

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

**330 Emig Road  
York, PA 17406**



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

July 16, 2007

Vice President Dennis Beck called the quarterly meeting of the York County Fire Chiefs and Firefighters Association to order and led the pledge to the flag. There were thirty-six people in attendance.

**Roll call was taken.** Twenty out of sixty-five stations were represented and reported.

Minutes from the May and June meetings were approved as published.

Vice President Beck asked for a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, Chief Cadden made the motion, second by Chief Witten. Motion carried.

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS:** Dave Gemmill reported:

- Burn Building
  - Met with Engineer to view preliminary plans – he will be coming back with the final plans.
  - Continuing to work on funding.
  - Will be receiving bids in the next couple of months.
- Next month the Board of Governors will be dedicating the Paul Schaffer Memorial Garden prior to the start of the meeting.
  - There is \$1700.00 left in the fund. Requesting suggestions be sent to bob Bowman as to how the money be spent. A suggestion was made for shade trees for the driveway.

Chief Shank asked if the tower repairs were going to get done.  
Dave said they were.

Chief Shank asked if that much money was needed in the candy fund.  
No definitive reply.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**RADIO COMMITTEE:** Chief Shank reported that the committee met and discussed several items. Currently they are working with the County on setting up radio training for the end users.

**911:** No Report.

Chief Nichols asked if the 911 Center had to make road closing and hydrant notifications between the hours of 0600 & 0700.

Cindy asked what time they would like to be notified.

Chief Shank proposed notifications be made between 0800 – 2000 hrs.

Vice President Beck asked for a show of hands – change was approved. Cindy will handle at 911.

Chris Krichten said they are still being notified of road closings where emergency vehicles can get through. Cindy said she had just clarified that for someone last week, but would put a reminder out again.

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

**My Apologies:**

- Sorry I am not available to attend tonight's meeting. I am in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina to participate as a Judge in the TERCUSA National Extrication Challenge

**Hours of use:**

- From 6/17/07 to 7/15/07 there were 40 events at your Fire School, totaling 212 hours of Training / use. Our Facility continues to be in use an average of 7.6 hours a day every day so far this year.

**The ENTRY LEVEL Program:**

- Our Current (and second) Interior Fire Fighter (ELIF) Class began June 17th; the lead instructor for this class is Bill Hoover.
- Since our last meeting we have concluded one ELIS program (Entry Level Introduction to the Fire Service) Class (Day Time, 0900 – 1300) with Lead Instructor Dan Hoff and started a second ELIS Class (Evenings, 1830 -2230, which began July 10<sup>th</sup>) with Lead Instructor Rick Witten.
- The July 10<sup>th</sup> Evening Class is being very well attended and we **MAY** need to look into creating a "parallel" evening class to handle the student load Watch for notices in the Mail and on our Website if we do this.

**Mason-Dixon Extrication Challenge:**

- With the anticipated upcoming construction of the new burn building, it has been decided to postpone the 2008 Mason-Dixon challenge. We do intend on bringing this event back in 2009

**Firefighter I Testing:**

- 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.
- Applications for this test should be in your July Mailings and available soon on our website
- A prep class for this test will be September 29<sup>th</sup> (THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THIS CLASS and it is OPEN TO ALL FIREFIGHTERS [even if they choose not to test])

**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 scheduled 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 monthly mailings to the County Departments**
- **The APPLICATIONS must be submitted to the STATE FIRE ACADEMY**
  - 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.
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### New Classes Scheduled:

- A one day Class on New Car technology and Hybrid Vehicle has been scheduled for 3 consecutive days in December (12/14, 12/15 and 12/16/2007). This class is being brought to our area through cooperation between the Fire School and Several area Fire Departments. Offering the same class on three days should enable us to reach as many Fire/Rescue Personnel as possible
- Wildland Fire Fighting (Pa 130), presented by the Bureau of Forestry on September 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>
- NIMS-ICS for EMS, a twenty hour course for EMS providers that is an NIMS-ICS 200 level course designed and presented for EMS Providers to help them better integrate into their role in a major event
- *Coming in 2008, We are working with PAG (Penn State) Rescue training to bring you the following courses:* Intro to Farm Emergencies, Managing Tractor Emergencies, Managing Farm Machinery Entanglements, Farm Chemical Emergencies, Farm Confined Space Awareness, Farm Confined Space Operations

