



NORTHERN CHESTER COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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C/O RIDGE FIRE COMPANY
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Minutes for the March 11, 2015 Meetings

PCH Foundation Meeting

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order by President Evan Taylor at the Ride Fire Co. at 1915Hrs.
- The pledge to the flag was recited and a moment of silence was observed.

Attendance:

- An attendance sheet was circulated with 25 members from 13 departments.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

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

New Business:

Lynn Hartman:

- Received the request for the 501c3 grant. PCHF will be processing and can assist with funding.
- Safety Trailer Loan is coming due at the end of May 2015.
- Need Assistance on rejuvenating the Tuition Assistance Grant Program
 - Need to meet with Lynn on getting info on how it was handled in the past
 - Can be done through Montco or Delco
- Small Games of Chance seminar in Philly on Wednesday 3/18. The cost is \$10.

Old Business:

- 501c3 status: The paperwork is being submitted to the IRS. Brian will be having a teleconference call on Friday with the lawyers. Currently looking like a 9-12 month turn around.
- Need a poll on how many AEDs you have, how old they are and what software they are running.

- Evan would like a point person from each station and needs the information by next month.

Safety Truck & Trailer:

- The truck needed to be towed back to Station 69. Will be looked at next week. Pete thinks it is the fuel pump.
- Still need more advertisements for the trailer and truck. Lynn said to send a request to the PCHF for advertisement.

Correspondence:

- None

Good of the Company:

- Station 63 is not sure if they would like to maintain membership.
- Station 98 paid their membership dues and penalties. Their designated Rep is Carl Daywalt.
 - Chester County needs an updated Apparatus and Officer's list for the CAD.
- Being no further business a motion for adjournment was made by Roger Kolb (62) and seconded by Chuck Hipple (64), all in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 1930hrs

Northern Chester County Fire Chiefs Association Meeting

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order by President Evan Taylor at the Ridge Fire Co. at 1930Hrs

Roll Call of Officers:

- All Executive Officers were present

Previous Meeting Minutes:

- A motion was made by Jeff Kimes (73) and seconded by Rich Hughes (99) to approve the January minutes as circulated and forego reading them, all in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

- January's Starting Balance of \$6,443.70 as of 12/25/2014
- Deposits of \$0.80 Interest
- Credits of \$100.09 Meeting Food, Safety Trailer.
- Ending Balance of \$6,344.41 as of 01/25/2015

- February's Starting Balance of \$6,344.41 as of 01/25/2015
- Deposits of \$0.87 (Interest)
- Credits of \$0.00
- Ending Balance of \$6,345.28 as of 02/25/2015
- Treasurer's Report stand and approved as read

Correspondence:

- None

CCFCA Advisory Board Report:

- Advisory Board Meeting Notes were distributed prior to the meeting.
- Need to have all your pagers and members in Enterprise Wizard to receive the new MDCs
- RIT assignments will be picked by the CAD as previously discussed in January.

DES Report: Mike Holmes

- Monthly FM Report provided
- 23 of the 27 tower sites are released to Harris for equipment to be installed
- System Acceptance scheduled for April 2016
- Training Facility: Tactical Village set to open in the Spring.
- Please keep fire scene photos towards extinguishing activities and not the investigation.

Technical Division:

- Nothing to report

Funeral Committee:

- Nothing to report

Old Business:

- Endorsement Policy to be presented at the next Chief's Meeting
- MICU 84 2/20/15 Meeting Report (Chuck Hipple)
 - Biggest Complaint from EMS crews is they are not receiving notes.
 - Would like to keep dispatching through Chester County, but don't currently have CC MDC. Would like to have CC MDC program loaded to their Montco MDCs.
 - Need to have an agreement letter between the Counties to move forward
 - Goodwill would like to have a second mobile for their backup truck with 3-4 pagers for the Supervisors and 2-3 additional portables for their Montco trucks.
 - Goodwill would like a response from Chester County but 5/31.

- Chuck Hipple (64) reached back to Keith Simpkins and Bobby Lee and has not heard back yet.
 - Will need to justify the need for the radios under CC's Radio Allotment Policy.
- The interference on the dispatch channel is a result of narrow banding by the FCC.

New Business:

- Glennmore Fire Co. has expressed interest in joining the membership and leaving the Central district. Marty Blumenthal (73) and Josh Spangler (73) made the motion and seconded to accept Glennmore as a new member. A dues check was presented to the treasurer from Glennmore.
- New Officer and FM Orientation Report: (Brian Gallagher)
 - New Fire Commissioner Tim Solobay
 - Emergency Reporting will take over from Fire House Software on July 1st.
 - FH Software had issues with their Web based program
 - FH Software utilized a proprietary database making it difficult to work with.
 - Working with politicians to revamp Relief Assoc. Allotments
 - Current bill is being introduced to increase allotments from 2% to 3% which would increase revenue by \$34 Million.
 - Smallest fire company would receive \$10,000.
 - Junior FF manual is being rewritten as well as the Emergency Vehicle Code.
 - Looking to increase E911 fees to help pay for the 911 centers
 - \$30 Million was removed from the PEMA loan program and will not be replaced.
 - Tim Solobay is working on legislation to identify light weight construction buildings.

Good of the Company:

- Phoenixville is hosting a Fire Inspector program
- Montco – New pager and radios being ordered and purchased through individual stations. Looking to implement in 2016/17.
- Next CCFCA Meeting is April 2nd
- May meeting will have a presentation of the LOSAP program. It is encouraged to bring each stations President or Treasurer.
- Kiddie is recalling 4.6 Million home extinguishers
- Brian Gallagher was presented with his gift to honor his years of service.
- Ridge is hosting a Drive to Survive class on March 17th at 7pm.

Close:

- Being no further business to conduct a motion was made by Josh Spangler (73), and seconded by Roger Kolb (62) for adjournment at 2021 Hrs, all in favor. The next meeting will be at Station 62 on May 13, 2015.

March 11, 2015,

Jonathan Brackbill

NCCFCA Secretary