

**LANCASTER COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**JUNE 2013 MEETING MINUTES**

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President Duane Ober called the quarterly meeting of the Lancaster County Fire Chiefs Association, Inc. to order at 19:32 hours, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

**Guests / Presentations**

The first presentations of the evening were to the (5) Compleat Restorations scholarship winners. Winning this year's awards were Jordan Crills (Station 12), Wesley Kopp (Station 39), Taylor Herr (Station 21), Brad Auker (Station 17) and Eric Showalter (Station 16). Ryan Ellis of Compleat Restorations was on hand to present the awards to each scholarship winner.

The second presentation of the evening was the Lancaster County CTC student awards for the Protective Services program. This year's winners were Molly Ammons, who received the Student of the Year award and Ronald Dippner who won the Award of Merit. Both winners received \$100 for their achievements.

The first guest of the evening was Nicole Smith from the Muscular Dystrophy Association who spoke about the MDA and their programs available to those in need.

The second guest of the evening was Frank Splain who spoke about a new personal accountability system. The system is set to be tested at the Lancaster County Public Safety Training Center and uses a small chip attached to the firefighter and tracks their location on the incident scene. The system is currently in use in other areas of the country and was developed by Incident Response Technologies based in Denver, CO.

**Previous Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the March 2013 meeting were approved as presented.

**Secretary Report**

No report

**Law / Legislative**

Ernie Rojahn reported the current grant and funding programs. He also reported that there with a seminar dealing with the Child Labor laws pertaining to Junior Firefighters that will be held in September in Camp Hill at the Harrisburg Radisson Hotel.

**Fire Marshal**

Trooper Dewalt is leaving as Fire Marshal and is being replaced with Trooper Harper.

**LCWC / Communications**

Deputy LCWC Director Tim Baldwin reported on the new radio project. He reported that Phase I testing is set to begin and involves three (3) towers in the Lancaster City area. There will be an open house, "real time" testing of the new radios at Station 905 (Millersville) on June 26 and 27. The radio committee has also approved three manufacturers for the new radio system; they are Motorola, Tait and Relm. A new recording system has been installed to handle the new digital system.

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Operations Manager Rick Harrison gave a brief report of the Fire Police Task Force and also the naming of boats. Boats will now be known as Boat and Inflatable depending on the construction of the unit.

**Lancaster County Emergency Management**

No report

**Lancaster County Public Safety Training Center**

Fire Service Coordinator Dave Gribble reported that the fall programs are starting to fill and any class that is full will have a waiting list. He also reported that 2014 programs are starting to be set-up and will be on the website later this summer.

**Lancaster County Fireman's Association**

It was reported that the new bylaws have been sent to each fire company for review.

**South Central Terrorism Task Force**

No report.

**Standards Committee**

Chairman Joe Mohr reported that anyone needing apparatus inspections should contact the committee.

**Golf Committee**

The 2013 golf tournament will be held on July 19, 2013 at the Foxchase Golf Course. Tournament will start at 1:00 PM. As of this meeting there are 124 golfers registered.

**NIMS**

No report.

**EAST Committee**

No report.

**Unfinished Business**

It was reported that Nick Schoenberger has been named the LCWC Fire Dispatcher of the Year.

Fit Testing – No action since last meeting.

**New Business**

Chief Usdin spoke about the Photo Task Force in the county and how their group works with photographing incidents within the county.

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Rick Harrison reported that there is \$48,278 in the money market, \$20,281 in checking for a balance of all accounts \$68,559.

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**Good of the Order**

None.

**Roll Call**

Roll call showed (55) in attendance with (18) Fire Chiefs, (8) Deputy Chiefs, (14) Assistant Chiefs, (5) Past Chiefs and (10) Guests representing (31) company's.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 11, 2013 at 19:30 hours at the Lancaster County Public Safety Training Center.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 21:08 hours

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Gribble

Secretary

Lancaster County Fire Chief's Association, Inc.