

Lancaster County Fire Police Association

The meeting of the Lancaster County Fire Police Association was held on Monday, October 16, 2023 at the Lancaster County Public Safety Training Center at 1900. President Merle Weaver called the meeting to order. Jimmy Fanning gave the opening prayer. He is from the Chaplain's core and will have a chaplain at our meetings and are available to provide food and other chaplain services on call. County will dispatch to scenes.

Merle read the minutes of the previous July meeting. Gerald Weinhold moved the minutes be accepted and John Jones seconded the motion. Passed

The meeting was then suspended to look at displays of the Ephrata Police/Fire Police (old crime unit) that can be brought to the scene. There was also a lighting demonstration of lights that can be mounted on a trailer hitch or tripod from Upper Leacock. The task force brought their trailer. Luke also showed his tripod cone.

We also had a presentation from Randy Rice. He has a town hall meeting that is going very well in York County that he would like to get started here. The municipalities find out what is going on and he goes over responsibilities or whatever the meeting goes to that night. He talked about the new basic course. There are fewer slides and the program now is 12 hours classroom and 4 hours skill and will be 10 hours class and 6 hours skill. It will begin in January/February and will work toward Pro-board. There will be a refresher coming out, but you will need to have completed the class since 2015. He noted that there is no law for the fire service except for the fire police law. He would like for companies to host meetings around the county.

We went back to the regular meeting, and the president reported that the phone number is in service for fire police to call for assistance of a command person. It is 717-455-0287. He is also working on a master Fire police list.

The Treasurer's report was passed out by David Duckworth. The cash balance was \$1,386.19 with investments of \$ 8,975.98. Dave pointed out that we have a CD that automatically renewed due to him missing the date. He said we would take the penalty and renew it at the higher rate. There was general approval. Motion to accept the treasurers report was made by Bob Zug and second by Brian Wolfe. Passed

Region 1 Brian wants to have a monthly group meeting. He is working on the list.

Region 2 New Holland had a big Farm Show parade. EMA is talking about what happens when there is a major event.

Region 3 Bob Zug reported that they had a parade in Quarryville and the Lampeter Fair. They are having Quarterly meetings which move around. They are having trouble getting Amish to calls.

Task Force was at the balloon fest and had the trailer. They will be doing a car show on June 1 at the site of the balloon fest. ISC200 for fire police will be held on Oct 24, 25, and 28. Amtrack training will be at Pequea Valley 10-30 and repeat at 63 on 12-11

There is proposed legislation for the utilities to have to pay if fire companies need to be there more than 2 hours. It is HB1620 and is actually 1 ½ hours and is for \$1,000.00 per hour.

Ray Zimmerman was appointed delegate to LCFA.

Dave Duckworth gave the report from FASP. (attached)

Merle reported the website is up. LANCOFP.ORG. We noted that we had a zoom problem with some not being able to hear us. He has 115 email addresses on his list. He would like as many as possible on Telegram.

It was discussed that those that travel outside the area for meetings should be reimbursed for their mileage at the federal rate.

We reviewed the new patch. Talked about the variants and suggested that the county shape should possibly be removed. No rose. Merle will take it back to the designer.

We need to review the traffic unit check list for the next meeting and think about the lanes between the task force and the association.

The audit committee will be Carl Jones and Bob Zug with 1 more to be added plus the treasurer.

Merle was looking at the insurance umbrella and it would cost around \$ 2,500.00. He also suggested that we restart the banquet and have a fire police of the year award.

Delaware County Fire Police will be at the next meeting.

There will be 100 year anniversaries for Schoeneck and Willow Street next year.

There were 23 Members and 3 guests in attendance from 11 companies. There were also 5 on Zoom

Motion to adjourn Gerald Weinhold and Bob Zug. Passed 2059

The next meeting will be at LCPSTC on January 22 due to MLK day being a holiday.

Respectfully submitted
David Duckworth