



NORTHERN CHESTER COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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C/O RIDGE FIRE COMPANY
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Minutes for the January 10, 2024, Meetings

PCH Foundation Meeting

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order by President Jeff Kimes 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 10 Departments.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

- A motion was made by Roger Kolb (62) and seconded by Scott Hamrick (77) to approve the minutes as circulated and forego reading them, all in favor.

New Business:

- Glenn talked with Vivian about raising the award limit to AED Grant to \$2000 for 1 or \$4000 for 2 (Batteries, Pad Replacements, Or New AEDs can be applied for).
- Vivian was in attendance and went over updates to the Grant programs.
 - They now have an IT Mini Grant up to \$5,000 for equipment/software/Training of IT upgrades. Glenn talked about possibly combining six companies IT Mini Grant to get \$30,000 in total. He needs to talk with Vivian further.
 - Health Education Grant for \$500 Mini Grant for Fire Prevention Material
 - Capacity Building – Strategic Planning/HR Consulting grants. 2500 Grant
 - Larger Grant Cycle, early May to June for larger grants over \$10,000. Decisions made by Mid-September.
- Please talk with Vivian and review prior to submitting the larger grants so she can help.
- Mini Grant Applications are a one-page application on the website. Submit your 501c3, and a proposal/estimate for the product you are going after.
- You can only submit for one Mini Grant type per year. New as of this year for July 1. Need to apply for your grant first before you incur the expense.

- Make sure your organizations contact information is up to date. Talk with Vivian to confirm who is already in the system.
 - Please continue to use these programs.

Old Business:

- Safety Trailer Upgrades and Funding. Glen is working on grants for these upgrades. Been talking with PCHF.

Safety Truck & Trailer:

- Thank you to Black Rock for storing inside for the Winter. Generator needs service and it is at Ridge. Glenn is going to talk with Erb and Henry on servicing the generator.

Correspondence:

- None

Good of the Company:

- With no further business to discuss, a motion for adjournment was made by Doug Gable (61) and seconded by Roger Kolb (62). All in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 1925 Hours.

Northern Chester County Fire Chiefs Association Meeting

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order by President Jeff Kimes at the Ridge Fire Co. at 1925Hrs.

Roll Call of Officers:

- All Present.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

- A motion was made by Rich Hughes (99) and seconded by Scott Hamrick (77) to approve the September minutes as circulated and forgo reading them. All in Favor.

Treasurer's Report:

- November's Beginning Balance: \$16,072.40 as of 10/25/2023
- Deposits of \$0.00 and \$1.34 Interest
- Credits of \$0.00
- November's Ending Balance: \$16,073.74 as of 11/25/2023
- December's Starting Balance of \$16,073.74 as of 11/25/2023
- Deposits of \$75.00 (Training Reimbursement) and \$1.25 (Interest)

- Credits of \$0.00
- October's Ending Balance of \$16,149.99 as of 12/25/2023.
- Payment for the missing members of the Art of Reading Smoke training from Station 73. Jeff is going to check on that.
- Jules has your 2024 Membership dues.
- Pete is getting the information in for filling the taxes.
- Jeff brought up about doing an internal audit of the financials as per the By-Laws. A committee was formed of Paul DeCarlo (48) and Scott Hamrick (77) to review the financials.
- The Treasurer's report motion for approval from Jay Pollinger (61) seconded by Doug Gable (61). All in favor.

Correspondence: None

CCFCA Advisory Board Report:

- Auto Make Up on WFD being investigated and working through CAD process and DES will follow up.
- County Property Tax Credit: Taking questions and updating the FAQ section routinely as they receive feedback. Recommendation is to document your committee member's participation in company minutes for official record keeping.
 - Stations must submit their spreadsheets before February 15th so their members can benefit from the Tax Rebate.
 - Self-Identification Forms are due by January 15th of 2025 for the 2024 Tax year as that is the last day that you can pay your County Taxes. Once taxes are paid and your forms are in, County will send you a rebate.
- Training Campus Engine – Idea received to use the \$350K to purchase a decent used engine and immediately work with County to form a committee to spec a new engine for purchase and hopefully delivery 4-5 years down the road.
- Hero Fund Fundraising event in March with Joe Conklin at Downingtown Country Club. Would like each station to try and get a sponsor from your district as the Hero Fund is available to all of us when in need.

DES Report: Justin McClure

- New Pagers/Paging System – \$1.3M approved for 2024 Budget.
- Working on supplemental insurance policy to cover Rescue Task Force, Like the policy they currently hold for the Haz-Mat Team.
- Pulse Point – Tech Group planning to come to a Chief's Meeting to go over the new member's portal for managing your own users.
- CISM – Now falls under the Quality Assurance Division. Will be hiring a second coordinator. CSIM requests can be made from the Fire Board. They can also provide training to your stations.

FM & HazMat Report: Justin McClure

- For 2023 FMs 170 Investigations (8 Intentional, 114 Unintentional, 1 Natural, 45 Undetermined, & 2 Misc Assists). 20 FF Injuries, 48 Civilian Injuries, 1 FF Fatality, & 3 Civilian Fatalities.
- Haz-Mat 2023 Report: 23 Team Responses, 12 Duty Officers Responses, & 11 Notifications.

Old Business:

- Meeting Locations for March and May.
 - March's Meeting at Black Rock, Thank you Rich.
 - May's Meeting with Elected Officials and Apparatus Display at Ridge.

New Business:

- Looking at Grant opportunities for or combining station grant fundings for the Safety Trailer.
- 2024 Goals
 - Website Refresh – Possibility of putting a committee together to help with ideas for a new site or a revamp to update.
 - Working with the schools for a 9th/10th grade program to gain interest from the students for volunteers.

Good of the Company:

- Montco Report: Nothing to Report

Close:

- Being no further business to conduct a motion was made by Roger Kolb (62) and seconded by Rich Hughes (99) for adjournment at 2011Hrs, all in favor. The next meeting will be at the Black Rock Fire Co on March 13th, 2024.

January 10th, 2024,

Jonathan Brackbill

NCCFCA Secretary