

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

**330 Emig Road
York, PA 17406**



**Monthly Meeting
3rd Monday**

January 17th, 2011

President Rick Shank called the annual meeting of the York County Fire Chiefs and Firefighters Association a moment of silence. Forty-two people were in attendance. Everyone gave a round of applause for the women at the Hellam Fire Company who prepared the meal. Orvin Craley, from Hellam Fire Company gave the welcoming address. Joe Yahnke thanked him and the Fire Company for a great meal, and welcoming us back again.

President Shank welcomed:

Dr. Kirby Kiefer, Deputy Superintendent of the National Fire Academy gave a speech on the opportunities that are available at the National Fire Academy.

State Fire Commissioner Ed Mann gave an update at where the State stands financially, and what training programs haven't been cut from the budget.

Donald Kunkle, from the Pennsylvania Fire & Emergency Services Institute spoke about where the State Legislation stands with having sprinkler systems in new one and two family dwellings. Currently, it is in the code standard that any new home must have a sprinkler system installed.

York County Commissioners Doug Hoke and Chris Reiley were in attendance.

From the Cumberland Valley Fire Association, Bob Cumberland & Curt Alleman gave a presentation on their organization.

Brett Barry, a representative from Stan Saylor's office, Seth Grove from the 196th District, & State Representative Keith Gillespie were also in attendance.

Steve Lyle, from the Emergency Health Services Federation was present.

Kathleen Jansen, from the Critical Incident Stress Management Team spoke about what services they provide to the Fire, Police, and EMS organizations in York and Adams Co. If you think you may need some help after a difficult call, call the 911 Center, and tell them you would like someone to come out.

President Rick Shank asked for a motion to approve the minutes as published. 1st: Tony Myers 2nd: Bob Sells Motion Passed

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

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The following names already on the ballot:

President: Richard Shank

Vice President: Steve Buffington

Secretary: Bill Carlisle
Treasurer: Bob Bowman
Board of Governor's (2): Chris Krichten, John Sanford, & John Senft.

The following positions were opened for nominations from the floor.

President:	Motion to close 1 st : Bob Sells 2 nd : Chris Krichten Motion closed
Vice President:	Motion to close 1 st : Tony Myers 2 nd : Chris Krichten Motion closed
Secretary: John Sanford	Motion to close 1 st : Chris Krichten 2 nd : Bob Sells Motion closed
Treasurer:	Motion to close 1 st : Bob Sells 2 nd : Tony Myers Motion closed
Board of Governors:	Motion to close 1 st : Steve Buffington 2 nd : Tony Myers Motion closed

BOARD OF GOVERNORS: Chief John Senft: Board met last evening. We received a letter from the County Commissioner's office. It state that for the 33rd year, we will be receiving funding in the amount of \$303,990.

COMMUNICATIONS: Chris Krichten: The approved the following designations:
MICU 102 – MICU owned by Memorial Hospital used for ALS transports
DRT 102 – Disaster Response Trailer that carries Mass Casualty supplies
Utility 27, Ambulance 52-1 and Ambulance 52-2

The County is in the process of having the CAD system upgraded over the next week or so. Some "down time" is expected and will be announced when it occurs. The paging system is also being upgraded a third (3rd) redundancy will be added.

The County pricing contract with Harris will expire on February 10th. Any department that is interested in purchasing equipment, you should do so before that time to get the discounted price. Any department that bought mobile radios, but has not had them installed, please do so before February 10th. When you purchased the radios, the installation came with it. If you choose to have someone else install them, or yourselves, the installer needs to stand behind there work.

The County will be offering radio service to our municipalities this year. To help with the FCC's narrow band guidelines, your municipalities can get access to the new radio system. The fee will be based on \$100 per radio per a year. At some point this year, the County will be contacting each municipality. Municipalities will be able to go online in early 2012.

Many departments are still having complaints with dispatches, radio issues, etc. PLEASE make sure you log onto the County's DES website, and file a complaint. www.YCDES.org Some of departments just send an email to the administrator, but it gets logged and tracked differently if you file it through the website. Additionally, PLEASE email it to Eric, and he will also follow it up at our meetings. Most times he does not know about the complaints until months after the issue. He assures that he will follow up with it if he is made aware.

The new dispatcher protocol is moving, but at a much slower pace than anticipated. Eric was originally hoping for it to be completed in January and roll out this spring. It is probably going to be summer, but it's still productive and the dispatchers and the committee are continuing to work hard.

If there is a problem with the complaint page, contact Cindy, Eric and Julio, to let them know there is a problem. They may not be aware of a problem with the website, until someone tells them.

911: Phil: Chris covered most of it. There will be a CAD update tomorrow. There will also be one next week.

