

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

**330 Emig Road
York, PA 17406**



**Monthly Meeting
3rd Monday**

February 18th, 2013

President Steve Buffington called the monthly 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-four people were in attendance.

Jennifer Dellinger from Stat MedEvac demonstrated the use of the UPMC app that is free to use. She showed the State Protocols as well as how to request a helicopter to your location, noting that the helicopter must still be requested through the dispatch center even if using the App.

Don Kunkle spoke about the Cancer Presumption law. He also stated there was a "Preventing Theft in Your Organization" conference on March 9th at the Penn Harris / Radisson Hotel in Camp Hill. The event is free to everyone. More information can be found at http://www.pfesi.org/publication_files/flf-theft-flyer.pdf There is also a Jr. Firefighter Leadership class coming up on July 14th – 16th, 2013.

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: \$-1,138.35 with an Ending Balance: \$3,744.50 Bob also mentioned that the conference Don Kunkle was talking about could be a good lecture for certain members of every department to attend. This includes the treasurers and other officers. President Steve Buffington approved the Treasurer's Report as read.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS: John Senft: The Board met this evening prior to this meeting. We discussed our financial issues with the transfer and reconciliation of funds. We received a report of activities as well as purchased a dump truck for \$2,500.

COMMUNICATIONS: Erik Brown: The committee met last Thursday. The paging issues that we have been having are possibly solved. We will be doing monthly checks now. If you do have issue, document the time and location. This would help in determining the cause of any new issues. We have been demoing the E3 pagers. They are \$199 when you buy 10 or more.

We approved the revision to the accident dispatch policy. It will be going to the Policy Board for review.

The new CADD system demo will be on March 4th, at 1:00 at the 911 Center.

We are changing the ALS officer numbers. EMS 100 is Memorial Hospital, 200 is White Rose, 300 is Yoe / York Township, 400 is Hanover Hospital, and 900 is York Hospital. This will be going to the Policy Board.

Tim Mooney asked if there were any updates with the issues involving "I am Responding". Tim stated that he has not been getting information on his phone that should be coming through. Ryan Brenneman stated he will get in contact with Dan George to discuss the issue involving HIPPA information. A motion was made to contact our solicitor to obtain an opinion and to get a quote for what is and what is not HIPPA information. 1st: Ryan Brenneman 2nd: Brian Bastinelli Motion Passed

It was stated that it could possibly be run by the State Office. Ryan and Steve Buffington will get together to discuss this further.

Tim Mooney stated they recently had the Mobile Command Unit in Red Lion. He would like to say thank you, and that they were very helpful.

911: No one was present to give a report

FIRE SCHOOL: Richard Halpin: In January, we had one class scheduled. That class had to be canceled and later rescheduled due to the Instructor being ill. We still managed to have 216 hours of training.

Classes are filling up, if they are not already. We had 54 registered for our Introduction to the Fire Service class. We had 47 students registered for our Haz-Mat Awareness class. We already have 39 registered for our Haz-Mat Operations class that starts next month.

Please tell your members that if they are coming to class, they need to show up early. If they show up late, their seat may be given to someone else that is on the waiting list, and they are then out of the class.

We have a Firefighter 1 test scheduled for June 21st & 22nd here at the school. We have a Firefighter 2 test scheduled for September 21st here at the school.

We had to change the dates of our two upcoming Haz-Mat Awareness classes. Students must have the class prior to starting Fire Ground Support. When we looked at the classes, we realized the Fire Ground Support classes were going to start before the Haz-Mat classes. It would benefit the students if we moved the classes, and we have. The Haz-Mat classes are now scheduled for May 7th & 8th and July 9th & 10th.

President Steve Buffington wanted to thank Richard for the work that he has done turning the classes around. We used to cancel classes because of the lack of attendance. Now we have students fighting for seats in the classes.

YORK COUNTY ATR: Steve Buffington: John could not be here tonight, but he did submit a report. There were 5 calls for the month. Their Ice Rescue class earlier this month had to be canceled. There was no ice.

STATE POLICE: Steve Buffington: Brad could not be here tonight, but he emailed me a report. The following stations have not submitted a red/blue light list to Brad: 7(Lineboro), 8, 12, 19, 31, 33, 34, 37, 41, 45 (North Hopewell), 45 (Maryland Line), 54, 55, 57, 58, 60, 62, 64, 66, 68, 71, 72. Any of those departments that have not submitted a light list by **MARCH 1, 2013 WILL NOT** be permitted to use a light until they comply with submitting their list.

Also a reminder, no vehicle is authorized to use a light unless it is registered in PA, no exceptions. Also, No one (RED OR BLUE) may operate a light on more than one personal owned vehicle.

OEM: Tom Graybill: No one present to give a report.

HAZ-MAT TEAM: Tom Graybill: No one present to give a report.

FIRE POLICE: Jim Robertson: Dues / rosters are due by March 31st. Dues are \$5 this year. We will accept them at next month's meeting if you bring them.

FIRE SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Bob Sells: No Report

FIRE PREVENTION: Steve Tawney: No Report

FUND RAISING: John McDonald: No one present to give a report.

RESCUE INSPECTION: Tim Mooney: No report.

RIT: Steve Buffington: Last month we asked for volunteers. We had one volunteer for the committee. Chief Brian Bastinelli stated he would like to be on the committee.

Chief Jansen could not be in attendance this evening. Deputy Chief Brian Widmayer read a statement that Chief Jansen wrote. He wanted to discuss RIT teams and their responses. Dover Township supports RIT. If you call for their RIT, they will respond. Chief Jansen is asking each department to build initial RIT. It has been shown that emergencies occur within the first 15 minutes of the call. If it takes 20 minutes for the closest RIT team to get to the scene, there is a problem.

Brian Widmayer volunteered to be on the RIT committee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

At next month's meeting, Allen Restorations will be providing refreshments.

On March 4th, there will be a demonstration on the new CADD system. We are looking into the system being able to dispatch on capability on top of dispatching by proximity.

Bob Sells stated he spent the last week at the National Fire Academy for a Command and Control class. The training was excellent and he met fire officers from all around the country. This local training resource is not used like it could be. They offer Incident Command, Arson Investigation and Leadership training that is not available at the state and local levels. In July, there will be a PA week-end reserved for PA firefighters only. Information for PA Weekend is available on the State Fire Commissioner's website. All the training is free. They reimburse for your transportation and there are dorm rooms available on the campus. The only expenses to the students are their meals.

Chief Madzellan said National Dispatcher week is April 14th – 20th. They do a lot for this organization. As a way to show appreciation, I thought it would be nice if we did make them burgers and hot dogs or something. A motion was made that we do something for the dispatchers one day during the week. 1st: Joe Madzellan 2nd: Tim Mooney Motion Passed. Dover Township would cover the midnight shift. Chief Madzellan will come back to the association next month with an idea.

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

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

President Steve Buffington adjourned the meeting.

Sincerely,

Heather Grove

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Recording Secretary