

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

**330 Emig Road  
York, PA 17406**



**Monthly Meeting  
3<sup>rd</sup> Monday**

February 19, 2007

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

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as published.

President Rupert asked for a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report Chiefs Stevens made the motion, seconded by John Fornadel. Motion carried.

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS:** No Report – no meeting.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** VFIS donated a Training CD/DVD to the school library on Harassment and Discrimination Prevention.

**RADIO COMMITTEE:** Rob Bissey reported for Chief Shank who was out sick. Rob reported on the proposed change made by the Radio Committee to 911 to the duty officer procedure on the fire radio. Cindy assisted with the explanation. 911 has agreed to follow this proposal.

The following is what was proposed:

- o The OIC from a department will announce he is responding. "York from Chief 79, responding".
  - o The reply from dispatch will be "Ok Chief 79, you will be duty officer for the call". He will then call on the scene as Duty Officer 79 and set up command.
  - o Any other officer who then tries to announce responding will be advised a duty officer has already been assigned on the call.
  - o Any officer who is not the duty officer who arrives on scene first and has a progress report may call by his given designation, and advise York of the situation. York will give the progress report "Capt.79 is on the scene reporting a fully involved structure fire".
  - o The decision was made to eliminate "Chief" as an alternate option as well, making the only "Officer" position in CAD Duty Officer.  
(Please see 2<sup>nd</sup> attachment to this email – procedure has since been changed)
- Chief Albright asked about the status of his traffic unit designation. Rob referred him to Chief Shank and said he should be receiving something shortly.

**911:** Nick Coby, 911 Radio Tech, reported that the Radio Techs have been out surveying departments for placement of the new base stations. The following stations still need to be surveyed, please contact the Radio Department at 911 at your earliest convenience and schedule a time for someone to come out.

Station 8 – York New Salem  
Station 11 – Nashville  
Station 12 - North Codorus Twp  
Station 18 – Jacobus  
Station 21 – Hellam  
Station 25 – North York  
Station 31 - Newberry Twp  
Station 37 - Windsor

Station 38 – Yorkanna  
Station 39 – New Bridgeville  
Station 44 – Craley  
Station 47 – Jefferson  
Station 53 – Porters  
Station 55 – Airville  
Station 57 – Delta  
Station 63 – Loganville

Station 64 - Dillsburg  
Station 65 – Franklintown  
Station 66 – Wellsville  
Station 67 - Monaghan  
Station 68 – Fairview  
Station 69 – DDRE  
Station 112 – East Berlin  
York City Fire – All Stations

- Cindy Dietz reported on the following:
  - A request has been made to compile a list of resources to form multiple alarms of fire police for major incidents where large numbers of personnel are needed to cover exits and intersections. If your department fire police have the personnel to assist and would like to be listed on the fire police resource list please send your information to Brandy [bjbayman@ycdes.org](mailto:bjbayman@ycdes.org) at 911. She will compose the list and make it available to those interested in expanding their run cards for fire police assistance.
  - CAD Overview/Demos are being held for the Fire Service on March 21<sup>st</sup> for Zone 1, March 23<sup>rd</sup> for Zone 2, March 28<sup>th</sup> for Zone 3, and March 30<sup>th</sup> for Zone 4 from 1900 – 2100 hours. Please RSVP if you are planning to attend [jwshire@ycdes.org](mailto:jwshire@ycdes.org) or [cadietz@ycdes.org](mailto:cadietz@ycdes.org).
  - Firehouse 7 is being shipped. Some stations in York Co have already received their copy. I have not yet received my software to upgrade at 911. The software is mailed out in bulk in random order. They could not advise when I will have mine. If you decide to upgrade now, please do not attempt to send your reports to the ftp site until I advise you I have upgraded as well. I will not be able to import a higher version of reports. I will send an email as soon as I receive and load the update.

Chief Stevens stated that the times he has been getting from 911 when he calls in are inaccurate. Other Chiefs concurred; they were experiencing the same problem. It also seemed to take a long time for the dispatcher to retrieve the information. Discussion followed.

Dave Gemmill asked for an explanation on how transfers work. Cindy explained to Dave how they worked in CAD. Discussion followed and Cindy answered CAD questions.

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

**Hours of use:**

- ☞ From 1/15/07 to 2/18/07 there were 39 events at your Fire School constituting 214 hours of use.
  - 18 hours of events were canceled or postponed due to weather and road conditions
- ☞ Some of the events were: Haz-Mat Ops "472" Class, Juvenile Fire Setters Assessment Training, YCJrFFA Training and meeting, Introduction to the Fire Service, WMD Risk Threat Analysis, Water Rescue Awareness, Fire Ground Support and Other Classes

**The ENTRY LEVEL Program:**

- ☞ **Start date for the Entry Level INTERIOR FIREFIGHTER is 2-26-06. We anticipate a fee of \$25.00 – We have 17 student Pre-registered, There are still OPENINGS for this Class**
- ☞ The Spring Entry Level Program Started continued on February 4 with the Fire Ground Support Class. With an influx of student from Fire Stations holding there own Introduction Classes we now have 45 students in Fire Ground Support. This is over the class limit and was only doable with aid of Instructor Bill Hoover. We are in the process of sizing up the need and feasibility of an over flow class for the next course, Exterior Fire Fighter. This series will continue through April. We will evaluate (depending on demographics) if another ELIF – Interior Firefighter class is feasible

