

# Fire Chiefs & Fire Fighters Association Of York County, Inc.

**330 Emig Road  
York, PA 17406**



**Monthly Meeting  
3<sup>rd</sup> Monday**

May 21, 2007

President Skip Rupert called the regular monthly meeting of the York County Fire Chiefs and Firefighters Association to order and led the pledge to the flag. There were thirty-nine people in attendance.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as published.

President Rupert asked for a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report Commissioner Roth made the motion, seconded by Chief Shank. Motion carried.

## **BOARD OF GOVERNORS:**

- Obtaining a building permit for the burn building on 6/12.
- Funding for the building – State offered \$1.5 million matching grant, County could come up with \$1 million, School would borrow \$250,000.00.
- Construction slated to start 10/8/07 with completion in 8/08.

## **COMMUNICATIONS:** None

## **RADIO COMMITTEE:**

- Duty Officer position has been eliminated for Chiefs. Should still be used for junior positions such as Captains and Lieutenants.
- Alarms – unknown type alarms you choose who you want to respond (hold in quarters or minimal response)
- County – send out link, download policies and share with people; committee will be reviewing policies and updating.
- May Day policy – committee is asking for approval to allow dispatchers to dispatch next alarm with BLS & ALS unless the department already has a response in CAD.
- Next meeting 6/6/07.

## **911:** Audrey Rychalsky reported that

- Field Comm unit is available for viewing.
- Radio project moving along well.
- The building will be complete in September – move will occur in November.
- Fleet mapping 6/19 through 6/21.
- Radios are being upgraded from the 5130 model to the 5050 model.

## **FIRE SCHOOL:** Carl Avery, Program Coordinator, submitted the following report.

### **Hours of use:**

- From 4/16/07 to 5/20/07 there were 64 events at your Fire School, totaling 324.5 hours of Training. This has been our busiest month of the year so far
- In a recent conversation with representatives from Bucks Community College, our Fire School was described as having one of the most aggressive training programs in the State.

### **The ENTRY LEVEL Program:**

- Our First Entry Level Interior Firefighter class has concluded successfully.
  - This class took on a project of having a "class shirt" They had their choice of a Tee or a Golf Shirt. Please be on the look out for these Blue shirts with York County Fire School Logo on the chest and an Interior Fire Fighter Class logo on the left sleeve. When you see these Firefighters congratulate them on the completing their 166 hours of Training.
- We have our Next Interior Fire Fighter (ELIF) Class scheduled to start June 17th; the lead instructor for this class will be Bill Hoover.
- There will also be a ELIS (Entry Level Introduction to the Fire Service) Class (Day Time, 0900 – 1300) Starting June 27<sup>th</sup> Lead Instructor will be Dan Hoff
- The Next ELIS Class (Evenings, 1830 -2230) will start July 10<sup>th</sup> with Lead Instructor Rick Witten.

### **Mason-Dixon Extrication Challenge:**

- The Event went off as planned with 10 teams registered (with 8 attending). Unfortunately, no teams from York County participated in this year's event. We are still waiting on some outstanding bills, but from projections it appears this year's event was financially successful as well as being educationally productive.
- The Fire School wants to thank this year's committee for the hard work they put in to making this event happen. We would also like to thank the following Individuals, Rod Welton, Zack Avery, Eric Mosher and Tim Bair for their work in preparing the scenarios. Andrew Stevens and his assistants for their expertise in supervising the tools for the teams, Fire Instructor William Gross and Alan Frame of R.A.C.E.S. for their help in preparing the cars and all the others who came together to pull this event off.

### **Firefighter I Testing (UPDATED INFORMATION):**

- York County Fire School will be hosting an IFSAC/PROBOAD Fire Fighter I Certification test this fall. The Written test will be October 12 and the Practical exam will be on November 3, 2007. **A cut off date of September 29<sup>th</sup> has been established** and all monies for the test must be submitted PRIOR to the cut off date – watch for more information soon.
- A prep class for this test will be September 29<sup>th</sup>

### **NFPA 1006, Standard for Professional Rescue Technician, Core Competencies**

#### **Machinery/Vehicle Review Course and Test:**

- The Test date for the Core Competencies will be December 8<sup>th</sup>, at this point in time the Machinery and Vehicle portions will be pushed back to 2008
- October 27 and 28 will be a review class on the core competencies With Gary Carpenter instructing
  - Ropes and Rigging class is strongly advised before taking the test, Station 34 is working on securing this class and your fire school looks forward to working with them to make this available to anyone in the County Fire Services who is interested.

