

**LANCASTER COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**SEPTEMBER 2012 MEETING MINUTES**

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President Duane Ober called the quarterly meeting of the Lancaster County Fire Chiefs Association, Inc. to order at 19:30 hours. Following the pledge of allegiance, Dan Reiff was appointed Sgt-at-Arms.

**Guests / Speakers**

The speaker for the evening was Sue Lackmann, Health Educator for the Lancaster General Hospital. She spoke about the safe kids program ([www.safekids.org](http://www.safekids.org)), which is a child seat safety program.

**Previous Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the June 2012 meeting were approved as presented.

**Secretary Report**

No report

**Law / Legislative**

Ernie Rojahn reported on the benefits that were denied to Ed Steffy, the Fire Police Officer from the Rothsville Fire Company that died in the line of duty in 2011. He reported that fire police officers currently are not eligible to receive death benefits at this time. Ernie also reported that there will be a new grant available for fire prevention programs and that a new relief handbook will be published.

**Fire Marshal**

No report

**LCWC / Communications**

Mike Weaver reported the LCWC is currently a month into the new radio program and they are currently working on fleet mapping for the county. Mike also introduced various people that are working on the project. A question was raised about how the fire police from the county will fall into the new radio system, Mike stated that they will be able to use the new system, but it will be up to the local fire chief's of how and when they will use it. It was also reported that the license for the current fire police channel (33.46) will be maintained for a period of time. Mike also reported that now that the county has a signed contract, the fire company's may be able to get better pricing on portable radios through the county contract. He stated the fire company's should wait to purchase any portables until the Phase I testing can be completed. A second question was raised about the portable radio grant that was proposed at the September 2012 meeting. Mike stated that the County of Lancaster could not be the grant holder and with the time frame for the grant, it could not be completed.

**Lancaster County Emergency Management**

Director Randy Gockley thanked everyone that participated and attended the September 11 ceremony that was held at the Public Safety Training Center. It was also reported that the NIMS Compliance Survey is due by Saturday, September 15. Also reported was that there still is a disaster recovery group that is working on issues from the September 2011 floods. The LEMA office will also be working with a disaster mitigation consultant to review and update disaster plans.

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**Lancaster County Public Safety Training Center**

Fire Service Coordinator Dave Gribble reported on the new programs that will be held in 2013 at the LCPSTC. All information about these programs will be emailed out to the chiefs email list and also posted on the LCPSTC website ([www.lcpstc.org](http://www.lcpstc.org)). Dave also presented a possible training prop purchase from the Chief's Association. Proposed was a portable forcible entry door that can be used by the county fire company's in-station. Saw obtained information on (3) possible doors to purchase and asked that the chief's review the information and provide feedback on which door the member companies would like to see.

**Lancaster County Fireman's Association**

It was reported that Tina Alexander had passed away. Tina was a long-time member of the LCFA Fire Expo committee and a member of the Lampeter Fire Co.

**South Central Terrorism Task Force**

No report

**Apparatus Inspection**

The following apparatus was inspected since the last chief's meeting: Rescue 5, Engine 59-5 and Engine 54-1 (Engine/Rescue).

**Standards Committee**

It was reported that the vote for the naming of incidents standard was cancelled. The proposal is for a guideline and not a standard. The guideline is for NIMS compliance and will be added without the vote. The standards committee and LCWC will be adding this guideline to the current handbook, guidelines. The standards committee also reported that there will be new water rescue nature codes added due to the flooding of 2011. The new nature codes will be: WATER RESCUE: INLAND.

**Golf Committee**

The 2012 golf tournament cleared a profit of \$10,473.57. Rick Harrison thanked everyone that help with the event.

**NIMS**

The NIMS Compliance Surveys are due shortly and the survey can be completed online.

**EAST Committee**

The committee will be assisting with the funeral of Fire Police Officer Steve Henry from Columbia Borough.

**Unfinished Business**

It was reported that the softball tournament benefit for LCWC dispatcher Woody Woodward was a success.

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**New Business**

Chief Ron Ottel spoke about the benefits that were denied to Ed Steffy. The main reason that the benefits are denied is that not every state has fire police officers.

Chief Keith Eshleman of the Lancaster County Rescue Task Force reported that Manheim Township Fire-Rescue will be joining the rescue task force to take the place of Station 2.

A new proposed bylaw change was read to change membership from individual to company membership. The dues with the new change will be \$20 for the company and will include (4) chiefs, additional members will be \$5 each. The proposal was read and requires (5) chiefs signatures.

The nominations for LCFCA officers for 2013-2014 are as follows:

- President – Duane Ober (Station 26)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Larry Martin (Station 39)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Scott Ryno (Station 801)
- Secretary – Dave Gribble (Station 48)
- Treasurer – Rick Harrison (Station 204)
- Director – Troy Weaver (Station 30)
- Director – Eric Bachman (Station 204)

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Rick Harrison reported that there is \$48,239 in the money market, \$15,120 in checking for a balance of all accounts \$63,359.

**Good of the Order**

It was reported that Chief Joe Mohr has recent bypass surgery and Chief Larry Martin had neck and shoulder surgery.

Chief Charles Snyder, Station 807, spoke about the up-coming funeral arrangements for fire police officer Steve Henry, which will be held on Saturday, September 15.

**Roll Call**

Roll call showed (62) in attendance with (28) Fire Chiefs, (14) Deputy Chiefs, (7) Assistant Chiefs, (5) Past Chiefs and (8) Guests.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, December 12, 2012 at 19:30 hours at the Lancaster County Public Safety Training Center.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 21:10 hours

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Gribble

Secretary

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