

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

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MONTHLY MEETING
THIRD MONDAY

January 16, 2006

President Skip Rupert called the annual meeting of the Fire Chiefs and Firefighters Association of York County Inc. to order and led the pledge to the flag. One hundred people were in attendance. Skip introduced Ken Fahringer, President of the Hellam Fire Company, who gave the welcoming address. President Rupert followed up with the response and thanked the Hellam Fire Company for a wonderful meal.

Roll call was taken. Thirty-five departments out of sixty-five were represented and reported.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as published. President Rupert asked for a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Chief Stevens made the motion, seconded by John Fornadel. Motion carried.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS: Chairman John Senft reported meeting with the Executive Committee prior to the meeting. The following items were discussed:

- PennDOT is requiring additional information from the Association regarding our not for profit status.
- Burn Building – The engineers were in last week to do the assessment. Their report is anticipated in time for the February meeting.
- Chief Cromer was contacted by a fire apparatus dealer regarding an engine that is for sale in Adams County by SAVES. The original sale price was \$75,000.00. The engine is a 1984 Seagraves, 6-man cab, 1500 gpm pump, with a 650-gallon tank. It comes with a 7.5 KW Generator, and 1000 ft. of 5 inch hose. There are some minor issues with the radiator and transmission. The transmission issues occur when driving over 40 mph. An offer was made to Chief Cromer that they would sell the piece to the Fire School for \$55,000.00. Chief Cromer said the engine appears to be in good shape.
- Article IX of the by-laws states that the Board of Governors may expend a specified amount of money without prior approval, to be determined by the membership. The amount agreed upon last year was \$10,000.00.
 - Chief Snyder motioned that the Board of Governors be permitted to expend \$10,000.00 without prior approval, for 2006. Motion second by Chief Tony Myers. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

RADIO COMMITTEE: Chief Shank reported the committee met on January 12, 2006.

- Designations for Service 24, Utility 24, Rescue 19 (heavy rescue), and Engine 19 were all approved. Questions regarding an application from Station 65 arose and will be investigated and discussed again at next month's meeting.
- Jim Welty from OEM will be sending out information sheets on NIMS nomenclature. Out of County responses to specific requests will be determined by the information you return on these sheets. Any questions after you receive the paperwork should be forwarded to Jim Welty.
- Discussion on the current radio system.
- CAD update – the County has now starting the process of loading the fire responses.

911: 911 Director, Audrey Rychalsky reported that ESC Project Director, Rob Sterner was unable to attend the meeting due to a prior engagement. She reported that they were in the process of reviewing the radio bids and a decision would be made in 3-4 weeks.

- January 25th bids for the new building are due back.
- CAD is progressing.

Phil Treffinger, 911 Phone Administrator, spoke about a new phone system that is being implemented over the next 3-4 weeks. When the system is up and running information will be sent out via email. The current 800 number used to call in to the 911 Center will not change. The 854-5571 number will be changing to 840-2971 and will be answered by a voice attendant.

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

Statement:

Burn Building:

The Board of Governors has engaged David Diamantes to spear head a review of the existing structure. The Engineering Firm of Elliott, LeBoeuf and Associates are conducting this. This firm has a long-standing and excellent reputation in dealing with Live Burn Facilities. The review of the structure and taking of core samples occurred on January 11th and 12th. A report is expected to be in the Board of Governors hands in 2 - 3 weeks.

Flammable Liquids Area:

The Fire School has received 2 Bids for the reconstruction of the Flammable Liquids Pit; they are to be submitted to the Board of Governors for consideration at the January meeting.

