

**LANCASTER COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**MARCH 9, 2022 MEETING MINUTES**

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President Scott Little called the quarterly meeting of the Lancaster County Fire Chiefs Association, Inc. to order at 19:00 hours on March 9, 2022.

**Guests** – Nora LoGiudice from the American Red Cross was present to speak to the membership. She was also joined by Andrew Wright and Al Day, who shared information relating to the services provided by their agency. Not only can they assist with displaced families, but they can also provide financial assistance to occupants who experience any damage to their home. Their goal is to arrive on scene within 2 hours of being requested. When notified, they will ask for the name and contact information of the victims, so that they can communicate with them directly. Nora also spoke about their smoke detector program in which they partner with local fire companies to provide the resources. Nora’s contact information – [nora.logiudice@redcross.org](mailto:nora.logiudice@redcross.org) and (717) 676-1684.

**Previous Meeting Minutes** – Duane Hagelgans made a motion to accept the December 2021 Meeting Minutes as written; seconded by Ben Herskowitz and approved.

**Secretary Report** – No report.

**Law / Legislative** – President Little reported on House Bill 860, which requires rental dwellings to be equipped with 10-year tamper-free smoke detectors. He also reported that Charles McGarvey was appointed as the new State Fire Commissioner.

**Fire Marshal** – President Little reviewed the policy shared with us from the Lancaster PSP barracks that any fire chief requesting a fire marshal must call their headquarters at (717) 299-7650 to request one. If you call LCWC and ask them to contact the fire marshal, they will transfer you to the PSP dispatcher.

**LCWC / Communications** – Mike Weaver announced that Sara Sloat was promoted to Assistant Operations Manager. Ann Weller reviewed a few changes coming soon, to reduce chatter on the primary talk group channels. For example, only the incident location and type will be announced on ALPHA, BRAVO and CHARLIE; roll call of fire units will be discontinued. Also, size-ups will no longer be repeated by the dispatcher. Ann Weller, Matt Shenk, and Brett Fassnacht provided a demonstration how to use the WebCAD during incidents, taking units in and out of service, and the new web chat feature. Responders cannot use the WebCAD to clear an incident or to create an incident. When clearing an incident, units can use the web chat feature, or by using the radio. They also advised that they are working to add chief officers to incidents, without affecting the re-dispatch times of the main units.

**Lancaster County Emergency Management** – Deputy Director Dan Scully was present and reviewed efforts of the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) of Lancaster County to provide hazardous materials supplies to every fire company in the county to handle petroleum spills. An idea is to provide each fire station with a basic spill control kit that would be funded by the LEPC. They are also looking for several fire stations to be willing to store bulk supplies for replenishing of used resources and/or be able to respond with additional supplies if an incident requires it. They are looking to strategically places multiple storage areas in the county. If your fire

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company can provide space or you want to learn more about the need, please contact Dan at dscully@lancema.us or (717) 664-1201.

Dan also provided an update about the hiring of the new LEMA Director. Brian Pasquale joined LEMA from Montgomery County Public Safety Center. Brian was not able to attend tonight but Dan is hoping he can attend our June meeting to be introduced.

Dan also informed everyone that two positions are open in LEMA right now. The Training positions has been posted on the County's website. Dan is currently working on the official job title and description of the other role, which will be posted soon.

**Lancaster County Public Safety Training Center** – President Little stated that Duane Hagelgans and Phil Colvin have been appointed to represent the Chiefs Assn. on the LCPSTC Foundation Board. Leon Fisher was also appointed to the Foundation's EMS Advisory Board as the Chiefs Assn. representative. Ken Weber reported that the EMS Advisory Board will help oversee the curriculum of EMS courses that will soon be offered at the Training Center.

**Lancaster County Fireman's Association** – Steve Roy shared that the PA Fireman has been redone and the printing is now being outsourced. Helix Strategies continues to work with the LCFA to evaluate their organization. Fire Expo is scheduled for Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> this year. There is no show on Sunday this year.

**EAST Committee** – Four fire companies have used the flag and supplies recently for funerals of past members. One flag was recently repaired for normal wear and tear and another flag needs repairs as well. The committee is recommending the purchase of new flags and accompanying carabiners, pulleys, and ropes. This will be voted on under New Business. Committee Chairman Jim Herr will be communicating with the membership soon about the resources of the committee.

**Golf Tournament** – This year's golf tournament will be held on Friday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> at Foxchase Golf Course. Registration starts at Noon, with a shotgun start at 1pm. There is only an afternoon flight this year, and fees went up. A foursome will cost \$600, and Hole Sponsors have increased to \$150. The tournament will be limited to 36 teams.

