

LANCASTER COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION, INC.
MARCH 2014 MEETING MINUTES

President Duane Ober called the quarterly meeting of the Lancaster County Fire Chiefs Association, Inc. to order at 19:30 hours, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Previous Meeting Minutes

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

Secretary Report

No Report

Law / Legislative

Ernie Rojahn reported that the PEMA 2% loan program has been updated. Fire departments can now borrow more money. Also included now is that if (2) or more fire companies merge, the newly formed fire company may carry the loans, even if it exceeds the total amount of loans that can be taken by one fire company. The PA Labor & Industry has safety training programs that can assist with reducing the premium of worker's compensation insurance.

Fire Marshal

No Report

LCWC / Communications

Mike Weaver reported that the building plan project for the WEBCAD is in process. He also reported that they are still working on the draft for the fleet mapping (radio zones) and that the tower work is moving along. The tower equipment testing is also currently being set-up.

Rick Harrison reported that he has met with representatives from ISO and they will be back in the area doing ratings reviews for various municipalities.

Chief Keith Eshleman asked the group to think about a few questions that the new radio working group has in reference to the new radio system. The questions asked were:

1. How will portables be issued in the fire stations?
2. How would everyone like the officers radios spelled out / identified?
3. Will there be a need for encrypted channels on the radios?
4. Will any departments continue to use the Pyramid Repeater systems?

Ernie Rojahn asked a question about the 911 phone tax that supports the dispatch centers. LCWC Director Mike Weaver reported that these funds have been going down for years due to the number of landlines that have been lost and the use of more cell phones.

Lancaster County Emergency Management

LEMA Director Randy Gockley that everyone for the work that was done by all of the emergency services during the recent snowstorms in January and February. He also stated that PEMA will be doing an After Action Report for the severe weather and to please pass along any comments and/or concerns.

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The following are upcoming EMA events: Peach Bottom Drill on April 8; South Central Task Force Conference on March 25; simulated oil train accident on May 19.

Randy also spoke about the use of schools as Mass Care Centers, by law the schools must be made available in the event that they are requested as M.C. Centers, but many of the school districts are raising concerns of security during school.

Randy also reported on the request by Spooky Nook Sports (The Nook) to use the driver training course for overflow parking for their facility. The owner approached the Lancaster County Commissioners and it is currently being reviewed / evaluated.

Lancaster County Public Safety Training Center

LCPSTC Director Craig Elmer reported the new air compressor has been installed for use during training sessions at the center. This project was funded with the assistance of the Lancaster County Fireman's Association and thank was given to those in attendance from the LCFA.

Lancaster County Fireman's Association

LCFA President Jere Buchter reported that the nominations for awards at the annual county convention are due by the April LCFA board of directors meeting. He also reported that the LCFA board of directors sent a letter to the Lancaster County Commissioners opposing the use of the driver training course as a parking area for the Spooky Nook Sports Complex.

South Central Terrorism Task Force

No report.

Apparatus Inspection

Engine 69-1 (Hempfield Fire) has been re-classified as an Engine/Rescue.

Standards Committee

No Report

Golf Committee

The 2013 golf tournament will be held on July 25, 2014 at the Foxchase Golf Course.

NIMS

No report.

EAST Committee

The supplies have been being used regularly.

Unfinished Business

Rick Harrison reported on the Chief's training event that was held in February had (125) attendees.

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New Business

A motion a second was made to fund and support the annual LCWC Fire Dispatcher of the Year and CTC Fire Cadet awards, motion voted on and passed.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Rick Harrison reported that there is \$48,304 in the money market, \$16,168 in checking for a balance of all accounts \$64,472.

Good of the Order

It was reported that the Lancaster County Public Safety Training Center will be holding the annual LCFA Convention on June 7, 2014 at the training center. This event will also observe the 10th anniversary of the LCPSTC.

The Manheim Township Fire-Rescue reported on the spaghetti dinner fundraising event that the held for the Teddy Elmer benefit fund. There were approximately (100) dinners served and all of the proceeds have been place in the benefit fund.

Roll Call

Roll call showed (64) in attendance with (25) Fire Chiefs, (14) Deputy Chiefs, (11) Assistant Chiefs, (7) Past Chiefs and (7) Guests.

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

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 20:40 hours

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Gribble

Secretary

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