Extrication Workshop for Junior (Explorer Post also) Fire & Rescue Personnel:

The Fire School has approached the York County Junior Firefighters Association to ask them to join us in sponsoring this event. We are awaiting their reply

Curriculum and Teaching Issues:

The Fire School is running two tracks of the new essentials program. One is a Sunday/Weekend Day time track (0800 to 1700), the other will be a Weeknight Track (most likely Tuesday-Thursday) 1830-2230. Each Track will offer several of the new 16-hour Classes INTRODUCTION to the Fire Service. This like all other courses in the series is prerequisite for the next in the series. Next to follow will be the 48-hour Fire Ground Support Class. This will follow along shortly after we have enough persons who have completed the Introduction class. As we have stated before we plan on running this class in two tracks one on Sundays or Weekend and on Weeknights. Then we will launch the Third in the series, Exterior Firefighter. This 42-hour class will then lead to the Interior Fire Fighter Class, which again the school plans, on running one of each of the Interior Firefighter classes for each track (Weekend and Week nights). Please be patient with us through out this. The NEW COURSE is RADICALLY different in many ways. We all will have to make adjustments to make this work. I encourage Training Officers and Chiefs to attend one of the several orientation classes being held by Instructor Gary Carpenter Through out the county (See Class Schedule at the end of this report for dates times and locations) also feel free to contact my office if they have any questions, or to get copies of the Minimum Standards for Accreditation for each course. It should be noted that EACH STUDENT will be responsible to demonstrate satisfactory completion of the skill in EACH Course before the can move on to the next course and graduate the program.

The 2006 Yearly Schedule is done, we are still adding some classes. It has been published and has been mailed to your Departments. We also have the schedule on our website (www.yorkcountyyfireschool.org). We will be continually working on updating the schedule as well as the web site so please check it often. As of this time I anticipate adding 2 - 3 Structural Burn Sessions next year (2006). IF a **Fire Company or Group of Fire Companies** contacts me with a request for specialized training, Your Fire School will work with you to get the program. **ALSO**, we have established a very good working relationship with classes being held off campus, and then using the Fire School Campus and its resources to supplement the local departments facilities.

Fire School Activity:

For the month January 2004, the Fire School was used for 53 hours of classes, in January 2005 that number rose to 156 hour and for January of 2006 we are looking at 216 hours of use. This is an approximately 400% increase (for the month of January) in usage in the last 3 years. Overall last year we saw a 34 % increase in the usage hours for our facility. This year's financial allotment from the county reflected a raise of 3%. We work hard to assure the County and the Firefighters of York County a good return on their investment!

Current and up coming Schedule:

The 2006 schedule is available online at our web site www.YorkCountyFireSchool.org just click on the [Click Here to See Available Classes](#) link on the home page, and it will take you directly to the listing of classes. We continue to send out training announcements monthly via regular mail to the individual fire stations. **MAKE SURE YOU ASK YOUR TRAINING OFFICER**, "Where are the training announcements?" If you'd like to be on

our E-mail list, please e-mail me your information at YorkCoFireSchool@aol.com and we will see that you are added to the list.

Upcoming Courses:

1/17, 18, 21, 25, 26/06, Haz-Mat First Responder Operations – NFPA 472, 24 hours

18:30 – 22:30 except January 21 08:00 – 17:00

1/18/06, Orientation to the New Essentials Programs, to be held at Station 16

18:30 – 19:30

1/19/06, Carbon Monoxide Detector Responses (CORE), 3 hours

19:00 – 22:00

1/21/06, Orientation to the New Essentials Program, to be held at Station 11

09:00 – 10:00

1/21/06, Orientation to the New Essentials Program, to be held at Station 9

09:00 – 10:00

1/28 & 29/06, Introduction to the Fire Service (ELIS), 16 hours

08:00 – 22:00

1/30, 31, /2/1, 2/06, Introduction to the Fire Service (ELIS), 16 hours

18:30 – 22:30

2/6/06, Hazardous Materials, First Responder Awareness Level, 4 hours,

18:30 – 22:30

2/7, 9, 11/06, Emergency Vehicle Operations Course, 16 hours

2/7 & 9 – 18:30 – 22:30, 2/11 0800 – 1700

2/11 & 12/06, Intro to the Fire Service, 16 hours

0800 – 1700

2/12, 15 & 16/06 National Incident Management System, Incident Command System, 16 hours

2/12 0800 – 1700, 2/15 & 16 18:30- 22:30

2/14,21,28, 3/7/06 Intro to the Fire Service, 16 hours

18:30-22:30

President Rupert announced the following people are on the Fire School Committee: Scott Vinup (chairman), Joe Mazdelan, Joe Yanke, Ira Walker, Josh Young, Brad Dauberman, and Barry Myers. Chairman Vinup reported the committee has met one time and is working on long range planning.

