, 2014,

Jonathan Brackbill

NCCFCA Secretary