

**Minutes of the March 9, 2011  
Lancaster County Fire Chiefs Association, Inc.  
Quarterly Meeting at  
Lancaster County Public Safety Training Center**

President Duane Ober called the meeting to order at 19:30 hours. Following the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence for the (7) fire victims in Perry County, President Ober appointed Jim Stephens (1-14) as Sergeant-at-Arms.

**Guests / Presentation**

The first guest for the evening was Mr. Stu Metzler of the Salvation Army. Mr. Metzler reviewed the canteen service that the Salvation Army provides to the emergency services at fire scenes.

The second guest for the evening Mr. Derek Shaw of the American Lung Association. Mr. Shaw reviewed the American Lung Association's – Fight for Air Climb, which will be held this year at the Hersheypark Stadium. The event will take place on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 1000 hours, with registration starting 0900 hours. All proceeds from the event will benefit the American Lung Association.

**Previous Minutes**

Nelson Dagen (3-11) made a motion to accept the December 2010 minutes as written, seconded by Chad Graybill (5-1); motion passed.

**Secretary Report**

No report.

**Treasurers Report**

Treasurer Rick Harrison reported that the Pennvest Account was closed and all monies were transferred to the PNC Savings account, bringing the PNC Savings account balance to \$48,113.00. The PNC Checking account had a starting balance of \$11,363.00 with the following transactions:

- Deposit - \$911.00 – Chief's Association Apparel Sales
- Payment - \$2000.00 – Down payment for Chief Gassoway Seminar
- Payment - \$405.00 – Food for the Sept. and Dec. 2010 Meetings
- Payment - \$3398.00 – Final payment for Chief Gassoway Seminar

After all checking account transaction, the balance of the checking account is \$6470.00. Total balance for all accounts as of the meeting is \$54,584.24. A motion was made by Ron Ottel (2-5) with a second to the motion by Nelson Dagen (3-11) to accept the Treasurer's report; motion passed.

**Law and Legislative Report**

Ernie Rojahn (6-4) spoke about the efforts of the PA fire service community in an attempt to stop the repealing of the sprinkler legislation that went into effect on January 1, 2011. This law was challenged and is in danger of being repealed by the PA Legislature.

Ernie then spoke about the Cancer Law for emergency responders, stating that it would be a requirement for the fire service organizations use the NFIRS reporting system to prove that the responder's were involved with the incident that could have caused the cancer.

The final report by Ernie was on the grant that the Underwriters Libratory received to study the affects of fire on solar panels. He stated that studies are currently being conducted and he had pictures of the some of the experiments being conducted.

### **Fire Marshal**

Fire Marshal Brian Herr shared a brief powerpoint on the laws and regulations for emergency warning lights. The highlights of the program were:

All fire company's are required to submit a listing of all personnel that have warning lights to their local PA State Police.

Warning lights must be visible 360 degrees around the vehicle. Personnel with blue lights are only allowed to have (2) warning lights displayed on their vehicle.

Strobe lights in the headlights and taillights are illegal. Also driving with arrowsticks on is illegal, they should only be used at the scene of an incident.

### **Communications**

Deputy Director Tim Baldwin reported that the FCC has granted LCWC the use of the T-band frequencies, the frequency range should be around 476 MHz. Proposals should be going out to potential vendors for the system shortly. The goal is to have a contract awarded by fall 2011.

A question was raised by Matt Bono (4-10) about how paging will be done with the new system. Tim stated that as of now, there are no plans to change the current paging system.

### **EMA**

No report.

### **Lancaster County Public Safety Training Center**

Craig Elmer reported that a person has been hired as the Fire Service Coordinator and after approval of the salary board will start by the end of March. He also share that in 2010, 48,000 people used the Lancaster County Public Safety Center, this is a dramatic increase from when the facility opened.

Craig also reported that starting July 1, 2011 a fee based system will be in place for training classes, many ETA's have lost funding and need to set fees for the trainings they provide.

