



NORTHERN CHESTER COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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C/O RIDGE FIRE COMPANY
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Minutes for the March 13, 2019 Meetings

PCH Foundation Meeting

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order by President Ed Walters at the Norco Fire Co at 1900Hrs.
- 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 5 guests.

Guest Speakers:

- Tracey St. Claire of Evan's Eleven: Save a Life Campaign presented on her partnership with area fire companies and Lowes to provide residents in need with working smoke detectors and fire extinguishers. Fire companies review the applications submitted and go out and inspect the resident and install the donated equipment. To date Norco has covered about 60 homes.
- Senator Katie Muth
 - 44th PA district
 - Home office is in Royersford
 - Enjoyed working with the local chiefs and learning a lot about the needs of the area
 - If you need assistance please reach out
- Representative Ciresi
 - 146th Districts
 - Thanked the companies for meeting with him
 - Been working with PennDOT with getting dry hydrants to the limited access highway
 - Looking at the class costs and taxes that fire companies are still incurring.
- Kevin from Senator Dinniman's Office
 - The Senator apologizes that he couldn't make it
 - Introducing legislature
 - Improved sprinkler system oversight and inspection
 - Senate Bill: 1097 from the previous session Establish a volunteer fire recognition program

- Student housing for attracting members and retaining members
- Gerry DiNunzio
 - President of the CCFCA
 - Looking to attract more representatives from the North
 - RIT and Equipment Standards are being reviewed this year

Previous Meeting Minutes:

- A motion was made by Chuck Fields (61) and seconded by Rick Hughes (99) to approve the minutes as circulated and forego reading them, all in favor.

New Business:

- Glenn reached out to Lynn about Physicals following NFPA. Lynn wanted to work to get the grant for Physicals. Limerick is doing the physicals every 2 years.
 - Would like to have a group grant to assist with funding
 - Following NFPA guidelines 1582
 - Chuck brought up about the Physical Trailer
 - Also looking if the CCFCA wanted to do a regional grant

Old Business:

- 501C4 – All information has been handed over to the accountant. He is going to work to get us straightened out.
 - Lynn needs an update on the 501c4 as she is going to assist with the CEO of Quest for the Best to help turn the 501c4 over to the 501c3.

Safety Truck & Trailer:

- Will be getting the trailer ready for the Spring
- One Event scheduled so far
- Need to get Advertisement

Correspondence:

- None

Good of the Company:

- Being no further business a motion for adjournment was made by Evan (68) and seconded by Chuck (64), all in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 1948hrs

Northern Chester County Fire Chiefs Association Meeting

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order by President Ed Walters at the Norco Fire Co. at 1948Hrs.

Roll Call of Officers:

- All Present

Previous Meeting Minutes:

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

Treasurer's Report:

- January's Starting Balance of \$10,000.82 as of 12/25/2018
- Deposits of \$0.00 dues and \$1.33 Interest
- Credits of \$0.00
- Ending Balance of \$10,002.15 as of 01/25/2019
- February's Starting Balance of \$10,002.15 as of 01/25/2019
- Deposits of \$2,750 in Dues \$1.29 Interest
- Credits of \$0.00
- Ending Balance of \$12,753.44 as of 02/25/2019.
- Royersford's Invoice was returned, Evan will be sending a new one out.
- The Treasurer's report will stand approved as read.

Correspondence:

- None.

CCFCA Advisory Board Report:

- Meeting Notes distributed
- New proposed DES Chief Notification Procedures was reviewed.
- Looking to try to standardize the fireground operations channels. System Channels like OPS1 are good for the mayday calls to be heard by many like possibly the dispatcher and the Emergency Button goes out to the 911 center. Digital simplex channels allow for better in building coverage, but does not connect with 911 center. Analog FD1 will be going away at some point
- Its encouraged for RIT companies to not be dispatched from the same company that is already sending other apparatus to your fire on the first alarm assignment

- The OPS Committee will be reviewing RIT and also the equipment requirements policies this year.
- New BYPASS Command is being looked at for when a paid staffing from an Ambulance helps to staff a fire response. The Ambulance would be placed in BYPASS so it is not recommended for calls while the crew is on the fire apparatus. No objections to this being put in place.

DES Report: Beau Crowding

- March 23rd Annual Fire Chiefs Update, Please sign up
- Strategic Plan for delivery of Fire and EMS Services. Waiting on some Homeland Security funding.
 - Please work with the group performing the plan to get the best response
- Not much has been done since the commissions reports on the status of the volunteering. The SR6 committee is staying in contact to get these actions moving from the 27 recommendations
- Beau has been receiving feedback since the report was issued on getting in communication with their municipal leaders
 - Need to give municipalities a good roadmap to your needs and time to prepare the budget to assist with funding.
 - Looking at better structure for EMS and Fire Commissioners office
- County Cyber Attack
 - DES had to disconnect the core systems from the network to maintain service
 - More measures are needed
 - County had many redundancies in place that worked out to keep everyone moving
 - County added on protecting the company owned MDCs
 - They are working to get to every station that has stationed owned MDCs
- Paging: Working to sunshine the final product of Locution. Advisory will be getting a demo soon and work on tweaking
- Verified Responder: County did purchase it, it was delayed due to the cyber attack, DES will be putting out some demos. Stations will need to send their active crew to the county to get access
- Radio Interopability – waiting on Montco to get their system up and running, but they will be able to be interoperable. Still need to work out who is paying the subscriber licensing.

FM Report:

- None

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- None

Good of the Company:

- MontCo Report: Glenn said progress is being made.
- Thank you to the Norco Fire Co. for hosting the March meeting and providing the meal.
- The next meeting is to be at the Ridge Fire Co. on May 8th this will be our Apparatus Display. Motion made by Jay (61) and seconded by Evan (68). All in favor.

Close:

- Being no further business to conduct a motion was made by Chuck (64) and seconded by Rick Hughes (99) for adjournment at 2016Hrs, all in favor. The next meeting and apparatus display will be at Ridge Fire Co on May 8th, 2019.

March 13th, 2019,

Jonathan Brackbill

NCCFCA Secretary