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C/O RIDGE FIRE COMPANY
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Minutes for the March 13, 2013 Meetings

PCH Foundation Meeting

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order by President Brian M. Gallagher at the Ridge Fire Co. at 1910Hrs.
- The pledge to the flag was recited and a moment of silence observed in remembrance of past Chief Richard Dougherty of the Phoenixville FD.

Attendance:

- An attendance sheet was circulated with 26 members from 13 departments and 1 member from the PCHF.

Guest Speaker:

- John Stout from Belfor. Belfor provided dinner for the group. John noted that Belfor are still associated with HOODZ, which does cleaning of commercial exhaust hood systems. They will clean any hood system for a fire department for free. Simply contact John to arrange this.
- John also noted that the Fame Fire Company in West Chester will be hosting the 2013 State Parade. This is a first time event for Chester County. He recommends you register early. This can be done thru the CCFC website.
- Brian introduced CCFCA Vice President Neil Vaughn who was in attendance. Neil discussed the proposed by-law changes to the CCFCA. Changes will be voted on at the April meeting.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

- The minutes had been electronically circulated previous to the meeting. A motion was made by Terry Hipple (64) and seconded by Jeff Kimes (73) to approve the minutes as circulated and forego reading them, all in favor.

New Business:

- Lynn Hartmann from the PCHF was in attendance and followed up on the possibility of lending the CCFCA money to cover the unmet costs for the new fire prevention Safety trailer.
 - Lynn discussed a Program Related Investment. This program would allow the PCHF to lend the NCCFCA the 20% of the purchase price that was not covered in the grant. This amount would be around \$18,700 . This is the first time the PCHF has ever done this type of investment/loan. They are currently awaiting the loan documents now.
 - The Assoc discussed the pay back term to the PCHF. Glenn Russel from Limerick recommended a 2-year payback. A motion was made by J Pollinger (61) and seconded by Keith Romig (69) to go with that. Motion passed.
 - John Stout from Belfor offered to donate \$1000 this year and an additional \$1000 next year towards the outstanding 20%.
 - As part of the grant - Limerick Fire Co also got smoke detectors. They are offering companies in the Association - 35 detectors at 90 cents each. They will also have coloring books available at 16 cents each with your department name on each.
- 501c3 is still a work in progress.
- Lynn reminded the group that mini grants are still available.

Old Business:

- Digital History Program:
 - Report was given my President Gallagher. Stations 61, 65, and 68 need to set dates prior to May 15th. Stations: 63, 64, M54, M98, and M99 were given dates by the President.

Safety Truck & Trailer:

- The new trailer has been ordered with a price tag of \$85,000 and is expected in June of 2013. We will save \$2000 if we pick-up the trailer ourselves. Limerick recommended that we do such and put the money towards additional warranty items. The current trailer will be stripped of it's decals and cleaned/waxed (by Twin Valley Fire) to ready it for sale. The truck is will be going to TVFD for winter storage and decal removal.
- Status report on existing safety trailer was given by Richard Hedrick (62). He introduced Mike Jamison the sales Manager at Fireline and Nadine Porman (from apparatus Sales at Fireline) . They made a presentation on what they could do to help us sell the existing trailer. They only charge if and when they sell the trailer. Their charge is 5%. This would not stop us from attempting to sell the trailer ourselves. They would also help price the trailer based on the market. They use their website in addition to PA Fireman at their cost. They also network with other brokers. A motion was made by Doug Gable (61) seconded by Chris Miller (54) to go with Fireline. Motion carried.