### **LCFA**

Tom Hoffman of the LCFA was present and presented information about the improvements and progress of the Pequea Lane facility. He stated that this facility will be used for company level trainings only and not local level classes. He also reviewed the requirements for the burn facilitators that must be present during trainings at the facility. The LCFA has an application that is to be filled out by anyone interested in becoming a LCFA burn facilitator. The application and requirements can be found on the LCFA website. ([www.lcfa.org](http://www.lcfa.org))

### **South Central Task Force**

No report.

### **Standards Committee**

Chairperson Dave Wiker (6-5) reported that the committee has received feedback in regards to the proposed apparatus standards. The committee is reviewing the feedback and hopes to have an updated apparatus standard for the next meeting in June.

### **Golf Tournament**

Rick Harrison (2-4) reported the 2011 golf tournament will be held on Friday, July 15 at the Foxchase Golf Course.

### **Rescue Task Force**

No report.

### **L.O.D.D.**

Chad Graybill (5-1) reported that the L.O.D.D. committee meet and reviewed how the committee could assist a fire company in the event of a L.O.D.D. The committee also came up with a list of supplies that would be needed in the event of a L.O.D.D. The approximate cost for the supplies is \$6300. The committee is preparing a power point presentation for the June 2011 LCFCA meeting.

### **Unfinished Business**

Rick Harrison (2-4) reported on the Chiefs Training Program that was held on Saturday, March 7 at the LCPSTC. He also reported that they are reviewing the surveys that were given out after the presentation.

President Ober reported that Complete Restorations has a scholarship program and there will be \$5000 in scholarships awarded. President Ober asked for help from members to assist on the scholarship selection committee.

There has been no progress on the County-Wide Mutual Aid Agreement.

The LCFCA clothing has arrived, see President Ober to pick-up your items or to make a purchase.

### **New Business**

Dispatcher of the Year Award – Bill Gross (2-11) made a motion to support the award as per previous years, Ron Ottel (2-5) second to the motion, motion passed.

Lancaster CTC Award – Distinguished Student & Student Merit Award – Ron Ottel (2-5) made a motion to support the award, Lonnie Kauffman (4-1) second to the motion, motion passed.

L.O.D.D. Supplies – Ron Ottel (2-5) spoke briefing in support of the program and made a motion to move forward with purchasing the supplies needed, Dave Wiker (6-5) second to the motion, motion passed.

Treasurer Harrison asked for approval to pay any Golf Tournament bills that may arrive prior to the next LCFCA meeting. A motion to grant approval was made by Ron Ottel (2-5) and a second to the motion was made by Tim Cox (5-7), motion passed.

Craig Elmer (LCPSTC) reported that a 20' x 30' American flag was donated to the LCPSTC by an anonymous source. He also reported on an Eagle Scout project that is being made. The project is a forcible entry prop that will be located at the LCPSTC. The scout has incurred some financial costs for the project. A motion was made by Bill Gross (2-11) to pledge \$250 to the project, a second to the motion was made by Brian Auker (1-11), motion passed.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Harrison reported that the Pennvest account was closed and the balance of \$37,236 was transferred to the PNC Savings account. Bills for the quarter were as follows:

\$2000 – Chief Gassaway program down payment

\$405 – Food for the meeting

\$3398 – Final payment for the Chief Gassaway program

After the payment of bills the balances of all accounts were \$54,584.24. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Ron Ottel (2-5), with a second by Nelson Dagen (3-11), motion passed.

### **Good of the Order**

None

### **Roll Call**

There were (69) attendees – (9) Fire Chiefs, (20) Deputy Chiefs, (13) Assistant Chiefs, (10) Past Chiefs and

(3) Guests representing (39) departments.

LCFCA Officers present – President Ober, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Martin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Ryno, Secretary Gribble, and Treasurer Harrison.

**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, June 8, 2011 at 19:30 hours.

With no other business a motion to adjourn was made by Ron Ottel (2-5), with a second by Nelson Dagen (3-11) to adjourn. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 21:40 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Gribble  
Secretary  
Lancaster County Fire Chiefs Association, Inc.