

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

**330 Emig Road
York, PA 17406**



**Monthly Meeting
3rd Monday**

January 16th, 2012

President Richard Shank called the annual meeting of the York County Fire Chiefs and Firefighters Association to order and led the pledge to the flag and a moment of silence. Seventy one people were in attendance.

President Orvin Carley welcomed everyone to tonight's meeting. He hoped everyone enjoyed their meal.

Chief Shank responded by thanking Hellam Fire Company for welcoming them again this year. The meal was delicious.

Prior to the meeting Don Kunkle spoke about the Cancer Presumption Act and legislation bills that could increase fire department funding.

Tom Kearney, York County District Attorney, introduced himself.

Pat McKenna was presented with a plaque for his years of dedication and service to the Fire Chiefs' Association as York County's Fire Marshal.

President Rick Shank asked for a motion to approve the minutes, with one correction: The ATR is joining together with the already existing York County Child Abduction Team. 1st: John Sanford 2nd: Ryan Brenneman Motion Passed

Bob Bowman presented the balances of the treasurer's report.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE: Chairman Joe Madzellan: Due to the conflict of interest, Joe asked Steve Tawney to take over the duties. Joe resigned from the nomination committee. Steve Tawney announced the current nominations of officers:

President: Steve Buffington – No nominations from the floor

Vice President: Joe Madzellan was nominated from the floor 1st: Joe Stevens 2nd: Ryan Brenneman

Secretary: Bill Carlisle & Bob Sells – No nominations from the floor

Treasurer: Bob Bowman – No nominations from the floor

Board of Governors: Barry Myers – No nominations from the floor

A motion was made to close the nominations. 1st: Ryan Brenneman 2nd: Jan Cromer

Voting ballots were handed out and collected. They will be counted as we continue with tonight's meeting. We will announce the results later this meeting.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS: Chief John Senft: The Board met this evening prior to this meeting. We discussed our financial standings. We also discussed possible revisions to the Fee Schedule.

COMMUNICATIONS: Erik Brown submitted the following report:

1. **Approval of November 10, 2011 meeting minutes.** Approved.

2. **What was the decision made on the QRS 360 (Ski Roundtop).** Approved. Was brought up at the Policy Board. Called "Station 360". They have special rescue situations. They have been told to use the phone to call 911 when they are in the station/office. If they are in the field and need to use a radio, they can use the radio. Nate K. will train how they are to use the radio when they are not near a phone. Clarify the parameters on how they use the radio, so they are not abusing use of.
3. **What should we call 2010 Polaris 6x6 Ranger recently placed in service by NHWVFC? Specialty Category in CAD?** It does not respond by itself. The utility has to pull it. Chris and Erik will respond to them.
4. **Discuss Web-CAD – so units can log in to get times or paging times to the units pager when requested or just at end of a call. Extended problem with Web-Cad paging and no communication to the services. No notification in December. Why?** Is it possible to log in and see this information? I think we discussed this before. The thought was not enough people used it? We thought possibly there was a way information could be pushed out to a fax.? / e-mail.? The technology I believe is there, we would have to check out how to make it accessible outside of our network. Cindy found an access on her laptop here. We will have to talk with our Tech staff to see if we could show just the information you are looking for etc. We would need time to set something up. Is there a way outside of CAD to look at it...thru an FTP site? Cindy mentioned there is already a way – a script that Brad wrote / installed over here that was outside of Firehouse. That is what it does. It would bring that text file information in. You can create an icon on the desktop. ...various discussion. Dave Nichols – I would like that icon set up on my computer. (others may also...we were not aware it was there) Instead of Tech Dpt having to manage all the secure log-ins, have information automatically sent there. We can check it as needed. Yes, it will do that now. Joe will get with Dave Nichols. Check FTP site before we leave today. Here at 911. Add to Open Issues Log!
5. **Discuss designation for MICU 102 approval – Memorial Hospital. (Mark Moody)** Approved. Are we putting back into service? It is licensed and certified. No objection.
6. **Discuss designation for TRUCK 2, West Manchester Twp. (Station 2 & 5) (Dave Nichols)** Approved. No objection.
7. **Discuss Ambulance Radio – certified BLS ambulance – Private company – Butler Medical Transport in York. (Jay)** Shannon responded: This is an individual, not Butler Medical, asking for this radio access. He needs to take steps with the Federation to apply for putting up his own ambulance service. (Licensed Entity) When they let us know these steps have been taken, we can discuss this option for radio access. Shannon will get back to him on the decision not to allow at this time.
8. **Discuss "Out of County Traffic Units".** A few months ago we approved to go with a Traffic Unit. But then another meeting we disapproved it. Do you know why? (See June Meeting Minutes) We turned Traffic 29 down. There are some out there we are calling Service Units. Various discussion. Do we vote for "Traffic Unit" to be allowed? We need to define "Traffic Unit" that way we know when to allow and not. What are the parameters? Joe Hammers believes it has been defined...He will send information to Rena to push out to the workgroup for future discussion. Eric Bistline will also look for information.
9. **Discuss the use of the working fire capcode, as well as the York County Fire Chief's Standardization/Box Card Committee. (Joe Madzellan)** Spoke with some volunteers that want to get the working fire alerts, but not all the brush removal calls. Is there a way to just give them the working fire only? ... Yes that capability is there. Joe is going to take Standardization Committee back to the Chief's Association-head it up.
10. **Other Business.** Various discussion on Working Fire.
 "I Am Responding" is something users are looking at getting. Demo to be seen.
 (in place of Everbridge...? –the above can use text under emergency conditions)

