

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

**330 Emig Road
York, PA 17406**



**Monthly Meeting
3rd Monday**

January 15, 2007

President Skip Rupert called the annual meeting of the York County Fire Chiefs and Firefighters Association to order and led the pledge to the flag. Seventy-three people were in attendance. President Rupert gave a round of applause for the women at the Hellam Fire Company who prepared the meal. Keith Miller from Hellam Fire Company gave the welcoming address, and invited anyone who wanted to see the apparatus downstairs it could be viewed after the meeting. President Rupert thanked him and the Fire Company for a great meal and the ambience.

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

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved with the following correction – ATR has Surface Ice Rescue equipment and certified team members. Please use them as a resource on ice rescue incidents. Thank you for placing them on your boxes for technical rescue. Please call for the team response early in incidents. They can always be canceled.

President Rupert asked for a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Chief Stevens made the motion, seconded by Chief Tony Myers. Motion carried.

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

- County of York appropriated \$200,000.00 to the Fire School.
- The Board received a proposal (\$30,000.00) for repairs to the tower.
- Engineering and design work for the burn building are in progress.

COMMUNICATIONS: President Rupert read an update provided by Eric Tome (Troop #9) on the Memorial Garden.

- The brick walkway is almost finished.
- Ken Sheffer has installed timers and low voltage wiring, as well as running conduit to the ground fault outlet – he has donated all materials and his time.
- Lifetime guaranteed benches have been ordered and will arrive next week
- Concrete items have been ordered.
- The fountain will arrive by the end of March.
- Flowers and shrubs will be purchased in the early spring.
- Rutters donated drinks to the workers for the month of January.

- Granit Werks Memorials will be donating the plaque for the statue in memory of Paul Shaeffer.
- Mrs. Shaeffer donated \$1000.00 to be used specifically for the Memorial in Paul's memory.

RADIO COMMITTEE: Chief Shank reported the committee met on January 9th and discussed the following items:

- Trailer designations – checking NIMS, may use specialty unit.
- Radio complaints – Call the 911 Supervisor and you will receive a trouble ticket number. This is so the complaints can be more easily traced. You may also call 717-840-2924 for Bob Bragg for non emergent items.
- Box card changes are progressing along – make sure you are sending all changes at the same time.
- If you want transfers on your run cards you need to send the information in.
- CAD is set up with two designations for response Chief or Duty Officer; once you arrive on the scene command should be established. Discussion followed.
- Suggestion – change the definition of an embankment for dispatch purposes to 5ft.

911: Rob Sterner provided a Power Point presentation update of the Emergency Services Center project.

- Facility
 - 60% complete, on target for a September 24th completion date.
 - Structural steel work has been completed
 - Currently working on the interior walls, conduits, electrical work.
 - Building under roof January 2007
 - Building enclosed February 2007.
- Radio
 - Custom design review completed with Alcatel, M/ACom, and JG Construction.
 - Microwave acceptance was done in November in Plano, Texas.
 - Shelter acceptance was done in November in New Madrid, Missouri at Kontek Industries.
 - Subscriber equipment numbers have been finalized – getting ready to place the order.
 - Site visits are being conducted for base station installations.
 - FCC is saying that departments must license the base stations individually – the County is looking for a way to simplify the process by possibly doing a group application.
 - Site visits to be completed in the next 30-60 days.
 - Tower site acquisitions are going well, 19 out of 22 have been acquired.
 - The 19 sites that have been acquired are the Emergency Services Center, the Long Term Back-up Facility, Ramsey Hill, Iron Ridge, Yocumtown, Spring Grove, Red Lion, Cross Roads, York 89, York 94, Lower Chanceford, Glen Rock, Queen Street, Wrightsville, East Manchester, Dillsburg, Pleasureville, the Judicial Center and Manchester.
 - The three sites remaining are Reesers Summit, Fulton (Drumore Twp Lancaster Co), and Stewartstown.
- CAD
 - Successful Go Live occurred on October 31st.
 - In the process of identifying operational issues which is not unusual with this type of transition.
 - Cindy is working with New World for solutions – many have been delivered early this month.
 - 44,100 calls taken in CAD by mid December.

