

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

330 Emig Road
York, PA 17406



Monthly Meeting
3rd Monday

Monthly Meeting Minutes

July 21, 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 19:02. The call to order was followed by a pledge to the flag and a moment of silence. 68 people were in attendance.

Dallastown Fire Company president Pat Noll welcomed the Association to their station. President Buffington thanked the fire company for their hospitality and a great meal.

PRESENTATIONS

Brad Dunham gave a presentation on the allowed use of blue lights and red lights. The full law is available online at <http://www.pacode.com/secure/data/067/chapter173/chap173toc.html>

Lt. Derrick Baker introduced himself as the new PSP barracks commander at Loganville. He briefly discussed his background and philosophy.

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: \$14,069.74 with an Ending Balance: \$4,270.86. 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:

President Buffington is now presiding over the BOG meetings as required by the new bylaws and all officers now have voting privileges. Our financial status was reviewed along with some other updates.

Fire School Administrator (Richard Halpin):

June Fire School Training: 165 hours / 100 for fire school classes.

Propane tanks are now on site for building props for classes.

The MAYDAY class scheduled for August 1, 2, 3 is canceled due to low enrollment.

When submitting registration forms, please be aware of what you are approving (dates, prerequisites, etc.).

Jason Plotkin is interviewing female firefighter on August 4, 5 and 6 for an article. Email him if you have members who may be interested in being interviewed.

August 18th is New Apparatus Night at the fire school. Call Richard to let him know if you are bringing apparatus that night.

A sign-up sheet is available to sign up for fire prevention posters.

President Buffington reminded everyone that the fire school course registration forms are fillable online and to try to use that feature so that all information is legible.

OTHER AGENCY REPORTS

911 Center/YCDES (Jim Forsythe):

The radio/microwave project is moving along on schedule. The new radios are available to see at the 911 Center.

PA State Police (Brad Dunham):

No report other than the presentation noted above.

ATR (John Sanford):

The ATR team had 2 calls for May and 5 calls for June; structural collapse, water rescue and high angle rescue. 22 calls for the year.

The team participated in the Wide Vigilance drill at HACC.

Haz-Mat/EMA (Tom Graybill/Ray Kinsey):

The Haz-Mat team has had 30 calls for the year.

Fire Police (Jim Robertson):

There were 30 companies represented by 54 members at the last meeting in Yoe. Red and blue light laws were reviewed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Radio/Communications (Joe Madzellan):

See update under 911 Center.

Fire School Committee (Bob Sells):

The committee will meet and get active again after the President Buffington re-aligns the members.

Fire Prevention (Steve Tawney):

Not present.

Fundraising (John McDonald):

Now that the Can-Am Games are done, he will concentrate on this.

Rescue Inspection (Tim Mooney):

Not present.

RIT Committee (Chad Livelsberger)

Not present.

Public Safety Policy Board (Steve Buffington):

Internal YCDES policies were addressed at the last meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

President Buffington asked for a motion to pay the bills. John McDonald made a motion. Ryan Brenneman seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The "station available" policy was discussed again, asking if units need to mark this status if they are still in their first due area. Joe Madzellan noted that the current policy was discussed at the Association months ago and was approved. County dispatchers are now apparently starting to follow up on units not reporting "station available" status.

Greg Halpin reported that he has completed his report on Fire and EMS LODDs in York County. There have been 28 total reported.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

Ryan Brenneman noted that he is now a fire/EMS instructor in the Homeland Security Program at YCST. He asked anyone who may be interested in serving on an advisory committee to provide input on the program to contact him.

John Senft reported that after 5 years of preparation, the Can-Am Fire-Police Games are now over. There were 641 participants registered from more than 40 states/provinces/foreign countries. The proceeds that will benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation are still being totaled.

Jim Robertson reported that fire police are needed for traffic control at the county fireman's parade.

Bob Sells reported Deputy Chief 1 Doug Eash that companies are to contact him if they did not receive registration packets for the convention.

The next meeting will be August 18, 2014, 2014 at 19:00 at the Fire School – New Apparatus Night.

ADJOURNMENT

President Buffington adjourned the meeting at 20:07.

Respectfully Recorded,

Robert Sells

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Board Secretary