



# NORTHERN CHESTER COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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C/O RIDGE FIRE COMPANY  
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## Minutes for the May 08, 2024, Meetings

### PCH Foundation Meeting

#### Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order by President Jeff Kimes at the Ridge Fire Co at 1901Hrs.
- The pledge to the flag was recited and a moment of silence was observed.

#### Attendance:

- An attendance sheet was circulated with 20 members from 10 Departments and 5 Guests.

#### Previous Meeting Minutes:

- A motion was made by Ray Kolb (62) and seconded by Marty Blumenthal (73) to approve the minutes as circulated and forego reading them, all in favor.

#### Guest Speakers:

- We welcomed our local state elected officials to speak with the association.
  - Rep. Paul Friel – Announced a Bill passed through the House to allow workman’s comp to cover Mental Health and PTSI.
  - Rep. Joe Ciresi – Representing our bordering townships in Montgomery County. Its budget season, come to your representatives when you need something, let them know your wish list so they can see if they can help. Worked to get PennDOT to allow for each volunteer first responder to have a free vehicle registration and PennDOT said no, too much lost revenue. Joe stressed needing assistance from the fire companies and public on getting the Kiem Street Bridge Replacement moving again.
  - Senator Katie Muth - Chair of Veterans Affairs and Public Safety. Discussed the caps of State Loans and increasing them. EMS Tax Rebate \$500. Distracted driver bill amended to allow the use of portable radios in personal vehicle. PTSI Bill on the Senate side to be reviewed and voted on. Reiterated about letting them know about funding needs and requests.

#### New Business:

- In conversation with our elected officials in attendance

- Glenn asked about assistance with School Tax assistance for Volunteers. Exeter and Lower Merion have programs in place.
  - Limerick has a housing assistance program for active members.
- Pete asked about the Bill for PA Game Commission use of credit cards for fundraising.

### **Old Business:**

- Safety Trailer Upgrades and Funding. Glenn is working on grants for these upgrades.
  - Glenn asked on funding for assistance for the Grant for the Safety Trailer upgrade. Senator Muth asked Glenn to get her the information and she may have funding available.
- Richard is handling scheduling: First Event Scheduled is July at Norco.
- No replacement for Vivian yet

### **Safety Truck & Trailer:**

- Thank you to Black Rock for storing inside for the Winter.

### **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 Rich Hughes (M68). All in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 1951 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 1951Hrs.

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

- All Present except for Jules M.

### **Previous Meeting Minutes:**

- A motion was made by Ray Kolb (62) and seconded by Rich Hughes (M68) to approve the March minutes as circulated and forgo reading them. All in Favor.

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

- March's Beginning Balance: \$15,456.50 as of 2/25/2024

- Deposits of \$2500.00 and \$1.44 Interest
- Credits of \$0.00, \$0.00
- March's Ending Balance: \$17,957.94 as of 03/25/2024
- April's Starting Balance of \$17,957.94 as of 03/25/2024
- Deposits of \$0.00 and \$1.52 (Interest)
- Credits of \$416.75 (Limerick FD, Generator Service)
- April's Ending Balance of \$17,542.71 as of 04/25/2024.
- Ludwigs Corner paid for their members not attending the Art of Reading Smoke Training
- Treasurer's Report stands approved as read.

**Correspondence:** None

**CCFCA Advisory Board Report:**

- April and May's Meeting Notes Distributed
- Training Engine: Purchase Order issued to Brinley Mountain for purchase of Hollywood, MD Engine.
- Email from PSP Trooper about Blue Light lists. Have only received 8 lists thus far for 2024. Email to Jackie Weer and he can send to PSP.
- Looking for interest for upcoming 2024 CCFCA elected positions. Gerry will not be running for President in 2025
- Ops – looking at Mayday policy. Need to make sure they get the out of county

**DES Report:** Justin McClure

- County Property Tax Credit: County needs to finalize their processes on their end. You will receive an email if you submitted your Self-Identification Forms. If approved, you will receive your rebate within 45 days of the email.
- New Pagers/Paging System – New Draft RFP being finalized. No more Locution Paging.
- 2026 Radio Equipment Upgrades: All 3 major vendors will most likely be submitting bids.
- Automatic Make-Ups – No immediate solution.
- RES/Squad CAD Updates: Tuesday June 25th cutting over to Res/Squad
- Meeting with Utilities looking to be in September.
- SEPATF – Region had a 10% reduction in funding. Further decreases can be expected.
- New ERG 2024 books are being issued. Please make sure you update your Mobile Apps.
- Fire Training - Training is busy, summer daytime FF1 programs starts Monday May 6th. Working on getting more instructors.

**FM & HazMat Report:** Justin McClure

- For April 2024
- FMs 16 Investigations, 8 Notifications
- Haz-Mat: 1 Team Responses, 1 Duty Officers Responses.

### **Old Business:**

- 2024 Goals
  - Website Update – Please get ideas together that can be given to Richard for updating the website.
- Financial Internal Audit – contacted an auditor to get what to be looking for. Will be reviewing with Pete

### **New Business:**

- Twin Valley and Honeybrook have teamed up to go to Twin Valley SD to help with recruitment. Limerick, Royersford and Black Rock have done similar projects.

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

- Montco Report: Limerick and Lower Providence township channels got switched to digital.
- Chuck Fields (61) brought up about fire police officers networking with their neighbors.
  - Jeff and Richard spoke about the CCFPA
- 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.
- Thank you to Beau Crowding for being in attendance and BELFOR for sponsoring tonight's dinner!

### **Close:**

- Being no further business to conduct a motion was made by Jay Pollinger (61) and seconded by Roger Kolb (62) for adjournment at 2021Hrs, all in favor. The next meeting will be at the Valley Forge Fire Co on July 10th, 2024 for our annual Picnic.

May 8th, 2024,

Jonathan Brackbill

NCCFCA Secretary