



# **NORTHERN CHESTER COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION**

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C/O RIDGE FIRE COMPANY  
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## **Minutes for the January 10, 2018 Meetings**

### **PCH Foundation Meeting**

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

- The meeting was called to order by President Ed Walters at the Twin Valley Fire Dept at 1905Hrs.
- The pledge to the flag was recited and a moment of silence was observed.

#### **Attendance:**

- An attendance sheet was circulated with 22 members from 11 Departments and 3 guests

#### **Guest Speakers:**

- John Rafferty: Going to be a tight budget for 2018, but believe it to be mostly in place. He would like to push for more available money to be used towards fire houses to do building expansions and capital projects. The new fire commissioner confirmation coming as Solobay had to resign. No new names have been proposed yet. Bill 414 – require township and school board to provide tax assistance. John is also cosponsoring a bill allowing volunteers to get fire/rescue equipment sales tax free.
  - Loan forgiveness act for Tuition payment for FF and EMTs, trying to bring life back to that.
  - Working to allow FF and PD to wear a badge to identify blood type.
  - Would like to expand the aggravated assault charge for Fire Police/ Responders and crossing guards.
  - Working on prescription sharing information between the pharmacies statewide to limit the distribution of opioid drugs. Working on also limiting the ability to have an OD patient get revived with Narcan and then be able to refuse transport.
  - Increased mandatory minimum on repeated DUI offenses that end in killing someone.
- Becky Corbin: Please let the representatives know about your grant applications. Becky has Fire Safety material and manuals. Tom brought up about the CDL and Medical Card requirements for when not responding to an emergency. Need to have a blanket exemption or require a FD Drivers license like DE does.

- Warren Kamp: Would like to see what Municipalities are enacting the property tax and earn income tax rebates for Volunteers. Many municipalities are not considering it. Working on additional legislation for allowing EMS billing and reimbursement.

### **Previous Meeting Minutes:**

- A motion was made by Denny R (51) and seconded by Marty (73) to approve the minutes as circulated and forego reading them, all in favor.

### **New Business:**

- Lynn was not able to make the meeting, but sent in some notes and wants everyone to push the scholarship program.

### **Old Business:**

- 501c3 is in progress and we should know soon.
- Mini Grants are available. Next session starts in July

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

- Limerick's electrician is evaluating the electrical issues
- Need to push advertising
- Need to check with Glenn on if he reached out to John Stout

### **Correspondence:**

- None

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

- Being no further business a motion for adjournment was made by Marty (73) and seconded by Roger Kolb (62), all in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 1947hrs

## **Northern Chester County Fire Chiefs Association Meeting**

### **Call to Order:**

- The meeting was called to order by President Ed Walters at the Twin Valley Fire Dept. at 1947Hrs

### **Roll Call of Officers:**

- All Present

### **Previous Meeting Minutes:**

- A motion was made by Denny R (51) and seconded by Josh Spangler (73) to approve the November minutes as circulated and forego reading them, all in favor.

**Treasurer's Report:** 2018 Invoices will be going out soon

- Nov's Starting Balance of \$6,582.35 as of 10/25/2017
- Deposits of \$0.00 and \$0.82 Interest
- Credits of \$0.00
- Ending Balance of \$6,583.17 as of 11/25/2017
- December's Starting Balance of \$6,583.17 as of 11/25/2017
- Deposits of \$0.77 Interest
- Credits of \$0.00
- Ending Balance of \$6,583.94 as of 12/25/2017.
- The Treasurer's report will stand approved as read.

**Correspondence:**

- None

**CCFCA Advisory Board Report:**

- Meeting Notes distributed and highlights covered in DES report.

**DES Report:** Beau Crowding

- Working with the borough of West Chester to bring the PD on to the Harris system. Working on more inbuilding coverage. Still working on the Wayne site
- New station report coming out. Really liking the new format.
- Status Messaging – Really close to rolling out the enhancements
- CAD changes – many stations trending to AVL. Schedule an appointment with Justin to review your boxes and responses.
- Training Campus: Firing Range class starting on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Working on punch list items to finalize the build out. Driving Simulator is moving over there. Simulated Shoot house and defense tactics room are some of the many features of the new building.
- Fire Training – Work with Jeff Groves. The Day in the Life fire training has gotten a very positive response. Chester County will be offering Module 1 at the end of February. Will be looking to provide Module 2. Have seen a decrease in the attendees of responders taking Fire 1.
- Fire Services has taken over the management of the Fire Marshal's office and the Hazmat office.
- SR6 – Beau if the co-chair of the Training and Operations Committee, John Bass from Easton FD is the chair. Need to plan out a road map for the next 10-15 years. Need to create a minimum standard for services like PD and EMS has for qualifications.

- Paging System- Looking at Locution for a test of the system for automated dispatches to be the backbone
- CAD Integration into Emergency Reporting. It is in the works for 2018. It is a costly solution and the County is looking into what is involved. Will need to see what cost sharing may be needed
- Bruce Trego is the interim Fire Commissioner if you need to work with him contact Beau and he can help make contact.

### **FM Report: Jackie Weer**

- Thank you for the invite to the north.
- Getting the FM Office back together and each investigator has their own district. 2FT and 2PT FMs. Running duty weekends so you may see some different faces
- Blue Light lists will be sent out by the FMs office and returned to the FMs office and they will send to Embreeville.
- PSP FM office: Over 50% of the state trooper FMs retired. Having trouble getting troopers to step up and get certified for the state office. Chester County is working to get the PSP officers trained and up to speed. PSP budget runs June to June and they are out of money for overtime.
- Nursing home fire in November was the largest loss of life fire in a sprinklered building in US fire history.

### **Old Business:**

- Glenn Moore didn't make the minimum meeting requirement for 2017. Motion was made by Joel (62) and seconded by Joules (68) to apply a service fee to their 2018 dues
- Since no one wanted president. Ed will take President and Evan will be Vice President. The membership approved.

### **New Business:**

- Helmet color policy and goals for the North
  - Survey Monkey will be coming out.

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

- MontCo Report:
  - Linfield put Field 51 in service
  - Limerick's new tower is in and will be in service in 5-6 weeks. New Dept will be Limerick Fire Dept. and the Tower will be Tower 51. They are working becoming one dept for 2019. Still will be running as two stations.
- Next meeting to be at Linfield in March.
- Kimberton's Beef and Beer coming up

- TVFD is having their BBQ Competition again and first responder wing cook off. See Pete if interested, will be limited to 12 teams.

**Close:**

- Being no further business to conduct a motion was made by Chuck Hipple (64), and seconded by Jason Brooks (69) for adjournment at 2030 Hrs, all in favor. The next meeting will be at Linfield Fire Co on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018,

Jonathan Brackbill

NCCFCA Secretary