



# NORTHERN CHESTER COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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C/O RIDGE FIRE COMPANY  
480 RIDGE RD. SPRING CITY, PA. 19475 - 9678

## Minutes for the March 13, 2024, Meetings

### PCH Foundation Meeting

#### Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order by President Jeff Kimes at the Black Rock 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 23 members from 12 Departments.

#### Previous Meeting Minutes:

- A motion was made by Ray Kolb (62) and seconded by Rich Hughes (M68) to approve the minutes as circulated and forego reading them, all in favor.

#### New Business:

- Vivian has left the PCHF

#### Old Business:

- Safety Trailer Upgrades and Funding. Glen is working on grants for these upgrades.
  - Glen talked with PCHF would like to get the grant submitted as the association.
  - Glen sent information over to the Board on what they are looking for.
- Glen had the generator serviced at Erb and Henry and its back at Ridge.

#### Safety Truck & Trailer:

- Thank you to Black Rock for storing inside for the Winter. Will probably be brought of storage in May. First booking to date is July 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### Correspondence:

- None

### **Good of the Company:**

- With no further business to discuss, a motion for adjournment was made by Ed Walters (65) and seconded by Ray Kolb (62). All in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 1911 Hours.

## **Northern Chester County Fire Chiefs Association Meeting**

### **Call to Order:**

- The meeting was called to order by President Jeff Kimes at the Black Rock Fire Co. at 1911Hrs.

### **Roll Call of Officers:**

- All Present.

### **Previous Meeting Minutes:**

- A motion was made by Jay Pollinger (61) and seconded by Ed Walters (65) to approve the January minutes as circulated and forgo reading them. All in Favor.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

- January's Beginning Balance: \$16,149.99 as of 12/25/2023
- Deposits of \$0.00 and \$1.51 Interest
- Credits of \$153.26 (Meeting Food), \$543.00 (Insurance)
- January's Ending Balance: \$15,455.25 as of 01/25/2024
- February's Starting Balance of \$15,455.25 as of 01/25/2024
- Deposits of \$0.00 and \$1.25 (Interest)
- Credits of \$0.00
- February's Ending Balance of \$15,456.50 as of 02/25/2024.
- Outstanding 2024 Dues to date: Sanatoga, Black Rock and Phoenixville.
- Treasurer's Report stands approved as read.

### **Correspondence:** None

### **CCFCA Advisory Board Report:**

- County Property Tax Credit:
  - Self-Identification Forms are due by January 15<sup>th</sup> 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, the County will send you a rebate.
- School Districts in Lower Merion and Exeter area have been exploring School Property Tax Rebates for Volunteer Responders.
- Training Campus Engine – County is exploring an Engine from Hollywood Fire Co in St. Mary's County, MD.

- Motor vehicle accident upgrades: Upgrading to Accident/BLS or ALS instead of BINJ or AINJ

### **DES Report:** Justin McClure

- New Pagers/Paging System – DES is completing an internal review of a fresh RFP to replace infrastructure and subscriber equipment.
- County Tax Rebate: All questions should be emailed to [TaxRebateProgram@chesco.org](mailto:TaxRebateProgram@chesco.org)
  - Agency notarized lists were due February 15; there are no exceptions for late submittals.
  - Self-Identification and direct deposit authorization forms are due not later than January 15, 2025
  - 317/604 eligible individuals have submitted a self-identification form.
    - 10% - 26
    - 25% - 76
    - 50% - 59
    - 75% - 47
    - 100% - 109
  - The average tax bill for individuals who have submitted - \$775.67
  - The average rebate for individuals who have submitted - \$476.20
  - Sum of rebates for individuals who have submitted - \$150,954.20
  - Estimate of total rebate if all responders who were submitted on eligibility lists - \$250,000.00 - \$300,000.00
- Homeland Security Grant Project: 2023 funds should become available in the next month
  - This will include the Fire Police Helmet project o The HSGP governing body met and approved the following responder submitted projects for 2024 funds
    - ALPR Phase II
    - Ballistic gear for Sheriff’s Office
    - Single gas CO meters for EMS first-in bag
- Emergency Identifier (EI) activations and status checks
  - EI activations should be answered with “Accidental” unless there is a true emergency.
    - Failure to answer EI activations will result in a PD response.
  - Status check responses should be “Okay” or “Okay for now” (2 minute recheck)
    - Failure to answer status checks will result in a PD response.
- Ops talk-group assignments: 911 Ops will assign a group if requested, will not automatically assign a group until all agencies operate on them by default.

### **FM & HazMat Report:** Justin McClure

- For February 2024
- FMs 13 Investigations, 12 Notifications
- Haz-Mat: 1 Team Responses, 1 Duty Officers Responses, & 4 Notifications.

## **Old Business:**

- 2024 Goals
  - Website Update – Please get ideas together that can be given to Richard for updating the website.
- Financial Internal Audit – Pete provided all the information over to the committee to be reviewed.

## **New Business:**

- Keep an eye out for information requests for grants

## **Good of the Company:**

- Montco Report: Active Shooter policy. Their policy is to send an Engine of the first due. Also, they look to the fire side for the Incident Command Structure. Police Chiefs Association is looking at Montco's policy for possible adoption. No known policy currently with the CCPCA. Jonathan to ask at AB about what can be done on the Fire Side.
- If you have an abandoned building that SWAT could drill in with the fire company please keep that in mind.
- Kimberton is working with East Pikeland, Delco and some dispatchers on a training.
- Training with your schools on whether they have special door locks that would be implemented and how to unlock or remove them. Special equipment may be needed.
- Went over the upcoming trainings for preparing for an ISO rating at Goshen.
- Matt Fink will be sending out a flyer for a training in Kimberton to go over EV Vehicles and Battery Technologies.

## **Close:**

- Being no further business to conduct a motion was made by Doug Gable (61) and seconded by Marty Blumenthal (73) for adjournment at 1946Hrs, all in favor. The next meeting will be at the Ridge Fire Co on May 8th, 2024 with our Elected Officials and Apparatus Display

March 13th, 2024,

Jonathan Brackbill

NCCFCA Secretary