



# 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 September 11, 2024, Meetings

### PCH Foundation Meeting

#### Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order by President Jeff Kimes at the Ridge Fire Co at 1903Hrs.
- The pledge to the flag was recited and a moment of silence was observed.

#### Attendance:

- An attendance sheet was circulated with 17 members from 10 Departments.

#### Previous Meeting Minutes:

- A motion was made by Ed Walters (65) and seconded by Ray Kolb (62) to approve the minutes as circulated and forego reading them, all in favor.

#### New Business:

- Discrepancy was found between our EIN number with the IRS and what the bank had on file.
  - Believed it changed during the approval of the 501c3
  - Glen and Jonathan worked with the Bank to get that corrected.

#### Old Business:

- Safety Trailer Upgrades and Funding.
  - Application submitted for the grant funding
  - Would like to hear back from the State about the funds so it can be refurbished over the winter.

#### Safety Truck & Trailer:

- Trailer & Generator recently ran, and no issues found besides the known issues with the stove.

#### Correspondence:

- None

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

- With no further business to discuss, a motion for adjournment was made by Ray Kolb (62) and seconded by Ed Walters (65). All in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 1909 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 1909Hrs.

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

- All Present

### **Previous Meeting Minutes:**

- A motion was made by Ed Walters (65) and seconded by Steve Senn (73) to approve the July minutes with a wording correction and forgo reading them. All in Favor.

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

- July's Beginning Balance: \$18075.74 as of 6/25/2024
- Deposits of \$0.00 and \$1.51 Interest
- Credits of \$0.00
- July's Ending Balance: \$18,077.25 as of 07/25/2024
- August's Starting Balance of \$18,077.25 as of 07/25/2024
- Deposits of \$250.00 (73 Reimbursement) and \$1.47 (Interest)
- Credits of \$0.00
- August's Ending Balance of \$18,328.72 as of 08/25/2024.
- Treasurer's Report stands approved as read.

### **Correspondence:** None

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

- September Advisory Board Notes Distributed
- If you are having trouble hearing or understanding the dispatchers, please ask them to speak up or feel free to call in and speak with the supervisor.
- Gerry and Neil will not be running for re-election. President and Secretary positions will be open for nominations.
- Fireline Mobile Gear Cleaning presented, and they will come to your station to do advanced cleaning and inspections. Repairs need to be sent out.

## **DES Report: Justin McClure**

- County Property Tax Credit: First rounds of checks mailed out in August. Direct Deposit was abandoned.
  - 8 People have requested a review after a denial. 7 of those are expected to be approved.
  - 5 instances of couples jointly earning over 100%
  - Audits were completed by the Controller's Office.
    - Need to have proper records to match numbers
    - Name on Eligibility List and Self Identification form must match Property Deed.
  - Changes for 2025: Received Comments and Feedback sent to Commissioners and Finance for review
    - Agencies will need to submit both the points sheet and the notarized eligibility list
    - Working to define a process for correction requests
    - Working to have confirmation notice sent for Self-Identification Forms.
- New Pagers/Paging System – 3 RFP Responses were received
  - 2 Proposed a POC SAG Solution, 1 Proposed a Text to Voice Solution. DES is reviewing
- 2026 Radio Equipment Upgrades: All 3 major vendors will most likely be submitting bids. Have talked with JVC Kenwood and Motorola, have not talked to Harris yet.
  - Equipment will be rolled out in phases with Police going first so they can have encrypted transmissions
  - Surplus equipment will be used to keep Fire/EMS radios going until their replacement after Phase 1 Roll Out.
- RES/Squad CAD Updates: Cutover occurred June 25<sup>th</sup>. Heavy Rescues 25, 53, 68 and 47 to be added.
- PECO has been less than responsive on meeting.
- Voice Radio – Looking to drop cross streets to help with dispatch overruns.
- ARPA Funds Received: Police Radio Replacement, FF Foam Replacement for Foam Trailer, Field Data Infrastructure (CAD Software), County Building AED Replacement, Law Enforcement response equipment (MIRT/SWAT)

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

- No Report

## **Old Business:**

- Website Update – No Report. Jeff asked Steve Senn (73) to look into new ideas for the site.

## **New Business:**

- Notifications for Road/Bridge Closures. Not getting to the Fire/Police Departments
- Ray spoke with Paul Friel. He is working with four others on the committee to exempt fire companies from the Bridge Permitting
- Best to also check with your insurance company on what they will cover if the truck is damaged with a bridge collapse
- Jeff brought up MobileWorks – for FD Physicals. About \$400 a member. Just can't do Chest X-Rays on the truck. Will come to your fire house for the physicals. Not in a trailer.

## **Good of the Company:**

- Montco Report: Nothing to Report
- Nomination Committee – Ed Walters, Steve Senn, reach out if interested in a position.
- Phoenixville FD Paid fire positions. Full Time, One position now and possibly two next year. Job posting opening up 9/12.

## **Close:**

- Being no further business to conduct a motion was made by Ed Walters (65) and seconded by Glen Russell (51) for adjournment at 1948Hrs, all in favor. The next meeting will be at the Ridge Fire Co on November 13th, 2024.

September 11th, 2024,

Jonathan Brackbill

NCCFCA Secretary