- Phases to completion
 - PHASE I – CAD (Completed)
 - PHASE II – Mobile kickoff (December 2006)
 - PHASE II – Go Live (May 2007)
 - PHASE III – Transition to ESC (October 2007)
 - PHASE IV – Long Term Backup Facility (January 2008)
- Upcoming
 - Utilizing members of the radio subcommittee, subscriber fleet mapping will be started.
 - Transition plans for the radio and paging system
 - Transition plans for CAD in the new facility and the back up center.
 - Transition plans for Telephony/Administrative

Audrey Rychalsky reported that last week the Department of Emergency Services took possession of a 33ft long Winnebago Command Vehicle. The vehicle has 3 dispatch positions.

Cindy Dietz reported that 911 will be hosting CAD demos and system overview sessions in March. Flyers are on the table along with the new policy for submitting run card changes.

FIRE SCHOOL: Skip Rupert gave the following Fire School Report in Carl Avery's absence due to illness:

Hours of use:

- From 12/13/06 to 1/14/07 there were 33 events at your Fire School constituting 139.5 hours of use.
- Some of the events were: Exterior Firefighter Courses, Vehicle Rescue practice, Written Final Test for EMT, Firefighter I testing, Physical Agility Testing Haz-Mat Refreshers and Training for Haz-Mat 91

The ENTRY LEVEL Program:

- **Start date for the Entry Level INTERIOR FIREFIGHTER is 2-26-06. We anticipate a fee of \$25.00 – There are still OPENINGS for this Class**
- The Spring Entry Level Program Started on 1/14/07 with ELIS – Introduction to the Fire Service. This series will continue through April. We will evaluate (depending on demographics) if another ELIF – Interior Firefighter class is feasible
 - The ELIS Class has 30 Students in it and is full; there are still a few openings in the Fire Ground Support Class (ELFG) that begins February 4. REMEMBER you MUST have ELIS before you can move on the Fire Ground Support
- If you have any questions about the new **ENTRY LEVEL Program** (Series of Classes) please feel free to E-mail or call the Office at 717-767-4097

Five Inch Hose:

- The Board has been able to obtain 1000 feet of 5 inch hose to be used for training here at the fire school. The hose has been delivered and awaits loading

Program Coordinator:

- Mr. Avery has successfully completed the National Fire Academy's 2 week residential course on TRAINING PROGRAM MANAGEMENT R342

Mason-Dixon Extrication Challenge:

- Next meeting of the organizing committee is January 22, 2007 @ 18:30 Hours at Station 23, If you are interested in participating in this work group please contact Tim Stevens @ tstevens@waltonco.com or Carl Avery @ YorkCoFireSchool@aol.com

- We already have members from Union Fire Company, Glen Rock Hose and Ladder and Volunteers from York City Fire and Rescue Services who are participating
- The amateur radio group R A C E S has join our project
- We can use more – Hope to see you there!
- Our goal is to expand and enhance this years event

Structural Burn Sessions:

- The repair work for the existing burn building is reportedly going out to bid soon. Further SBS Classes will be on hold till we have a facility that we can burn in

Firefighter I Testing:

- York County Fire School will be hosting an IFSAC/PROBOAD Fire Fighter I Certification test on November 2 & 3, 2007. A cut off date will be established and all monies for the test must be submitted PRIOR to testing – watch for more information soon.
- A prep class for this test will be September 29th

NFPA 1006, Standard for Professional Rescue Technician, Machinery/Vehicle Review Course and Test:

- At issue is Equipment needed to take the test and conduct review classes, We are looking at both HACC and BUCKS along with cooperation from the ATR team
- The targeted time frame will be this summer
- Your Fire School has a copy of the skill Station evaluations that will be conducted during this test.
- Details are as of yet to be worked out with the Community College for exact time and dates of this program in 2007

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
 - Candidates for this program must have the following certification
 - Firefighter I
 - Firefighter II
 - Fire Instructor I
 - We have scheduled a class for Fire Instructor I beginning May 13
- We DO NOT at this time have a FF II test schedule. If the Fire School gets enough request we can attempt to schedule one here, IF not 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.

