



NORTHERN CHESTER COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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C/O RIDGE FIRE COMPANY
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Minutes for the March 9, 2022, Meetings

PCH Foundation Meeting

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order by President Ed Walters at the Ridge Fire Co at 1902Hrs.
- The pledge to the flag was recited and a moment of silence was observed.

Attendance:

- An attendance sheet was circulated with 17 members from 11 Departments.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

- A motion was made by Jeff Kimes (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.

Old Business:

- Jay has not heard back on the training grant resubmitted since COVID Freeze.
- Physicals - Glen Russel (51) spoke on a new house bill on FD physicals and reimbursement.
 - Ridge is doing their Physicals in April through BioCare

Safety Truck & Trailer:

- Chair is fixed and the exhaust fans were replaced. Nothing scheduled yet for the Spring

Correspondence:

- None

Good of the Company:

- Thank you to John Stout and BELFOR for catering dinner for the meeting.

- With no further business to discuss, a motion for adjournment was made by Marty B (73) and seconded by Jeff Kimes (73). All in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 1906 Hours

Northern Chester County Fire Chiefs Association Meeting

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order by President Ed Walters at the Ridge Fire Co. at 1906Hrs.

Roll Call of Officers:

- All present

Previous Meeting Minutes:

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

Treasurer's Report:

- January's Beginning Balance: \$16,223.09 as of 12/25/2021
- Deposits of \$0.00 and \$1.44 Interest
- Credits of \$285 for Trailer Insurance, \$110 to Ray Kolb for Meeting Food, \$301.88 to Limerick FC for Safety Trailer.
- January's Ending Balance: \$15,526.21 as of 1/25/2022
- February's Starting Balance of \$15,526.21 as of 1/25/2022
- Deposits of \$0.00 and \$1.36 Interest
- Credits of \$0.00
- December's Ending Balance of \$15,527.57 as of 2/25/2022.
- The Treasurer's report will stand approved as read.

Correspondence: None

CCFCA Advisory Board Report:

- AB Notes Distributed for February and March, Highlights below
- EMS Council Continue put Guidance out on how to use Zero Response properly. Briefed the group on the Chester County Emergency Response. They are licensed by DOH, but do not have any first due area, nor are they dispatched on any calls. Don't meet criteria for a station number. If they arrive on your scene have the police there and notify Harry Moore at DES.
- RTF: Structural Collapse Regional Class being held. 8 personnel attending. Rope/High Angle 1 completed. Working on a Trench Class. There possibly is some money for a 2nd drone with Thermal Imaging capabilities.

- FTF: 4/23 All Hazards Exercise at Philly Fire Academy. Contain Neil Vaughn if interested on being on the Fire Task Force. Looking for input on revitalizing the Fire Task Force. Let us know your ideas. Current idea is a multi alarm fire triggers an Officer Notification for an officer to respond out and work with the OIC if additional Task Force resources are able to assist.
- 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 is rebooting to get going again.
- Sikorsky is Out of Service and have been closed out in CAD
- Locution: Work continues at Hexagon. Planning to roll out the first half of Summer.
- 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
- Tech – Firewall work was completed for the CAD. WebCAD and PulsePoint were down a few more days.
- MontCo – Both Counties working to get everything tested. Will be doing some test groups and then reprogramming the rest of the mobiles and portables. About 550 radios on the Chester County Side and over 800 radios on the Montco side.
- SECOM has been very spotty and is an old system. Will be going away a there is no funding to maintain it.
- New Routers - Metro will be calling to swapping them out shortly. Working with Devin on the station owned apparatus.
- was stopped in 2018. Many dispatchers know about not requesting 73 for stand by during the day.

FM & HazMat Report: B.J. Meadowcroft

- February's Fire Services Data
 - FMs 12 Investigations, 10 Notifications
 - Hazmat – 2 Responses, 3 Notifications

Old Business:

- Steering Committee for Strategic Plan – Jay says they have what they need from the North's survey
- Relocate Request Policies in CAD – The ability to specify no relocated between certain times was stopped in 2018. Many dispatchers know about not requesting 73 for standby during the day.

New Business:

- Limerick asked BJ about the I AM Responding link they have with Chester County. It's been broken and saves several minutes on responses between counties. BJ was going to look into it.
- County Ops Committee – Pete (69) provided an update and feedback from Josh on the Ops Committee's proposed apparatus designations.
- Roger (62) brought up about talking with Royersford and Spring City about joining again. Roger said he would talk with Gary at 98 and if Ed could talk with Keith at 63.

Good of the Company:

- Norco is holding April's AB and CCFCA Meeting on April 7th.
- Ridge holding their Blood drive on April 14th. Link is on the website.
- Montco report: The Limerick will have Special Service 51 coming in end of April, they are getting a Can-Am UTV with combo EMS and Fire Skid unit. New Engine getting ready to be ordered due to long lead time.
- The next meeting is to be at the Ridge Fire Co on May 11th. It will be Apparatus Display and Inviting the Elected State Officials.

Close:

- Being no further business to conduct a motion was made by Ray Kolb (62) and seconded by Rich Hughes (99) for adjournment at 2000Hrs, all in favor. The next meeting will be at the Ridge Fire Co on May 11th, 2022.

March 9th, 2022,

Jonathan Brackbill

NCCFCA Secretary