

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

**330 Emig Road
York, PA 17406**



**Monthly Meeting
3rd Monday**

January 21st, 2013

President Steve Buffington called the annual meeting of the York County Fire Chiefs and Firefighters Association to order.

President Steve Buffington led the pledge to the flag and a moment of silence. Forty-eight people were in attendance.

Chief Kent Rudisill wanted to welcome everyone this evening. He thanked everyone that helped with the meal.

President Steve Buffington wanted to thank Kent and the Hellam Fire Department for hosting us this evening. The meal was terrific. Thank you. We have been invited back for 2014 if we would like to.

Chief John Senft wanted to recognize the special guests that were in attendance. They included Stan Saylor, Seth Grove, and Fred Hess.

Terry Tycholis spoke a few words about the upcoming 2014 CanAm games. The games are open to spouses. Currently, there are 45 different events planned. All the profits that are raised from the games will be given to the Make-A-Wish foundation after the games.

Dave Nichols stated that if you are interested in joining a Fire-Police Ice hockey league, to contact him.

Darryl Ehrhart is collecting patches to be framed and given to the Sandy hook Fire Department. If anyone has a patch, please see to it she gets it. We will make sure Darryl receives it.

Brad Dunham stated that last week he sent out a spreadsheet for every department to submit a current Red Light / Blue Light roster. He would like to have all the rosters in by the end of the month.

President Steve Buffington asked if there were any corrections needed to last month's minutes. With no corrections, he approved the minutes as published.

Treasurer Bob Bowman presented the following report: Beginning Balance: \$6,783.99 with and Ending Balance: \$3,861.65 President Steve Buffington approved the Treasurer's Report as read.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE: Steve Buffington: At this time, we will open the floor for nominations of the following positions:

President: Steve Buffington Motion to Close: 1st: Hayden Mitchell

Vice President: Joe Madzelan Motion to Close: 1st: Steve Miller

Secretary: Bob Sells Motion to Close: 1st: Steve Miller

Treasurer: Bob Bowman Motion to Close: 1st: Steve Miller

Board of Governor's (2): Joe Madzelan & Tony Myers Motion to Close: Steve Miller

According to our By Laws, one person may hold more than one office, if they choose to.

We have an uncontested voting ballot. According to our By-Laws, we only need to cast one ballot, and the secretary will cast that ballot. The vote is now cast for the following offices: President: Steve Buffington, Vice President: Joe Madzelan, Secretary: Bob Sells, Treasurer: Bow Bowman, Board of Governor's (2): Joe Madzelan and Tony Myers.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS: John Senft: The Board met this evening prior to this meeting. We closed out last year well financially. We discussed the pavilion and other improvements to the facility. We are glad to say that for the 35th year, York County Commissioners have funded the Fire School. We had a drop in our funding, but that drop was done across the board for all discretionary spending. If you see any of the County Commissioners, thank them.

COMMUNICATIONS: Joe Madzelan: We had a Fire / EMS meeting. We had a discussion on Chief Designation numbers for the radios for 10, 20, 30, 40, 60, 70, 80, & 90. All the numbers have been designated and there are no numbers available at this time. We discussed the possibility of using the 300's. We discussed the New World CADD vender. We are looking at the dispatching by capability instead of what piece is closer. The 911 Center will be sending out a capability list to the departments. There have been paging issues in the County recently. County is aware of them.

911: Cindy Deitz: Nothing to report. I am here if anyone has any questions.

FIRE SCHOOL: Richard Halpin: Last month we had a slow month. Not too many classes were going on at the school. May 17th is the Annual Fire Responder Night with the York Revolution Baseball team. Our classes for 2013 are filling up quickly. We have several new classes scheduled for this year. They include Wildland Firefighting, Rope 1, and a full RIT series. This Thursday evening at 7, we will be hosting a Social Media class on how your department can use social media to your benefit. We now have several hydrants at the school that have National Standard Threads. We will be painting the cap of the NST green, so departments that come to the Fire School will know which hydrant has National Standard or York threads on it. I met with a Jennifer Dellinger last week. She will be at next month's meeting to demonstrate the free app for Stat Medevac. You can use this app on your phone to request the helicopter to your location. The app will give them your coordinates. They will receive the request and head to the pad, but they will not actually fly till they are dispatched from the 911 Center. Using this app will save the crew about 5 minutes. Also, Brad Dunham will be teaching an Arson Awareness class in March. There is a hands on portion to the class, where the students will actually get to investigate a fire. This class is geared toward those that are Chief Officers and those that would investigate a fire.

OEM: Tom Graybill: Nothing to Report.

HAZ-MAT TEAM: Tom Graybill: We had 57 calls for 2012. This month, we have had 3 calls so far.

YORK COUNTY ATR: John Sanford: Last year, we had 29 calls for the year. This month, we have had 2 calls, both being Water Rescues. One call was with Manchester Borough, the other was involving Dover Township. Just a reminder, the 2nd week-end in February, we will be conducting an Ice Rescue class. The 1st week-end in May, we will be hosting our Annual Trench Rescue week-end.

FIRE POLICE: Hayden Mitchell: There was no meeting last month. The officers will be installed at next month's meeting.

RIT: No one from the committee was present to give a report.

RESCUE INSPECTION: No one from the committee was present to give a report.

FIRE SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Bob Sells: The Fire School Committee met last week with the Instructors of the Delmar series for this year. We are hoping the RACP grant funding comes through. The committee discussed ideas they would like to see in the new Maze building. If anyone has any ideas of something you would like to see possibly incorporated into the design, please let one of the committee members know.

FIRE PREVENTION: Steve Tawney: No one from the committee was present to give a report.

FUND RAISING: Steve Buffington: John McDonald is not in attendance this evening but we did hear back from Hoss's. We did not raise enough funds during the event to actually receive a portion of the profits.

President Buffington did ask that if anyone wanted to volunteer on any committee to contact him or Heather. Next month we will be looking for volunteers to fill the committees for 2013.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

An officer from Seven Valley's Fire Department wanted to ask about the DOT physicals. Everyone they have talked to said they cannot get a physical for less than \$100 a piece. President Steve Buffington stated that he will contact Dr. Bledsoe to see about getting help for a lower rate. It was stated that the IRC behind Memorial Hospital will do the physicals for \$45.

Chief Bill Carlisle stated that he received an email from Senator Pat Bentz that the DOT Medical card requirement is not true. Brad Dunham stated that the office of Senator Pat Bentz is interpreting the law differently. Brad also stated that they are not the ones enforcing the law.

Chief Dave Nichols asked about the Cancer Presumption law. Don Kunkle was expected to be in attendance this evening, but did not show. We will try to get more information on this.

NEW BUSINESS:

No New Business to Report

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

The next monthly meeting is scheduled for 7:00 pm on Monday, February 18th, at York County Fire School.

President Steve Buffington adjourned the meeting.

Sincerely,

Heather Grove

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Recording Secretary