YORK COUNTY ATR: Chief Tony Myers reported 7 calls for the year. They have a rescue re-certification class coming up. May 5, 6, & 7 will be Trench Weekend, brochures will be going out.

FIRE POLICE: Jim Robertson reported no meeting was held in December.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: The nominating committee reported the following persons were on the ballot:

President - Skip Rupert

Vice President - Steve Dietz

Secretary - Cindy Dietz

Treasurer - Bob Bowman

Board of Governors - John Senft, John Fornadel, Keith Miller.

The above offices were opened and closed individually for nominations from the floor. A nomination was made from the floor for Chief Scott Vinup for Vice President – Chief Vinup accepted and was placed on the ballot.

President Rupert asked for a motion from the floor, that the Secretary cast a unanimous vote for the offices of President, Treasurer, and Secretary, since those offices were unopposed. Motion made by Chief Tony Myers, second by Chief Steve Dietz. Motion carried.

Ballots were distributed for the members to vote. The meeting continued while votes were tabulated.

President Rupert asked all new Chiefs for the year to stand and be acknowledged.

Chief Bernell Kohler – Dallastown Fire Company

Chief Darryl Robinson – Goodwill Fire Company

Chief Kerry Herman – North York Fire Company

Chief Sean Rohrbaugh – Hellam Fire Company

OEM: Tom Graybill reported 83 calls for the year for the York County HazMat team.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- President Rupert reported three members of the Fire School Committee would be attending FDIC with Carl Avery.
- President Rupert asked for a motion to pay the bills. Motion to pay the bills by Chief Eash second by John Fornadel. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- President Rupert said that a delegate to the State Fireman's Association needed to be appointed. Interested persons should see Skip.
- President Rupert stated he would be appointing a by-law committee at next month's meeting. Anyone interested in serving on that committee should contact Skip or one of the Board of Governors members.
- Chief CR Lloyd reported his department had loaned fittings to other departments at the A & R Fire last Tuesday night and did not get them back. If anyone comes across the fittings please see that Station 8 gets them back.
- President Rupert opened discussion on the Engine Chief Cromer reported on under the Board of Governors report. After much discussion of the pros and cons Chief Tony Myers made a motion to table the purchase of an engine until costs associated with the burn building are known. Motion second by Joe Yanke. Motion carried.
- Chief Nichols asked if the Fire School Committee was going to develop a needs assessment. President Rupert advised they were tasked with developing a strategic plan.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

- Chief Rodney Miller thanked all the Fire Companies, County Control Supervisors and Dispatchers, and EMA personnel who assisted with the Adhesives Research fire over the past week.
- Chief Hoover reported that the Junior Fire Fighter Association meetings would be held on the 3rd Saturday of each month. All trainings will be certified trainings through Bucks Co Community College.
- President Rupert reminded members if they were not getting minutes to see that Cindy had their email address.

Election Results –

President - Skip Rupert,
Vice President – Scott Vinup
Secretary - Cindy Dietz
Treasurer - Bob Bowman
Board of Governors - John Senft and John Fornadel

Motion to adjourn by Bob Bowman, second by Chief Mellinger. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

The following station still owes dues for 2005/2006 – Nashville - Station 11

Next meeting scheduled for 7:30 pm on Monday, February 20, 2005 at the Fire School.

Sincerely,

Cindy A. Dietz

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Secretary