

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

We were welcomed to Po-Mar-Lin Fire Company by their representative, Larry Nuse.

President Joel Gramling called the meeting of the Chester County Fire Police Association to order at 2:01 PM on November 2, 2008. Chaplain Art Daggett gave the invocation. The President led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recording Secretary took roll call of Officers.

Rich Markoski made the motion, seconded by Bob Massey to dispense with the reading and to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** There is \$3116.64 balance in the checking account.

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

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

**Executive Board report:** None

**Committee(s)' reports:**

Banquet Committee: none

County Report: Jeff Groves said there were 283 fire police calls YTD. 911 center had a 1 minute 33 second average dispatch time.

The microwave project is ongoing. Rebanding – some issues with the test radios were resolved but there are still compatibility issues

Training Center – final land development plan was approved. Now looking for private sector contribution. QVC was the first.

Bob Lee gave a presentation on the CCRSAN system which is the responders's side of the ReadyNotifyPa emergency notification system. Bob offered to have fire police groups set up if a CCFPA committee would give the county the necessary information. Committee volunteers: Jim Metzger, Jim Ploumis, Joel Gramling, Barb Comisky, Jim Sauer, Ron Miller and RuthAnn Sciandra.

There was some discussion about the 800 radios. Bob stated there were none available. The Fire Police have designated channels – central/west/east FG2. We told Bob some things the Fire Police would like to have, including a 3 x 5 card with easy instruction for using the 800 radios, SOG documentation, and training documentation, a simplex channel and a repeater channel.

Fire Chiefs' Assn: John Neff stated the training center is moving along, but there was no movement regarding the radio rebanding.

State Fire Police meeting: John Neff said they have started a new Q & A period before the meeting and that the state organization was in the process of getting control of the website.

LED: Dan Delaney said the committee was looking for everyone's input and they will be meeting on 11/19 at station 6.

**Motion to pay bills:** \$78.47 to Jim Ploumis for Warren Cty. State meeting expenses. \$432.53 to Joel Gramling for 2 FP meetings and 2 state meetings. \$30.88 to Eileen Amatrudo for postage. Motion made by Barb Yagle to pay the bills, seconded by Ron Miller. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:** CCIL hosts our website for free and they sent a letter asking for a donation. Jim Skymba made a motion to send them \$50. Seconded by Ron Miller. Motion carried.

**New Membership Applications:** none.

**Old business:** John Neff stated that station 49 agreed to house the fire police Traffic Trailer. We now need a group who would be willing to respond with the trailer. It must be pulled by a fire company-owned vehicle with 10K GVW and a 2 5/16 ball.

**New business:**

Station 5, East Whiteland Fire Company located on Planebrook Rd. will host the CCFPA meetings in 2009. Meeting dates are Jan. 4, Mar. 4, May 3, Sept 13 and Nov. 1.

Pat Carmody asked for help with the Coatesville Christmas Parade to be held on December 6.

Charlie Lobb stated there are several politicians that we should be promoting since they are helpful to the fire companies and the fire police: Andy Dinniman, Tim Hennessy, Curt Schroder, and Joe Pitts.

Jim Ploumis explained the new flaggers' procedures that states hand movements alone are not sufficient and that anyone directing traffic MUST use paddles or flags. Jim asked that the Assn. join the Fireman's Legislative Federation of PA in order to have MUTCD (*Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices*) change this rule in the Federal Register. Barb Yagle made the motion that CCFPA join the Federation with the membership fee not to exceed \$500. Jim Ploumis would be our representative with Joel Gramling as an alternate. John Sciandra seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Election of Officers:** Since everyone is running unopposed, Barb Yagle moved that the Recording Secretary cast the ballot, seconded by Andy Skean. Motion Carried.

President – Joel Gramling	Vice President – Dianne Thierry
Recording Secretary – Eileen Amatrudo	Treasurer – Stan Heist
Chaplin – Art Daggett	Asst. Chaplin – Charlie Lobb
Membership Secretary – Ruthann Sciandra	Fire Police Commissioner – Bob Massey
Directors (2) -- Jim Ploumis and Bob Massey	
Delegates to PA Fire Police Assn (2) – Jim Ploumis and Joel Gramling	
Alternates to PA Fire Police Assn (2) – Barb Yagle and John Neff	
Delegate to PA Firemen's Assn. – John Neff	Alternate to PA Firemen's Assn – John Sciandra

Our next meeting is January 4, 2009 in East Whiteland.

Vendors were introduced: Kevin Quinlan from the Traffic Safety Store on Airport Road in West Chester and Jeff Trego from The Firestore in Sadsbury. Both vendors had displays with various safety equipment set up in the other room.

**50/50 winners:** Ron Miller, Charlie Elder, Jim Skymba.

President Joel Gramling thanked the Larry Nuse and Po-Mar-Lin.

A motion was made by Jim Metzger, seconded by Dan Delaney to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 3:52 PM. There were 36 members representing 17 stations, and four guests present.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Amatrudo, Recording Secretary