

LANCASTER COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION, INC.
SEPTEMBER 2016 MEETING MINUTES

Director Bill Hall called the quarterly meeting of the Lancaster County Fire Chiefs Association, Inc. to order at 19:30 hours on September 14, 2016, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence in remembrance of 9-11 and a moment of silence in memory of Joe Mohr and Claude Young Sr.

Guests / Presentations

Lancaster County Commissioner Josh Parsons was present to introduce himself to the membership. He is willing to meet with local fire companies to hear issues that each are experiencing. If interested in having him attend one of your company meetings, please contact his office.

Previous Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Nelson Dagen and seconded by Rick Harrison to approve the June 2016 meeting minutes as written.

Secretary Report

Dues notices for the 2017-2018 will be mailed to each fire company prior to the December 2016 meeting. If you are a former chief officer and wish to continue your membership with the Chiefs Assn. but will not have your dues paid by your fire company, please contact Duane Ober at duane26@ptd.net.

Law / Legislative

Ernie Rojahn reported on the survey that was presented by Millersville University concerning recruitment and retention and had over 900 responses. They are working to compile the data submitted.

The next AFG application period begins October 11th. Ernie also reported on the AFG that the State Firemen's Association received for R & R that is available at the local level in \$5,000 grants.

Ernie stressed the importance of incident reporting in order to receive the annual state grant through the Fire Commissioner's Office.

Ernie also shared updates on local legislation taking place at the state level. The updates can be found in the PA Fireman.

Fire Marshal - No report; none present.

LCWC / Communications

Tim Baldwin reported that they have received a voice and alpha pager from Unication to demo. They will also be getting a Swiss pager to demo. Plans are still on track for no changes to the paging system until 2020. They are also looking at options for a P25 pager, which would be on the current radio system.

The second touch for the radio system is being worked on right now. Engineers are looking at the system and offering opinions on how to optimize the system for coverage. One area of special note is in the Christiana area.

Matt Shenk spoke about the email that he sent asking if companies want their private channels encrypted.

Keith Eshelman encouraged everyone to fill out the radio system surveys.

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Lancaster County Emergency Management

Randy Gockley reminded everyone that October 2nd is the 10th Anniversary of the Nickel Mines incident. Bart Twp. Fire Co. is having an Open House and Remembrance ceremony near that time.

There will be a Sky-Warn program at the Training Center on October 6th.

On October 12th, PennDOT is hosting a TIMS class at the Training Center at 6:30pm.

Phil Colvin had hydrant maps available for each municipality and asked every chief to take one and review it and point out any errors or corrections that need to be made. Fill sites can be added to the map as well – these will be added to the WebCAD.

Lancaster County Public Safety Training Center

Todd Kirkpatrick shared that he started to post 2017 classes on the schedule already. They are hoping to host three full fire academy classes next year.

He is working with Eric Bachman to schedule Haz Mat refresher classes.

EMA worked with LCPSTC to secure a grant for a 6'x12' utility trailer to be able to transport all supplies that are needed for a Haz Mat Ops refresher class.

Several classes are close to being cancelled due to low enrollment.

The new VRT series is in effect now. Anyone who did not complete the former series will have to start over. There is a higher cost for the first class due to the cost of the student manual.

Todd is working on scheduling the instructors for the 2017 Fire Chiefs Training Weekend. We are planning to host two instructors, each doing half day instruction. Tentatively, we have two Battalion Chiefs from Harrisburg scheduled to be the instructors.

The blue door prop purchased by the Chiefs Assn. a few years ago is constantly being used throughout the county.

Craig Elmer spoke about the local company level training classes in the evening being held at the Training Center. Updated policies will be established in the near future. He stressed the need to work with neighboring departments to form larger groups of personnel for local level burns in order to have adequate staffing to handle all of the roles required under NFPA standards.

Craig spoke that Kay Moyer reached out to him to ask if the Chiefs Assn. would be able to help with the cost of printing 7,000 copies of safety handouts to provide to the farms in the county.

Craig also asked the Chiefs Assn. for financial support for a roof simulator that includes an elevated roof, requiring the use of ladders as well. He is asking for a 16' x 24' simulator with an estimated cost of \$16,000. Craig is asking the Chiefs Assn. for \$5,000 support.

Lancaster County Fireman's Association – No report

Apparatus Reviews – No report.

Standards Committee – No report

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Golf Committee

Kurt Gehman reported that this year's tournament went very well; a profit of \$14,833 was made this year. He thanked all of the golfers, sponsors and helpers who made it a success. He is already working on plans for next year's tournament.

