



NORTHERN CHESTER COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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C/O RIDGE FIRE COMPANY
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Minutes for the September 8, 2021, Meetings

PCH Foundation Meeting

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order by President Ed Walters at the Limerick Fire Dept – Linfield Station at 1858Hrs.
- The pledge to the flag was recited and a moment of silence was observed.

Attendance:

- An attendance sheet was circulated with 19 members from 11 Departments and 1 Guest.

Guest Speaker: Ann Beal from American Red Cross

- Blood Drives are way down due to COVID. Ridge is hosting a blood drive on October 19th from 2-7pm. Only requires about an hour of your time. Would like to have 67 people or more to meet the goal.
- Power Red Program available

Previous Meeting Minutes:

- A motion was made by Ray Kolb (62) and seconded by Rick Hughes (99) to approve the minutes as circulated and forego reading them, all in favor.

New Business:

- Vivian (PCHF)
 - AED Grans are open all year long
 - Mini Grants are available and application is all online now.
 - Grants are reviewed every 2 weeks. Let Vivian know they are comings so she can keep an eye out for it.

Old Business:

- Jay is still working on resubmitting the Training Grant from during the COVID Grant Freeze.

Safety Truck & Trailer:

- Andy Chambers (48) is using the trailer on Saturday for the 20th Anniversary of 9/11 in partnership with Uwchlan Ambulance. Their focus is health and wellness of First Responders. Lionville will be doing some rescue demonstrations.

Correspondence:

- None

Good of the Company:

- Being no further business a motion for adjournment was made by Jeff Kimes (73) and seconded by Charles Hipple (64), all in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 1910hrs

Northern Chester County Fire Chiefs Association Meeting

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order by President Ed Walters at the Limerick Fire Dept – Linfield Station at 1910Hrs.

Roll Call of Officers:

- All Present

Previous Meeting Minutes:

- A motion was made by Ray Kolb (62) and seconded by Jeff Kimes (73) to approve the July minutes as circulated and forego reading them, all in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

- July's Beginning Balance: \$15,764.92 as of 6/25/2021
- Deposits of \$250.00 (dues – 58), \$200 – (Trailer Ad Liberty Dental) and \$1.23 Interest
- Credits of \$0.00
- July's Ending Balance: \$16,216.15 as of 07/25/2021
- August's Starting Balance of \$16,216.15 as of 07/25/2021
- Deposits of \$0.00 and \$1.49 Interest
- Credits of \$0.00
- August's Ending Balance of \$16,217.64 as of 8/25/2021.
- The Treasurer's report will stand approved as read.

Correspondence: None

CCFCA Advisory Board Report:

- No AB Meetings in August, September AB Notes Distributed, Highlights below
- Ops Committee suffered a data loss and is trying to recover their work.
- Rescue Task Force looking for new funding sources.
- Gas Meters should be shipping on the 17th.
- Locution paging getting some more samples out to listen to and review sequence.
- Numbering Committee: Discussing Bariatric Ambulances with 87 and will have more for the group. Apparatus designations is wrapped up and turned over to Ops Committee.

DES Report: B.J. Meadowcroft

- 10 investigation, 6 notifications. Full Time position is open, received a wide range of applicants. 3 Hazmat Responses, 1 notification. Going through PEMA recertification.
- Locution - Samples provided to AB.
- Drill Notifications and Advisory Level Chief Notifications – Looking at the policies to see about doing a Dispatch and Clear type procedure. AB said to move forward with looking at revising. Refresh with Fire Dispatchers on automatic Rescue Task Force dispatch criteria. Also not getting the RIT notifications announced during some dispatches.
- Staffing Shortages - May hear staff doing dispatching. Working on getting more classes and positions filled due to retirements and dispatcher shortages.
- Cecil County Radio Interoperability - having a delay in connectivity issues.
- Vaccine – CCHD Working on Booster Shot Allocations. Tower Health is offering Booster COVID 19 Shots in the Phoenixville Area.
- Montco Compatibility - LID Share Agreements are in place. Waiting for Montco to complete their radio programming.
- Lancaster County - Cambridge section of Sadsbury Township, working on adding in some of the boxes into Lancaster CAD for areas covered by Lancaster Stations.
- LEWIS Env - Air Boat is available for emergency use at no charge, get ahold of Steve Pelna if needed. It's not being entered into CAD as a resource.
- Fire Training - Looking at increasing class costs. Max increase would be \$200 for in county stations.
- Hurricane IDA - Preliminary numbers 567 incidents in the last 24 hours. 230 Water Rescues. Normal for Fire side is 180 incidents a day.
- MPS Issues during Storms - Down First Net Towers so limited connectivity, maxed out the Internet Pipe from DES to MPS, High volume of incidents.

FM & HazMat Report: B.J. Meadowcroft

- August's Fire Services Data
 - FMs 10 Investigations, 6 Notifications
 - Full Time Position is open, received a wide range of applicants

- Hazmat – 3 Responses, 1 Notification
 - Going through PEMA Recertification

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Chester County Stand-By Knox Box
 - Montco Stations do not have keys
 - Everyone should check their inventory
 - Report back to Chuck Fields on needs and we can do one bulk order
- Hurricane IDA Response brought up on if anyone had anything to discuss. It was quite a night.
- Nominations Committee – Reach out to Chuck Fields if anyone is interested in a position before November's Meeting
- Pete brought up about having issues with Motorola pager batteries. New ones are aftermarket and just slightly smaller. Report to Bobby Lee if you are having issues.

Good of the Company:

- Montco report:
- Thank you to Limerick Fire Dept for hosting the September Meeting in the New Linfield Station.
- PA State Convention and Parade coming up at the end of September hosted by Limerick.
- New Squad 51 should be in service by end of October.
- Sanatoga – Inquired about Radio Interoperability Status. Lost the West End – Stowe Station.
- Blackrock – Operational Consolidation – Waiting on Montco to get Station 68 programmed into the CAD.
- The next meeting is to be at the Twin Valley Fire Dept. on November 10th.

Close:

- Being no further business to conduct a motion was made by Joules (68) and seconded by Rick Hughes (99) for adjournment at 1938Hrs, all in favor. The next meeting will be at the Twin Valley Fire Dept. on November 10th, 2021.

September 8th, 2021,

Jonathan Brackbill

NCCFCA Secretary