



NORTHERN CHESTER COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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C/O RIDGE FIRE COMPANY
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Minutes for the January 8, 2025, Meetings

PCH Foundation Meeting

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order by President Jeff Kimes at the Ridge 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 and 1 Guest from 11 Departments.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

- A motion was made by Ray Kolb (62) and seconded by Doug Gable (61) to approve the minutes as circulated and forego reading them, all in favor.

New Business:

- No update from Sam for this meeting. Her cards are available if you need one before the meeting is out.
- Mini Grants now have a Passcode to enter. Just call Sam or anyone at PCHF to get you set up.
 - Everyone is in good standing for Mini Grants
 - One Grant per Fiscal Year Period

Old Business:

- Safety Trailer Upgrades.
 - Trailer refurb pushed back due to illness. The update will be done at Linfield Station. Email to come out for those looking to get training. New fire prevention materials will also be coming.
 - Lettering to be redone. Advertisements will be available. Pete brought up about sending a letter to BELFOR.

Safety Truck & Trailer:

- Keep an eye out for the training date on the new trailer to be emailed out.

Correspondence:

- None

Good of the Company:

- With no further business to discuss, a motion for adjournment was made by Josh Spangler (69) and seconded by Ray Kolb (62). All in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 1907 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 1907Hrs.

Roll Call of Officers:

- All Present

Previous Meeting Minutes:

- A motion was made by Ross Trego (73) and seconded by Roger Kolb (62) to approve the November minutes and forgo reading them. All in Favor.

Treasurer's Report:

- November's Beginning Balance: \$18,108.22 as of 10/25/2024
- Deposits of \$53,900.00 and \$4.54 Interest
- Credits of \$319.65 Jonathan for Food CK#389, \$96.00 Richard H for website CK#388
- November's Ending Balance: \$71,597.11 as of 11/25/2024
- December's Starting Balance of \$71,597.11 as of 11/25/2024
- Deposits of \$0.00 and \$5.11 (Interest)
- Credits of \$39,199.02 to Lion for Trailer Upgrades
- December's Ending Balance of \$32,403.20 as of 12/25/2024.
- Treasurer's Report stands approved as read.
- 2025 Due's Invoices are available after the meeting. Thank you to Jules for getting them processed.

Correspondence: None

CCFCA Advisory Board Report:

- January Advisory Board Notes Distributed
- Tax Rebate: DES provided feedback from Associations as well as DES to County Administration; there are no changes for 2025
 - Notes for 2025 submissions
 - Agency eligibility lists must be posted in the station by January 31, 2025
 - Notarized eligibility list and points sheet must be submitted to taxrebateprogram@chesco.org by February 15, 2025
 - Individual self-identification forms must be submitted by January 15, 2026
 - The rebate is applied to 2025 taxes; 2025 tax bill must be paid first to receive the rebate
 - The name on the eligibility list must match the name on the self-identification for which must match the name on the tax parcel
 - Agencies must have supporting documentation for points

DES Report: Justin McClure

- New Pagers/Paging System – Technical Kickoff Meeting scheduled for next week.
- CAD Reminder – If apparatus is logged on and available it is recommendable.
- County-wide Burn Ban
 - Rescinded by the Commissioners on December 9
 - 166 brush fires, 57 trash fires, 125 outside investigations, 314 burning complaints
- Fire Marshal responses in PSP jurisdiction: DES and the Pennsylvania State Police have updated their response agreement for fires which occur in areas which do not have local municipal law enforcement
 - A County FM will be dispatched through normal procedures or requests
 - The County FM will determine, upon arrival, if a PSP FM responses is warranted under the following circumstances:
 - The fire appears to be criminal in nature (ie intentionally set fires, fires where evidence needs collected, ect)
 - There is a fatality
 - There are significant injuries to civilians or emergency responders
 - Large loss (size, value, or displacement of occupants)
 - Any incident where additional investigatory assistance is needed
 - If a fire is being investigated by a County Fire Investigator and one of the abovementioned conditions, which was not previously apparent, is discovered the County Fire Investigator will request a PSP Fire Investigator respond and will pause the investigation until their arrival.

FM & HazMat Report: Justin McClure

- 2025 Stats
 - Fire Marshals; 178 investigations, 131 notifications

- Hazmat; 23 team responses, 12 duty officer responses, 14 notifications

Old Business: None

New Business:

- John Sly the new President of CCFCA was in attendance and spoke about his goals of getting more discussions going with the group and the County. Looking at the use of resources and how to properly work with the new municipal career chiefs and their role in the CCFCA. Thank you Sly for attending and hearing the feedback from the North.
- Glen brought up that the PA FF Association came out with 3 new grants \$5K for Fire Prevention and Fire Science Classes, \$1K FF1 or EMT Incentives. Must be a member of the association, Costs \$5 a year, get a \$5k Death Benefit as well.
 - Limerick does offer some incentives if a member wants to get their EMT, but they must pay on their own and provide a year of service afterwards to get reimbursed.
- A discussion was had on Station Stand-Bys during incidents. The North has had the position to let the dispatchers use their judgement as they see the whole picture county wise.
- Glen brought up about those using alternatives to Emergency Reporting, let him know if you have had any successes. Heard good things about First Due. No decision made from the State Fire Commissioners office.

Good of the Company:

- Montco Report: Glen discussed when signs are damaged on state roads that it is recommended to report that and not assuming that PSP has reported it. PennDOT has a position dedicated to fixing the signs. HAAS – EV and Incident Alerting for motorist was brought up. All new Pierces are coming with it, and it can be added to all trucks. It now works with multiple map programs like Waze and Google Maps.
- March’s Meeting will be at Ludwigs Corner on March 12th.
- State Elected Officials are planned for May’s Meeting.

Close:

- Being no further business a motion was made by Evan Tayler (68) and seconded by Scott Hamrick (77) for adjournment at 2016Hrs, all in favor. The next meeting will be at the Ludwigs Corner Fire Co on March 12th, 2025.

January 8th, 2025,

Jonathan Brackbill

NCCFCA Secretary