

**CHESTER COUNTY FIRE POLICE ASSOCIATION**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**January, 2009**

We were welcomed to East Whiteland Fire Company by Fire Chief Ken Hurley, and their representative, Jim Skymba.

President Joel Gramling called the meeting of the Chester County Fire Police Association to order at 2:02 PM on January 4, 2009. Charlie Lobb gave the invocation. The President led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting was suspended to allow State Senator Andy Dinniman to address the Association. Mr. Dinniman spoke about a number of legislative activities that are relevant to the fire service and he was questioned on some by our membership. Mr. Dinniman promised to look for some answers and would respond to Jim Ploumis.

Joel Gramling thanked the State Senator for coming and the meeting resumed.

Bob Bressi made the motion, seconded by Carmen Semenza, to dispense with the reading and to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion carried

**Treasurer's Report:** The end-of-year balance is \$3161.24.

**Directors' Report(s):** None

**Fire Police Commissioner's report:** None.

**Executive Board report:** None

**Committee(s)' reports:**

Banquet Committee: This year's banquet will be handled by East Whiteland Fire Company personnel.

County: Beau Crowding reported that the Training Facility plans are ongoing in spite of what is considered unreasonable demands made by the Township. The August dig date will be pushed back. There are still monies coming in for the facility.

Rebanding is moving along. Nextel will pay to reband the existing system the way it is. Then the County will need to replace the system.

The Emergency Services budget was not cut by the County.

Beau has been speaking with Jeff Groves about Fire Police training.

Pager repairs have been taking time due to the need to send them out to Motorola. The County's hands are tied on this.

Beau reminded us that it is important for us to apply for the state's tax credit.

Fire Chiefs' Assn: John Neff reported that they are still working on the traffic trailer procedures for use and storage. If anyone wants to help contact John.

LED: Dan Delaney reported that the first meeting discussed planning such as preplans and NIMS. Next meeting is scheduled for Weds. Jan. 21 at station 6. Jim Metzger has a list of the attendees. The minutes are available on the CCFPA website.

RSAN: Jim Ploumis reported that the fire police were now up on the RSAN system. If you want to receive the notices send him your cell phone number, cell service provider and station number. Email addresses can also be used. The form is on the CCFPA website.

Joel Gramling and Jim Ploumis attended the State Fire Police meeting on November 16 in Danville. Joel reported that Jim Ploumis will represent the state organization dealing with the MUTCD in the Federal Registry. Joel also stated that the question and answer period held before the meeting was very helpful.

**Motion to pay bills:** J. Skymba – food: \$107.61, E. Amatrudo – domain name: \$9.99, R. Sciandra – membership forms: \$22.17, J. Gramling – state meeting attendance, postage, copier fees: \$168.64. Motion made by Jim Ploumis, seconded by Al Cunningham to pay the bills. Motion carried. Joel Gramling stated that Kevin Quinlan from the Traffic Safety store in West Chester donated \$150 towards the refreshments and expenses.

**Correspondence:** None.

**New Membership Applications:** New members were read:

William Humphries – East Whiteland Malvern	David Molner – Goshen	Butch Lineham --
James Thomas – Washington Hose	Pam Lobb – Lionville	Jonathan Kulick – Paoli
Anthony Ferri – Thorndale	David Stein – Wagontown	Glenn Derry – Kimberton

Joel Gramling made a motion to accept these members. Seconded by E. Amatrudo. Motion carried.

**Old business:** Recording Secretary asked that the membership update the Fire Police Captain list for 2009.

At this time the Recording Secretary took roll call of Officers for 2009.

PRESIDENT	- Joel Gramling	VICE PRESIDENT	
- Dianne Therry			
RECORDING SECRETARY	- Eileen Amatrudo	TREASURER	- Stan Heist
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY	- Ruthann Sciandra	FIRE POLICE COMMISSIONER	- Bob Massey
CHAPLAIN	- Arthur Daggett	ASST. CHAPLIN	
- Charlie Lobb			
DIRECTORS:	Joel Gramling	Edward Tracey	
	John Neff	Jim Ploumis	Bob Massey
DELEGATES TO PA FIRE POLICE ASSN.	Jim Ploumis	Joel Gramling	
ALTERNATES TO PA FP ASSN.	Barb Yagle	John Neff	
DELEGATE TO PA FIREMEN'S ASSN.	John Neff	ALTERNATE	- John Sciandra

**New business:**

Ruthann Sciandra made a motion to send \$15 to the State Fire Police Association for our annual dues. Seconded by Ron Miller. Motion carried.

Charlie Lobb asked what we could do to support Coatesville with all the arsons. Some discussions ensued. We were reminded of what the Fire Marshall's had said when they were at our September

meeting. Also, procedures have been given to the Fire Chiefs and that should have been passed down to the fire police.

Greg Jackson mentioned that Goshen is selling their traffic unit. Traffic 54 is a 1994 Ford Econoline. Information on their/our websites.

Bill Best handed out sheets with 800 radio information that Bob Lee had told us about in November. These will be posted on our website.

Art Daggett thanked everyone who came out to help with the Coatesville Christmas parade.

There had been some discussions about having a Fire Police swap at the meetings and/or on the website.

Our next meeting is March 1.

**50/50 winners:** Greg Jackson, Tom Reed, Butch Lineman.

President Joel Gramling thanked the Host Company. .

A motion was made by Jim Metzger to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ron Miller. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 3:37 PM. There were 58 members representing 26 stations and one guest present.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Amatrudo, Recording Secretary