

**Minutes of the September 14, 2011  
Lancaster County Fire Chiefs Association, Inc.  
Quarterly Meeting at the Lancaster County Public Safety Training Center**

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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 Michelle James of California Casualty Insurance who spoke about the services her company provides to firefighters.

The second speaker of the evening was Larry Martin, owner of 10-8 Emergency Vehicle Service. Larry was the sponsor of the evening's meal and spoke about the new partnership his company has entered into with American LaFrance and also of the services that his company provides.

**Previous Minutes**

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the June 2011 meeting. Motion passed.

**Secretary Report**

If anyone has an email change or would like to be added to the email list, please forward to Secretary Dave Gribble.

**Law and Legislative Report**

Ernie Rojahn reported on the Federal Grant Program changes and how there will be a reduction in fire grant monies. He also reported that the PA Fire Grant has opened and that the Fire Incident reporting system will be going online.

**Fire Marshal**

No report.

**LCWC / Communications**

Director Mike Weaver reported on the recent awards that the LCWC received and also about the various personnel changes that have occurred due to recent retirements.

Director Weaver then reported on the new radio system, stating that there have been three proposals that have been submitted to the LCWC. The pricing proposal was opened on 09/13/2011. The vendors that have submitted a proposal will be giving presentations to the LCWC and the consultants the first week of October. The goal is to have a decision on the vendor by November 2011.

There was also a general discussion about the Federal Grant that was received several years ago to assist with the purchase of the new radios. Director Weaver reported that LCWC cannot access the grant with Station 3-11's assistance.

The final report was that the station re-numbering committee had meet on August 31, 2011 and letters will be going out to all (3) digit stations in the county.

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**Emergency Management**

No report.

**Public Safety Training Center**

Director Craig Elmer reported on the recent rope rescue equipment that was purchased with the assistance of the Lancaster County Fireman's Association.

**Lancaster County Fireman's Association**

There will be a clean-up detail at the Pequea Lane Facility on Saturday, September 17, 2011.

**South Central Task Force**

No report.

**Standards Committee**

The following units have been inspected: Engine 5-12-2, Engine 6-7-1, Engine 905, Engine 907 and all (4) of the new Manheim Township Fire/Rescue engines.

**Golf Tournament**

The tournament brought in \$22,000 with expenses being approx. \$14,000 giving the LCFCA a profit of \$8166.00.

**N.I.M.S.**

No report.

**E.A.S.T.**

No report.

**Old Business**

Mutual Aid Agreement – No report.

Rehab Training will be held on October 29, 2011 at the Training Center. The start time is 8:00 AM.

The forcible entry / roof simulator that the Chief's Association assisted with sponsoring is completed and located next to the Smoke Maze on the upper training grounds.

Website – Phil Colvin is continuing to update the new website for the association. Various sections have been added and the web address is [www.lancofirechiefs.org](http://www.lancofirechiefs.org).

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**New Business**

There is a new search & rescue team based out of the LEMSA / Millersville station, the name is PA Wilderness Search & Rescue, there has been no station # assigned to them yet by LCWC.

LCPSTC Director Craig Elmer asked the LCFCA to sponsor a community CPR program at the LCPSTC. There will be (5) sessions lasting (2) hours in length. The cost of sponsorship would be \$500. A motion was made, seconded and passed to sponsor the program.

Deputy Borry of the Manheim Township Fire/Rescue spoke briefly on the award that Chief Kane of the Manheim Township Fire/Rescue received from the International Association of Fire Chiefs for commitment to safety.

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Harrison reported the following: Checking Account - \$12,389.12, Savings Account - \$48,174.32 with a total balance of \$60,563.44.

**Good of the Order**

President Ober thanked everyone that helped with the flooding in the Manheim area from Tropical Storm Lee. He also stated there is another response team in Lancaster that goes by First Response Team of America.

Rick Harrison reported that there will be an after action report from LCWC from Tropical Storm Lee and they will be looking at how LCWC will handle water related incidents.

**Roll Call**

Roll call showed (44) people in attendance with (20) Fire Chiefs, (10) Deputy Chiefs, (5) Assistant Chiefs, (5) Past Chiefs and (4) Guests.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Lancaster County Fire Chiefs Association, Inc. will be held at the Lancaster County Public Safety Training Center on Wednesday, December 14, 2011 at 19:30 hours, with the meal being served at approximately 18:30 hours.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 21:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Gribble, Secretary  
Lancaster County Fire Chiefs Association