



NORTHERN CHESTER COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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C/O RIDGE FIRE COMPANY
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Minutes for the September 13, 2023, Meetings

PCH Foundation Meeting

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order by President Ed Walters at the Ridge Fire Co at 1858Hrs.
- The pledge to the flag was recited and a moment of silence was observed.

Attendance:

- An attendance sheet was circulated with 19 members from 12 Departments.

Guest Presentation:

- Adam DeNicolo, CAD Systems Administrator for DES, Provided a informative presentation on the working of the CAD, how incidents are dispatched and the work he does to get us the responses we are intending.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

- A motion was made by Paul DiCarlo (48) and seconded by Eric Linsenbigler (58) to approve the minutes as circulated and forego reading them, all in favor.

New Business:

- East Whiteland Fire Co reached out about utilizing the trailer on October 14th. The member stations did not have anything booked for the 14th and granted permission for East Whiteland to utilize.

Old Business:

- Safety Trailer Upgrades and Funding. Glen is working on grants for these upgrades.

Safety Truck & Trailer:

- Get your bookings in for the trailer over Fire Prevention Month.

Correspondence:

- None

Good of the Company:

- Jeff Kimes (73) reminded the group of the Firefighter I/II Training DVDs are available for stations to use.
- With no further business to discuss, a motion for adjournment was made by Jeff Kimes (73) and seconded by Jay Pollinger (61). All in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 2010 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 2010Hrs.

Roll Call of Officers:

- All present except for Joules.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

- A motion was made by Jeff Kimes (73) and seconded by Jay Pollinger (61) to approve the July minutes as circulated and forgo reading them. All in Favor.

Treasurer's Report:

- July's Beginning Balance: \$14,950.21 as of 06/25/2023
- Deposits of \$0.00 and \$1.33 Interest
- Credits of \$300.00 (OJR SD for building rental)
- July's Ending Balance: \$14,651.54 as of 07/25/2023
- August's Starting Balance of \$14,651.54 as of 07/25/2023
- Deposits of \$1334.04 (BELFOR Training Food Reimbursement) and \$1.37 (Interest)
- Credits of \$0.00
- August's Ending Balance of \$15,986.95 as of 08/25/2023.
- The Treasurer's report will stand approved as read.

Correspondence: None

CCFCA Advisory Board Report:

- Ed, Pete, and Jonathan reviewed the meeting with the CCFCA Executive Board in September in reference to the Association's Letter sent.

- Mayday Policy Review – Jim (04) is getting polices from surrounding counties to be reviewed and included in the update to the CC Mayday policy.
 - Glen Russell (51) Said that he would gather Montco’s MayDay policy for me to forward to Jim.
- The Advisory Board was asked to go back to the districts on if there is support for Rehab services at incidents. GFAC is looking at utilizing funding to upgrade to a Rehab Vehicle instead of the trailer.
 - After discussing with the group, the North supports GFAC’s efforts in providing rehab services, but more than likely will obtain those services through local providers.
 - Glen Russell (51) asked if a similar poll had been taken with the county EMS providers on their willingness to support the efforts and advocate for REHAB services when appropriate.
- The Rescue Task Force has utilized assorted lumber for shoring and other needs on recent call outs. They are looking for funding to help replenish that lumber and maintain their state of readiness. If was brought up at the North that try to make it a point that if you utilize the RTF for an incident that we help replenish their costs or assist with getting them reimbursed through insurance.

DES Report: Justin McClure

- County Property Tax Credit: Guidelines coming out and will range from a 10-100% based on a point system.
- Siren Tones – September 30th set as a deadline to switch over to use your general fire tone for activating the siren. Contact Metropolitan to make the change.
- New Pagers/Paging System – Put in for \$3 million for 2024 and 2025 budgets. Approval should be seen in Nov/Dec.
- Lots of resources being used in the fugitive manhunt.
- Homeland Grant Funding – PEMA is very backed up and taking their time in review and approvals.
- BJ to attend the October Meeting to go over call sequencing and review the automatic make ups.

FM & HazMat Report: Justin McClure

- August report not available due to DES Resources being utilized for Fugitive Manhunt.

Old Business:

- CCFCA Ops Committee – Josh Spangler, Jonathan Brackbill (AB)
 - Ops Committee went over a high-level draft of the new “Medium” Duty Rescue category.
 - Removed the large cribbing and extension ladder requirements.
 - Discussions of down the road to revisit the Heavy Rescue Category

- It was reviewed that companies had made investments into bringing their apparatus up to the new Rescue Category and would not be right to change those requirements to be higher at this time.
- Stand-Bys
 - Jonathan brought up the concerns from Kimberton to the AB on stand-bys not getting placed in their station during recent assist incidents.
 - It was relayed that if you're a mutual aid company on an incident and you would like stand-by's placed in your station please have Command request that for you.

New Business:

- None

Good of the Company:

- Montco Report: None
- Nominations Committee: Glen Russell (51) and Steve Senn (73)
 - President Ed Walters stated he will not be seeking a Re-Election for President.
- Thank you to Adam DeNicolo for coming out and presenting on the CAD. He can be reached at adenicolo@chesco.org, 610-344-5084.

Close:

- Being no further business to conduct a motion was made by Jeff Kimes (73) and seconded by Paul DeCarlo (48) for adjournment at 2047Hrs, all in favor. The next meeting will be at the Ludwigs Corner Fire Co on November 8th, 2023.

September 13th, 2023,

Jonathan Brackbill

NCCFCA Secretary