### **Fire Officer I:**

- The Fire School has contacted the State Fire Academy to bring the Academy on the Road (AOTR) Fire Officer I class and certification to YCFS this Fall. The Dates of the classes are October 20 & 21, November 3 & 4 and November 17 & 18. The Fire School MUST HAVE a minimum of 12 candidates to have this course run.
- **The Fire School has applications for this program. Applications were included in our last mailing to the County Departments**
  - Candidates for this program must have the following certification
    - Firefighter I
    - Firefighter II
    - Fire Instructor I
      - The class we scheduled so that all who desired to participate in the Fire Officer Class concluded Sunday May 20<sup>th</sup> Congratulations to Class for their efforts and their performance
  - **We DO NOT at this time have a FF II test schedule. The Fire School has NOT gotten enough request that we can justify scheduling one here.**
    - Make sure you check with HACC and BUCKS as well as the Pa State Fire Academy Web site for upcoming dates and location if you need this certification.

### **Firefighters Memorial Garden:**

- The Project is near completion, Eagle Scout Candidate Eric Tome and his associates have worked hard to present us this place of reflection here on the Fire School Grounds.
- One of the factors that make this project very special is that this came from the citizens of the community we serve. Recognition by non-firefighters of the sacrifices we make and their appreciation of our efforts for them.

### Current and Future Schedule:

- The 2007 schedule is available online at our web site [www.yorkcountymfireschool.org](http://www.yorkcountymfireschool.org), just click on the [Click Here to See Available Classes](#) link on the home page.
- Be sure to check out the website for the latest Updates [www.yorkcountymfireschool.org](http://www.yorkcountymfireschool.org)
- Pre-registrations (as of Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>):
  - **May 22, Pump Ops 1: 7 (received several over the weekend) this class may or may not run**
  - **June 2, Emergency Response to Terrorism Basic Concepts: 0**
  - **June 4, HM Awareness Refresher: 1**
  - **June 4, HM Operations Refresher: 2**
  - **June 9, HM Awareness: (full course): 5**
  - **June 11, HM Operations (full course): 9**
  - June 12, Basic Vehicle Rescue Technicians: 30 FULL
  - **June 17, ELIF Interior FireFighter: 7**
  - **June 23, Bus Rescue: 12**
  - **June 27, ELIS Introduction to the Fire Service: 9**
- Courses above listed in **BOLD** and underlined are in jeopardy of being canceled due to low enrollment. Please pre-register early. Your Fire School does what it can to see that scheduled course run, but we cannot do it with your help
- **There has been a change to Pre-registration forms.** Some of you may have already noted that a subtle change has been added to the pre-registration forms. We now ask for the Student's e-mail and/or phone number so we can contact them if there are any changes in their upcoming class.

**YORK COUNTY ATR:** John Sanford reported one call in Shrewsbury

**OEM:** New vehicles available for viewing

**FIRE POLICE:** None

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- \$10,000.00 for repairs on burn building. Motion by Chief Shank to repair the tower but not the burn building. Second by Chief Nichols. Motion carried.
- Motion to pay the bills by Chief Shank second by Chief Beck. Motion carried.

### NEW BUSINESS:

- Discussion to approve May Day policy that is currently on paper.
  - Motion by Commissioner Roth to amend the May Day policy that is currently on paper to read, as of tomorrow morning County can dispatch the next greatest alarm plus BLS & ALS, where County has no May Day response available, and until RIT teams can be inputted into County.
    - Roll call approval 34 yes – one abstained. Motion carried
- Request from Board of Governors for permission to borrow up to \$250,000.00 to get the process started on the burn building.

Motion by Chief Shank to allow the Board of Governors to borrow up to \$250,000.00 for the burn building project. Second by Captain Hoff. Motion carried.

### GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

- York County Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship has started.
- Rescue 5 has been sold. The new piece is not in service. Rescue tools are currently being carried on Engine 5-1

Motion to adjourn by Bob Bowman.

Next meeting is scheduled for 7:30 pm on Monday, June 18, 2007 at the Fire School.

Minutes transcribed from notes taken by Jennifer Hose, Acting Secretary.

Sincerely,

*Cindy A. Dietz*

Cindy A. Dietz, Secretary