



NORTHERN CHESTER COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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C/O RIDGE FIRE COMPANY
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Minutes for the January 14, 2026 Meetings

PCH Foundation Meeting

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order by President Jeff Kimes at the Ludwigs Corner Fire Co at 1900Hrs.
- The pledge to the flag was recited and a moment of silence was observed.

Attendance:

- An attendance sheet was circulated with 18 members present from 11 Departments.

Previous Meeting Minutes:

- A motion was made by Paul DeCarlo (48) and seconded by Josh Spanger (69) to approve the minutes as circulated and forego reading them, all in favor.

New Business:

- None

Old Business:

- Grant Funds – Remaining Funds going to the Fire Prevention Books
- Glen is following up on the funding request for the FIT test machine.

Safety Truck & Trailer:

- New Advertising form is coming

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 Joel Zimmermann (68). All in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 1902 Hours.

Northern Chester County Fire Chiefs Association Meeting

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order by President Jeff Kimes at the Ludgwigs Corner Fire Co. at 1902Hrs.

Roll Call of Officers:

- All Present

Previous Meeting Minutes:

- A motion was made by Paul DeCarlo (48) and seconded by Eric Linsenbigler (58) to approve the November minutes and forgo reading them. All in Favor.

Treasurer's Report:

- November's Beginning Balance: \$26,188.77 as of 11/01/2025
- Deposits of \$0.00 and \$2.04 Interest
- Credits of \$0.00
- November's Ending Balance: \$26,190.81 as of 11/30/2025
- December's Starting Balance of \$26,190.81 as of 12/01/2025
- Deposits of \$0.00 and \$2.40 (Interest)
- Credits of \$44.29
- December's Ending Balance of \$26,148.82 as of 12/31/2025.
- Treasurer's Report stands approved as read.

Correspondence:

- None

CCFCA Advisory Board Report:

- SMUs Still Out of Service:
- County Mutual Aid agreement from the Chief Association to assist with grants and insurance. North agrees it's worth pursuing.
- Assigning Ops Channels at dispatch by dispatchers to avoid issues where agencies inadvertently on different channels at the same incident.
 - Concern is about areas where Ops Channels do not work with buildings.

- North would like to see it left to the incident commander.
- Planning for further radio fleet mapping changes with new radios in a few years.
 - Talk about EMS being put on a separate channel.
 - Had a discussion with our Montco agencies and they are trying to get EMS back on the Fire Ops channels.
- Ops Committee – Have not met currently

DES Report: Justin McClure

- Fire Paging – Pager Delivery to DES slated for January.
- Tax Rebate – Updated Ordinance passed and new information posted to the website.
- Chief Update – Working on some dates. Got a lot of mixed responses.
- Radio Update – Motorola portables being ordered in. PD traffic will all be encrypted once implemented. New Fire/EMS portable radios RFP will go out in 2027

FM & HazMat Report: Justin McClure

- No Report

Old Business:

- Municipal/School District Tax Rebate.
 - Get your municipal tax rebate information to Sly so he can build a database
 - Looking to go to the School Districts
 - Ray has a meeting with School District on January 26th to initially present the idea.
 - Need to work on your local townships on their property/earned income tax rebates as additional support for when approaching the School Districts.

New Business:

- Pete brought up what he got back from the bank on higher yielding saving and CD options for the Association’s funds.
 - Talking about doing a rolling ladder
 - Jay made a motion to put \$3000 in a 9 month CD immediately, Seconded by Josh, All in Favor.
- It was brought up about difficulty in getting replacement batteries and antennas for portables. Other chiefs were being told about a policy change in 2026 with no notice for budgeting. Jeff brought up about needing more communication from County changes with radio accessories and parts.
- There is also a new radio repair vendor that has replaced Metropolitan.

Good of the Company:

- Montco Report: Reviewed about Radio System and EMS
- Ridge had a meeting with OJRSD after the Mini Split System fire at the Middle School. The district is working to make adjustments to traffic and student meeting points. If there is an incident during drop off or dismissal, access is very limited for apparatus.
- Thank you to Ludwigs Corner for hosting the January Meeting and providing dinner.
- March's Meeting will be at Ridge Fire Co. on March 11th.

Close:

- Being no further business a motion was made by Ray Kolb (62) and seconded by Steve Senn (73) for adjournment at 1956Hrs, all in favor. The next meeting will be at the Ridge Fire Co on March 11th, 2026.

January 14th, 2026,

Jonathan Brackbill

NCCFCA Secretary