

LANCASTER COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION, INC.
DECEMBER 2020 MEETING MINUTES

President Dave Gribble called the quarterly meeting of the Lancaster County Fire Chiefs Association, Inc. to order at 19:08 hours on December 9, 2020, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Previous Meeting Minutes – The September 2020 Minutes were distributed via email; no corrections or additions were needed. Motion by Don Boyer to approve the Minutes as written; seconded by Mason Brandt and approved.

Secretary Report – Secretary Ober reported that the 2021-2022 dues notices were mailed to each fire company.

Law / Legislative – No report.

Fire Marshal – No report.

LCWC / Communications – Matt Shenk reminded everyone that the low-band radio system will be turned off on January 5th. Alpha-numeric paging had a recent upgrade, which will now list all units due on the call, not just the home company. There will not be an additional page if the mutual aid units haven't responded yet. Matt reminded everyone that you can purchase radios and equipment anywhere, but only B. Moyer Radio and K & C Communications can program the radios. He stressed that you need to verify that the make and model of the radios will work on the Lancaster County radio system. Also, some radios will not work on the neighboring counties' radio systems.

The 9-1-1 center is installing a new phone system, that functions through the computers. Please be patient as the employees learn the new system.

A few weeks ago an email was sent to everyone about getting radios programmed to listen to police units. Fill out the form and send it back to Matt and he will be in touch. Also, if changes in leadership occur at your fire company, please notify LCWC so they can update their records.

A question was asked about Lancaster County utilizing Pulse Point. Matt said it is being researched.

Lancaster County Emergency Management – Phil Colvin advised everyone that LEMA does not have five tractor-trailer loads of PPE for distribution, contrary to recent rumors. Lancaster County is working to get equipment for future needs, but in preparation for dire shortages, not to replace your efforts to purchase your own supplies. In the meantime, LEMA can help local agencies find suppliers for you to purchase equipment from if you are not having luck with your vendors.

Lancaster County Public Safety Training Center – Ken Weber reported that as of this meeting time, both colleges (HACC and Bucks) are still allowing training classes to take place. LCPSTC is working on a project to install cameras and equipment for remote / online training. The first Essentials class in 2021 is full, so if any fire company has members in need of this training, you will have to look at the class times later in the year. The Haz Mat training grant is available again to cover the cost of the annual hazardous materials classes. To schedule a class, there are forms on their website that you can fill out and submit.

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Todd Kirkpatrick reported that the State Fire Academy is still closed. The Training Center hosted two Firefighter 1 certification classes this past Fall, and an extra Essentials class for Lebanon County. He is not aware of any COVID spread or exposure from classes offered at the Training Center. The memorial stone upgrades are slowly making progress. Corrections and additions will take place soon. The Lancaster County Firemen's Association has increased their funding support. The Training Center Foundation has also been helpful, paying for over \$62,000 in electronic upgrades to outdoor props, including wireless controllers.

Lancaster County Fireman's Association – No report.

Standards Committee – No report.

Golf Committee – Scott Little reported that the tournament will take place on Friday, July 16th at Foxchase. They are planning two flights this year – in the morning and afternoon. Help will be needed to get additional sponsors; letters to be sent soon. If anyone has questions or can help, contact Kurt Gehman at kgehman@upperleacockfire.org.

EAST Committee – No Report.

Radio Advisory Committee – No report.

Training – Scott Little reported that the committee is looking for input and ideas for the 2021 training. If you have ideas, please contact Chief Little at slittle@cityoflancafterpa.com.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – President Gribble announced the meeting dates for 2021: March 10th, June 9th, September 8th, and December 8th.

President Gribble read the results of the election. Scott Little won the election for President. Following the announcement, Phil Colvin swore in the new officers who were present (Little, Hagelgans, Gantz Jr., Ober and Fassnacht).

Ken Weber presented information on "Fit Test" equipment that the Training Center would like to purchase to help at classes held at the Training Center, as well as taking in on the road to the fire stations. The equipment can provide SCBA mask fit testing for MSA, Scott an Drager. The cost of the equipment is \$15,881.45 from Mid-Atlantic Fire and Air, and Ken is asking the County Fire Chiefs for their support to purchase this for the Training Center and the county fire companies. After a discussion, Duane Hagelgans made a motion for the Chiefs Association to purchase the Fit Testing Equipment; seconded by Don Boyer, and approved.

Treasurer's Report – Duane Ober read the Treasurer's Report for Rick Harrison – the current balance in the Checking Account is \$28,936.25. Transactions since the September meeting include expenses for golf prizes,

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bonding of the Treasurer, renewal of www.becomeafirefighter.org website, stamps, and transfer of \$20,000 to the Money Market Account and a deposit from dues. The current balance in the Money Market account is \$83,799.03, for a total balance on hand of \$112,735.28. Tim Hoerner made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented; seconded by Dean Gantz Jr., and approved.

Open Discussion – Duane Hagelgans thanked Dave Gribble for his time serving as the President, followed by a round of applause by the membership.

Scott Little thanked everyone for attending the meeting and voting to support either him or Mason Brandt. Scott stated that he would like to include Mason in his efforts to move the Chiefs Association forward. He would like to see the Chiefs Association become a stronger voice in the county, including working more with the EMS Council. He would like to see a strategic plan focused on our mission statement. Chief Little is asking for support from the membership, including serving on the existing and new committees. Chief Little's email address is slittle@cityoflancasterpa.com.

Good of the Order – Kinzer Fire Company is hosting a drive-by rally on Saturday, December 12th for one of their members who recently had open-heart surgery.

Roll Call – Roll call showed (40) in attendance with (13) Fire Chiefs, (3) Deputy Chiefs, (8) Assistant Chiefs, (12) Past Chiefs and (4) Guests, representing 27 fire companies.

The next meeting will be March 10, 2021, beginning at 7:00pm, at the Lancaster County Public Safety Training Center.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 19:55.

Respectfully submitted,

Duane Ober
Secretary
Lancaster County Fire Chiefs Assn. Inc.
December 13, 2020