Technology: Ryan Brenneman: We met with the 3rd and final vender. We will make a decision and go back to the vender. There was a discussion on the "I am responding" software. Some departments are already using the technology. We are looking at possibly doing a bulk purchase. Those that already have the technology would then get the reduced price for the technology.

911: Julio: Phil is to be back in the office tomorrow. There were several questions asked by the Chiefs and discussion held regarding the radios and the emergency button.

FIRE SCHOOL: Administrator Richard Halpin: We had 112 hours of training conducted at the school last month. Everyone has till the end of the month to get their subscriptions in to the Fire School for 2012. There are several departments that did not send in their contracts with their check. We need those as well. We are working on planning a Driver and Operator class. We are also working on a few other classes for later in the year. More details will follow. Classes are filling up quickly. In two days, we received 100 registration forms. Get them in early.

OEM: Tom Graybill – Nothing to Report

HAZ-MAT TEAM: Tom Graybill: We had 35 calls for the year. So far this month we have had 4 calls.

YORK COUNTY ATR: Chief John Sanford: We had 66 calls for the year. This month we had two calls. The first was in East Manchester Township for a water rescue. The second was for confined space involving water with Hanover Fire Company.

FIRE POLICE: Jim Robertson: There was no meeting last month.

RESCUE INSPECTION: Deputy Tim Mooney: No Report

RIT: Chief Joe Yahnke: No Report

FIRE SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Bob Sells: No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Motion was made to pay the bills. 1st: Jan Cromer 2nd: Dave Nichols Motion Passed

Chief Joe Stevens expressed his frustrations with the 911 Center. He stated he had \$35,000 worth of radio equipment that has been sitting at 911 for over a year, and the issues have not been addressed yet. Chief Shank asked Julio if we would personally handle the issues. Julio stated he will first thing tomorrow morning.

Chief Shank stated the County has 40 plus drums of Foam to use at our will. The problem is that it is stored in a warehouse that Kinsley owns, and we need to go somewhere with it. If your department wants any, contact Richard at the Fire School. He has a key. It is best to have a state body truck. That way it is easy to load, and there is a forklift at the fire school that we can easily unload it. There are three drums to a pallet.

There were concerns about the recent failure with the paging system. Within five minutes, the Everbridge system should have sent out a page notifying everyone. Monthly test pages are to be sent out on the first Monday of every month. If you are not receiving those test pages, contact Jim Welty at 911. Your contact information may not be up to date. There was word that eventually funding for the Everbridge system may dry up. This has not been confirmed. With the government making funding cuts, funding may potentially come to an end in a few years.

NEW BUSINESS:

Brad Dunham stated that Heather sent out a sheet for every department to fill out for the Red Light / Blue Lights. Please fill it out, and send it back to him. They need that information.

Election Results: President – Steve Buffington, Vice President – Joe Madzellan, Secretary – Bob Sells, Treasurer – Bob Bowman, and Board of Governors – Barry Myers.

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

This is the 34th year that the York County Commissioners has funded the York County Fire School. There was a slight increase from last year.

Jim Robertson asked about the 2012 CanAm games. They are being held in Minnesota this year. They are looking for a group to go out this year and compete from our area. More details will follow.

Chief Shank took a moment and to say thank you to everyone. He then congratulated the new President Steve Buffington, as he takes on the role.

Next month's monthly meeting is scheduled for 7:00 pm on Monday, February 20th, 2012, at the York County Fire School.

Motion was made by Bob Bowman to adjourn the meeting. 2nd: Tim Mooney Motion Passed

Sincerely,

Heather Grove

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Recording Secretary