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C/O RIDGE FIRE COMPANY
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Minutes for the May 14, 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 17 members from 11 Departments.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

- A motion was made by Rich Hughes (M68) and seconded by Dave Meadows (65) to approve the minutes as circulated and forego reading them, all in favor.

New Business:

- Sam emailed that she would not be in attendance, but Mini Grants are tapped out for the rest of this fiscal year. New fiscal year starts 7/1/25
 - One Mini Grant per Fiscal Year.

Old Business:

- FIT Test Machine. \$19,250 proposal. It has adapters for MSA and Scotts masks. Includes 5yr Maintenance Contract for \$4900.

Safety Truck & Trailer:

- One reservation so far for Norco Fair. Upgrades complete. Taking over to get it stripped of the lettering. Grant needs to be spent by the end of October. Looking to do a multi-year maintenance contract and fire prevention material. Thank you to Limerick FD for their continued support of the trailer.

Correspondence:

- None

Good of the Company:

- With no further business to discuss, a motion for adjournment was made by Glen Russell (51) and seconded by Dave Meadows (65). All in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 1912 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 1912Hrs.

Roll Call of Officers:

- All Present

Previous Meeting Minutes:

- A motion was made by Jay Pollinger (61) and seconded by Scott Hamrick (77) to approve the March minutes and forgo reading them. All in Favor.

Treasurer's Report:

- March's Beginning Balance: \$32,921.81 as of 02/25/2025
- Deposits of \$500.00 and \$2.27 Interest
- Credits of \$16.00 (CK#393) Richard Hedrick, Keys for Trailer
- March's Ending Balance: \$34,408.08 as of 03/25/2025
- April's Starting Balance of \$34,408.08 as of 03/25/2025
- Deposits of \$0.00 and \$2.87 (Interest)
- Credits of \$0.00
- April's Ending Balance of \$34,410.95 as of 04/25/2025.
- Treasurer's Report stands approved as read.
- 2025 Dues still coming in.

Correspondence:

- Thank you from the Brackbill Family for the Planter and support at the funeral.

Guest Speaker: Rep. Paul Friel

- Rep. Paul Friel – Formed a new Fire/EMS Caucus in the House. Looking at the following issues: EMS reimbursement from insurance, regionalization due to dwindling volunteers, assistance for

equipment purchases. Probably two budgets this year due to uncertainty in federal funding. In Chester County about 47 Million dollars are at risk from HHS. PA Counties may be scrambling in the Fall.

- Assistance with School District Property Tax Assistance. Best to approach the school board. Look at a common form and resolution to make it easy for them to adopt. Work to get buy in from CCIC or MCIU.

CCFCA Advisory Board Report:

- April & May's Advisory Board Notes Distributed
- EMS Working with BJ on EMS numbering. Have a couple different plans. Possibly 25A1, 25B1. EMS officer numbering leaving alone for now. EMS Chart, some agencies went to ESO, others to First Due. They did a RFP to look at county/state money for the charting platform. Looked at typecodes, taking ALS off most frequent medic recalls. Looked heavily at Mental Health Responses.
- Ops Committee – Stand-By/Transfers – met with DES staff, their workflow and challenges they face
- It was brought up that the North requested a Smoke in the Building Type Code. The feedback from AB was that it was not advisable to be potentially downplaying someone reporting smoke in the structure and possibly delaying additional support. The Call Types picked are based on the information received from callers.
- Pete is on the Numbering Committee and Training Committee.
 - Numbering is currently looking at the Attenuator Truck Station 6 has put into service
 - Pete has the Training Committee looking at forestry classes.

DES Report: Justin McClure

- New Pagers/Paging System – Tower Site Work continues. The deadline for updated rosters for new pagers was extended. Have a good handle on pager needs at this time.
- Email to SMS Messaging - Traditional functionality being decommissioned by AT&T/FirstNet in June. Other carriers expected to follow, additional information posted on the website.
- Tax Rebate: DES and Association Leadership have compiled requested changes for the Commissioners review/approval.

FM & HazMat Report: Justin McClure

- April 2025 Stats
 - Fire Marshals; 23 investigations, 12 notifications
 - Hazmat; 2 team responses

Old Business:

- County had floated the idea to the districts about DES funding a single responder based alerting system (I am Responding or Active 911). The rest of the districts could not come to a consensus or had the interest so the funding at the county will be reallocated.
- With the upcoming announcement of new Reporting Platform: Emergency Reporting/Fire House Solutions – Make sure the station is providing membership reports of the calls they ran yearly just in case the information is not available with change of software.

New Business:

- Ludwigs Corner – Thank you for your support and help at the fire last Wednesday.
- Ludwigs Corner – Marty Blumenthal was involved in an MVA, he is home and very lucky. Feel free to reach out as he has a lengthy recovery.
- The Association is interested in working as a group on pursuing the School District Property Tax Rebate.
- Need to work on your local townships on their property/earned income tax rebates as additional support for when approaching the School Districts.
- Ludwigs Corner is looking at doing EVOC this Summer. Twin Valley is holding EVOC in June if anyone needs it.

Good of the Company:

- Montco Report: Blackrock Recently added the 360 Thermal Camera system for their ATV. Works quite well with spotting people.
- July's Meeting will be at Valley Forge Fire Co. on July 9th.

Close:

- Being no further business a motion was made by Scott Hamrick (77) and seconded by Doug Gable (61) for adjournment at 2049Hrs, all in favor. The next meeting will be at the Valley Forge Fire Co on July 9th, 2025.

May 14th, 2025,

Jonathan Brackbill

NCCFCA Secretary