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Minutes for the January 12, 2022, Meetings

PCH Foundation Meeting

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order by Vice President Jules Marosfalvi at the Ridge Fire Co at 1903Hrs.
- 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.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

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

New Business:

- Mini Grants are available, and application is all online now.
 - Ridge received theirs and TVFD is still waiting to hear on their Mini Grant.
 - Kimberton has submitted for their Mini Grant

Old Business:

- Jay did resubmit the Training Grant from during the COVID Grant Freeze.
- Physicals - Ridge presented Bio Care and indicated they'd be using them. A price sheet will be distributed to all departments with a future mailing. The sheet was turned over to the secretary. Glen Russel (51) spoke on a new house bill from December on FD physicals, but the bill doesn't include Juniors or Fire Police. The group felt this would be a good topic of conversation for the March meeting with the political rep's.

Safety Truck & Trailer:

- TVFD going to store the trailer for the winter. Glen (51) advises the damaged tire was replaced and the fan is being repaired. From there the trailer will go to TVFD.

Correspondence:

- None

Good of the Company:

- With no further business to discuss, a motion for adjournment was made by Ray Kolb (62) and seconded by Jay Pollinger (61). All in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 1917 Hours

Northern Chester County Fire Chiefs Association Meeting

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order by Vice President Jules Marosfalvi at the Ridge Fire Co. at 1918Hrs.

Roll Call of Officers:

- President Ed Walters and Secretary Jonathan Brackbill was out of town. Chuck Fields recorded the minutes of the meeting. All others present

Previous Meeting Minutes:

- A motion was made by Ray Kolb (62) and seconded by Jay Pollinger (61) to approve the November minutes as circulated and forgo reading them. All in Favor.

Treasurer's Report:

- November's Beginning Balance: \$16,220.39 as of 10/25/2021
- Deposits of \$0.00 and \$1.35 Interest
- Credits of \$0.00
- November's Ending Balance: \$16,221.74 as of 11/25/2021
- December's Starting Balance of \$16,221.74 as of 11/25/2021
- Deposits of \$0.00 and \$1.35 Interest
- Credits of \$0.00
- December's Ending Balance of \$16,223.09 as of 12/25/2021.
- The Treasurer's report will stand approved as read.

Correspondence: None

CCFCA Advisory Board Report:

- No AB Meetings in December.

- AB Notes Distributed for January, Highlights below
- EMS Council Continue to work on the EMS White Papers for EMS operations related to high call volume. COVID continues to be a strain on the EMS Stations. Preparing for Brandywine's closure.
- AJ asked that if there is a Departmental Accident that a Chief Notification goes out to the Chief of that department involved. He will draft a policy for this and work with BJ.
- RTF: About 20 guys completed the High Angle Rescue Class. Working on getting the final test scheduled. Working with Matt Fink to try and get Bucks down to have classes down in Chester.
- CAR Designation will be used for Municipal Officials (Chief Fire Official ex.CAR 42) that has operational control of emergency incidents within their municipality. If the official is employed by the fire company and their authority spans several municipalities, they will go by the Chief designation.
- Recruitment – Matt from 25 is taking over R&R. Neil is going to help with the transition and get access to the email Mike King setup.

DES Report: B.J. Meadowcroft

- Fire/EMS Strategic Plan: Steering Committee submitted justification for Exgen X as Project Management Vendor.
- Locution: Work continues to move forward with no unmet needs from.
- Drill Notifications/Passive Chief Notifications – New policy went into effect. Chiefs only need to respond on pages that require action.
- Send 2022 Officer Contact list to BJ or CADUpdate@Chesco.org
- Updated Blue Lights lists go to Jackie Weer and he will submit to FM's Office
- Reminder to dispatchers to announce the RIT Units on dispatch
- Feedback from Fire Board on the IDA events, with more after action reports to come.
- PSTC – Matt Fink working on getting some new classes in and getting the contact lists for training contacts
- CAD: HBFC first due area of Caernarvon Township, Lanco will be transferred to Lancaster CAD this month.
 - Beginning to work with Concordville to update Birmingham Township responses live in Chester County CAD. Previously used Delco recommendations.
- New Routers - New routers and antenna continue to be deployed to units. Metro is scheduling with agencies.
- Tech is drafting a new upfitting policy for county supplied vehicle equipment and will share when it is available
- Received a couple of requests to dispatch fire units when district EMS units are tied up. Working with Harry Moore on the DOH stance for this.
- Matt Fink who replaced Jeff Groves attended the meeting and met with the Chiefs before, during and after the meeting. He went over some of his plans for the year and advises he can and will assist with local level drills.

FM & HazMat Report: B.J. Meadowcroft

- Decembers's Fire Services Data
 - FMs 10 Investigations, 11 Notifications
 - 2021 Total = 148 Investigations, 126 Notifications
 - Randall Patton promoted to F/T Assistant Fire Marshal position and will operate as FM101.
 - DES putting a new FM unit into service next week, will be a Black Chevy Tahoe.
 - Hazmat – 0 Responses, 2 Notification for December
 - 2021 Totals = 21 Team Responses, 7 Officer Responses, 29 Officer Notifications.
 - Team is currently working on planning training opportunities for 2022

Old Business:

- Steering Committee for Strategic Plan – Jay says he has not heard from anyone.
- Gas meters were handed out at the December meeting at Belfor.
- Ops Committee- Josh (69) advises he still has not heard from them.
- CCFCA awaiting a northern station to host the April meeting. Chuck Hipple (64) agreed to host that meeting. Jonathan will advise him if there is to be a 6 PM advisory board meeting first.

New Business:

- The Group discussed where to spend the Foundation's \$5000 for a guest speaker this year. Ideas like the Art of Reading Smoke and Riding the front right Seat were mentioned. It was decided that everyone should think about this and bring ideas back to the March meeting.
- The group then discussed the goals for 2022. It was felt we should try to jump start the bulk purchasing project and to have Jonathan resend or repost the previous data.
- Nominations Committee – Chuck did not have any new interested members for position. The Executive Board agreed to stay on. Motion was made by Kenny Gordon (65) and seconded by Chuck Hipple (64) to keep the positions the same. All in favor.

Good of the Company:

- The group discussed the Ambulance situation with two hospitals closing.
- It was noted that the East district was discussing the predetermined roles of incoming apparatus. The First In engine does this, the 2nd in truck does that. Chief 69 discussed his bad experience with it. Other echoed the general dislike and lack of flexibility the policy presents.
- Montco report: The Limerick chiefs discussed how they are trying the labeling (alpha tags) of portables. They are going to try based on the riding position. Examples: E51 Can man, E51 Officer.
- The next meeting is to be at the Ridge Fire Co on March 9th.

Close:

- Being no further business to conduct a motion was made by Ross Trego (73) and seconded by Ray Kolb (62) for adjournment at 1953Hrs, all in favor. The next meeting will be at the Ridge Fire Co on March 9th, 2022.

January 12th, 2022,

Jonathan Brackbill + Chuck Fields

NCCFCA Secretary