

# NORTHERN CHESTER COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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NORTHERN CHESTER COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION C/O RIDGE FIRE COMPANY 480 RIDGE RD. SPRING CITY, PA. 19475-9678

## Minutes for the January 11, 2023, Meetings

## **PCH Foundation Meeting**

#### Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order by Vice President Julius Marosfalvi at the Ridge Fire Co at 1901Hrs.
- The pledge to the flag was recited and a moment of silence was observed.

#### Attendance:

• An attendance sheet was circulated with 20 members from 8 Departments.

#### **Previous Meeting Minutes:**

• A motion was made by Roger Kolb (62) and seconded by Doug Gable (61) to approve the minutes as circulated and forego reading them, all in favor.

#### New Business:

• Provided information from Vivian's email on grant opportunity.

#### Old Business:

 Chuck located Phil Jose who is presenting the Art of Reading Smoke Class. We booked him for April 22<sup>nd</sup> and need a venue to host the class at. Chuck recommended a school auditorium for more comfort. Roger was going to check with OJR and Glen was going to check on Spring Ford as a backup location. Pricing was discussed for outside companies with lunch provided the cost was set at \$75/person. Jay was going to talk to Beau on BELFOR sponsoring.

#### Safety Truck & Trailer:

• Twin Valley and Limerick do not have room this winter for storage. Will be stored outside at Ridge.

#### **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 Doug Gabel (61) and seconded by Evan Taylor (68). All in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 1916 Hours

### **Northern Chester County Fire Chiefs Association Meeting**

#### Call to Order:

• The meeting was called to order by Vice President Julius Marosfalvi at the Ridge Fire Co. at 1916Hrs.

#### **Roll Call of Officers:**

• Ed had a conflict this evening.

#### **Previous Meeting Minutes:**

• A motion was made by Jeff Kimes (73) and seconded by Chuck Hipple (64) to approve the November minutes as circulated and forgo reading them. All in Favor.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

- November's Beginning Balance: \$18,118.77 as of 10/25/2022
- Deposits of \$0.00 and \$1.56 Interest
- Credits of \$0.00
- November's Ending Balance: \$18,120.33 as of 11/25/2022
- December's Starting Balance of \$18,120.33 as of 11/25/2022
- Deposits of \$0.00 and \$1.40 Interest
- Credits of \$96.00 R. Hedrick for website renewal
- December's Ending Balance of \$18,025.73 as of 12/25/2022.
- Trailer Insurance is due.
- The Treasurer's report will stand approved as read.

#### Correspondence: None

#### **CCFCA Advisory Board Report:**

• January AB Highlights were discussed.

- New Pagers to handle P25 voice paging only made by Unication right now. If P25 system goes down how does the County communicate that out. Gerry is looking into a Grant like we did last time.
- Pulse Point Verified Responder working on enhancements for station based alerting.

#### DES Report: Justin McClure

- Bill Messerschmidt has been selected as the next Director of Emergency Services. Bill comes with to Chester County with an extensive background in emergency services and will start his new position in February.
- Hazmat Chief Bob Stewart has been chosen to fill the position of Hazardous Materials Response Team Chief and his first working day was January 3.
- New 8 Person 911 Call Taker Class begins on Monday (1/9). The Fireboard class will start at the end of January. New Fireboard dispatcher was released this month.
- Mobile Data 575 Installations completed to date. Priority being given to oMG 2000's left in the field experiencing issues.
- Locution lots of work going on. Hexagon is finalizing interface. Metro working on the wiring changes. DES continues to have discussions on what the allotted quantity of DES provided P25 pagers per station is going to be.
- CAD: ACARDIAC was changed back to AHEART on January 3. DES is working on a deployment plan for the additional accident type codes which will include a period for agencies to submit override requests outside of the default response plans.
  - DES is having internal discussions on the EMD criteria for ALS/BLS Injured persons with access issues type code.
- Montgomery County Paging 62,63,64,65,67 & 68 Completed. Stations 02,77,83,84,87, and Delco Station 15 Next in queue. Any other agencies who believe they require the cross programming should reach out to Devin Guth
- DES Policy 500-3 o A question was raised regarding the distribution of mobile data equipment between police/EMS and fire agencies.
  - DES is having internal discussions about the amount of perceived unlimited mobile data equipment being issued to police/EMS organizations and its ability to continue funding the current distribution policy.
  - DES does not have the inventory nor the operating budget to exceed the current distribution policy.

#### FM & HazMat Report: Justin McClure

- 2022 Fire Services Data
  - FMs 141 Investigations, 111 Notifications
    - There were 8 Fire Deaths in Chester County in 2022
  - Hazmat 20 Team Responses, 3 Duty Officer Responses and 32 Notifications

#### Old Business:

- CCFCA Ops Committee Josh Spangler, Jonathan Brackbill (AB)
  - 3 Port a Tank requirement for Tanker Task Force is on hold after January Association meeting. AB is to work on a solution. Ross brought up he was advised to add more tankers on his first alarm.
  - Operational vote for apparatus equipment minimums passed on a 17 to 10 vote at January's Association meeting.
  - Stations will be asked to do a self-audit of their Rescues and Rescue Pumpers and sign off on what it will be designated. Inspections will be done if complaints received.
  - Nothing further on Automatic Make Ups

#### New Business:

- Friendship Dive/Rescue Station 77 expressed interest in meeting with the North to join the association. Evan and Doug made the motion to invite Station 77 to meet with the North. All in favor.
- After some discussion on CAD processes and response assignments. Jay (61) asked if the County could come out to the next meeting to provide an overview of the CAD and how response plans function within CAD. Jonathan to reach out to Adam and Justin.

#### Good of the Company:

- Montco Report:
  - Limerick Glen said they are running into issues with low staffing on apparatus when coming to assist. Please make sure stations are keeping to the minimum staffing of 4 qualified personnel responding on assists.
- Jules has the 2023 Dues invoices available. \$250/station for the year. Any station not in good standing would have to pay the out of association fee for any trainings or trailer rentals.

#### Close:

 Being no further business to conduct a motion was made by Marty Blumenthal (73) and seconded by Doug Gable (61) for adjournment at 2018Hrs, all in favor. The next meeting will be at the Ridge Fire Co on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

January 11th, 2023,

Jonathan Brackbill

NCCFCA Secretary