

CHESTER COUNTY FIRE POLICE ASSOCIATION
Meeting Minutes
March, 2007

We were welcomed to Ludwigs Corner Fire Company by their representative, Jim Sauer.

President Joel Gramling called the meeting of the Chester County Fire Police Association to order at 2 PM on March 4, 2007. Emilia Miller gave the invocation. The President led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The President took roll call of Officers.

Recording Secretary, Eileen Amatrudo, read the minutes from the previous meeting. A motion to approve them as read was made by John Neff, seconded by Dave Wharton. Motion carried.

Jim Skymba introduced our guest speaker, Trooper Carr, Pennsylvania State Police Community Service Officer from the Embreeville station. Trooper Carr expressed the State Police's gratitude for the time the Fire Police help on the road. He presented some ways we can help each other. And Trooper Carr acknowledged that there is a radio communication problem. He suggested that if we need to contact a State Trooper while at an incident that we call the barracks directly and they would relay the message and give an incident status. Embreeville station 484-340-3241. Avondale station 610-268-2022.

Treasurer's Report: There was no report since Stan Heist away.

Directors' Report(s): None.

Fire Police Commissioner's report: Jim Connor had talked with Clinton Wakefield and the next meeting of the six-county commissioners would be April 11. The task force is in the beginning stages. Effective radio communications is a main concern.

Executive Board report: None

Committee(s)' reports:

Banquet Committee: There will be a BBQ after the May 6 meeting. Information will be out shortly.

Fire Chiefs' Assn: John Neff reported there was no change with the radio situation. John read a list from the State Police Fire Marshal of fire companies that had not turned in a Blue Light List. (list attached.) In the future John Clifford will be offering a class about the proper display/mounting/usage of blue lights. There had been a Risk Management presentation at the Chiefs' meeting.

Motion to pay bills: A motion to pay \$7.80 to Station 73 for refreshments, \$260 to PaFPAssn was made by Emilia Miller, seconded by Dave Wharton. Motion carried.

Correspondence: President Joel Gramling read a thank you note from Margie Espenship.

New Membership Applications:

Charles Snook, Friendship Fire Co.

Ron Miller, Thorndale Fire Co.

Kathy Zabaro, Friendship Fire Co.

Harry Baker, Norco Fire Co.

Motion made by Margie Espenship seconded by Tom Cole to accept their applications. Motion carried.

Old business: Don't forget to sign in as you enter. Please put cell phones and pagers on vibrate.

New business: Jim Conner, East Brandywine, is working with Ken Hudson on a pin for Fire Police Officer I certification and for another for various levels of training. These pins could be worn on your work uniform. They will be going to Harrisburg with the idea.

Jim Skymba asked for help at East Whiteland Fire Company for their annual fair on May 15 – 19. Letters will go out.

Emilia Miller said that station 44, Westwood, would again host fire police training in the fall.

Barb Yagle, Lionville, said they will be sending fire police to Fritztown for certification testing.

Tom Cole, Valley Forge, stated the delegates to the State Fire Police should get someone else qualified to teach the course. It was a total fiasco. He couldn't get through to Greg Breyer.

Tom Reed, Valley Forge, asked if we would need to take the courses again or just the certification test. Ken Hudson and whole class under investigation for discrepancies

President Gramling reported that additional personnel had been hired to do this certification. If you have taken all the courses and after six months go for the certification, you may need to do all 11 stations instead of six.

Larry Nuse, Po-Mar-Lin, stated this was only the second time the courses were administered in Pa. Next course will have Hazmat and NIMS.

President Gramling mentioned that Erin saved the day for the fire police. Her efforts resulted us in getting the certifications.

Ed Tracey, Coatesville, stated the letter to the captains with meeting dates had November 6, but should be November 4.

Margie, Phoenix H, H & Ladder, will be have a Night at the Races this coming Saturday, 6PM \$12.50 per person.

The September 16 meeting of the State Fire Police will be in Lower Chichester Fire Company in Linwood, Delaware County. More information will be posted on the web site.

Joel Gramling suggested that the CCFPA adopt a motto: "Safety, Security, and Service". John Sciandra made a motion, seconded by Jim Connor. Motion carried.

Joel Gramling suggested we do some preplanning with surrounding companies.

Our next meeting is May 6.

50/50 winners: Bob Bressing, East Whiteland; Allen Touchton, Martins Corner; Faye Connor, East Brandywine.

President Joel Gramling thanked the Host Company. .

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 PM. There were 47 members representing 24 stations present.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Amatrudo, Recording Secretary