



# NORTHERN CHESTER COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

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C/O RIDGE FIRE COMPANY  
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## Minutes for the March 11, 2026 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 for PSP Cpl. Timothy O'Connor.

#### Attendance:

- An attendance sheet was circulated with 21 members present from 11 Departments.

#### Previous Meeting Minutes:

- A motion was made by Ray Kolb (62) and seconded by Paul DeCarlo (48) to approve the minutes as circulated and forego reading them, all in favor.

#### New Business:

- None

#### Old Business:

- Grant Funds – Fire Prevention Materials are in.
- FIT Test Machine grant funds sounds promising through Paul Friel's office.

#### Safety Truck & Trailer:

- New Advertising form has been sent out and is posted on the website. \$250 a spot.
- Trailer is ready to go. Will need unwrapped from winter storage.

#### Correspondence:

- None

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

- With no further business to discuss, a motion for adjournment was made by Marty Blumenthal (73) and seconded by Paul DeCarlo (48). All in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 1906 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 1906Hrs.

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

- All Present

### **Previous Meeting Minutes:**

- A motion was made by Ed Walters (65) and seconded by Paul DeCarlo (48) to approve the January minutes and forgo reading them. All in Favor.

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

- January's Beginning Balance: \$26,148.82 as of 01/01/2026
- Deposits of \$0.00 and \$2.17 Interest
- Credits of \$215.75 (CK#400 for Meeting Refreshments)
- January's Ending Balance: \$25,935.24 as of 01/30/2026
- February's Starting Balance of \$25,935.24 as of 02/01/2026
- Deposits of \$0.00 and \$1.80 (Interest)
- Credits of \$3,000 – (2/2/26 CD Investment)
- February's Ending Balance of \$22,937.04 as of 02/28/2026.
- Treasurer's Report stands approved as read.
- New Checks were lost in the mail. Bank is cancelling them and new ones were ordered to go directly to the bank.
- C.D. of \$3000 was done and new signature cards taken care of.

### **Correspondence:**

- None

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

- February and March's Meeting Notes distributed
- Hero Fund - March 27th, Hero Fund Comedy Night at Kennet
- County Mutual Aid agreement from the Chief Association creation in progress.

- Continue to send feedback on municipal and school tax rebate ordinances. Sly willing to assist where needed to keep that momentum going.
- Dive/Rescue 77 - New truck recommendation will be Utility with UAS 77
- Bariatric Ambulance - Thinking on a designation for a dedicated unit.
- CCFCA will participate in Dispatcher appreciation week
- Relief Reform is being worked on. Base level funding for each department. Will be response metrics.
- EMS and Fire working with DES to eliminate AVL as a primary response agency.
- Working on making Trees/Wires Chief Notifications if they want.
- Ops committee is working on policy for assigning Ops channels
- Golf Outing is May 4th
- June CCFCA Picnic at Valley Forge

### **DES Report: Justin McClure**

- Paging - Still working on CAD interface, RMI will be at the April Meeting to present and go over accessories.
- County Tax Rebate - 12 departments did not submit, many were EMS depts. 1 was late.
- Hazmat - New Hazmat 15-2 is going through driver training.
- Radios – DES is out of spare batteries and antennas. Fire/EMS radios is planned for a 2028 budget proposal. With PD channels going encrypted you can use the municipal channels to talk with the PD. Event Channels for planned events can be utilized and will not be encrypted.
- SMU Status – Is working again.
- Interoperability - Waiting on DELCO to be able to program their channels in our radios.
- FM Lance has completed his training and is being released into the wild.
- PulsePoint VR - do not put screenshots or content from Pulse Point on Social Media
- First Due - Call alerting is not meant to be a primary incident alerting program. The County's official alerting system is the voice pagers. Information is sent to First Due out of CAD every 60 seconds.

### **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
  - Ridge attended the January 26<sup>th</sup> OJR School Board Meeting. Got to speak with a few school board members afterwards. At this time they said they are not moving forward. We plan to get additional data and go back.

- Glen brought up that legislative assistance would be helpful.
- John Sly said he is willing help in any way he can and attend meetings.
- New Portable Radio Project – Glen asked if the fire radios will have GPS. Current radios do not have GPS on the fire side. RFP has not been drafted yet for the new portable radios.
- Further discussion was had on radio system fleet mapping.
- Ops Committee is aware of the assigned task, but nothing passed down at this time or scheduled.

### **New Business:**

- CCFCA President John Sly was in attendance and provided an update:
  - Montco is doing a presentation on NERIS at the Montco Fire Academy.
  - CCFCA providing lunch and dinner for the PSP barracks in Chesco for the LODD Death
  - Sly went over the upcoming services for PSP LODD Funeral.
  - Sly went over his potential plan for First Due.
  - Reviewed Relief Reform – Looking at a minimum funding.
  - Reviewed about the abuse of FP Requests for non-emergency requests
- Glen brought up about if Chester County has a policy or response for active shooter.
  - This had been brought up before from the CCFCA and at that time there was no known policy, but there was interest in utilizing the Fire Dept Command Structure for these unified commands.
- Dave Meadows – Phoenixville is looking to go to the Passport System for accountability.
- Phoenixville’s new to them ladder will be going into service.

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

- Montco Report: Nothing at this time
- Friendship has a new Drone truck going into service. Hope to have it up for May’s Meeting.
- May Meeting – Apparatus Display and Elected Officials.
- May’s Meeting will be at Ridge Fire Co. on May 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **Close:**

- Being no further business a motion was made by Pete Hornberger (69) and seconded by Ed Walters (65) for adjournment at 2024Hrs, all in favor. The next meeting will be at the Ridge Fire Co on May 13th, 2026.

March 11th, 2026,

Jonathan Brackbill

NCCFCA Secretary