

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

**330 Emig Road
York, PA 17406**



**Monthly Meeting
3rd Monday**

February 18, 2008

President Skip Rupert called the monthly meeting of the York County Fire Chiefs and Firefighters Association to order and led the pledge to the flag. Thirty-six people were in attendance.

President Rupert asked for a motion to accept the minutes with the only change being the correct spelling of Senator Mike Waugh's name. The minutes were approved.

President Rupert asked for a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Chief Buffington made the motion, second by Chief Richard Shank. Motion carried.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS: 2 Members were not present for the meeting. Tonight's issues will be brought up during New Business.

RADIO COMMUNICATIONS: Most attended the meeting held at the 911 Center Wednesday night about the paging system. Chief Shank said during Emergency Conditions, please keep transmissions short and to a minimum. Try to cut down on the excess chatter.

911: No report

FIRE SCHOOL: Carl Avery, Program Coordinator, submitted the following report.

Activity:

📄 For the month of January the Fire School had 159 hours of activity, with 141 of those hours being scheduled classes. One hundred sixty-five students attended classes for a total of 1,455 student hour at the School last month.

Web site:

📄 The website has been **restored with a lot of work** from our Administrative Assistant, Heather Marsteller.




- One of the main reasons it was down is because our low speed internet connection. Considering the volume of Internet communications that the Fire School is currently involved with coupled with **expanded educational opportunities** makes the upgrading of our current "Dial-up" to a high speed system **highly desirable**.

The ENTRY LEVEL Program:


📄 This year's Winter / Spring ELIS course concluded on January 27, 2008. This was the first course in the series of Entry Level Series of courses. The Winter / Spring Weekend series typically meets 08:00 – 17:00 on Sundays

- We are addressing the "excess of students" we had with the January course with the scheduling of a second ELIS. This "second" ELIS course will begin February 23, 2008. **We have 22 students registered for this course. Pre-registration for this class is closed.** As of this date we have not


scheduled a "second ELFG Fire Ground Support Course" We do have ELFG courses also scheduled for our Summer day time series and our Summer / Fall evening series.

-  The Fire Ground Support Course began on February 10th, 2008 with an attendance of 23 (there were 30 students plus 3 students on stand by pre-registered for this course **(SEE NOTE ON ATTENDANCE BELOW)**)
-  Our next Entry Level Interior Firefighter class has not been scheduled as of yet. We are waiting to get a firmer time frame on the completion of the new building and to get an estimate of potential students for this class from new Entry Level series that began in January. Fire Instructor Hoover has 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


Attendance:

-  **I cannot stress enough how important it is for students to attend the classes that they have been pre-registered for! This along with the Importance of being on time for Class! READY to take the CLASS!** Due to Class Minimums and Maximums and other factors failure to attend when you have signed up for MAY result in the class being canceled or other hardships that impact fellow students and the course.




Camp Survivor, 4 H Summer Safety Camp"

-  On June 18th, 2008, The Fire School will be host to ONE Day of the 4H Center's week long Safety Camp. This will be in cooperation with the Manchester Twp. Fire Department and members of the Firefighter Combat Challenge Team. We still need some volunteers to assist with our safety demos and skills on that day. Please contact your Fire School if you are able to lend a hand for the day.




Firefighter I Testing

-  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, with an opportunity to complete that here at the Fire School.

New Classes Scheduled:

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

Current and Future Schedule:

-  The 2008 schedule is available online at our web site www.YorkCountyFireSchool.org , just click on the [Click Here to See Available Classes](#) link on the home page.
-  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 demonstrated to 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 as both construction and training continue

Burn Building and Scheduling:

- 🚒 Progress continues on the NEW Building (Live Fire Training Prop). The third floor, as well as the columns that will support the roof, have been poured. ANTICIPATED completion is projected to be Late August or Early September. There is a Possibility that it **MAY BE COMPLETED AHEAD OF SCHEDULE**
- 🚒 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**

Linda Spahr spoke about the upcoming Pennsylvania Agricultural courses being held in York County, offered by Penn State. She stated you have to have the Introduction to Farm Emergencies course before attending any of the other courses. Most of the courses have already been paid for by grants. She also stated that funding from the Department of Agricultural will appear to be wiped out in the near future. She said to start contacting your State Representatives and have that funding reinstated.

YORK COUNTY ATR: John Sanford reported there were 2 calls. 14 people attended training for Ice Rescue. April 19th & 20th, there will be Trench Rescue training.

OEM: No Report

FIRE POLICE: No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: President Skip Ruppert announced there is still time to volunteer for the following committees: Audit, Fire School, Radio, and Rescue Specs.

- Ⓢ Motion to pay the bills, first by Joe Stevens, second by Rick Witten. Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS: President Skip Ruppert discussed the need of a faster internet connection at the Fire School. We would own the tower that is needed for the internet connection at a price of \$1,850. There would be a monthly charge of \$60. for the internet service.

- Ⓢ Steve from Sta. 24 made a motion to accept the offer from Double Dog for the high speed internet. Joe Madzellan second the motion. Motion Carried.
 - Joe from Sta. 24 asked about looking into getting funding for the project, since we are an education facility.

As of the 29th of this month, the cleaning service will cease at the Fire School. Bids were obtained for the weekly cleaning service. It was recommended by President Skip Ruppert that Clean Way Professional Cleaning become the new cleaning service. The monthly fee would be \$423.40.

- Ⓢ Trabert Ellis made a motion we use Clean Way Professional Cleaning services. Ron Whitmer second the motion. Motion Carried.

Linda Spahr asked about storing a 10x16 trailer the CART team uses to respond to incidents here at the Fire School. It can remain outside. It is insured. It is currently being stored at the 4-H Center, which is not a central location in the county.

- Ⓢ Chris Krichten made a motion that the trailer be stored at the Fire School. Chief Shank second the motion. Motion Carried.
 - President Ruppert just stated that the Fire School gets a copy of the insurance.

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

President Skip Ruppert wanted to remind everyone that there is a FEMA Grant Writing Seminar being held here at the Fire School on February 26th, 2008. No registration is needed.

Motion to adjourn by Bob Bowman. Second by Neil Gunnet.

Next monthly meeting is scheduled for 7:30 pm on Monday, March 17th, 2008, at the Fire School.

Sincerely,

Heather Marsteller

Heather Marsteller,
Acting Secretary