

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

**330 Emig Road
York, PA 17406**



**Monthly Meeting
3rd Monday**

January 21, 2008

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-six people were in attendance. President Rupert gave a round of applause for the women at the Hellam Fire Company who prepared the meal. Matt Dube, Fire Chief from Hellam Fire Company gave the welcoming address. President Rupert thanked him and the Fire Company for a great meal.

Roger Lebouff gave a short slide presentation on the new burn building and addressed questions and concerns from the body.

- Chief Tony Myers asked about communications inside the burn building as problems were experienced in Baltimore County under similar conditions. Roger stated that this is not normally a problem and he had never had that occur before.
- Neil Gunnett brought up a discussion on the building layout and suggestions for modifying the plan slightly for hose line advancement into the basement. Roger took down the suggestion
- Chief Nichols asked about access/egress from the 3rd floor. Roger said that this was an operational issue and said there should be no fires set in the hall or near doors. Each room has at least two ways out.

In the interest of time, President Rupert asked that all comments and suggestions regarding the burn building be forwarded to Carl for consideration.

President Rupert introduced Senator Waugh who was present for the meeting and thanked him for joining us.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as published.

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

BOARD OF GOVERNORS: Chief John Senft reported the following items were discussed in the Board of Governors meeting prior to this meeting:

- Financial Issues for 2008.
- County and State funding prospects,
- Acquisition of new rolling stock

COMMUNICATIONS: None

NOMINATIONS: President Rupert opened the floor to nominations.

- President – Skip Rupert Motion to close – Chief Shank, Albert Shaffer. M/C
- Vice President – Joe Yahnke Motion to close– Chief Shank, Chief Buffington. M/C

Level series that is beginning in January. Fire Instructor Hoover has tentatively been selected as the lead instructor for this program.

- ☛ We are planning on, once again, offering a **Day-time Entry level program** over the summer months (ELIS and ELFG). This series of Classes is scheduled to begin June 18, 2008 with the ELIS (Introduction to the Fire Service) Class and to be followed up with the ELFG (Fire Ground Support) Class beginning July 7, 2008

Firefighter I Testing

- ☛ Site Coordinator, Carl Avery and Assistant Site Coordinator Joe Yahnke attended the pilot training program for Evaluators at the Pennsylvania State Fire Academy on January 17, 2008. This was very informative.
- ☛ It is anticipated that we will not schedule a Firefighter I test until after the completion of the NEW Burn Building. This will enable persons who need their SBS to take the test an opportunity to complete that here at the Fire School.

New Classes Scheduled:

- ☛ **Coming in 2008, We are working with PAg (Penn State) Rescue training to bring you the following courses:** Intro to Farm Emergencies, Managing Tractor Emergencies, Managing Farm Machinery Entanglements, Farm Chemical Emergencies, Farm Confined Space Awareness, and Farm Confined Space Operations. These classes ARE NOT funded like most Firefighter training is here in Pennsylvania. Linda Spahr of Cooperative Extension is working on securing Grant money for these courses, She has already secured a Grant of \$2,500.00 as part of this
- ☛ We have included some other new offerings for this year they are as follows
 - **Automatic Detection & Suppression Systems**
 - **Basic Rigging for Rope Rescue**
 - **Calling the Mayday; Hands-on Training for Firefighters**
 - **Fire Attack in Sprinklered Properties**
 - **NIMS 100 (Orientation) and Certification**
- ☛ Do not forget the New Courses we added last year and are running again this year:
 - **Introduction to Volunteer Emergency Services Management**
 - **Legal aspects for the Fire Service**

Current and Future Schedule:

- ☛ The 2008 schedule will be available online at our web site www.YorkCountyFireSchool.org , just click on the [Click Here to See Available Classes](#) link on the home page. As soon as we can restore it
- ☛ **The 2008 Schedule has been published, it is still a work in progress, Watch your department / company Mailings for Updates and New Classes. We will also update our Website with new additions as they come along.**
- ☛ Lobar Construction has assured us their willingness to work with us and we have assured them of our desire to eliminate or minimize any impact we could have on their progress with the new facility

Burn Building and Scheduling:

- ☛ We are moving forward on the NEW Building. The second floor has been poured and work has begun on the columns that will support the third floor has begun. ANTICIPATED completion is projected to be Late August or Early September.
- ☛ The Board of Governors intends for us to stay open and continue to offer classes throughout construction.

**This may require some flexibility to meet everyone's needs
Yours' and the Instructors' Cooperation will help us meet this goal**

YORK COUNTY ATR: Glenn Janson reported 17 calls for the year and some advisory work. He also said that someone from the team is available to do informational presentations regarding the team and what they do at your station.

OEM: Tom Graybill reported 57 Hazmat calls for the year.

FIRE POLICE: No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- President Rupert asked for a motion to pay the bills. Motion to pay the bills by Chief Buffington second by Albert Shaffer. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- President Rupert said he discussed auditing of the Treasurer's books with the Board of Governors. He asked for 3 volunteers from the body to audit the books. Next meeting an auditing committee will be appointed.
- Commissioner Roth said that the IAFC (Eastern Division) will be hosting their conference this year in York. He would like to see the Association get involved.
<http://www.ediafc.org/conference.html>
 - Commissioner Roth made a motion that the Association be allowed to participate in the EDIAFC conference and expend funds as needed. Discussion followed. Motion amended to cap funds to be expended at \$1000.00. Chief Stevens seconded the amended motion. M/C
- Equipment discussion – 1988 Pen Fab, 1000 gallon pump, 600 gallon tank, 8 seat enclosed cab, for sale. Good opportunity to upgrade. \$30,000.00 asking price. President Rupert asked the body to give a dollar amount so the Association can pursue the purchase.
 - Chief Shank said that he personally feels that the Association should only purchase new apparatus so that the firefighters can train on the equipment they are actually using. Discussion followed. No dollar amount set or motion to pursue.
- President Rupert asked for a motion to set the cap for the Board of Governors expenditures without approval.
 - Chief Myers made a motion that the cap for the Board of Governors expenditures remain at \$10,000.00 before requiring approval from the body. Chief Rod Miller seconded the motion. M/C
- Chief Nichols asked that the Board of Governors take a look at new SCBA as a purchase this year.
 - Carl Avery said that currently Moul Enterprises and Draeger have SCBA on loan to the school.
- Chief Shank announced that there were problems at the Queen Street Tower tonight, but he has just received a call from 911 Radio Administrator Bob Bragg reporting the problem has been fixed.

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

- Chief Senft spoke about IAFC membership. He also recognized the past Chiefs that were present for the meeting. Chief Barry Miller from Hellam Fire Company and Chief Glenn Kline from Springettsbury Twp Fire Company.
- Chief Cromer thanked John Fornadel for his past work with the Board of Governors.
- Chief Stevens reported that Union Fire Company – Station 23 is hosting a "Courage to Stay Safe" program, free of charge, on March 16th at 1330 hours. If interested in attending contact Chris Krichten.
- Rob Bissey reported that American Flow (Darling) is having an issue in their private fire systems/private hydrants (not Municipal). Darling and Cloe (sp?) hydrants from 1999 – 2004 are having a problem with grease that seizes. They are on the recall list.

Motion to adjourn by Bob Bowman. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Next monthly meeting is scheduled for 7:30 pm on Monday, February 18, 2008, at the Fire School.

Sincerely,

Cindy A. Dietz

Cindy A. Dietz, Secretary