FIRE SCHOOL: Richard Halpin: Training subscriptions need to be paid for by January 31st. We have extended the deadline for we know some depts. are having issues with getting them paid in time. If your dept. wants to schedule their Live Burn dates, get your burn dates in early. We only have a certain amount of week-ends, and we also have other events scheduled in the burn building, so reserve your date early. Last month, there were 216 hours of training, from 26 classes. We had to cancel three classes already for January due to the lack of participation. If your department is hosting an in-house training, and could use a little more participation, contact Heather, and she can list your class on the website under the "Additional Trainings" link. Anyone that has an access card to the Fire School, we need to get the number off your card key. There was a computer failure, and the information from the card system can not be retrieved. The system has to wiped clean, and everyone that has a card has to be put back into the system.

YORK COUNTY ATR: John Sanford: There were 30 calls for the month. There were 3 calls for the month of December. John presented a proposed county dispatch protocol to the membership.

Proposed County Dispatch Protocol

Introduction:

The Technical Rescue Incidents are defined as Confined Space / Silo Rescue, High Angle Rope Rescue, Structural Collapse, Water / Surface Ice Rescue and Trench Rescue

- ◆ Technical rescue incidents are low frequency, high risk events requiring special equipment and trained personnel to affect a rescue.
- ◆ The greatest life safety risk is for well intentioned first responders because they may have little to no training in technical rescue.
- ◆ NFPA 1670 Chapter 4 section 1 requires the AHJ to have at minimum an awareness level training to respond to technical rescue events.
- ◆ Although these awareness programs are offered, our typical Fire / Rescue EMS training regime does provide for this requirement.

This proposal is not about getting another response. It's about putting the BEST RESOURCES on the initial assignment based on the information from the caller.

Scope of Current Protocol:

The current response protocol is disjointed, inconsistent and does not serve the county effectively.

- ◆ Relies on AHJ to have ATR on box assignments
- ◆ Response protocol varies (station stand-by vs. response)

Or

- ◆ Requires Duty Officer to request ATR
- ◆ May provide dispatcher to probe Duty Officer for ATR response
- ◆ Delayed response of ATR resources

Proposed Response Protocol:

- ◆ ATR responds on the initial assignment to all reported Confined Space / Silo, High Angle / Rope Rescue, Structural Collapse, Swift or Flood Water (inland), Ice and Trench Rescues
- ◆ AHJ Duty Officer can downgrade response based upon additional information given by caller
- ◆ AHJ Duty Officer cancels ATR response after their assessment

A motion was made to accept the proposed response protocol. 1st: Commissioner Roth 2nd: Joe Yahnke. Motion Passed

There is Ice Rescue training coming up in Penn Twp. on Feb. 12th & 13th, and the following week-end. We are planning a Rope Technician class in the fall. If you or anyone you know may be interested, call either me or Heather at the Fire School. We can get you signed up. The classes are free.

OEM: Tom Graybill: Nothing to report

HAZ-MAT TEAM: Tom Graybill: There were 51 calls for 2010.

FIRE POLICE: James Robertson: Nothing to report

FIRE SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Bob Sells: The approved policies and procedures are now on the website. Any dept. planning on doing a live company burn will need to take the class to meet the 1403 standards. Tony Myers is putting the classes on. He already has a few classes planned. If your dept. is planning on hosting a class, maybe you could open it up to your neighboring departments. You could also inform Heather at the Fire School, and she could put it on the website. The committee held a meeting. They are still working on the Red Engine. They are also working on a policy and procedure manual for Non-Fire related areas of the Fire School like the Maze and Vehicle Extrication Area.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made to pay the bills. 1st: Chris Krichten 2nd: Bob Sells Motion Passed

Election of Officers Results:

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Joe Yahnke stated that if you would like to give permission for your neighboring depts. to be able to have access to your box alarms, please write a letter to Mel Grove at the 911 Center stating that you give permission for other depts. to have your box alarms. Sharing box alarms with your neighboring depts. is a good resource to getting to the calls sooner. Red Lion wrote the letter, but not too many depts. have written letters in yet.

Steve Buffington stated that with Shank's recent retirement, things have changed on the Public Safety Policy Board. Steve Buffington is now the Chairman. Bob Sells is the representative for the county companies. Chief Michaels is now the representative for the City companies.

A motion was made to purchase a membership for \$15 to the Cumberland Valley Volunteer Fireman's Association
1. Commissioner Roth 2: Tony Myers Motion Passed

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

Next monthly meeting is scheduled for 7:30 pm on Monday, February 21st, 2010, at the Fire School.

Motion was made by Bob Bowman to adjourn the meeting. 2nd: Joe Yahnke Motion Passed

Sincerely,

Heather Grove

Heather Grove
Recording Secretary