



NORTHERN CHESTER COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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C/O RIDGE FIRE COMPANY
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Minutes for the May 10, 2023, Meetings

PCH Foundation Meeting

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order by President Ed Walters at the Ridge Fire Co at 1903Hrs.
- The pledge to the flag was recited and a moment of silence was observed.

Attendance:

- An attendance sheet was circulated with 22 members from 11 Departments.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

- A motion was made by Roger Kolb (62) and seconded by Jeff Kimes (73) to approve the minutes as circulated and forego reading them, all in favor.

New Business:

- Joel McMillan (62) brought up about the 7 members that signed up and did not attend the Art of Reading Smoke Class to be charged the \$75 out of Association cost. Motion was made by Joel McMillan (62) and seconded by Chuck Hipple (64) to charge the 3 departments for the 7 members that did not attend. All in Favor.

Old Business:

- Art of Reading Smoke Class, April 22nd at OJR Middle School.
 - Everything Went well. Thank you to all those that assisted and attended.
 - Getting a letter to BELFOR for the reimbursement on the Food.

Safety Truck & Trailer:

- Richard Hedrick (62) brought up about getting the trailer unwrapped for the Season. Harleysville FC reached out about renting the trailer in October.

Correspondence:

- None

Good of the Company:

- Reminder of the grants available through PCHF
- 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 1914 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 1914Hrs.

Roll Call of Officers:

- All present

Previous Meeting Minutes:

- A motion was made by Jeff Kimes (73) and seconded by Paul DiCarlo (48) to approve the March minutes as circulated and forgo reading them. All in Favor.

Treasurer's Report:

- March's Beginning Balance: \$17,438.35 as of 02/25/2023
- Deposits of \$2250.00 (2023 Dues) and \$1.44 Interest
- Credits of \$142.88 Meeting Refreshments
- March's Ending Balance: \$19,546.91 as of 03/25/2023
- April's Starting Balance of \$19,546.91 as of 03/25/2023
- Deposits of \$0.00 and \$1.72 Interest
- Credits of \$4500 Ignition Point Training, \$517.78 Amore Pizza, \$360.72 Ridge Fire Co (Breakfast), \$230.54 Glenn Russel (Dinner).
- April's Ending Balance of \$13,939.59 as of 04/25/2023.
- Payments for Out of Association Attendees coming in.
- The Treasurer's report will stand approved as read.

Correspondence: Letter and donation received from Jason Hess for missing his appointment for setting up the AV systems at the Middle School for the Art of Reading Smoke Training.

CCFCA Advisory Board Report:

- April and May AB Highlights were distributed.

- Siren Tones – Stations still using the siren tones, please work to proactively switch your tone decoders over to your general fire tone. There is no set end date for siren tones from DES, but it's relying on the old paging system working.
- CO Incident Type code being implemented. Default response will be an Engine and BLS Ambulance. CO Alarm will now just be an Engine from the local agency.
- 911 Ops – Call sequence for EMS Calls being reviewed to get revamped. Will be discussing with EMS Council.
- EMS – Standardizing status checks and the standard responses if there is a problem
- Fire Police – Confusion coming out of the training held. Need to reaffirm that FP fall under the Fire Company operations and Fire Chief. Fire Police are members of the fire company first.

DES Report: Justin McClure

- Mobile Data – 665 Installations completed to date and coming to the end of the project.
- Locution/Paging – DES has reached out to some additional VHF paging vendors for demos.
- CAD Items:
 - RES/SQD Default Response Plans which include RES are being updated to RES/SQD
 - Siren Tones still in service: 8, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 31, 33, 36, 37, 44, 47, 48, 49, 62, 63, 64, 68, 69.
 - Pulse Point VR: 1233 Accounts, Tech is creating a dedicated email account for Pulse Point Requests.
 - EV Fires: Looking at leveraging greater alarm levels to send additional resources to EV Fires. Would not impact structure fire type codes. Hazmat and FMs looking for agency reporting on fires involving Lithium Ion Batteries to track trends and data for the County
 - Volunteer First Responder Tax Credit: 439 responses have been received to date. Have until May 15th to answer the survey.

FM & HazMat Report: Justin McClure

- April Fire Services Data
 - FMs 21 Investigations, 15 Notifications
 - Hazmat – 2 Team Responses, 1 Duty Officer Responses

Old Business:

- CCFCA Ops Committee – Josh Spangler, Jonathan Brackbill (AB)
 - AJ has received 10 forms back so far for the Rescue/Squad Self-Assessment.
 - Discussion was had if there will be any exceptions granted as that is what some believe stations are waiting to see before changing their truck designation.
 - No exceptions being made. If you have questions please provide to your AB rep or reach out to Gerry and AJ directly.
 - Self-Assessment Forms due back by June 1st.
 - The East would like to look at Automatic Updates again. Jonathan stated the North's position on leaving the policy as is with the dispatcher stating what is lacking and the IC

providing direction. The AB asked for additional feedback from the North on why not having your box filled out on a working fire automatically.

- Feedback from the North Meeting
- The question that should be asked is are you lacking any manpower?
- Until you can make feasibly make a response plan for each property individually you need to create a generic response for that area on what you believe would be the best apparatus needed. Once on scene you can tailor the response to what you need for that incident.
- We encourage all stations to learn what their neighbors have so you can plan and call accordingly and not rely on the CAD to do everything.

New Business:

- Adam DeNicolo (DES) was not able to make the meeting tonight due to some unexpected staff absences and workload. We will try to schedule Adam for the September meeting.
- After a discussion on the requested Rescue/Squad Self-Assessment a request was brought up about exploring sending a letter to the CCFCA with the North's opposition to the process taken with the Apparatus Minimum Equipment Policy. Feedback is due back so members can send a draft. Joel brought up that Jonathan didn't have the available time to compose the letter.
- EV Fire Call Type Feedback: It was brought up if we can get a tow truck on the response to move the vehicle if by a structure. Based on feedback from the GM EV Class going on this week, best to leave the fire response as based on new techniques. If you are in a position to let it burn that is the best advice.

Good of the Company:

- Montco Report:
 - Limerick's Fair is coming up
 - Remember when responding into Montco for assists please announce your staffing level. Request minimum of 4 qualified FFs for assist calls.
 - Recruitment and Retention Campaign ongoing in Montco.
- Valley Forge said they are available to host the annual picnic on July 12th

Close:

- Being no further business to conduct a motion was made by Jeff Kimes (73) and seconded by Kenny Gordon (65) for adjournment at 2018Hrs, all in favor. The next meeting will be at the Valley Forge Fire Co on July 12th, 2023.

May 10th, 2023,

Jonathan Brackbill

NCCFCA Secretary