



Pennsylvania Fire Police Association

"Safety Unit of the Volunteer Firemen"

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Bi Monthly Meeting
Hepburn Twp. Vol. Fire Co.
Cogan Station, Pa. Lycoming County
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The May 15, 2011 Convention Bi Monthly meeting was brought to order by the First Vice President John Johnston immediately following the Memorial Service. President Ralph Robison was absent due to illness. First Vice President John Johnston appointed Stan Glidewell, and Dan Kelley Sgt-At-Arms. He announced the Smoking Lamp was out, Hats are to be off, and no eating or drinking. There were eleven officers present.

Chaplain Nelson Brenneman gave the Invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance followed with all members participating.

The President of Lycoming Co. Fire Police, Elmer Polk, introduced his officers. Elmer Polk introduced the guest speaker, John Yingling, who is Lycoming Co. Director of Public Safety. Director John Yingling spoke of fire police as being the most thankless profession. He said among many things a fire police can be is the first on scene, and the last to leave. He said fire police work out in the worst weather, work day or night or both. He said the public can be very "me, we, or i" centered. Fire police need to be patient, professional, and courteous in letting the public know what, how, and why we are telling them directions, and instructions. He feels fire policing is a profession, and not just a hobby. He says too get the word out so the public will know what, and why we do what we do. Mr. Yingling stresses being seen in hi-visibility clothing. He feels training is important including Marsellus Shale Site Training. Director Yingling wanted everyone to know he gives his personal thanks to all fire police.

First Vice President John Johnston asked for a motion for the officers to remove their jackets. Through a motion, and a second this was approved. M/C

Recording Secretary Helen Thomas took the roll call of the officers, and the counties.

Recording Secretary Helen Thomas then read the March Executive Board Meeting minutes. These minutes were accepted as read.

A motion was made, and second to dispense with the reading of the March Bi Monthly Meeting minutes. Irvin Martenas asked to have the minutes read anyway as he noted several corrections were needed, or we would look like fools. A vote was taken, and it was unanimously decided to have the minutes of the March Bi Monthly meeting read. The minutes of the March Executive Board had two errors in the time of day. In the March Bi Monthly Minutes there were six corrections, with three being typographical errors. The March Bi Monthly Meeting minutes were then accepted as read with the corrections being noted in the May minutes. This through a motion, and a second. M/C These corrections will be corrected for the paper.

Financial Secretary Harold Crpsby gave his report of \$424.75 worth of supplies sold, and this amount was remitted to the Treasurer. He also noted he had expenses of \$20.95 for checks.

Treasurer Margaret Stare gave the Treasurer's report, and her report was accepted as read.

Assistant Treasurer Ruth Hoffman gave the office report of 3,692 insured members, 375 un-insured members, for a total of 4,067 members. Ruth also noted that the deadline for articles, minutes, and local fire company, or local fire police articles, was May 31, 2011.

Commissioner Dave Maze gave his report of 2,084 fires, 99 false alarms with 39 fire police on duty for 4528 hours. Dave stated there were 744 Special Duty hours, no prosecutions and warnings, with nine counties reporting. It was noted that the number of fire police on duty may be an error. Dave will check this. The rest of his report was accepted as read. Dave Maze said there are sixty seven counties, and only nine counties reported. He would like to see more counties reporting.

Chaplain Nelson Brenneman said he had six new deceased reports, and this made a total of thirty two. Chaplain Nelson Brenneman would like to have these deceased Spread Across These Minutes.

Delegate to the State Firemen Jim Ploumis gave his report on the April 9, 2011 Pa. Firemen's Assoc. Meeting in Greensburg, Pa.. He said Greensburg fire chief Eddie Hutchison stressed the need for younger fire fighters. He also wanted free medical check ups for all fire fighters. Jim said that the NFPA may make a video, and have a ten minute show for officials, and then show the fire service how important sprinklers are. This will be a power point video. Jim noted there were some who were not reporting to PENIFERS. The PFESI has fifteen people on a forty seven person committee that consists of five Task groups. Their report is to be written next week. This is regarding increase in fire insurance relief money. Fire companies that are getting under \$10,000 now will get more money. There was a PSU poll taken, and seventy one percent said they'd rather pay one half percent more for auto, and home insurance than to increase taxes. Jim noted there was a referral to the August 20, 2010 NFPA Standards Council letter creating the NFPA 1091 Traffic Control Incident Management Professional Qualifications Committee. It was clarified that the committee scope (the Technical Committee (TC)) shall have jurisdiction over documents that address professional qualifications for responders in relation to these operations on roadways. Under the document scope, the standard shall identify job performance requirements necessary to perform temporary traffic control duties at emergency incidents on, or near an active roadway. It was acknowledged that the diversity of the Technical Committee, by way of fire service, fire police, law enforcement, highway transportation, traffic safety, fire service publications, traffic incident management related consultant, and traffic incident command subject matter experts which translates into a very balanced multi-disciplinary technical committee. The gathering of the initial drafts, and the second phase of compiling, and completing these drafts could take 104 to 141 months to complete. Contact Jim Ploumis for further information if needed. These standards will help the NF know who, and what fire police are. These standards will be set so that everyone will follow them, and recognize them.

Alternate Delegate to the State Fireman Miles Dooley noted he had attended the viewing, and funeral of Fred McCutchen.

The Chairman of the Bi Laws Committee read the changes to the bi laws. The first bi law change was accepted unanimously. The second change was read that a Past President shall not be eligible to be elected for a second term. This change was unanimously voted down.

Gary Eline of the Publicity Committee stated he needed more recipes.

Roy Burton of the Registration Committee gave his report of 58 members, and 9 guests present representing 15 counties. His report was accepted as read.

Treasurer Margaret Stare noted there was \$75,000 in the death benefit CD. There was a question about the amount paid for a line of duty death. Margaret explained that the \$4 insurance payment a member pays each year with their dues pay for their \$10,000 Line of Duty Death Benefit for an on duty death. The Pennsylvania Fire Police pays the benefit of \$300, or \$35 , and the Association regulates this amount as needed financially. Margaret's report was accepted as read. Irvin Martenas added some information to this matter also.

The Fire Police Person of the Year Award was presented to President Ralph Robison. Due to his illness, Ralph could not attend, so the Awards Committee will take it to him. Ralph is President of the Crawford County Fire Police, and has held that office for three years. Ralph has been a fire police member for 40 years, and Crawford County Fire Police Commissioner for 30 years. He has been on numerous County and State level committees, and was instrumental in the formation of the North Shenango Fire Department where he has served as Fire Police Captain for 25 years. Ralph is a Life Time Member, and a sworn Fire Police Officer of the North Shenango Township. Ralph has received Citations from the House of Representatives, and Proclamation from the Board of Crawford County Commissioners in recognition of Pennsylvania Fire Police President, and for Crawford Co. Fire Police President, and his sterling example of the most cherished tradition of a duty, sacrifice and citizenship.

Under new business, Nelson Brenneman stated that the July bi monthly meeting will be held at the Union Fire & Hose Co. 30 E. Canal St. in Dover, Pa., in York County on July 17, 2011

For the Good of the Association, John Johnston read John J. Donnelly's obituary. Mr. Donnelly passed away May 8, 2011. He was married 43 years to Dorothy Donnelly. He was a Life Member of Willow St. Fire Co., and actively served as fire police Lt. until his death.

Assistant Chaplain Charles Hull held a Moment of Silence for the Deceased, and gave the Benediction.

Through a motion, and a second the meeting adjourned at 3:25 pm. Door prizes, and dinner followed.

Recording Secretary
Helen J. Thomas