**Leadership Development (Training) Committee** – No report.

**Radio Advisory Committee** – Chairman Dean Gantz Jr. reported that the committee has been working on a lot of topics recently, with the cooperation of the LCWC staff. Naming of Command will be discussed later in the meeting. They are working to find ways to reduce excessive communication on the radio by creating guidelines for all first responders to refer to. The guidelines will address communication on the primary talk groups, unit status, terminology, reducing the radio use of Squads and fire police on the primary talk groups, and general radio procedures for LCWC and users.

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**Readiness Committee** – Secretary Ober read the report for Chairman Mason Brandt – the current version of the Chiefs Handbook was sent to all committee members for review. The committee will evaluate the existing document and will be asking for feedback from the membership later in the year about changes or updates.

**Standards Committee** – Brett Fassnacht advised that four units were recently reviewed – Rescue 22, Engine 27-1, TAC 27, and Engine 31-1. Chief 15, Mike Kiefer, has been added to the committee.

Brett reviewed the results of the Training / Staffing survey that was sent to the membership a few months ago. The goal is a standard with minimum training guidelines that will impact the staffing levels provided by units during response. The presentation will be mailed to the membership soon for review. The proposal will again be reviewed and discussed at the June Chiefs Assn. meeting, with a goal to vote on the standard at the September meeting.

Brett also informed everyone that the committee is working on Predetermined Arrival Instructions for rural areas and are still requesting input for the proposal.

**Sustainment Committee** – Secretary Ober stated that Mason Brandt informed him that they are still trying to set up a meeting with the IU13 representatives to discuss the tax credit program.

**Unfinished Business** – President Little advised that the Pulse Point program is still moving forward. More information will be provided in the future.

Steve Roy reviewed the overall results of the PFAS Foam Survey. The foam can no longer be disposed of at the County's Incinerator. Gem Chem Solutions in Lititz can help fire companies dispose of their affected foam supplies. The number of fire companies who answered the survey with foam to dispose of was very minimal, so they are encouraged to reach out to Gem Chem directly to arrange the disposal of their foam supplies. Contact Gordon Young at Gem Chem at (717) 626-3900.

**New Business** – President Little noted that Compleat Restorations has offered the scholarship program again this year, increasing the award amounts to \$1,000 for two students. Chief 39, Darryl Keiser, is the liaison with Compleat this year. The applications have been mailed to the membership and to all the high schools in Lancaster County.

Steve Roy made a motion for the Chiefs Assn. to sponsor (2) - \$500 awards for two CTC students this year; seconded by Dean Gantz and approved.

Bill Hall made a motion to sponsor (20) - \$25 gift cards for dispatchers at LCWC, to be presented during National Telecommunicators Week in April. Motion was seconded by Dean Gantz and approved.

Bill Hall made a motion to allow the EAST Committee to spend up to \$5,000 for new flags and necessary equipment for rigging the flags from ladder trucks; seconded by Phil Colvin and approved.

Jeremy Shaffner reviewed the Standard Proposal for the Naming of Command. The change in this proposal is that the naming of command will generally be named with a geographic designator, such as a street name or building name, and will be at the discretion of the person establishing Command. Command will no longer be identified by the fire company number. There were no questions or comments following the reading. The proposal will be voted on at the June meeting. Each fire company will receive a ballot prior to the June

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meeting. Each company gets one vote and can vote by submitting their vote prior to the meeting to the Secretary or by presenting their vote at the June meeting in person.

**Treasurer's Report** – Secretary Ober read the Treasurer's Report for Rick Harrison – Checking Account balance is \$21,867.78 and the Money Market has a balance of \$83,809.47, for a total of \$105,577.25. Recent payments included \$100 to Samuel Fisher for the repair of a flag, \$695 to Insites CPA for non-profit paperwork; and \$405 to Charis Insurance for bonding of the Treasurer. The Money Market earned \$2.08 in interest. Duane Hagelgans made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report; seconded by Steve Roy and approved.

**Open Discussion** – No discussion

**Good of the Order** – No report

**Roll Call** – Roll call showed (54) in attendance with (23) Fire Chiefs, (5) Deputy Chiefs, (5) Assistant Chiefs, (10) Past Chiefs and (11) Guests, representing 28 fire companies.

The next meeting will be June 8, 2022, beginning at 19:00, at the Lancaster County Public Safety Training Center.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 20:10.

Respectfully submitted,

Duane Ober  
Secretary  
Lancaster County Fire Chiefs Assn. Inc.  
March 12, 2022