### Current and Future Schedule:

- The 2007 schedule is available online at our web site [www.YorkCountyFireSchool.org](http://www.YorkCountyFireSchool.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.YorkCountyFireSchool.org](http://www.YorkCountyFireSchool.org)**
- **Pre-registrations (as of Saturday, July 14, 2007):**
  - **July 17<sup>th</sup>, NIMS-ICS: 2 - Class Canceled**
  - July 18<sup>th</sup>, Fire Ground Support (Day time Class): 17
  - **July 21<sup>st</sup>, Building Construction: 10**
  - July 23<sup>rd</sup>, Pump Operations 1: 16
  - **July 30<sup>th</sup>, Haz-Mat Ops Refresher: 3**
  - **August 4<sup>th</sup>, Pump Operations II: 7**
  - **August 6<sup>th</sup>, Legal Aspect for the Fire Service: 3**
  - August 7<sup>th</sup>, Fire Ground Support (Evening Class): 30

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. We are also asking for the Students age and Date of Birth (DOB) – this will help us maintain the integrity of age restricted classes

Tim Bair reported that the booster tank from the Ward Lafrance is off. You must use the hydrant. It needs inspected in September and a decision will have to be made. He also said the liquid pit is ready for use.

**YORK COUNTY ATR:** Shane Griffo reported no calls for the month. July 27<sup>th</sup> the team is participating in a drill being held in Lancaster County. John Sanford is currently Acting ATR1.

**OEM:** Tom Graybill reported 28 calls for the Hazmat Team this year. Bernadette was working on a website that gives instructions on how to prepare for a variety of disasters. [www.ready-york.org](http://www.ready-york.org). Pamphlets were distributed to the body.

Chief Nichols asked what they were doing now that the hazmat unit was out of service. Tom said everything was taken off of "A" and put on "D"

**FIRE POLICE:** Jim Robertson reported the next quarterly meeting will be held in Jefferson on November 18<sup>th</sup>.

- Rosters were still needed from Stations 65, 13, & 15.
- The next monthly meeting will be held on July 23<sup>rd</sup> at Wrightsville Fire Company.

**MAY DAY:** Dan Hoff reported the committee met last week and decided they need more information. The committee's current recommendation is to remove RIT and RIT Qualifications from the May Day Policy and to create a separate RIT Policy. They plan to send questionnaires through email and asked for feedback on what the members want to see.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- Vice President Beck asked for a motion to pay the bills. Motion to pay the bills by Chief Stevens second by John Fornadel. Motion carried.
- Chief Shank made a motion to remove the RIT component from the May Day Policy and create a separate policy for RIT. Second by Chief Stevens. Motion carried.
- Chris Krichten recommended using the excess candy money and memorial fund money towards finishing the downstairs classroom.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:**

- Albert Schaffer gave an update on the State Convention being held in York City September 19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>. Pamphlets were left on the back table with the schedule of events.
- Red Lion Fire Company is hosting an Engine Company Operations Class August 8<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> and a Ropes and Rigging Class October 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>. Contact Red Lion Fire Company if interested in attending.
- Question from Shane Griffo – Is there any progress being made with the Rescue Spec Committee? Vice President Beck said he was working on getting the specs out.
- Chief Nichols congratulated Joe Yahnke on becoming a new Dad.
- Chief Nichols said at the EMA Quarterly Meeting last week the EMA Coordinators were tasked with developing resource typing lists for the County. You should be contacted by your local Coordinator shortly.

Motion to adjourn by Bob Bowman, second by John Fornadel. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Next quarterly meeting is scheduled for 7:30 pm on Monday, August 20, 2007, at the Fire School.

Sincerely,

*Cindy A. Dietz*

Cindy A. Dietz, Secretary