

LANCASTER COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION, INC.
DECEMBER 2014 MEETING MINUTES

President Duane Ober called the quarterly meeting of the Lancaster County Fire Chiefs Association, Inc. to order at 19:32 hours, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Guests / Presentations

The first guests for the evening were Jason Hoffman and Kirk Neidermyer of Hoffman Radio. They spoke to the group about the alpha pagers that are available to the county departments for the new paging system.

The second guest for the evening was Doug Snyder from the Pennsylvania State Fire Academy. Doug spoke about how Line of Duty Deaths process is handled from the state side. He stressed that documentation is key to these types of incidents and to make sure all paperwork and information is up to date and accurate. He also spoke about his position as a field supervisor for the State Fire Academy.

Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the September 2014 meeting were approved as presented.

Secretary Report

The membership letters for 2015-2016 will be going out shortly.

Law / Legislative

Ernie Rojahn reported on upcoming legislation issues that are being discussed. Some issues that are being discussed are fire department funding and sprinklers systems during construction.

Fire Marshal

No Report

LCWC / Communications

Mike Weaver reported on the halt of the implementation of the new radio system. Some of the things found that lead to the stoppage was equipment issues such as problems with radio microphones and "missed calls" on the system. The "missed calls" was a timing issue and they are still working on the radio microphone problems. He also reported that there were some issues with radios batteries. This problem can be corrected by draining the batteries all the way and recharge a couple times. The start date for the new system is to be determined pending the repairs that need to be made. Implementation will begin again after the first of the year. Fire is tentative to be around the February / march time frame.

Rick Harrison spoke about the new paging system. Currently there are four pagers that are available for the new system. One problem found with the new paging is that the pagers will not go off until a unit has been assigned to the incident and LCWC is currently looking for a solution to this to speed up the pagers activating.

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Lancaster County Emergency Management

Randy Gockley reported that the EBOLA concern has gone down and that the larger EMS agencies and Haz-Mat Team is equipped to handle this.

Lancaster County Public Safety Training Center

Craig Elmer reported that the engine (Blue Engine) that was donated to the training center has mechanical issues that will be costly to repair and they are currently looking at replacing that unit.

Lancaster County Fireman's Association

Ed Knight reported on the usage of the Pequea Lane site. For 2014 there were (30) training events held there with (13) live burns. He also reported that the building is being re-lined for burns and they are making additional upgrades.

South Central Terrorism Task Force

The county will be receiving traffic control equipment shortly from the South Central Task Force and it will be housed at the training center.

Apparatus Inspection

No Report.

Standards Committee

No Report

Golf Committee

The 2015 golf tournament will be held on July 24 at the Foxchase Golf Course.

NIMS

No report.

EAST Committee

The committee met prior to tonight's meeting to review the last call out and they will be reviewing and updating policies. Duane Ober reported that it is important to know your company's insurance policies.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

The 2015 Chief's Training Weekend will be on March 6 & 7 and the guest speaker will be Chief Mike Terpak of the Jersey City Fire Department that will give a presentation on Size-Up, Lightweight Construction and Hording.

The new elected officers of the Lancaster County Chiefs Association were sworn in by Randy Gockley. Taking office were: President - Scott Ryno, 1st Vice President – Larry Martin, 2nd Vice President – Dave Gribble, Secretary – Duane Ober, Treasurer – Rick Harrison, Trustee's – Troy Weaver and Bill Hall.

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Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Rick Harrison reported that there is \$24,975 in the checking account and \$48,330 is the savings account for a balance of \$73,205. A motion was made by Tim Horner and second by Tim Gregg to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Good of the Order

The dates for the 2015 LCFCA meetings are March 11, June 10, September 9 and December 9.

Tim Gregg reported that the Lancaster City Bureau of Fire is looking to host the Fire Science program in the near future.

Roll Call

Roll call showed (60) in attendance with (22) Fire Chiefs, (12) Deputy Chiefs, (11) Assistant Chiefs, (10) Past Chiefs and (6) Guests.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at 19:30 hours at the Lancaster County Public Safety Training Center.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Duane Ober

Secretary

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