



NORTHERN CHESTER COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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C/O RIDGE FIRE COMPANY
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Minutes for the November 09, 2022, Meetings

PCH Foundation Meeting

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order by President Ed Walters at the Phoenixville Fire Dept 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 10 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:

- None

Old Business:

- Chuck said that Bucks County is putting on their own Art of Reading Smoke class.
- Ed asked Chuck if he can reach out to Bucks about scheduling the course for late March or early April. Chuck is going to look into it further

Safety Truck & Trailer:

- UPS Batteries died right before Fire Prevention. Glen got a replacement battery.
- Richard said that the Knox Box keys are missing. Richard is going to check again if not will get replacements
- The Trailer will need a home for winter storage. Twin Valley does not have the space this year. Need to check with Limerick.

Correspondence:

- None

Good of the Company:

- Remember of the grants available through PCHF
- 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 1905 Hours

Northern Chester County Fire Chiefs Association Meeting

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order by President Ed Walters at the Phoenixville Fire Dept. at 1905Hrs.

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 September minutes as circulated and forgo reading them. All in Favor.

Treasurer's Report:

- September's Beginning Balance: \$18,081.73 as of 08/25/2022
- Deposits of \$0.00 and \$1.45 Interest
- Credits of \$166.02 J. Brackbill Meeting Food
- September's Ending Balance: \$17,917.16 as of 09/25/2022
- October's Starting Balance of \$17,917.16 as of 09/25/2022
- Deposits of \$200.00 Trailer Advertisement and \$1.61 Interest
- Credits of \$0.00
- October's Ending Balance of \$18,118.77 as of 10/25/2022.
- The Treasurer's report will stand approved as read.

Correspondence: None

CCFCA Advisory Board Report:

- October and November AB notes were distributed.
- New Pagers to handle P25 voice paging only made by Unication right now. DES does not have it in their budget for full funding. Gerry is looking into a Grant like we did last time.

- DES also looking at other types of alerting and speaking with Pulse Point, but all of those 3rd party apps are subject to internet or cell outages.

DES Report: Justin McClure

- Adam is new CAD system administrator
- Hazmat Chief - Interviews completed.
- BJ Meadowcroft Deputy Director for 911 Ops 11/14
- Still accepting applications for 3rd PT Fire Marshal position
- DES Director- Final core interviews had this past week. Commissioners have not yet decided
- Mobile Data - working on some routers that have disconnect issues
- AT&T/First Net - Chester County was first to notify. Went all the way up to State College. No reason given yet.
- Locution - lots of work going on. Hexagon is finalizing interface. Metro working on the wiring changes. Migrating away from VHF paging. Looking at funding needs for the pager. May not be a 100% funded by the county. Discussing the next generation of Pulse Point. \$700/per Unication pager Look at including in your end of 2023/2024 budget. CCFCA proposed doing another regional AFG for the funding.
- MCB - out of service for mechanical. Is being relocated to Phoenixville Hospital.
- Montgomery County Paging - 63/65 is complete, 62/64 are next. Chester County radios at Montco stations will be pulled back as they are onboarded onto the Chester County System

FM & HazMat Report: Justin McClure

- October's Fire Services Data
 - FMs 12 Investigations, 19 Notifications
 - Hazmat – 2 Responses, 2 Notifications

Old Business:

- CCFCA Ops Committee – Josh Spangler, Jonathan Brackbill (AB)
 - Feedback from October's Meeting taken back to Ops Committee. Port a Tanks left on for Tankers. Absorbent Material requirements reduced for Rescues as additional resources would be called in for larger spills.
 - Attack Hose Line sizes removed and changed to reflect flow gallonage needed.
 - Expect an Operational Vote in January.
 - Montco Stations provided feedback that the Montco equipment requirements are not as strict and listed more like recommendations and guidelines

New Business:

- None

Good of the Company:

- Montco Report:
 - Limerick – Tanker 51 is due in from refurb any day now. Special service and UTV did come in and should be in service within the next month As of 9/15 Air 51 will go out of service. The new Special Service is hopefully going in server end of the month
 - Sanatoga - Montco Chief association is starting a recruitment and retention program. Look for ads and media to be showing up shortly.
- Thank you to Station 65 for hosting the November Meeting
- Nominations Committee: All current board officers are interested in keeping their positions. There were no additional candidates interested in running. Ray Kolb (62) Made the motion to keep the officers the same for 2023. Josh Spangler (69) seconded the motion. All in Favor. The Secretary cast the single vote for each position.
 - 2023 Elected Officers:
 - President – Ed Walters (65)
 - Vice President - Julius Marosfalvi (68)
 - Treasurer – Tom “Pete” Hornberger (69)
 - Recording Secretary – Jonathan Brackbill (62)

Close:

- Being no further business to conduct a motion was made by Jeff Kimes (73) and seconded by Doug Gable (61) for adjournment at 1944Hrs, all in favor. The next meeting will be at the Ridge Fire Co on January 11th, 2023.

November 9th, 2022,

Jonathan Brackbill

NCCFCA Secretary