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C/O RIDGE FIRE COMPANY
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Minutes for the September 14, 2022, Meetings

PCH Foundation Meeting

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order by President Ed Walters at the Ridge Fire Co at 1905Hrs.
- 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 Marty Blumenthal (73) and seconded by Josh Spangler (69) to approve the minutes as circulated and forego reading them, all in favor.

New Business:

- Vivianne – Provided instructions for the new grant system at the Health Foundation
 - Training Grant – \$2000 max a year for trainings not covered by CCPSTC
 - AED Grant – Up to 2 AES or \$3000 max. Can be used for replacement items
 - Health Education – \$500 Max a year for Fire/Health Prevention Grant
 - Technology Grant – 5000 Max. Talk to Vivianne if interested
 - Larger Requests – 5K-10K May to June Grant Cycle. Talk to Vivianne
 - New Fiscal Years starts on July 1st
- Vivianne has most companies in the Database and she can reactivate accounts if needed.
- Champions of the Community – 19 townships around the Borough. Open to nomination. Comes with a \$2000 check that you get to choose where to donate too.

Old Business:

- Dave Dodson new version of Art of Reading smoke.
 - Chuck has been trying to reach out to David Dobson to sign up. If anyone has a different contact information.

Safety Truck & Trailer:

- 4 more events coming up. Had an issue with the 110v fans. Has been converted to 12V fans.
- The Trailer will need a home for winter storage. Twin Valley does not have the space this year. Richard was going to check with Glen.

Correspondence:

- Advertisement Check for Trailer Received. Thank you Richard.

Good of the Company:

- With no further business to discuss, a motion for adjournment was made by Ray Kolb (62) and seconded by Josh Spangler (69). All in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 1920 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 1920Hrs.

Roll Call of Officers:

- All present

Previous Meeting Minutes:

- A motion was made by Jeff Kimes (73) and seconded by Ray Kolb (62) to approve the July minutes as circulated and forgo reading them. All in Favor.

Treasurer's Report:

- July's Beginning Balance: \$17,578.64 as of 06/25/2022
- Deposits of \$500.00 Dues and \$1.53 Interest
- Credits of \$0.00
- July's Ending Balance: \$18,080.17 as of 07/25/2022
- August's Starting Balance of \$18,080.17 as of 07/25/2022
- Deposits of \$0.00 and \$1.56 Interest
- Credits of \$0.00
- August's Ending Balance of \$18,081.73 as of 8/25/2022.
- The Treasurer's report will stand approved as read.

Correspondence: October 13th From 6-9pm Annual Truck Display at Coventry Mall.

CCFCA Advisory Board Report:

- September AB notes were distributed.
- Automatic Rescue Taskforce for Agricultural Rescue Calls – a small discussion was had, and it was decided to not have the TF automatically dispatched. o Would be good to have a method to dispatch Heavy Wreckers and escort them to scenes when needed
- Furnace Malfunction Call Type – North brought up about bringing back the Furnace Malfunction Call Type. No other support from the districts. Justin brought up that based on how the information is received in he doesn't feel it would make a difference in reducing the Building Fire responses. Smoke inside from an unknown source is dispatched as a Building. Smoke or Fire from a Heater is dispatched as an Appliance.
- Possible grant money available through a program called BRIC. Working to get more information on it.
- DES will not be attending every district and regional meeting to help curve employee burn out. They will plan to attend at least one meeting a year. Please funnel issues or action items to your AB rep to be brought up there.

DES Report: Justin McClure & Beau Crowding

- Locution: Hexagon work completed. Some code being adjusted. Tones to change for P25 compatibility.
- CAD – CAD updates coming out mid-month. Justin is still working on CAD items, but please be patient.
- MontCo – Limerick and Phoenixville are the two pilot groups with the cross programming. Montco is picking up the licensing fees to add Chester County radios to the system so we need to be mindful of that.
- 10-8 is an authorized installer now for the County in addition to Metropolitan. You will be able to specify in Enterprize wizard which vendor you would like assigned.
- DES is doing an annual audit of the installation expenses and will be working to assign a set amount to different categories of work to help control costs of extras and custom installs and mounts.
- New Routers – 386 installs completed. Some Signal issues working with AT&T.
 - 911 Ops – Requested to bring back Accident – Aircraft (Plane, helicopter, Hot Air Balloon) Does not include UAVs. Default response is RES, ENG, & ALS
 - Other Type Code Changes:
 - Accident – Structure – Accident with injuries, into a structure with possible entrapment. Default Response– RES, ENG, ALS and Rescue Task Force
 - ALS Cardiac will now be ALS Heart – No change to response
 - Looking into changing Equestrian Accident to Injured Person ALS with Access Issues.
- Director of DES Search – 45 applications to review. Beau expects first of the year at the earliest.
- Deputy Director of 911 – County continues to interview

- Beau Crowding is retiring from DES after 31 years and will be taking a new leadership position at Belfor.

FM & HazMat Report: Justin McClure

- August's Fire Services Data
 - FMs 12 Investigations, 7 Notifications
 - Hazmat – 2 Responses, 0 Notifications
 - Frank Sullivan Retired and Bob is acting Operations Chief.

Old Business:

- Steering Committee for Strategic Plan – Jay says he has not heard anything

New Business:

- County Ops Committee – Josh Spangler, Jonathan Brackbill (AB)
 - Ops Committee meeting was had 8/30, Tuesday before the AB Meeting.
 - At AB AJ went through verbally the proposed apparatus requirements to include aerial trucks different tiers of Rescues. Current and ordered apparatus is grandfathered in except for Rescue Apparatus. Prepare to vote on it at October's Association Meeting.
 - A discussion was had about the requirement of port-a-tanks and the Rescue and Aerial requirements just being posted.
 - Numbering Committee will be coming out to inspect new apparatus.

Good of the Company:

- Montco Report:
 - October 15th 1-4pm Open House at Linfield Station. No trucks are necessary.
 - As of 9/15 Air 51 will go out of service. The new Special service is hopefully go back in server end of the month
 - Tanker 51 is planned to return in October from refurb.
 - Paid engine is 24/7 at Upper Providence
- The next meeting is to be at the new Station 65 on November 9th.
- Nominations Committee: Ray Kolb and Chuck Fields. If you are interested in running for a position please reach out to a member of the Nominations Committee. Elections to be held at November's Meeting.

Close:

- Being no further business to conduct a motion was made by Josh Spangler (69) and seconded by Rick Hughes (M68) for adjournment at 2004Hrs, all in favor. The next meeting will be at the Phoenixville Fire Dept on November 9th, 2022.

September 14th, 2022,

Jonathan Brackbill

NCCFCA Secretary