



NORTHERN CHESTER COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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C/O RIDGE FIRE COMPANY
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Minutes for the May 13, 2026 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 20 members present from 9 Departments.

Guest Speakers:

- Paul Friel – 26th District
 - Serve on House Appropriations and Agriculture
 - Budget – Structural Deficit in Federal Funding. More uninsured in PA. More strain on EMS
 - Worried about stability of Pottstown Hospital.
 - HB on Cancer Screening – Will get the date when that comes out.
- Jennifer – Shusterman's Office
 - 157th District including Valley Forge
- Nikki Whitlock – Chief of Staff for Senator Muth
 - SB 1261 – looking to increase loan funding
 - SB 623 – 911 Dispatchers being classified as first responders
 - Insurance coverage for EMS billing regardless of in network or out of network
- John Sly – CCFCA
 - Working on doing a social gathering with elected officials
 - Continuing to push for new \$30 million grant program.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

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

New Business:

- None

Old Business:

- Grant Funds – Fire Prevention Materials are in.
- FIT Test Machine grant funds – No Updates

Safety Truck & Trailer:

- New Advertising form has been sent out and is posted on the website. \$250 a spot.
- Trailer is ready to go.
 - It needed brakes and AC Repairs
 - The trailer does not need to be plugged in when in storage
 - No upcoming events schedules.

Correspondence:

- None

Good of the Company:

- With no further business to discuss, a motion for adjournment was made by Josh Spangler (69) and seconded by Paul DeCarlo (48). All in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 1945 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 1945Hrs.

Roll Call of Officers:

- All Present

Previous Meeting Minutes:

- A motion was made by Ray Kolb (62) and seconded by Doug Gable (61) to approve the March minutes and forgo reading them. All in Favor.

Treasurer's Report:

- March's Beginning Balance: \$22,937.04 as of 02/28/2026
- Deposits of \$2,250.00 and \$2.14 Interest
- Credits of \$190.54 (CK#492 for Meeting Refreshments)

- March's Ending Balance: \$24,998.34 as of 03/31/2026
- April's Starting Balance of \$24,998.34 as of 03/31/2026
- Deposits of \$0.00 and \$1.75 (Interest)
- Credits of \$5,219.09 – (4/8/26 CK#491 Geiger for Pencils)
- April's Ending Balance of \$19,781.00 as of 04/30/2026.
- Treasurer's Report stands approved as read.

Correspondence:

- None

CCFCA Advisory Board Report:

- April and May's Meeting Notes distributed
- East Whiteland FC – Had a meeting with AB. Will be meeting with the Twp FC Leadership.
- Mutual Aid agreement creation in progress. Will be done by a vote at an upcoming association meeting.
- Assigning Ops Channels – Draft Policy was distributed from Ops. Will start with Structure fires first, tentatively this Fall.
- First Due – About 90% of Fire is on the First Due track. Losing ground with EMS. Townhall meeting on the 21st at Kennett.
- Cancer Registry – trying to get all the fire companies onboard. NCR.CDC.GOV
- West Grove and Avondale merger will be Southern Chester County Fire and EMS. Looking for a station number.
- Relief Associations can Lease PPE to a career entity or personnel according to the Fire Commissioner
- Next Month Association Meeting at Valley Forge for the picnic.

DES Report: Justin McClure

- Paging - Making traction on the Interface. Once that is working will work on getting the demo pagers out. Not comfortable with giving a timeline for new pager rollout.
- County Tax Rebate – There was an issue found with incorrect data being sent in by 3 companies that ending up with 9 people being overpaid. Per the ordinance the overage will need to be paid back. DES working to notify the fire companies.
- DES Open House – May 27th from 4-8pm at GSC.
- PSP LODD Funeral - Thank from all the disciplines for the CCFCA and John Sly's assistance.
- New Hazmat Truck in service.
- 2nd Tap – Looking if 2nd tap is still needed. Originally part of the old low band radios.

FM & HazMat Report: Justin McClure

- No Report

Old Business:

- Municipal/School District Tax Rebate.
 - Discussed with the Elected Officials. Rep. Friel was going to speak with some of them on expanding the Rent Rebate program.
 - Glen brought up that legislative assistance would be helpful.
 - John Sly said he is willing to help in any way he can and attend meetings.

New Business:

- CCFCA President John Sly was in attendance and provided an update:
 - Relief can pay for maintenance/installation of equipment as long as its related to Emergency Response.
 - Relief can pay for the reporting software and other modules as long as it has reporting.
 - If you have a coverage issue with radios, please put it into Enterprise wizard.
 - High risk structure placard and CAD will be going to Ops.
 - 1st Due has a town hall at Kennet in Mid-May. Bring your questions and complaints to the meeting
 - Montgomery County Hero Fest on Saturday May 16th
 - May 31st fundraiser for Dave Pannetta. Chester County Hero fund contributed \$5K
 - Remember what Title 75 and the proper use of Fire Police
- Ops Committee will be working on an ATV Task Force policy for Brush Fires. Looking at 5 ATVs and an Engine right now.
- Website Domain and Hosting is coming due.
 - Recommend doing the domain for 10 years
 - Richard is looking at hosting for 2 years.
 - All in favor of Richard handling.

Good of the Company:

- Montco Report: Limerick, Main Street closed for 6 months. Use Limerick Center to Enterprise.
- CCFCA – Doing Department Updates 3 times a year which has gotten good feedback and collaboration. Glen said that Montco has done similar with minimum attendance requirements.
- May 21st 1845 at TVFD RMI will be there to demo equipment.
- Buttonwood Bridge replacement in West Vincent Twp for 14 months.
- July's Meeting will be at Valley Forge Fire Co. on July 8th.

Close:

- Being no further business a motion was made by Ray Kolb (62) and seconded by Doug Gable (61) for adjournment at 2039Hrs, all in favor. The next meeting will be at the Valley Forge Fire Co on July 8th, 2026.

May 13th, 2026,

Jonathan Brackbill

NCCFCA Secretary