Lancaster County Fire Police Association (LCFPA)

Quarterly Meeting Minutes

Date: July 20, 2026
Time: 7:00 PM
Location: Caernarvon Fire Company (Lancaster Station 34), Narvon, PA
Remote Attendance: Zoom (4)

Opening

Welcome

Captain Allen Ringler (Station 34) welcomed attendees and thanked everyone for attending.

Moment of Silence

A moment of silence was observed in remembrance of those who have served.

Opening Prayer

President Merle Weaver offered the opening prayer.

Salute to the Flag

Led by Vice President Alex Traynor.

Secretary's Report

Reading of April 2026 Minutes

Secretary Jason Beiler read the minutes from the April 20, 2026 meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the April minutes as read.

Motion: Brian Wolfe
Second: Mike (recorded from floor)
Result: Motion carried.

Resignation of Secretary

Jason Beiler tendered his resignation as Secretary and Association member effective July 20, 2026, due to relocating to York County.

Jason thanked the membership and executive board for the opportunity to serve and expressed his appreciation for the friendships and experiences gained during his tenure.

Action Taken

Motion to accept Jason Beiler's resignation as Secretary and member of the Association.

Motion: Brian Wolfe
Second: Frank Mokros
Result: Motion carried unanimously.

President Weaver thanked Jason for his years of service, including his work maintaining the website and producing meeting minutes.

Special Secretary Appointment

To fill the vacancy until the October election, Steve Beiler (Captain Station 62,) was nominated as Acting Secretary.

Motion: Brian Wolfe
Second: Received from the floor
Result: Motion carried unanimously.

Steve Beiler will serve as Acting Secretary through the October 2026 meeting.

Reports

Officers' Reports

President's Report – Merle Weaver

- Encouraged members to consider future leadership opportunities within the Association as elections approach in October.
- Noted that successful volunteer organizations require active participation and leadership.
- Reminded members to stay hydrated and monitor electrolyte intake during hot weather operations.

Vice President's Report – Alex Traynor

- Reported ongoing concerns from the Fire Chiefs Association and county communications officials regarding Fire Police radio procedures.
- Members were reminded to utilize station number (e.g. Fire Police 41) rather than individual Fire Police titles when transmitting on county radio channels.
- Alex Traynor and Merle Weaver will meet with representatives of the Fire Chiefs Association and RAC Committee to discuss concerns and seek cooperative solutions.

Treasurer's Report – David Duckworth

Financial Summary

Account	**Balance**
Checking	$132.87
Savings	$2,392.87
Certificates of Deposit	$8,698.98
Total Funds	**$11,224.72**

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report.

Motion: Received from floor
Second: Received from floor
Result: Motion carried.

Region Directors' Reports

Region 1 – Brian Wolfe

- Continuing medical leave and recovery.
- Reported significant storm damage throughout portions of the region.
- Reminded members to maintain situational awareness during severe weather events and to utilize available resources when large incidents occur.

Region 2 – Ray Zimmerman

- Region 2 meeting held June 25, 2026 at Akron Station 12.
- Attendance: 14 members representing 11 companies.
- Discussed upcoming community events and operational planning.
- Completed a responder safety video presentation and discussion regarding accident-scene command and safety.
- Networking session followed the meeting.

Region 3 – Rich Graham

- No significant issues reported from member stations.
- Bob Zug reported a busy operational period in the southern end of the county, including major fire incidents requiring extensive traffic control support and mutual aid resources.

Delegates' Reports

Lancaster County Fire Chiefs Association – Alex Traynor

Report covered during Vice President's Report regarding radio communications concerns.

Lancaster County Firemen's Association – David Duckworth

- Proposed bylaw changes have been distributed for vote.
- Quarterly meetings are proposed to be eliminated.
- Annual meeting will be held in October if bylaws are approved.

Lancaster County Chaplains Corps

No report.

Pennsylvania Firemen's Association – David Duckworth

- Membership participation continues to decline.
- Discussion held regarding electronic dues processing.
- Proposed constitutional and bylaw changes include officer terms moving from one year to two years.

- State association remains financially stable.
- Scholarships and training grants continue to be offered.
- Ongoing delays reported in distribution of SAFER Grant funds.

Pennsylvania Fire Police Association

No report.

Committee Reports

Traffic Unit Inspection Committee

- No current inspections requested.
- Several departments continue working toward certification requirements.

Life Membership Committee

Committee members confirmed as:

- Dave Duckworth
- Frank Mokros
- Brian Wolfe

No additional report.

Banquet/Picnic Committee

No report.

Technical Committee

Website

- Jason Beiler will continue assisting with website maintenance until a replacement volunteer is identified.
- Website updates will be completed following Jason's relocation.

Facebook

No report.

By-Laws Committee

- Committee has not met since the last quarterly meeting.
- Alex Traynor will coordinate a meeting before the October session.

Training Reports

Lancaster County Public Safety Training Center

Upcoming courses:

Basic Fire Police; September 22, 23, 29 and 30, 2026; 6:30 PM – 10:30 PM

Advanced Fire Police; November 14-15, 2026; 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Station 41

- TIMS class being scheduled.
- Annual Basic Fire Police class planned for January 2027.

Members were encouraged to fill available training seats due to current demand for Fire Police education.

Unfinished Business

2026 Dues Review

Discussion held regarding lower-than-normal dues participation.

Region Directors will assist in contacting departments within their assigned regions to improve membership renewal rates.

Patches / Decals / Magnets

No new report.

Committee Appointments

Life Membership Committee membership confirmed.

By-Laws Draft

No additional action.

Other Unfinished Business - None.

New Business

Special Secretary Election

Completed earlier in meeting.

2027 Meeting Hosts

President Weaver requested departments begin considering hosting the January and April 2027 quarterly meetings.

Potential host departments will be contacted and discussed further before the October meeting.

Fire Police Task Force Assets

Discussion held regarding former Fire Police Task Force equipment and remaining funds.

Jason Beiler will obtain an update regarding disposition of remaining Task Force funds and provide a report at the October meeting.

Guests & Demonstrations

None.

Closing

Roll Call

Attendance

- 23 members present (19 in person, 4 via Zoom)
- 14 member companies represented

Memorial Recognition

David Duckworth reported the passing of former Fire Police Officer **Denny McClurell**.

Jason Beiler will add memorial information to the Association website.

Next Meeting

October 19, 2026
Lancaster County Public Safety Training Center
101 Champ Blvd., Manheim, PA 17545

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn received and seconded.

Result: Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at approximately **8:08 PM**.

Respectfully Submitted,

Merle Weaver