

CHESTER COUNTY FIRE POLICE ASSOCIATION
Meeting Minutes
September, 2008

We were welcomed to Po-Mar-Lin Fire Company by their chief, Don Wells.

President Joel Gramling called the meeting of the Chester County Fire Police Association to order at 2:03 PM on September 7, 2008. Chaplain Art Daggett gave the invocation. The President led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recording Secretary took roll call of Officers.

Recording Secretary, Eileen Amatrudo, read the minutes from the previous meeting. Bob Massey made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by John Sciandra. Motion carried.

We had a presentation from Russ Kilmer and Charlie Owens from the Office of the Fire Marshal. The presentation explained what they look for when they are called to the scene, and what we should be aware of when we are on our posts.

Treasurer's Report: None. President Gramling announced that we had received PECO's donation for for our May picnic in appreciation of the help we give them.

Directors' Report(s): None.

Fire Police Commissioner's report: None.

Executive Board report: None

Committee(s)' reports:

Banquet Committee: none

County Report: Beau Crowding gave updates of various DES projects: 911 Center is answering 756 calls a day. On average the 939 fire incidents in August were dispatched in 1 minute 33 seconds.

The microwave project is going well. Rebanding – problems with the portables and compatibility issues. Ed Atkins sent a letter to the FCC on 8/20.

Training Center – conditional use hearing did not go as expected. Township gave the county 30 conditions. Construction costs are increasing (300%) due to delays. Hope to “put the shovel in the ground” in August, 2009.

New step during storms, information is being automatically sent from the county's CAD system to PECO and they receive quicker responses back.

Jeff Groves was introduced as the new Fire Training Coordinator. He will try to coordinate training for first responders. Call him if you have any questions on training.

Bobby Kagel brought the County's new Traffic Control trailer, which was bought with grant money from Home Land Security. This trailer will be dispatched for large-scale, long-term incidents. They are looking for a fire company to store the trailer. Take a tour after the meeting.

Fire Chiefs' Assn: John Neff stated that Beau had covered most of the topics. John had attended the Montco Fire Police expo where Mark Potter, from Auckland, New Zealand gave a presentation. Auckland's fire police have their own 911 dispatcher, and they have arrest powers.

Motion to pay bills: None.

Correspondence: None.

New Membership Applications: none.

Old business: Berwyn Fire Company is holding classes leading to Fire Police certification.

New business: President Gramling handed out notes, which touched on a variety of subjects.

Station 5, East Whiteland Fire Company volunteered to host the 2009 CCFPA meetings. A motion to accept this offer was made by Barb Yagle, seconded by Linda Gramling. Motion carried.

A motion was made to endorse Jim Gerlach in his re-election for Congress by John Neff, seconded by Barb Yagle. Motion carried.

Joel and Linda Gramling had attended Montco's Fire Police banquet where our CCFPA was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Larry Nuse, station 36, asked for help with the Unionville Community Fair.

Nomination of Officers: elections in November

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 November 2.

50/50 winners: Richard Hedrick, Jim Skymba, and Linda Gramling

President Joel Gramling thanked the Host Company. .

A motion was made by Rich Markoski to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jim Ploumis. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 3:59 PM. There were 31 members representing 15 stations, and five guests present.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Amatrudo, Recording Secretary