

**Minutes of the December 8, 2010
Lancaster County Fire Chiefs Association, Inc.
Quarterly Meeting at
Lancaster County Public Safety Training Center**

Secretary Duane Ober called the meeting to order at 19:35 hours. Followed by the pledge of allegiance, the attendance record was passed.

Guests / Presentation

There were no guests or presentations.

Special Business

With no presidents present, Secretary Ober asked the membership to move the election of officers to the beginning of the meeting so that the new officers could take office immediately. A motion was made by Tim Gregg (6-4) and a second by Nelson Dagen (3-11) to hold the election of officers; motion passed. All candidates were running un-opposed and the results were:

President – Duane Ober (2-6)
First Vice President – Larry Martin (3-9)
Second Vice President – Scott Ryno (8-1)
Secretary – Dave Gribble (4-8)
Treasurer – Rick Harrison (2-4)
Directors – Tim Gregg (6-4) and Troy Weaver (3-12)

All elected members present took office immediately.

Previous Minutes

Nelson Dagen (3-11) made a motion to accept the September 2010 minutes as written, seconded by Sue Warcola (6-4); motion passed.

Secretary Report

No report.

Treasurers Report

Larry Miller (3-11) reported the following:

Balance Checking Account - \$11,557.42
Balance Money Market Account - \$10,879.87
Balance Pennvest Account - \$37,227.90
Total of all assets - \$59,665.19

There was one invoice received from Garden Spot Awards for \$59.20.

A motion was made by Nelson Dagen (3-11) to accept the treasurer's report as read, seconded by Lonnie Kauffman (4-1); motion passed.

Law and Legislative Report

Ernie Rojahn (6-4) spoke about the bills that are still pending in the State House for 2011-2012. The top priority items are the firefighter cancer bill and the background checks for new members. Also reported was the residential sprinkler law that will take affect on 01/01/2011, this states that

all new residential buildings will be equipped with fire sprinklers.

The Cumberland Valley Volunteer Fire Association will be hosting a spring training on 03/19-03/20/2011.

Ernie also expressed the importance of the fire company's participation in the NFIRS program; and how it will be affecting future grants.

The State Fire Academy has awarded or \$30,000 in awards and scholarships to date.

Fire Marshal

No fire marshal's present, no report.

Communications

Director Mike Weaver (LCWC) gave the following report:

There has been no recent progress on the T-band, but progress is being made.

LCWC also applied for 700 MHz frequencies in case they are needed; the end of the application period was Oct. 2010.

A decision for the radio system needs to be made soon, due to the many extensions that have been requested. The goal is to have a frequency decision by April 2011.

LCWC will be losing four (4) employees at the end of 2010. They will be working on replacing them as soon as possible.

Emergency Management

Phil Colvin (LEMA) reported that a survey has been sent out to all the fire companies on the DECON Strike Team. All the companies must complete this survey and return it or the DECON Strike Team operation will be suspended.

Eric Bachman (LEMA) reported that as of 01/01/2011, Lancaster County will no longer be using the joint cost recovery with the local fire companies. If a fire company wishes to recover any costs incurred by a hazardous materials response, they must submit an invoice separately. Eric also reported that the off-site plans for county facilities are being redone and updates will be sent out when completed.

Lancaster County Public Safety Training Center

Director Craig Elmer reported:

They are working on a replacement for the Deputy Director's position.

Some classes are having low enrollment, fifteen (15) students are needed for a class to run. Fire companies will have to pay for classes if the enrollment minimum is not met. Fire companies will also have to pay for any students that are a "no-show".

There will be new certification classes that are going to be held in 2011.

There is a large amount of requests for the training center on Saturdays, please book early if you need to use the facility on a Saturday.

LCFA

Larry Miller (3-11) reported that the permits for the construction at the Pequea Lane facility have been received and construction will start shortly. The new Class A burn building guidelines have been written and the facility should be ready for use by spring 2011.

South Central Task Force

No report.

Tim Gregg (6-4) asked about the status of the mass notification system for the county. Phil Colvin (LEMA) reported that the system is operational, but the contact information that has been entered is what is listed in the white and yellow pages. There will be a self-registration system in place for the public to enter updated and correct information. It also looks like in 2012 the system will go to a pay as you go system due to the amount of minutes that are available.

Apparatus Report

Steve Gribble (4-8) reported that the following units have been inspected:

Rescue 1-6 (Rescue), Rescue 2-6 (Rescue/Engine), Rescue 4-2 (Rescue/Engine),
Tanker 3-13 (Tanker/Engine), Brush 5-8 (Brush).

Station 1-3 has requested the inspection of Rescue 1-3; this will be completed in the near future.

Standards Committee

Dave Wiker (6-5) reported that the apparatus inspection / equipment requirement sheets have been revised. Please review them and forward any comments or concerns to the committee by Feb. 2011. The committee will review and update if needed and the final revision will be brought to the association for approval at the March 2011 meeting.

Golf Tournament

Rick Harrison (2-4) reported that the 2011 tournament will be held on July 15.

NIMS

Phil Colvin (LEMA) reported that only a few of the 2010 surveys were returned. This is an annual requirement and needs to be completed. The 2011 survey will be an online form to be filled out.

The ICS forms have been updated and are available on the FEMA website.

Rescue Task Force

No report.

Unfinished Business

Craig Elmer reported that additional help is needed to assist with the Line of Duty Death supplies. This may possibly go to a working group that will assist with all aspects of the Line of Duty Death (reporting, supplies, etc). Mike Elliot (2-7) offered to lead this project.

The county-wide mutual aid agreement has been drafted and is available for review. A few comments have been submitted for consideration. This may become an additional working group to complete the project.

New Business

President Ober (2-6) presented Larry Miller (3-11) an appreciation plaque for his twenty (20) years of service to the association as the treasurer.

Rick Harrison (2-4) reported that the Chief's Training Weekend will be held on March 5, 2011 and an information flyer will be going out. The speaker for the event will be Rich Gasaway. He will be speaking on first responder safety. The cost for the presentation is approximately \$5000;

Tim Gregg (6-4) made a motion to pay for the speaker's expenses, with a second to the motion by Buddy Hess (7-5). Motion passed.

Good of the Order

President Ober (2-6) thanked Larry Miller (3-11) for his years of service to the association. There will be an executive board meeting of the association on Saturday Dec. 11; if anyone has any ideas or would like to help with any projects, please contact President Ober (2-6).

Roll Call

(27) Company's represented with (45) people in attendance.
(21) Fire Chief's, (9) Deputy Chief's, (8) Assistant Chief's, (4) Past Chief's and
(3) Guest's.

Officers present – President Ober (2-6), Secretary Gribble (4-8), Treasurer Harrison (2-4), Director Gregg (6-4), Director Weaver (3-12)

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Lancaster County Fire Chiefs Association, Inc. will be held at the Lancaster County Public Safety Training Center on Wednesday March 9, 2011 at 19:30 hours.

Tim Gregg (6-4) made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Brian Auker (1-11); motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 20:50 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Gribble
Secretary
Lancaster County Fire Chiefs Association, Inc.