

**Minutes from the 09/20/2016 Meeting of the
Fire Chief's Aid Association of Montgomery County**

The meeting and dinner were held at the Abington Township Fire Training Academy on September 20, 2016 beginning at 6:45 PM.

Call to Order - The meeting was called to order by President Wilmot at 7:30 PM with the Pledge to the Flag. The meeting was attended by 46 members from 23 Montgomery County Fire companies.

Welcome - Mike Jones, Chief of Abington Township Fire Department provided the welcome address.

Special Presentation - A Fitness Presentation was made by Todd Soura of Take Action Personal Training. Todd's organization has provided firefighter boot camps as well as strength & agility training.

Montgomery County Radio – Rick Lohwasser of the Montgomery County provided an update for the new radio and system. Target date for completion is 12/31/2016. Two (2) sites are under construction and two (2) more are pending in Upper Merion Township and Roxborough. Rick also reviewed the channels on the new system for each Region.

Reading of the Minutes of the July 2016 Meeting – Motion to dispense with the reading and a second. Motion carried.

Application for Membership and Election of New Members – Dwayne Brady of Station Assistant Chief 69 and Sean McCarragher, Lieutenant Station 54 submitted. Motion by Irv Lichtenstein and second by Ron Wilkie to accept and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report - Mike Gallagher submitted the Treasurer's Report for September 2016. Total Income is \$8,226.00; Savings is \$283.11; One (1) Bill from VFIS paid for \$345.00. Motion by Ken Shuler and second by Haydn Marriott to accept the report and the motion carried.

Trustee Report – Progress

County Report – John Corcoran advised that IMobile ceases on 12/31/2016 and New Mobile begins. Next is the PSN.

Training – Tom Gerrity advised of the new Forcible Entry Prop; New Forcible Entry Doors; 32 FF-I's; Next FF-I Graduation is 11/24/2016; Chris Fedor has left the Fire Academy; Chief Officer Seminar is 01/28/2017; Rescue TV is coming to the 31 participating companies within the month;

County Hazmat – John Waters, new Hazmat Chief;

Committee Reports

Joint Chiefs Radio – Progress per Haydn Marriott;

EMS – Mike Campeggio advised of the Narcan Program; EMS Pre-Alert; SEPA Participation from 308, 313, 317, 355, & 380; Ed Martin has left the County; EMS Leadership Symposium in the Planning Stages;

LAPC – Meetings changed from 6 to 4 per year; Region Wide Drill 12/02/2016;

Tanker – Progress;

LDH – Progress;

SEPA – Progress;

Foam – Ken Shuler reported no training activity and that some municipalities are wary of foam training due to possible contamination;

IST – Ken Shuler reported on an upcoming meeting for members in 10/2016 at the fire MCPSTA;

Information Technology – Glen Russell reported on some upcoming website re-work;

Fire Advisory – Ken Shuler reported the next meeting is on 11/18/2016;

Standardization – Chris Heleniak reported on progress with time;

Ways & Means - \$57.33;

Old Business – None;

New Business – Motion by Irv Lichtenstein and second by Haydn Marriott for Fire Chief's to draft a letter in support of the Upper Merion Radio Tower Site. Motion carried; President Wilmot reported on a Fundraising Event in Bridgeport on 11/19/2016 to raise money for medical bills for Mike Gallagher's grandson from 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM at St. Peters & Paul Parrish Hall in Bridgeport;

Election of Officer Nominations for 2017:

- **President** – George Wilmot;
- **Vice President** – Brian Gwiadzynski and Haydn Marriott;
- **Recording Secretary** – Glenn Schwalm;
- **Assistant Recording Secretary** – Tom Walters;
- **Treasurer** – Mike Gallagher;
- **Assistant Treasurer** – Al Comly;
- **Trustee** – Jeff Mulally;

Good of the Association

- Software Acquisition for Radios from Tech Soup;
- Regional AFG Radio Grant Redo – Limerick Fire Company is Hosting;
- Station 33 Fire Prevention Display 10/07/2016 from 6-9:00 PM;
- Abington Township Fire Department is hosting an FDNY NIST Seminar on 09/27/2016 at 7:30 PM;

Next Meeting – 11/15/2016 at 7:00 PM at Wissahickon Fire Company

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Tom Walters, Assistant Recording Secretary