

Fire Chiefs' & Fire Fighters' Association of York County, Inc.

330 Emig Road
York, PA 17406



Monthly Meeting
3rd Monday

Monthly Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2014

CALL TO ORDER (President Steve Buffington)

President Steve Buffington called the monthly meeting of the York County Fire Chiefs and Firefighters Association to order at 19:00. The call to order was followed by a pledge to the flag and a moment of silence. 29 people were in attendance.

PRESENTATIONS

Brian Green from Central Penn Restoration and Remodeling gave a presentation on their company experience, quick turnaround (3-4 months), and their incentive program.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Buffington asked if there were any corrections to last month's minutes. With no corrections, the minutes were approved as issued.

REPORTS

Treasurer (Bob Bowman):

Treasurer Bob Bowman presented the following report: Beginning Balance: \$3,848.31 with an Ending Balance: \$8,071.37. With no comments, President Buffington approved the Treasurer's Report as read.

Board of Governors (John Senft): The Board met this evening prior to this meeting and discussed the following:

The 990 statements have been filed and a copy is available for inspection. Computer upgrades were also discussed.

Fire School Administrator (Richard Halpin):

April Fire School Training: 225 hours / 148 for fire school classes.

The 9-11 Remembrance at Prospect Hill Cemetery will be Sept. 14th. Aerial trucks are secured but engines are still needed.

A 1403 class will be held at Station 19 on June 11th.

A MAYDAY Events class presented by Task Force 1 Inc. is now on the schedule. In-county fire companies will get a registration discount.

The Old Fire Farts will host an antique fire engine muster and flea market on October 5th at Cousler Park. A flyer for this event and a RLFD golf tournament are in the lobby.

Apparatus is requested for the July 13th Can Am Games opening ceremony and parade. Also, more participants are wanted for the games. All proceeds will benefit the Make A Wish fund.

OTHER AGENCY REPORTS

911 Center/YCDES (Julio Mendez):

The Communications Manual has been updated and re-posted on the website. The access link, username and password will be distributed by email so that all fire agencies in York County can have access.

Structure fire dispatch times are still being looked at. For March, 72% (74 calls) were dispatched with 2-1/2 minutes. In April, 77% (56 calls).

Pre-alerting is still a work in progress.

Phase 1 of the radio system upgrade (systems design review) is in progress. The final Phase 3 (radio replacement) is expected to be complete in October 2015.

It was determined that the number of characters going from CAD to the paging server on multiple-alarm fires exceeded 600 and caused jam-ups. A number of software and procedure things have been implemented to fix the problem. Some of the fixes were tested before going live.

Jim Welty should be contacted on any Everbridge notification problems.

Working Fire groups continue to be added as they are received.

Two paging errors on Friday on 34 and 37 boxes caused a system maintenance reboot. InfoRad (manual dispatch) was used today on a fire in Manheim Twp. and did not activate house alerts or Active 911 systems. Julio noted that these will not be activated under manual dispatching.

CH18 noted issues with past chief contact information not being updated for Everbridge and master contact lists. Steve Buffington noted that this has been a recurring problem.

PA State Police (Joe Madzellan for Brad Dunham):

Brad wanted Joe to relay thanks to all of the chiefs who have taken care of blue light list updates and reported offenders.

ATR (John Sanford):

Not present. No report.

Haz-Mat (Tom Graybill):

Not present. No report.

Fire Police (Jim Robertson):

Not present. No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Radio/Communications (Joe Madzellan):

Joe noted that Julio covered everything that was discussed at their last meeting in his report.

Fire School Committee (Bob Sells):

A committee meeting will be scheduled soon.

Fire Prevention (Steve Tawney):

Not present. No report.

Fundraising (John McDonald):

Not present. No report.

Rescue Inspection (Tim Mooney):

Not present. No report.

RIT Committee (Brian Widmayer)

Updated RIT response guidelines are finished. Please review the guidelines and provide comments.

By-Laws (Bob Sells):

See Unfinished Business.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

President Buffington asked for a motion to pay the bills. Joe Madzellan made a motion. Richard Halpin seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Bob Sells made a motion to accept the revised bylaws for approval with two corrections: Under Treasurer, change "The Treasurer shall give a bond for the faithful discharge..." to "The Treasurer shall be bonded for the faithful discharge..." and to change all references to "Fire Training School" to "Fire School". Bob Bowman seconded the motion and the motion was approved. The new bylaws will be emailed to the Association email group.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

The next meeting will be June 16, 2014 at 19:00 at the Fire School.

ADJOURNMENT

President Buffington adjourned the meeting at 20:51.

Respectfully Recorded,

Robert Sells

Robert Sells
Board Secretary