



NORTHERN CHESTER COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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C/O RIDGE FIRE COMPANY
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Minutes for the November 14, 2018 Meetings

PCH Foundation Meeting

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order by President Ed Walters at the Phoenixville Fire Dept at 1901Hrs.
- 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 Jeff Kimes (73) and seconded by John Trego Sr (63) to approve the minutes as circulated and forego reading them, all in favor.

New Business:

- Pipeline Emergency preparedness training notice was sent out.

Old Business:

- 501c3 - We had a 501c4 tax exemption that got revoked due to us not filing our Tax Returns. We need to get that corrected so we can apply for our 501c3.
 - Pete talked with some accountants and it will be \$400-\$500 to get it straightened out. Then \$250 annually after that.
 - Jeff asked what the difference was between the c3 and c4.
 - John Trego Sr made the motion to proceed Al Simmons CPA with Marty seconded. All in favor

Safety Truck & Trailer:

- Scheduled 11 times. Had to cancelled 3 times due to power issue and once during rain. 923 people went through it.

- Need to know on the maintenance package renewal.
- Limerick and Twin Valley both agreed to store

Correspondence:

- None

Good of the Company:

- Being no further business a motion for adjournment was made by Chris Miller (54) and seconded by Josh Spangler (73), all in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 1911hrs

Northern Chester County Fire Chiefs Association Meeting

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order by President Ed Walters at the Phoenixville Fire Dept at 1911Hrs

Roll Call of Officers:

- Evan Taylor was not present

Previous Meeting Minutes:

- A motion was made by Kenny G (65) and seconded by Jeff Kimes (73) to approve the September minutes as circulated and forego reading them, all in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

- September's Starting Balance of \$10,091.69 as of 08/25/2018
- Deposits of \$0.00 dues and \$1.35 Interest
- Credits of \$0.00
- Ending Balance of \$10,093.04 as of 09/25/2018
- October's Starting Balance of \$10,093.04 as of 09/25/2018
- Deposits of \$1.26 Interest
- Credits of \$0.00
- Ending Balance of \$10,094.30 as of 10/25/2018.
- Need to check with Evan on who will be printing the 2019 invoices.
- The Treasurer's report will stand approved as read.

Correspondence:

- Tax Exemption Letter was received.

CCFCA Advisory Board Report:

- Meeting Notes distributed
- SMU status is getting better. Let the County know if you're having issues
- Silo Type Code – by default will be: 1 Truck, 1 Engine, 1 Tanker and 1 BLS.
- New officers being seated for CCFCA at the January Meeting.
- Locution paging system update

DES Report: Provided a head of time by Beau.

- 22,533 Telephone Calls last month: 727 per day.
- 1,027 Fire Incidents
- 3,679 EMS Incidents: BLS = 1,965 (53%) ALS = 1,714 (47%)
- Average Fire/EMS Dispatch time of 1 minute and 22 seconds
- 32,764 Police Incidents
- Average Police Dispatch time of 1 minute and 46 seconds *{FYI: The police dispatch times are high due to an error in the reporting system not reporting the initial dispatch when a secondary unit responds. We are working on a correction. End FYI.}*
- We conducted 379 formal quality reviews for telephone, radio, and emergency medical dispatch. The combined weighted average of 98% remains well above the Department objective of 90%.
- **Voice Radio Project:**
 - West Chester Borough Project: Awaiting renovations of Police Station to install radio consoles.
 - Wayne Project: Burn in testing has begun.
- **Training Facility:**
 - Last month we hosted 1,720 people at 187 events in the Academic Building; 817 people at 86 events in the Tactical Village; and, 586 people at 34 events in the Law Enforcement Firing Range.

FM Report: Provided a head of time by Beau.

- 25 investigations/notifications were handled by the fire marshal's office for the month. \$2,530,000.00 in fire loss for the month and \$51,918,000.00 estimated property saved for a 96% property saved. 3 emergency service workers were injured (all due to heat stress). 5 civilian injuries reported.
- We investigated 2 civilian fire deaths for the month, both un-related. Both of these deaths were possibly attributed to lack of early warning notification. In both dwellings, smoke detectors could not be located and both fires were advanced well beyond any efforts from the emergency

responders. One fire has been officially labeled as Accidental and the second is listed as Undetermined in cause.

- There was one reported firefighter save. An early morning fire in the Uwchlan Township section of the county was reported. When the first arriving officer found there was an elderly female trapped on the second floor. He went in and located the female and assisted her out of the dwelling. Over \$150,000.00 fire damage to the dwelling and reported accidental fire with an origin in the basement.

Old Business:

- Nominations: Motion made by Denny (51) and Jeff (73) to keep the officers the same for 2019. All in favor.

New Business:

- None

Good of the Company:

- MontCo Report: Chuck (61) provided an apparatus list of all MontCo Apparatus in the Chester County CAD. Please review and update with the County if needed. Please reach out to your neighboring stations if their apparatus is not up to date.
- Jeff (73) – Brought up about using a mutually shared operations channel on mutual aid calls. Can't talk on the private FD channels.
- Thank you to the Phoenixville Fire Dept. for hosting the November meeting and thanks to Belfor for providing the meal.
- The next meeting is to be at the Ludwigs Corner Fire Co. on January 9th.

Close:

- Being no further business to conduct a motion was made by Jeff Kimes (73) and seconded by Kenny Gordon (65) for adjournment at 1928Hrs, all in favor. The next meeting will be at Ludwigs Corner Fire Co on January 9th, 2019.

November 14th, 2018,

Jonathan Brackbill

NCCFCA Secretary