EAST Committee

Jim Herr and Duane are working to update the resources available, in print, online and the supplies that can be used. Since the last meeting, supplies were used at Claude Young Sr. and Joe Mohr's funeral. Adamstown Fire Company just recently used a flag for a past member and the 9-11 ceremony utilized two flags as well.

Duane also stated that one flag was damaged recently and will need to be replaced. The fire company involved offered to pay to replace the flag and the order will be placed soon. The new flag will contain wind slits sewn into the flag, which should be a big help to the truck companies flying the flag.

Costs will be assigned to each resource in the near future with the expectation that any damage is covered by the fire company using the supplies and that donations will be made to help maintain the readiness and availability of the supplies.

A video on how to raise the flag will be created in the near future and downloaded to the Chiefs website for all to view to assure that it is being done properly. All equipment needed to raise the flags safely and properly will be contained within the flag bins.

A meeting of the committee will be held in the near future. If anyone else is interested in serving on the committee, please contact Jim Herr at jherr@lcwc911.us or Duane at duane26@ptd.net.

Unfinished Business

Secretary Ober reported that he sent letters to Senator Aument's and Senator Smucker's offices to state our position to oppose the pending fireworks legislation (Senate Bill 1055). Both offices contacted Duane to give an update on the pending legislation and both advised that it will be highly unlikely for the bill to go anywhere since they are only in session a few more days and the bill is still in its original committee yet. It will most likely die.

Bill Hall spoke about the award of the SAFER Grant in the amount of \$367,400 for recruiting county-wide. The steering committee will be made up of the 2017-2018 incoming officers of the Assn. We need to get started with the grant project by October 20th. We are working on an RFP to be sent to marketing firms in the county to assist on the project. This grant is a reimbursement grant, so we will need to manage our cash flow throughout the three years. Our goal is 70 new firefighters per year and a 75% retention for a minimum of 3 years. More information about the grant and progress will be provided through email as it is known. Rick Harrison also suggested that we consider using John Sly to help manage the legal issues of the grant depending on his rates.

New Business

Rick Harrison reported that the Chiefs Assn. 501c3 status expired in 2013. A CPA was hired to help us get it back on track. A payment of \$850 was made to the US Treasury to refile and an additional cost for the work involved will be paid in the near future at an estimated cost of \$2,000. A motion was

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made to pay the bill for the CPA when it comes due and any related costs by Dean Gantz and seconded by Ron Oettel and passed.

Ron Oettel made a motion for the Chiefs Assn. to support the LCPSTC's request to fund \$5,000 towards the cost of the new roof simulator, seconded by Josh Newcomer and passed.

Nominations for 2017-2018 Officers include: President: Dave Gribble; 1st Vice-President: Bill Hall; 2nd Vice-President: Dean Gantz Jr.; Treasurer: Rick Harrison; Secretary: Duane Ober; and Directors (2): Craig Rhineer Jr. and Tony Groff.

Ron Oettel made a motion to close the Nominations as listed, seconded by Ben Herskowitz and passed.

Ernie Rojahn stated that the PA Fireman will attempt to handle the printing needs for Kay Moyer. If not, Rick Harrison made a motion that the Chiefs Assn. support the cost of 7,000 copies for \$3,150; seconded by Craig Elmer and passed.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Rick Harrison reported the following:

Deposits since last meeting: \$33,122.50; which includes \$2,795 from the LCFA towards the cost of the Chiefs Training in March 2016 and the balance from the golf tournament.

Expenses: \$16,684.83; which includes \$1,395.60 (T-shirts for the golf tournament); \$4,000 (food at tournament); \$3,137.23 (prizes at golf tournament); \$5,840 (rounds of golf); \$525 (drinks at tournament); \$513 (signs for tournament); \$375 (food from June meeting); \$850 to US Treasury (Refile status); and \$49 to Duane Ober (stamps).

Total amount in the Savings account is \$63,418.11 and total in Checking is \$17,557.38 for an overall total of \$80,975.49. Nelson Dagen made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Tim Hoerner and passed.

Good of the Order- None

Roll Call

Roll call showed (46) in attendance with (18) Fire Chiefs, (12) Deputy Chiefs, (3) Assistant Chiefs, (10) Past Chiefs and (3) Guests, representing 29 fire departments.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at 19:30 hours at the Lancaster County Public Safety Training Center.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 20:38 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Duane Ober
Secretary
Lancaster County Fire Chiefs Assn., Inc.