

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

Welcomed to the Myrick Center by Joel Gramling.

President Joel Gramling called the meeting of the Chester County Fire Police Association to order at 2:05 PM on May3, 2009. Charlie Lobb gave the invocation. The President led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call of Officers was taken with Art Daggett, Ed Tracey and Jim Ploumis being absent.

Bob Massey 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:** Stan Heist reported that there was \$4177.83 in the checking account.

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

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

**Executive Board report:** None

**Committee(s)' reports:**

Banquet Committee: Larry Nuse said food will be ready after our meeting.

County: Beau Crowding reported that it had been a busy year for the DES. Seven arson arrests had been made after everything had calmed down.

There has been no movement from East Fallowfield regarding their 36 conditions for the Training Center. It's still in court. Other places are being looked at.

Rebanding – Sprint/Nextel should be done in 2013 and we would be left with the old system.

Friday there will be a kick-off meeting to look at new radio systems. They will keep the fire police needs in mind when researching new systems.

Joel G. will get with Jeff Groves regarding fire police classes.

They are waiting for input from the Chief's Numbering Committee about the numbering for stations with more than 10 fire police officers. Looks like they will be going with 39A, 39B, etc.

Bob Lee will be glad to come out on a regular basis and hold extra classes at fire companies on the current 800 radio system.

Fire Chiefs' Assn: John Neff reported that the next meeting, on May 7 at Thorndale, will cover the Public's Right to Know law.

**Motion to pay bills** was made by Linda Gramling, seconded by Amelia Miller. Motion carried. \$20 dues to PA. FP Assn., \$539.29 to Joel Gramling for postage, supplies, awards. \$117 to the Awards Center, \$68.65 to Eileen Amatrudo for postage, paper, envelopes.

**Correspondence:** None.

**New Membership Applications:** Thomas Guaschino from station 62. Ruthann Sciandra made the motion to accept Thomas as a new member. Seconded by Glenn Derry. Motion carried.

**Old business:**

Ruthann Sciandra reported that she's waiting for the membership cards from the state.

Message from Jim Ploumis (out due to family emergency): Andy Dinniman's office now says that the Fire Police have no mutual aid agreement with Delaware and Maryland. Also, the State Assn. is involved with MUTCD regarding the flagger issue.

No representatives went to the state fire police meeting.

**New business:**

Bob Massey reported that two fire police officers recently were involved in an accident at an incident. A woman tried to pass someone and caught the rear of their vehicle. The chief required they go to the hospital to be check. They are fine.

Barb Yagle mentioned that Police Week is May 11 – 15. They will be setting up fire police vehicles at the shopping centers to inform the public as to what we do, explain the safety issues for firefighters , no driving over hoses, etc. We need to keep in the public's eye and to chat with everyone.

Dianne Therry resigned as Vice President of CCFPA. Barb Yagle made a motion to accept the resignation, seconded by John Sciandra. Motion carried.

Ron Miller was nominated to take over the remaining term and he accepted the nomination. John Neff made a motion that Ron Miller be elected VP, Al Cunningham seconded and the motion carried.

President Joel Gramling announced that the 2008 Fire Police Officer of the Year is Richard Hedrick. He thanked Richard for all the time and work he puts in keeping our website up to date.

Our next meeting is September 13.

**50/50 winners:** There was no drawing due to door prizes.

President Joel Gramling thanked Larry Nuse for making arrangements for us to use the Myrick Center.

A motion was made by Pam Lobb to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bob Massey. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 2:36 PM. There were 43 members representing 20 stations and 11 guests present.

After the meeting we had a speaker, who gave us background, history and a sample of bag pipes songs (thanks to Charlie Lobb). Then Larry Nuse and his family/staff provided the membership with delicious picnic fare in spite of the torrential rains.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Amatrudo, Recording Secretary