

**CHESTER COUNTY FIRE POLICE ASSOCIATION**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**May , 2008**

Welcomed to Po-Mar-Lin Fire Company by their representative.

President Joel Gramling called the meeting of the Chester County Fire Police Association to order at 2:05 PM on May 4, 2008. Larry Nuse gave the invocation. The President led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

There was an inspiring talk given by motivational speaker, Patrick Connor.

We dispensed with the roll call of Officers.

Jim Ploumis made the motion, seconded by Al Cunningham to dispense with the reading and to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** \$550 donation from Belfor to cover the cost of the Certification Pins. \$3000.00 donation from Peco to be used towards our picnic. Since the treasurer had been out of town for a few months, he will give us a balance next meeting.

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

**Fire Police Commissioner's report:** There will be a training session given by EXELON Emergency Preparedness on May 14 at 6 PM to be held at the Exelon Training Center in Royersford. This is being coordinated by the Fire Police Multi-County Task Force and the Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Police Association.

**Executive Board report:** None

**Committee(s)' reports:**

Banquet Committee: Picnic today.

Fire Chiefs' Assn: John Neff reported radio rebanding is continuing, with most of the problems having been worked out on the two evaluation portables. Trying to get more portables and to get Nextel to pay for it. The training center is moving ahead.

County Report: Beau Crowding, DES, reported that in April there were over 23,623 calls made to the 911 center which is 786 calls per day. There were 833 fire incidents dispatched. The average time from incoming call to dispatch was less than two seconds. The 911 center sends out 400 911 surveys a month to check if the caller is happy with the service.

Another conditional-use meeting for the Training Center is scheduled and approval is expected by July. Will be going for a grant to bring water into the facility. They will be kicking off a private-sector fundraising campaign.

There was a recruitment and retention of firefighters SAFER grant awarded through Westwood Fire Company.

LED SOG: Joel Gramling has asked Dan Delaney to head that committee and he will be in touch with its members.

**Motion to pay bills:** \$279.00 to John Neff for hats and awards, \$1500.00 to Larry Nuse for picnic, \$59.73 to Eileen Amatrudo for postage and paper, \$87.01 to Joel Gramling for postage. Motion made to pay bills by Jim Ploumis, seconded by Bob Massey. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:** Joel Gramling received a letter from Andy Dinneman was read sending his regrets that he was unable to attend. He noted that he is working on SB1169.

Good Will Fire Police through Bill Best requested help on June 7 for their 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary parade.

**New Membership Applications:** None.

**Old business:** None.

**New business:** President Joel Gramling welcomed a number of guests: Certification Officers Robin Johnson from Delaware County and John Reinhardt from Bucks County, Glenn Allison, president of Chester County Fire Chiefs Association and Hoofy Doan, vice president of the CCFCA.

Joel also expressed gratitude to our spouses and significant others who allow us to do our jobs.

Charlie Lobb asked the president appoint a committee to have a fire police presence at fire muster in West Chester on June 8. Joel promptly appointed Charlie to chair the committee and asked for additional volunteers.

Linda Gramling said the second week in May is Police/Fire Police recognition week and perhaps some could set up a display at the malls or on the billboards of the fire companies.

President Joel Gramling gave out Certificates of Appreciation to many members of CCFPA and others who help and support our association.

The Chester County Fire Police Officer of the year for 2007 was awarded to John Neff.

Solicitation of door prizes for today's event was done by several people and chaired by Linda Gramling. It did take a while to give all the door prizes to those present, then a picnic was enjoyed by all.

Our next meeting is September 7 at Po-Mar-Lin Fire Company

**50/50 winners:** No 50/50 this meeting.

President Joel Gramling thanked the Host Company. .

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 PM. There were 45 members representing 24 stations and 7 guests present.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Amatrudo, Recording Secretary