

CHESTER COUNTY FIRE POLICE ASSOCIATION
Meeting Minutes
November, 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 2:04 PM on November 4, 2007. Art Dagget gave the invocation. The President led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The roll call of Officers was dispensed with.

Larry Nuse made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes, seconded by John Sciandra. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Stan Heist reported there was \$2399.80 in the checking account. Motion to accept the report was made by John Neff, seconded by John Sciandra. Motion carried.

Directors' Report(s): None

Fire Police Commissioner's report: None.

Executive Board report: None

Committee(s)' reports:

Banquet Committee: Linda Gramling will chair the committee to get door prizes, but she needs help. She would like to get prizes from different parts of the County. A letter will again be sent to PECO asking for their support.

Fire Chiefs' Assn: John Neff reported

- they were working on the Large Event Dispatch asking Chester to report the contact and radio frequency to be used. Could use some SOG's for the LED.
- Scott Pepperman had reported there was surplus equipment available from the State and the Federal Govt.
- County has set up an Incident Support Team to assist at major events/incidents and to support the local personnel.

Motion to pay bills: \$100 to East Brandywine Fire Company in memory of Jim Connor. \$25 to PA State Fire Police Assn. \$172.41 for pizza. Motion to pay bills made by John Neff, seconded by John Sciandra, motion carried.

Correspondence: Thank you letter from Faye Connor. A thank-you letter to Scott Peirsol from CCFPA was read.

New Membership Applications: None.

Old business: Jim Ploumis had a sample of the award pin for IFSAC certification. The cost to buy the pins was \$15 each, or \$12 each if 15 or more were ordered. The pin is 3/4 inch in diameter. You would need to present a copy of your certification in order to obtain a pin. Motion made by Eileen Amatrudo that CCFPA buy 50 pins for distribution to certified members. Seconded by Tom Cole, motion carried.

There was an item regarding a bylaw change that had been tabled at the January, 2007 meeting. It was decided that instead of a bylaw change that we should have a Procedures Manual. President Gramling will bring this up at the January, 2008 meeting.

New business:

- John Neff made a motion that the President be allowed to spend up to \$200 between meetings for the good of the organization if the need arose prior to a regular CCFPA meeting. The expense must be brought up for approval at the next regular meeting. Stan Heist clarified that was \$200 maximum between meetings, not \$200 per item. Seconded by John Sciandra. Motion carried.
- President Gramling asked for volunteers to sit on a committee to write the SOG's for the Large Event Dispatches. Members will be Ron Miller, Charles Wolford, John Neff, and Larry Nuse.

Election of Officers occurred:

The Recording Secretary cast the vote for the election of officers:

- (3) Directors: Joel Gramling, John Neff, Ed Tracey.
- (1) Delegate to PA Fireman's Assn: John Neff; (1) Alternate: Patrick Carmody
- (2) Delegates to PA Fire Police Assn: Joel Gramling, Jim Ploumis:
- (2) Alternates: Dave Cassidy, Margie Espenship

We had two guest speakers from the County: Beau Crowding (Deputy Dir. Fire Service), who mentioned that the 911 center was averaging 836 calls a day. Beau said they are hoping to break ground on the training facility by the summer of 08. He also stated the CCDES web site will be listing free classes that are available at the Govt. Services Bldg.

Mike Spirito (Deputy Dir. Technical Services) said they are working on two big project – rebanding and a microwave project which is 3 – 5 years out.

Membership forms will be sent to the FP Captains prior to the January meeting.

Our next meeting is January 6, 2008 at Po-Mar-Lin Fire Company in Unionville

50/50 winners: Don't have a record of these.

President Joel Gramling thanked the Host Company.

A motion was made by Jim Ploumis to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Tom Cole. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 4:37 PM. There were 33 members representing 15 stations, and three guests present.

Respectfully submitted,
Eileen Amatrudo, Recording Secretary