



NORTHERN CHESTER COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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C/O RIDGE FIRE COMPANY
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Minutes for the November 12, 2025, Meetings

PCH Foundation Meeting

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order by President Jeff Kimes at the Ridge Fire Co at 1902Hrs.
- The pledge to the flag was recited and a moment of silence was observed.

Attendance:

- An attendance sheet was circulated with 17 members present from 10 Departments.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

- A motion was made by Paul DeCarlo (48) and seconded by Ray Kolb (62) to approve the minutes as circulated and forego reading them, all in favor.

New Business:

- Get your Sponsorship funding requests in while funds available.

Old Business:

- Grant Funds – Remaining Funds going to the Fire Prevention Books
- Glen is following up on the funding request for the FIT test machine.

Safety Truck & Trailer:

- Richard is updating the Advertising Form with the new pictures
- Glen has a request in to Beau to wrap it for Winter and thank you to Limerick for storing

Correspondence:

- None

Good of the Company:

- Jeff brought up about the FF1/2 DVDs to be reviewed and signed out
- With no further business to discuss, a motion for adjournment was made by Paul DeCarlo (48) and seconded by Doug Gable (61). All in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 1912 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 1912Hrs.

Roll Call of Officers:

- Treasurer Pete Hornberger was absent

Previous Meeting Minutes:

- A motion was made by Ray Kolb (62) and seconded by Joel Zimmermann (68) to approve the September minutes and forgo reading them. All in Favor.

Treasurer's Report:

- September's Beginning Balance: \$25,972.66 as of 09/01/2025
- Deposits of \$400.00 (Trailer Advertisement) and \$2.31 Interest
- Credits of \$186.45 (CK#399) Meeting Refreshments.
- September's Ending Balance: \$26,186.52 as of 09/30/2025
- October's Starting Balance of \$26,186.52 as of 10/01/2025
- Deposits of \$0.00 and \$2.25 (Interest)
- Credits of \$0.00
- August's Ending Balance of \$26,188.77 as of 10/31/2025.
- Treasurer's Report stands approved as read.
- Pete is checking into higher yielding Savings and CDs from the bank.

Correspondence:

- None

CCFCA Advisory Board Report:

- DES is looking to start the Annual Chiefs Update again. Asking if we prefer a weeknight or a weekend. North preferred a weeknight.
- Stand-by
 - 1 Engine to home station, 911 center gets autotomy to look at the bigger picture for the region.
 - If coverage fails, after 2 attempts to fill it, Dispatcher goes back to OIC on what they would like to do.

- Field Requests for stand-bys will only be requested by the OIC
- No covers of special units (Ladder, Tankers, Rescues) unless the 911 centers sees a void in the region and makes a determination for additional Stand-by units.
- As the OIC if you have a different idea or need for stand-bys please call the Fire Board on the phone and speak with them to work out a plan.
- SMUs Still Out of Service:
 - They thought they had a fix from Harris. They put it in, and the system started sending erroneous status changes to CAD so it's been turned back off. They are still investigating a fix.
- Follow up discussion of raising annual company dues to \$200 for 2026 with a donation to the CCFPA.
- Ops Committee – working on marking condemned structures. May get DES funding for that program.

DES Report: Justin McClure

- Slated to be here in January, still doing interface development with the CAD
- Tax Rebate – County having a public hearing on 11/19, Should be getting all the changes asked for.
- New Stand-By Policy going into effect of 11/11.
- Hazmat: New Hazmat Dispatch Policy going into effect 11/11.
- True Emergency Button Activations - keep an ear open to the Emergency Channel. Had 3 activations last month with EMS needing immediate help for combative patients

FM & HazMat Report: Justin McClure

- No Report

Old Business:

- Municipal/School District Tax Rebate.
 - Get your municipal tax rebate information to Sly so he can build a database
 - Looking to go to the School Districts
 - Ray is going to approach the OJR Superintendent to see if OJR School Board may entertain.
 - Need to work on your local townships on their property/earned income tax rebates as additional support for when approaching the School Districts.

New Business:

- Thank you Chief Sly CCFCA President for attending the North Meeting.
 - John Sly discussed an effort to make non-life threatening Trees & Wires Calls as Chief Notification as a Default Response. North was in favor of pursuing this effort. Fire companies would still be able to make this an Engine response if they desire
- Joel had a question about the new Haz-Mat Incident Responses for reported gas leaks for anything over a 20lb cylinder. John Sly read the new policy to the group and advised he was not

consulted with that planned change from DES, but said it was in response to a few incidents with larger tanks.

Good of the Company:

- Election of 2026 Officers.
 - Nominating Committee said that no positions were opposed. Ray Kolb (62) made the motion to keep the officers the same for 2026. Secretary will cast the single ballot. Seconded by Jay Pollinger (61). All in Favor.
 - 2026 President – Jeff Kimes
 - 2026 Vice President – Edwin Walters
 - 2026 Treasurer – Tom “Pete” Hornberger
 - 2026 Recording Secretary – Jonathan Brackbill
- Montco Report: This Saturday, MCFCA, 8-4 Beyond Sidewalk Supervision. Limerick Station.
- The Fire Marshals office advised to Try to preserve the scene for the Fire Marshals, especially if suspicious in nature.
- January’s Meeting will be at Ludwigs Corner Fire Co. on January 14th.

Close:

- Being no further business a motion was made by Paul DeCarlo (48) and seconded by Josh Spangler (69) for adjournment at 1949Hrs, all in favor. The next meeting will be at the Ludwigs Corner Fire Co on January 14th, 2026.

November 12th, 2025,

Jonathan Brackbill

NCCFCA Secretary