Program Support and Maintenance:

- **Routinely checked Class room building for trash and readiness for classes**, Routinely checked Grounds for debris, trash and general readiness of facilities, **Routine sampling of pond for DEP compliance**, Supervised delivery of fuel for training, **Cleaned Extrication Area**, Checked all building for maintenance issues, **Cleaned Smoke Machine**, Worked on transfer pump for fuel for training fires, **Clean and organized SCBA**, Ordered house keeping supplies, **Met with contractor for burn building**, Picked Five inch hose at Moulds.

Current and Future Schedule:

- The 2007 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.

- The 2007 Schedule is currently being worked on. We have PROVISIONAL SCHEDULES FOR 2007 but there will be some additional classes that the date have yet to be confirmed
 - These classes include but are not limited to:
 - Engine Company Ops
 - Ladder Company Ops
 - Fire Instructor I
 - The Fall BVR Series
 - The Fall Entry Level Series
 - 1006 Certification Prep Class
 - Fire Fighter I prep class
 - AOTR Fire Officer I
 - We hope to add classes supporting the NFPA 1006 Curriculum and Test as well as Fire Officer Training

Upcoming Courses: - Please refer to the calendars and catalogs available for tonight's meeting. Courses are still being considered for 2007. The Fire School will mail out completed calendars early in January. Be sure to check out the website for the latest Updates

www.YorkCountyFireSchool.org

YORK COUNTY ATR: Chief Myers reported 18 calls for the year. Trench Weekend Flyers coming out soon. Swift Water team members are working with the Fire School 1006 program.

FIRE POLICE: Jim Robertson said that Moses Baker sends his thanks for the cards. Jim suggested members stop in and see him at the Rehab.

OEM: Tom Graybill reported 94 calls for the year. The new Hazmat unit will be ready by the end of the month.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Rob Bissey reported the following nominees on the ballot:

President - Skip Rupert

Vice President – Dennis Beck

Secretary - Cindy Dietz

Treasurer - Bob Bowman

Board of Governors – Dave Gemmill, Jan Cromer, Joe Madzellan, Kerry Herman, Bill Carlisle

The above offices were opened and closed individually for nominations from the floor. President Rupert asked for a motion from the floor, that the Secretary cast a unanimous vote for the offices that were uncontested. Motion made by Chief Shank, second by Chief Joe Stevens. Motion carried.

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

Rob Bissey later reported that Dave Gemmill and Chief Jan Cromer had been elected to the BOG positions. President Rupert thanked the Nominating Committee (Chief Witten, Chief Cadden and Rob Bissey).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- President Rupert asked for a motion to pay the bills. Motion to pay the bills by Chief Handley second by Chief Herman. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- President Rupert stated the BOG requested \$30,000.00 for repairs to the burn building and tower. This would give the ability to burn in two rooms. Motion to

approve the repairs and allow the BOG to spend \$30,000.00 by Chief Tony Myers. Second by Chief Yahnke. Motion carried.

- President Rupert said that the Radio Board suggested changing the definition of an embankment from 1ft. to 6ft. Chief Nichols made the motion to change the definition of an embankment for dispatch purposes from 1ft. to 6ft. Second by Chief Shank. Motion carried.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

- President Rupert acknowledged new Chiefs for 2007
 - Tim Stein – Chief 8
 - Tim Myers – Asst. Chief 8
 - Shannon Poe – Chief 45
- President Rupert reminded members that this is a dues year; dues for 2007/2008 may now be paid (10.00). Invoices will be sent.
- Chief Joe Stevens reported on St. Baldricks
 - February 17th there will be a St. Baldricks fundraiser dance at Station 23.
 - March 11th will be the head shaving event at Station 23.
 - Check the Station 23 website for additional info.
 - On January 29th the St. Baldricks foundation will be making a \$50,000.00 donation to the Hershey Medical Center.

Motion to adjourn by Chief Herman, second by Chief Walker. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for 7:30 pm on Monday, February 19, 2007 at the Fire School.

Sincerely,

Cindy A. Dietz

Cindy A. Dietz, Secretary