

LANCASTER COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION, INC.
JUNE 2019 MEETING MINUTES

Vice-President Duane Hagelgans called the quarterly meeting of the Lancaster County Fire Chiefs Association, Inc. to order at 19:00 hours on June 12, 2019, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests / Presentations – Tom Curtis from Compleat Restorations was present to provide the names of the two recipients of their \$500 scholarship awards. Maddy Rohrer, from Hempfield High School, who is going to Bucks County Community College to study Emergency Management Photography, was one of the recipients, and was also present. She is the daughter of East Petersburg Fire Chief Jamie Rohrer. The other recipient was Mackenzie Moody. She is a graduate of Lancaster Catholic High School and will be reporting for basic training with the United States Air Force, before continuing with her education at East Stroudsburg University. She is the daughter of Lancaster City Fire Chief Scott Little and she is also a member of the Lafayette Fire Company.

Bill Hall then introduced the two students from his CTC program who received this year's awards, sponsored by the County Fire Chiefs Assn. Kyle Martin, from Garden Spot High School, was the recipient of the Outstanding Student award. He also is the State Champion in the Skills USA Competition and will be entering the United States Army. Jordan Slagel, from Penn Manor School District, earned the Award of Merit. He is a member at Willow Street Fire Company and has started employment with Lancaster Countywide Communications.

Previous Meeting Minutes – The March 2019 Minutes were distributed via email; no corrections or additions were needed. They were approved as written.

Secretary Report – Secretary Ober reported that three fire companies have not paid their dues – Station 10, 14, and 79. He thanked the rest of the fire companies for their support of the Association.

Law / Legislative - Ernie Rojahn reported that the PFESI 2019 Conference Education Session and Annual Dinner will be held November 22-23. Manheim Township Fire Chief Rick Kane and Garden Spot Fire Rescue Fire Chief Darryl Keiser will both be presenting on the 23rd.

Ernie also reported on House Bill 1005 that would require mandatory reporting for drug related events for all first responders. The PA Fire and Emergency Services Institute, the Ambulance Assn. of PA, PA Chapter of Emergency Physicians, and the PA Medical Society all oppose this bill since it would be an undue burden because it would mandate the use of a reporting system beyond the normal patient care report.

Lastly, Ernie reported on the Protecting America's First Responders Act (S. 1208) which had passed the U.S. Senate. The bill now goes to the U.S. House and includes language that fire police are eligible for Public Safety Officers Benefit.

Fire Marshal – Ryan Gehman and Jeff Purcell were present but had no report.

LCWC / Communications – Matt Shenk discussed the successful LCWC sponsored Radio Exposition held on May 16 at the Public Safety Training Center. Matt received positive comments from attendees and vendors alike. If invited again next year, the vendors said they would participate. A link to radio system trouble tickets has been added to LCWC's website. Kenwood radios have added to the list of approved radios. Visit LCWC's website for a complete list of approved radios. Finally, if you are in the market for new radio equipment, Matt

LANCASTER COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION, INC.
JUNE 2019 MEETING MINUTES

stressed that you become an informed consumer and thoroughly examine and test prospective radios. If you have questions on features and functionality, please contact Matt.

Jeff Garner advised the group that Cover Call notifications are available via text paging and wireless phones. This is an optional feature. Those interested should notify Jeff. The Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system now has a Duty Officer icon available. Departments may take advantage of this CAD attribute by assigning officers to the icon. You may find this feature will eliminate the paper submission of duty rosters to LCWC each year.

Lancaster County Emergency Management – Phil Colvin had no report.

Lancaster County Public Safety Training Center – Todd Kirkpatrick reported that they have a new prop – a paint locker / flammable product cabinet. He also gave an update on the repair of the memorial stones. LCPSTC is now on social media; the Center can now be found on Facebook and Twitter.

Ken Weber will now be assisting with scheduling training at LCFA's Pequea Lane facility. LCPSTC will also be buying a Bucks County Community College burn package.

Lancaster County Fireman's Association – Ernie repeated what Todd said about Ken Weber assisting with scheduling classes at Pequea Lane now.

SAFER Grant – Duane Hagelgans reported that as we come into our last year with the SAFER grant, that we are focusing on radio ads, movie theater ads and advertising with the Barnstormers. We are no advertising with six radio stations, Penn Cinema, Regal Manor Theaters, Ephrata Main Theater and Kendig Square. We have also sponsored an outfield wall billboard at Clipper Stadium, utilizing electronic billboards in the county and working with students from Millersville University to create new thirty second commercials. We were able to secure upfront reimbursements from FEMA to pay for these expenses, which was approximately \$195,000 in costs. We are now caught up with our FEMA reimbursements.

Golf Committee – Kurt Gehman reported that the golf tournament will be July 19, 2019 at Fox Chase Golf Course. K&C Communications has agreed to be our Commissioners Club sponsor this year. The Chiefs Club Sponsors remain from last year – VFIS, LCFA, Provident, 10-8 Emergency Vehicle Service, Glick Fire and BK Technologies. The tournament is sold out with 144 golfers. There are several foursomes on a waiting list, and the committee even considered creating a morning flight, but they could not get sponsors to help with the funding of it.

