

# NORTHERN CHESTER COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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NORTHERN CHESTER COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION C/O RIDGE FIRE COMPANY 480 RIDGE RD. SPRING CITY, PA. 19475 - 9678

# Minutes for the September 12, 2018 Meetings

# **PCH Foundation Meeting**

# **Call to Order:**

- The meeting was called to order by President Ed Walters at the Black Rock Fire Co at 1912Hrs.
- The pledge to the flag was recited and a moment of silence was observed.

#### **Attendance:**

• An attendance sheet was circulated with 18 members from 10 Departments and 0 guests.

## **Previous Meeting Minutes:**

• A motion was made by Denny (51) and seconded by Ray Kolb (62) to approve the minutes as circulated and forego reading them, all in favor.

#### **New Business:**

None

#### **Old Business:**

- 501c3 no update
- Lynn confirmed that the NCCFA Training Mini Grant is funded using the money from the scholarship program that was pulled back from MCCC
  - Available to any member station to apply for up to \$2K each
  - Lou wanted to state that you can't apply for any training program that is also offered by Chester County
  - Lynn brought up about a Fire Company Administrator leadership class that is available to help strengthen the fire company administration
  - You can also charge to help offset the additional cost of the training/lecture
- New fiscal year started on July 1<sup>st</sup>, so you can apply for your Fire Prevention Mini Grant. Only 4 fire companies applied for it last year. It is up to \$500 a year for fire prevention and education.

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

- Trailer is 99% working, just a knob on one of the vents is broke, but a screw driver can be used
- It is scheduled for up to 7 events upcoming
- Need assistance for 10/27<sup>th</sup> for the Phoenixville Hospital Fall Fest and PCHF 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
  From 10-3pm

#### **Correspondence:**

None

## **Good of the Company:**

- The final event for the PCHF 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary is being held at the Colonial Theatre on New Year's Eve. From 9-1am. Open bar and \$150 a couple. Contact Lynn if you would like an invitation.
- Being no further business a motion for adjournment was made by Marty (73) and seconded by Josh Spangler (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 Ed Walters at the Black Rock Fire Co. at 1917Hrs

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

Evan Taylor was not present

## **Previous Meeting Minutes:**

• A motion was made by Denny R (51) and seconded by Rick (99) to approve the July minutes as circulated and forego reading them, all in favor.

## Treasurer's Report: All member companies have paid

- July's Starting Balance of \$8,589.28 as of 06/25/2018
- Deposits of \$1500.00 dues and \$1.15 Interest
- Credits of \$0.00
- Ending Balance of \$10,090.43 as of 07/25/2018
- August's Starting Balance of \$10,090.43 as of 07/25/2018
- Deposits of \$1.26 Interest
- Credits of \$0.00
- Ending Balance of \$10,091.69 as of 08/25/2018.
- The Treasurer's report will stand approved as read.

#### **Correspondence:**

None

#### **CCFCA Advisory Board Report:**

Meeting Notes distributed

#### **DES Report:** Beau Crowding

- WCPD are online on the Harris System
  - Had to do some enhancements for in building coverage
- Wayne sites equipment is in and will enhance coverage in that area
- Still working on Spring City Borough on those coverage issues
  - DES was able to recreate some of those sporadic issues
  - Harris has a master technician looking into it
- Fall Training classes are ongoing
- Please get your requests in for using the training campus as the dates are filling up into next year
- First Net: need to setup a station administrator with AT&T and approve your responders so they can go for a phone and be verified responder.
  - Can get preemption for phone calls and will get internet connection priority, but it will be slower than normal.
  - AT&T had the best coverage in the County
- 4<sup>th</sup> MDC will be available for new apparatus in 2018. In 2019 DES will be working through installing on the approved existing vehicles.
- Integration with Emergency Reporting from the CAD system is on the radar, but its realistically looking at 2020. There is an expense to it and DES is working with the Chiefs Association on how the expense will be covered
- Montco Interoperability:
  - Montco sent out a notice that they hit a delay with their new radio system. They were replacing the T1 lines with microwave and the microwave system didn't work well.
  - Chester is committed to get the interoperability working behind the scenes
  - Chester can do patching with Montco on any calls if needed. Just ask Chester to setup a patch.

#### FM Report: Jack Weer

- FM report provided
- Seeing an increase in female arsonist in all age ranges. FM Office is requesting to be called out on any incidents that you may need assistance on investigating. Will help to see bigger trends
- Barclay Friends is still under investigation

#### **Old Business:**

None

#### **New Business:**

None

# **Good of the Company:**

- MontCo Report: Limerick/Linfield is looking towards the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year for consolidating.
- Thank you to the Black Rock Volunteer Fire Co for hosting the September meeting and meal.
- The next meeting to be at the Phoenixville Fire Dept on November 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Nomination Committee: Chuck made a motion to have the current officers stay as is. It was seconded. The board said they would consider it.

#### Close:

• Being no further business to conduct a motion was made by Josh Spangler (73), and seconded by Rick Hughes (99) for adjournment at 2000Hrs, all in favor. The next meeting will be at Phoenixville Fire Dept on November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

September 12th, 2018,

Jonathan Brackbill

NCCFCA Secretary