



NORTHERN CHESTER COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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C/O RIDGE FIRE COMPANY
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Minutes for the May 11, 2022, Meetings

PCH Foundation Meeting

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order by President Ed Walters at the Ridge Fire Co at 1913Hrs.
- The pledge to the flag was recited and a moment of silence was observed.

Attendance:

- An attendance sheet was circulated with 16 members from 8 Departments.

Guest Speakers:

- Senator Katie Muth, Representative Tim Hennessey and Danielle Friel Otten were in attendance and spoke on many issues. Here are the highlights of their discussion.
 - Budget Increases related to the increased inflation
 - Legislature initiatives to help with expanding loan and grant programs including COVID Grants.
 - Change in age requirement for MOD IV of FF1 from 18 to 17.
 - Rep. Otten's district being redistricted to cover more of Chester County
 - Bring up what projects that you need funding for as Budget Season is approaching
 - ARPA Money – Pete (69) asked how can this money be freed up for the Fire Companies? Municipalities are saying that the Fire Companies don't qualify.
 - PA Turnpike Commission – Haven't been getting paid for the \$250/incident fee for being a Turnpike Provider. The process is not clear and gets delayed causing the payment request to be denied.
 - Roads continue to deteriorate across the area. Closures of state roads for long periods of time are causing township roads to be damaged due to the heavier traffic volume.
 - Rt 724 at Laurel Locks Bridge to be completed by Mid-October.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

- A motion was made by Ray Kolb (62) and seconded by Jeff Kimes (73) 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.
- Fall Training – Need to get scheduled soon. Talk to Viviann about funding for the Training Grant Program.

Old Business:

- Physicals – Ray K (62) advised about not going with BioCare again for Physicals.

Safety Truck & Trailer:

- Richard will be reaching out to Glen on the trailer's status. It is at the Linfield Station.

Correspondence:

- Viviann will plan to attend an upcoming meeting to go over the new grant application process.

Good of the Company:

- Thank you to our PA Elected Officials for coming and partaking in our discussion.
- With no further business to discuss, a motion for adjournment was made by Josh Spangler (69) and seconded by Chuck Hipple (64). All in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 2008 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 2208Hrs.

Roll Call of Officers:

- All present

Previous Meeting Minutes:

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

Treasurer's Report:

- March's Beginning Balance: \$15,529.01 as of 02/25/2022
- Deposits of \$0.00 and \$1.22 Interest
- Credits of \$0.00
- March's Ending Balance: \$15,530.23 as of 03/25/2022
- April's Starting Balance of \$15,530.23 as of 03/25/2022

- Deposits of \$0.00 and \$1.34 Interest
- Credits of \$0.00
- April's Ending Balance of \$15,531.57 as of 4/25/2022.
- The Treasurer's report will stand approved as read.

Correspondence: None

CCFCA Advisory Board Report:

- AB Notes Distributed for April and May, Highlights below
- DES Personnel Changes and Schedule
 - Mike Murphy concluded his 23 years with the County
 - Bobby Kagel working in DES each day to get things in order for an interim Director of DES
 - Deputy Director for Fire Services job position is posted
 - See Beau after Thursday 5/12 for any items that need addressed
 - Keith Simpkins – Returned to DES from retirement to help with 911 Operations
 - Mike Groover – Working in Emergency Management as interim Deputy Director
 - Quality Division is still operating with current staff until new Director of Quality can be placed
 - Justin McClure is going out on Paternity Leave for 3 weeks. Devin will be assisting with CAD Changes until Justin's backup gets back from vacation. Please be patient for CAD changes
 - Will be looking to reinstate many of the part time positions that used to exist to help back fill open positions in 911 center
- The Chester County Emergency Response group has lost its medical director after the recent incident posted on social media.
- ByLaw Revisions – working through everything to make sure everything is covered & done right
- Operations Committee - working to get a meeting setup. Hoping to have items to bring to the AB in September
- Foam and Deluge 5 are being reassigned to the taskforce and will be located at the training campus.
- Numbering Committee – Working on a Drove (UAV) Designation
- Recruitment – Had a meeting and getting things rebooted.

DES Report: B.J. Meadowcroft

- Fire/EMS Strategic Plan Steering Committee resumed meetings in April.
- Locution: Work continues at Hexagon. Planning to roll out this Summer.
- CAD – Wrapping up the CAD and Radio work for Concordville Fire for Birmingham Twp. Justin plans to be out very soon for 3 weeks of Paternity Leave. Please be patient during this time for CAD changes.
- Tech – Devin will be assisting with CAD work while Justin and his backup are out.

- MontCo – Montco cross programming continues to move forward, Chesco radio personality build and Montco is finalizing their list of units that require the programming.
- NCCo SECOM patching replacement radios awaiting testing with NCCo.
- New Routers - Devin sending letters out to stations with previous VRM swapped routers. CCDES will pay for the new router and installation this last time, agencies will be responsible for the \$40/month connectivity fee. Router installations in all other units still moving forward and going well.
- IALS Level EMS Dispatch Changes
 - Effective 5/9/22 CAD will recommend IALS for the following ALS type codes: Back Pain, Abd. Pain, Diabetic Emergency, Injured Person.
 - For these ALS incident types, CAD will now recommend an IALS unit when the defined BLS agency(ies) has an IALS unit logged on and that unit is available. Otherwise, the default dispatch level will remain ALS when ALS is indicated.
 - No IALS unit will be recommended by AVL for the above ALS incident types in lieu of an ALS unit.

FM & HazMat Report: B.J. Meadowcroft

- April's Fire Services Data
 - FMs 12 Investigations, 5 Notifications
 - Hazmat – 0 Responses, 4 Notifications

Old Business:

- Steering Committee for Strategic Plan – Jay says he has not heard anything
- Roger (62) Spoke with Gary W (98) of Royerford about rejoining the Northern Chiefs. He expressed concerns about not being included in all the grants and many programs favoring Chester County stations. He was going to talk with the other line officers.
- Ed did not speak with Keith Bliss of 63.

New Business:

- County Ops Committee – Josh Spangler
 - Working on Apparatus Equipment Minimum requirements
 - Many of the AB districts did not support Port A Tank requirement on a pumper tanker
 - Automatic Make Ups – Current discussion is to make up after 6 mins of initial dispatch
 - The North does not support automatic make ups in place of Dispatch asking Command as Command may need different resources from those next due companies.

Good of the Company:

- Thank you to every station that brought apparatus to the meeting for the Apparatus Display
- The next meeting is to be at the Valley Forge Fire Co on July 13th. It will be the Annual Picnic.

Close:

- Being no further business to conduct a motion was made by Jeff Kimes (73) and seconded by Josh Spangler (69) for adjournment at 2038Hrs, all in favor. The next meeting will be at the Valley Forge Fire Co on July 13th, 2022.

May 11th, 2022,

Jonathan Brackbill

NCCFCA Secretary