

January 20, 2003

President Skip Rupert called the quarterly meeting of the York County Fire Chiefs and Fire Fighters Association to order. Eighty-five members were in attendance. The meeting was hosted by VFIS and held at Glatfelter's Insurance Agency. Art Gladfelter (owner) and Dave Wires (president) gave the Address of Welcome. President Rupert gave the response. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as posted. President Rupert urged anyone not receiving his minutes by email to contact the secretary with his email address. Bob Bowman presented the treasurer's report. There was a motion by Mike Miller second by Curvin Wolfgang to accept the treasurer's report.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS: Barry Myers reported that an \$18,000.00 grant for the Pumper was received through Senator Waugh's office. The contractors have been back to the school and have finished up their work. The addition is now complete. The West York engine will be sold for \$1000.00.

Roll call was taken.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Bruce Yingling reported the following nominations for office: Skip Rupert President, Steve Dietz Vice President, Cindy Dietz Secretary, Bob Bowman Treasurer, Board of Governors (vote for 2) John Fornadel, John Senft, Mike Miller, Kraig Herman, Bernard Anthony. President Rupert opened nominations from the floor. There was a nomination from the floor for Bill Hoover for Board of Governors.

RADIO COMMITTEE: Chairman Rob Bissey reported the Committee met two weeks ago to discuss the ESECG Report. This report has been copied and distributed to members of the Radio Committee, Chief Senft, and President Rupert. If anyone would like to see it contact one of those people. The Committee met with the Police Chiefs and Pat McFadden to discuss their respective issues. The Radio Committee is scheduled to meet with the Police Chiefs again this Thursday for further discussion. More information will be available at next months meeting. An application was received from Station 61 requesting permission to utilize the county fire frequencies in an EOC they are building at the town hall. Approval was given providing they apply for and obtain their own FCC license. Chief Nichols stated he does not believe the Police should be the driving force as far as how the 911 study will be applied to the Fire Service and Radio. He believes the Fire and Police Committees should work hand in hand. Fire goals and issues should be presented separately and not left to the Police to express for us. Chief Bissey said they will be working together but will have one voice to the Commissioners.

911: Cindy Dietz advised those that were present to make sure to pick up their Department packet before they leave. She also said the County Resource Manual was not yet completed but anticipated it would be finished and distributed at next months meeting. Cindy introduced Tim Barnes Outreach Coordinator and Flight Nurse from STATMedEvac. Tim spoke for a few minutes on the new service and said he would be available after the meeting to speak with anyone who had questions. He said he would be setting up dates with all departments in the coming year to visit their station and explain in more detail how STATMedEvac operates. Tim's information if you would like to contact him is tbarnes@statmedevac.com, base phone (717) 792-4080, cell phone (412) 760-4185. Mike Corcoran and Don Miller from CAC were both present to answer questions on simulcast. They showed the current prop study and spoke on putting in additional fill sites to resolve issues that are still present. When completed they anticipate about 9 sites being used. Problems were still reported in the Spry, Felton, Long Level, Airville, Dover, Strinestown, and Mount Zion Hill/ Route24 areas. Chief Nichols requested they eliminate the dual tones. Don explained they have been left in as a precaution should we need to go back to the old system. They will be eliminated when the project is completed.

FIRE SCHOOL: Director Schaefer reported no pumps were tested for the month. He reported 1355 students for the year. The County Commissioners approved the 2003 Budget for the Fire School at \$112,500.00. An \$18,000.00 grant was acquired from the state to pay for the Pumper. Bern Anthony has Fire School packets that include rosters for each station with students who attended classes last year. The packet also has information on the Vehicle Rescue Program check it for dates and times. The Essentials class is full. The Highway Safety class was well attended. May 3rd and 4th there will be a Structural Burn class. Those going for their Fire Fighter I certification this year will need this class.

HAZMAT: Director Schaefer reported one call for the month and Fifty-nine for the year. The County reimbursed the Hazmat Team \$2,201.00 for equipment. A grand total of \$6,376.00 was collected for bills last year; this total includes the reimbursement money from the County. Check the schedules in your packets for Hazmat classes. Chief Godfrey reported that York Hospital has put together a Disaster Response Team. The Hazmat Team trained with them last weekend. Their main focus was decon at the hospital, however they may be able to assist at the scene some time in the future. The Team will be training with RACES this month. They will be working with a device that can transmit pictures of the hot zone back to the command post. No report from Grangeville Hazmat.

SPECIAL RESCUE TASK FORCE: John Sanford reported one call for the month, an assisted ice rescue with Lake Meade. They are waiting for acceptance of their application for the USAR Team.

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS: Tom Graybill reported the APD2000, Drager Tubes and Hepavacs are in. EMA along with Hazmat will be meeting with RACES to discuss Echolink, which is an amateur radio computer interface that could enable one to talk worldwide. Tom will be putting together a training pack to present to the Association at a later date.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Bob Bowman presented the bills. Motion made by Bruce Yingling and seconded by Denny List to pay the bills. Motion Carried. President Rupert called for election of offices. The election ballot was presented. Skip Rupert President, Steve Dietz Vice President, Cindy Dietz Secretary, and Bob Bowman Treasurer all running unopposed. Boards of Governors, two are to be elected John Fornadel, John Senft, Mike Miller, Kraig Herman, Bernard Anthony and Bill Hoover are the members running for this office. President Rupert asked for a motion from the floor to have the Secretary cast one unanimous vote for the uncontested offices on the ballot. Motion made by Chief Shank seconded by Chief Rentzel. Motion carried. Election for two Board of Governors members was held. President Rupert reported the Association Officers for 2003 were as follows:

President Skip Rupert
Vice President Steve Dietz
Secretary Cindy Dietz
Treasurer Bob Bowman
Board of Governors John Fornadel and John Senft

NEW BUSINESS: President Rupert said Engine 52/2 and Rescue 49 were inspected and approved as rescue units. Chief Miller asked why the turnout for meetings is not as good every month as it is this meeting. Discussion followed. Chief Mellinger asked what the \$1.25 on the phone bill every month goes for. Charlie Schwab reported approximately 70% goes towards salaries and 30% towards equipment. Chief Myers inquired about money received from the County. Discussion followed.

Chief Gemmill requested an update on Accountability. Chief Dietz responded that it is tough to implement a countywide policy when half the county departments are unwilling or refusing to participate. Chief Dietz said he and his committee would meet again and attempt to get some training set up and push the issue some more. Subject to be revisited at the February meeting under unfinished business.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION: President Rupert advised there would be a presentation by a friend of Chief Bissey's on "A Day in the Life of a Soldier in Afghanistan" next month. The presentation would start at 7pm for those interested and last about 20 to 30 minutes. This is not fire related but is to be a very interesting presentation.

There will also be a representative from HACC at the February meeting to address the body.

Chief Myers thanked Tom Landis for the two terms he served on the Board of Governors.

President Rupert asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Bob Bowman, seconded by Bruce Yingling. Meeting adjourned.

2003/2004 dues notices are in the mail and payment is due

Next meeting scheduled at 7:30 pm on Tuesday, February 17, 2003 at the Fire School.

Sincerely,

Cindy A. Dietz
Secretary