EAST Committee – Chairman Jim Herr presented a brief review of the committee and its services to the members. They are available to assist for Line of Duty Deaths and non-Line of Duty Deaths. To notify the committee, you can contact any member directly, or contact the LCWC Supervisor, and they will get a hold of someone from the team. They recently assisted with Chief Mike Reese's funeral, but did not assist with the LODD of the Willow Street fire policeman's funeral because the family did not want a firefighter's funeral.

The committee has multiple large American flags – 20 ft. by 36 ft. Jim recently contacted Paul Davis Restoration to see if they could help with cleaning of the flags but have not heard back from them yet. They also presentation axes and pike poles, an engraved bell, badge covers and white gloves (if needed), a tailboard

LANCASTER COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION, INC.
JUNE 2019 MEETING MINUTES

platform, and apparatus bunting. The consumable supplies are kept on hand for quick access, so if a fire company uses any, they are expected to help the committee by reimbursing the Chiefs Association so that they could buy more. Jim also explained that most funeral homes have experience with dealing with firefighter funerals and are willing and able to help the families as well.

Radio Advisory Committee - Dean Gantz Jr. reported that they reached out to the County Commissioners about assistance with bulk purchasing of pagers. They were advised to wait until budget time to bring it up for discussion.

Training – Chief Scott Little is heading up the new Training Committee, along with Keith Eshleman, Craig Elmer, Jason Topper, and David King. They have a training weekend planned for Saturday and Sunday, September 28-29, with the topic of “Aggressive Incident Command”, taught by Nick Martin. It will be the same class both days, with Chiefs Assn. members on Saturday and open to all others on Sunday. Registrations will be sent soon and they will be processed through LCPSTC.

Members were reminded that the Training Center Foundation has a training planned on December 7th with Chief Duggan and encouraged members to sign up soon.

Unfinished Business – Jamie Welk, Deputy 57, received the 2019 LCWC Fire Dispatcher of the Year award, sponsored by the Lancaster County Fire Chiefs Assn.

Open Discussion – Vice-President Hagelgans explained to the members the purpose of our new format, which is to have an open discussion on current fire service topics that need to be addressed. He began with the topic of “Naming of Command”. He spoke about the inconsistencies of radio communication throughout the county, in which one area of concern is the naming of the command. Most fire companies are using their station number as their command identifier, while a few use geographic command. There was concern by a few that there are multiple roads in the county with the same name and there might be confusion caused by using road names for command. Most companies utilize geographic command once a second call happens within the fire district. Keith Eshleman explained the issues encountered with not using NIMS-based naming of command when federal agencies are involved. Phil Colvin provided some information about NIMS and how it affects our communication, including naming of command and apparatus. No decision was reached, but it was stated that communication on this topic will continue, possibly asking the Radio Advisory Committee to work with LCWC to come up with a solution.

The second topic for the evening was the need to have apparatus inspections and who manages it? The need for apparatus standards and inspections in the past came from fire companies purchasing used apparatus that did not meet the standards. Ideas suggested included keeping the apparatus standards and reporting which apparatus pass or fail the standard, having LCWC manage the reviews, maintaining a list of which apparatus have met the standards, and more. Questions included why the apparatus inspections only happen once and there is no follow up in future years, what problems are being solved by doing the inspections, and if we have apparatus standards, then why don't we have firefighter training standards? Again, no decision was made, but more open discussion is considered for future meetings.

LANCASTER COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION, INC.
JUNE 2019 MEETING MINUTES

Treasurer's Report –Treasurer Harrison provided the following report: Deposits totaled \$245,349, including \$195,300 from FEMA for grant reimbursements, with the rest being from golf tournament deposits or dues. There was a total of \$233,259.42 in expenses, made up of grant expenses and CTC & Dispatcher awards. The balance in the checking account is \$20,604.68 and there is \$63,663.69 in the Money Market account for a total of \$84,268.37. Nelson Dagen made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, seconded by Dean Gantz Jr. and approved.

Good of the Order – Vice-President Hagelgans reported that there is another insurance company that is getting involved in workers compensation coverage for emergency services, called 7710 Insurance.

LEMSA will be holding an active shooter drill in May at Millersville University and will be looking for helpers.

Lancaster County Rescue Task Force will be hosting core rescue classes in October.

Ken Bechtold, Assistant 94-1, spoke to the members about the importance of sharing all information relating to searches with the incident commander. A recent search in the county revealed that some information was not shared or made known until a later date. His team will also be hosting a Basic Search and Rescue class (16 hours) in October and a Search Management class (32 hours) in November.

Roll Call - Roll call showed (59) in attendance with (19) Fire Chiefs, (4) Deputy Chiefs, (11) Assistant Chiefs, (13) Past Chiefs and (12) Guests, representing 35 fire departments.

The next meeting will be on September 11, 2019, beginning at 7:00pm, at the Lancaster County Public Safety Training Center.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 20:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Duane Ober
Secretary
Lancaster County Fire Chiefs Assn. Inc.
July 14, 2019