Good of the Company:

- Jeff Kimes said all the DVDs are available for use during the spring. see Jeff Kimes (73) if you need them.
- Being no further business a motion for adjournment was made by Andy Inhoff (64) and seconded by Jeff Kimes (73), all in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 1950hrs

Northern Chester County Fire Chiefs Association Meeting

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order by President Brian M. Gallagher at the Ridge Fire Co. at 1950Hrs

Roll Call of Officers:

- President Brain M. Gallagher and Treasurer Tom Hornsberger were in attendance. Secretary Jonathan Brackbill and Vice President Evan Taylor away on business.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

- The minutes had been electronically circulated previous to the meeting. A motion was made by Denny Rumler (51) and seconded by Doug Gable (61) to approve the minutes as circulated and forego reading them, all in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

- January's Starting Balance of \$6,904.25 as of 12/25/2012
- Deposits of \$5,501.27
- Credits of \$237.50
- Ending Balance of \$12,168.02
- Starting Balance of \$12,238.02 as of 1/25/2013
- Deposits of \$1,401.67
- Credits of \$53.71
- Ending Balance of \$13,585.98 as of 2/25/2013
- 2013 Company dues are all in.
- Motion was made by Dave Meadows (65) and seconded by Marty Blumenthal (73) to approve the Treasurer's Report. All in favor.

Correspondence:

- None

CCFCA Advisory Board Report:

- Advisory Board Meeting Notes were distributed prior to the meeting.
- EMS Numbering: Phase 1 ready for a vote. This will be to assign MICU 84 to MontCo 329A at Station 64, MICU85 to MontCo 324 at Station 65 & MICU83 to MontCo 325A at Station 63.
- Task Force Numbering: Stations 70 & 71 assigned to the Fire Task Force. Station 72 assigned to the rescue TF. If you need a rescue discipline.... Ask for Station 72 and tell them the type rescue service you require. The 70, 71, 72 will only be used for alerting. Units will keep their individual Station apparatus ID. The next Fire task force drill be March 30th (Water Supply Drill)

DES Report: Mike Holmes

- Rebanding: Portable Radio Survey – 43 of 46 replies indicated they wanted the portable to stay on the last channel used. This will be done if & when the County can find the money to do this. The group then discussed the new mobile and portable chargers install. It could be up to 1 year until we see this done. The President recommended Chiefs contact Director Atkins to voice their concerns.
- New Radio System: Kick off meeting was held on 2/26/13. Harris has begun the site surveys. The state radio project office is also involved as they need additional coverage aswell. We may need assistance from local departments when needing to get municipal approval for tower sites.
- New CAD System: Equipment has started to be ordered. Looking to acceptance on April 2014.
- Training Facility: Site work on the tactical village looks to be completed this week. Structural design for tactical buildings is complete. Have hosted 726 people over 12 trainings and 10 meetings.
- Paging: Still receiving interference from North Penn School District. FCC is looking to move them to another channel. ARINC is monitoring for the degradation issues occurring in the central.
- SEPARTF: Task Force funded equipment has been delivered which includes HAZMAT detection, collapse stabilization kit, SCBAs, and ballistic shields.

Technical Division: Devin Guth

- Nothing to Report

Funeral Committee:

- Nothing to Report

Old Business:

- Cancer Presumption Bill:
 - Ed Mann reported that this will be a big meeting in July.

New Business:

- Chief Trego (63) reported that the Vet Center is considering removing the Pennhurst Water Tower. This would be done when money becomes available to do such. This would impact local receivers located on the tower. We will need to watch this situation.
- Ray Kolb (62) now sits on the RIT procedure committee. Sample of the procedure is available.
- Montgomery County Station 324, Trappe EMS, was awarded a 3 year contract by Phoenixville Boro.
- The elected Officials meeting scheduled for the next meeting (May 2013) has been cancelled. The County Fire Chiefs and Police Chiefs now doing the same thing. We are welcome to attend the County Chief's meeting with them. President Gallagher will contact the officials and cancel ours.
- Montgomery County portables – Montco will reprogram our radios. Date to be determined.

Good of the Company:

- None

Close:

- Being no further business to conduct a motion was made by Terry Hipple (64), and seconded by Andy Inhof (64) for adjournment at 2030 Hrs, all in favor. The next meeting will be at Station 62 on May 8, 2013 at 1915Hrs with dinner at 1830hr.

March 13, 2013,

Charles Fields

NCCFCA Acting Secretary