

LANCASTER COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION, INC.
MARCH 2012 MEETING MINUTES

President Duane Ober called the meeting to order at 19:30 hours, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Guests / Speakers

The first guest of the evening was Bill Landis of Tu-Way Communications that spoke about the new radio project. He stated that all but (17) agencies have responded with their information. Tu-Way Communications will be doing a walk-through with each fire company to ensure the radios are placed where each company would like. He also stated that Tu-Way will not subcontract any of the installation work with the new project.

The second guest of the evening was Ann Latorno from the ISO office. She spoke about the ISO grading that have been going on in the county and how their goal is to complete all of Lancaster County within the next (2) years.

The third guest of the evening was Dale Brubaker who is the Lancaster County Grant writer. He spoke about the assistance that the County Grant office can provide local emergency response agencies. He also spoke

Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the September 2011 minutes were accepted as presented.

Secretary Report

Secretary Dave Gribble reported that the letters in support of various activities / programs have been sent to the area senators and congressman.

Law and Legislative

Ernie Rojahn reported on proposed legislation requiring background checks for new emergency responders.

Fire Marshal

No report.

LCWC / Communications

LCWC Director Mike Weaver reported on the new radio project. The goal is to have the new system tested and in-service by September 1, 2013. Phase 1 of the project is testing the system in the Lancaster City area. Phase 2 would possibly some real world testing at the Lancaster County Public Safety Training Center. He also reported on that Air-Inc, who is a systems integrator, is working on a proposal to have to the Lancaster County Commissioners.

It was also reported that there may be a possible upgrade to 700 Mhz within the next (8) to (10) years.

Emergency Management

Randy Gockley reported there will be a Skywarn program being held at the Lancaster County Public Safety Training Center on April 12, 2012.

Lancaster County Public Safety Training Center

Director Craig Elmer and Fire Service Coordinator Dave Gribble reported on the various programs that will be held in 2012. Everyone was also reminded that if a student is a "no-show" the fire company will receive an invoice for the amount of the class and it will be marked "Student No-Show".

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There also will be an Ethanol Response class presented by the PA State Fire Academy at the training center on Saturday, July 7, 2012. The program is (8) hours and will begin at 08:00 AM. To register, send a completed course application to Pa Pauly at the PASFA, not the training center.

Lancaster County Fireman's Association

Fire Expo is possibly looking at having seminars during the event.

South Central Task Force

No Report

Standards Committee

Rick Harrison reported they are reviewing the Mayday standard. They have also tabled the new Boat Company standard. They are also working on breaking out the "water rescue" nature code to include a "vehicle in distress" due to the large amount of the incidents that occur during heavy rainstorms.

Golf Tournament

The 2012 golf tournament will be held on Friday, July 27 at the Foxchase Golf Course. The flyers are completed and will be sent out.

NIMS Compliance

Phil Colvin reported on the discussion of "naming" Command, some use the location of the incident, while others use their station I.D. After a short discussion, it was recommended that this go back to the standards committee for review.

Emergency Agency Support Team

Chad Graybill reported that the bell is in along with bunting and gloves.

Old Business

The 2012 Officers Training Seminar was held on March 3 at the Training Center. Certificates for the day will be mailed out to those that attended.

New Business

A motion and second was made to support the Fire Dispatcher of the Year Award, the Career and Technology Center Student Awards and the Complete Restorations Scholarships (5 total). A vote was taken and the motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to sponsor the lunch for the July 7 training class. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Chief Keith Eshleman of the Blue Rock Fire Rescue gave some information about how PPL responded to their gas main explosion incident earlier this year and the information that you should give them during an incident.

Chief Ron Oettel raised a question of how fire police are dispatched to incidents and those fire companies that do not have fire police anymore.

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Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Rick Harrison reported expenses of \$4292.00, leaving a balance of 6599.00 in the checking account, \$48,251 in the savings account for a total balance of \$54,815.36.

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None

Roll Call

Roll call showed (85) people in attendance with (31) Chiefs, (20) Deputy Chiefs, (17) Assistant Chiefs, (12) Past Chiefs and (5) Guests.

The next meeting of the Lancaster County Fire Chief's Association will be held on June 13, 2012 at 19:30 hours at the Lancaster County Public Safety Training Center.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Gribble
Secretary
Lancaster County Fire Chiefs Association