**Five Inch Hose:**

- ☞ The Board has been able to obtain 1000 feet of 5 inch hose to be used for training here at the fire school. The hose has been delivered and awaits loading

**Mason-Dixon Extrication Challenge:**

- ☞ Next meeting of the organizing committee is February 26, 2007 (date is subject to change) @ 18:30 Hours at Station 23, If you are interested in participating in this work group please contact Tim Stevens @ [tstevens@waltonco.com](mailto:tstevens@waltonco.com) or Carl Avery @ [YorkCoFireSchool@aol.com](mailto:YorkCoFireSchool@aol.com)

**Structural Burn Sessions:**

- ☞ The repair work for the existing burn building is in the hands of the Board of Governors. Further SBS Classes will be on hold till we have our own facility that we can burn in

**Firefighter I Testing (UPDATED INFORMATION):**

- ☞ York County Fire School will be hosting an IFSAC/PROBOARD Fire Fighter I Certification test this fall. The Written test will be October 12 and the Practical exam will be on November 3, 2007. A cut off date will be established and all monies for the test must be submitted PRIOR to the cut off date – watch for more information soon.
- ☞ A prep class for this test will be September 29th

## **NFPA 1006, Standard for Professional Rescue Technician, Machinery/Vehicle Review Course and Test:**

- ☛ We will be discussing this with HACC, as of this report we do not have definitive information
- ☛ The targeted time frame will be this summer or early fall
- ☛ Details are as of yet to be worked out with the Community College for exact time and dates of this program in 2007

### **Fire Officer I:**

- ☛ The Fire School has contacted the State Fire Academy to bring the Academy on the Road (AOTR) Fire Officer I class and certification to YCFS this Fall. The Dates of the classes are October 20 & 21, November 3 & 4 and November 17 & 18. The Fire School MUST HAVE a minimum of 12 candidates to have this course run
  - Candidates for this program must have the following certification
    - Firefighter I
    - Firefighter II
    - Fire Instructor I
      - We have scheduled a class for Fire Instructor I beginning May 13
      - We DO NOT at this time have a FF II test schedule. The Fire School has NOT got enough request that we can justify scheduling one here.
  - Make sure you check with HACC and BUCKS as well as the Pa State Fire Academy Web site for upcoming dates and location if you need this certification.

### **Program Support and Maintenance:**

- ☛ **Routinely checked Class room building for trash and readiness for classes, Routinely checked Grounds for debris, trash and general readiness of facilities, Routine sampling of pond for DEP compliance, . Put Markers around driveway for winter maintenance, Field level Maintenance of SCBA, Put up snow fence at back of property to limit unauthorized use of facility, Installed new soap dispensers, picked up Pallets, worked with township re.: their disposal of wood chips – Landscaping bank between upper and lower training grounds. Repaired foam inductor, Worked with EMA regarding the retiring of Haz-Mat 91A.**  
**SNOW PLOWING, SNOW REMOVAL, SNOW DISPOSAL**

### **Current and Future Schedule:**

- ☛ The 2007 schedule is available online at our web site [www.YorkCountyFireSchool.org](http://www.YorkCountyFireSchool.org) just click on the [Click Here to See Available Classes](#) link on the home page.
- ☛ The 2007 Schedule is 97% set; we are continuously working on updates and possible additions. Keep checking our web site and watch our Mailings and emails for the latest Updates
  - These classes these classes have been set:
    - Engine Company Ops
    - Ladder Company Ops I and II
    - Fire Instructor I
    - The Fall BVR Series
    - The Fall Entry Level Series
    - Fire Fighter I prep class
    - AOTR Fire Officer I
- ☛ We hope to add classes supporting the NFPA 1006 Curriculum and Test as well as Fire Officer Training

Upcoming Courses: - Please refer to the calendars and catalogs available for tonight's meeting. Courses are still being considered for 2007. The Fire School will mail out completed calendars early in January. Be sure to check out the website for the latest Updates [www.YorkCountyFireSchool.org](http://www.YorkCountyFireSchool.org)

**YORK COUNTY ATR:** Asst. Team Leader, John Sanford reported one call in January (Industrial Accident in West Manchester Twp – 1 subject removed from the quarry). Training for this month is ice rescue.

**OEM:** Tom Graybill reported the new Hazmat unit is in service.

**FIRE POLICE:** Ira Wagner reported that new officers were sworn in at the last meeting. Fire Chiefs and members of the Association are welcome to attend the Fire Police Banquet being held in Nashville on April 21<sup>st</sup> - cost is \$10.00 per person.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- President Rupert asked that everyone stand for a moment of silence in honor of Past Chief and Association President Moses Baker, who recently passed away.
- President Rupert asked for a motion to pay the bills. Motion to pay the bills by Chief Stevens second by John Fornadel. Motion carried.
- For Instructors and those interested in vehicle rescue Carl has Power Hawk coming in on March 10<sup>th</sup> bringing the Power Hawk Rescue Tool and Auto Crib to demo. Starts at 0800, lunch will be provided. Email Carl if you will be attending.
- President Rupert asked for volunteers to update the rescue specs. He would like one from each zone (does not have to be a Chief). Let him know if you are anyone from your department is interested.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:**

- Dep. Chief Kurt Holloway has a petition for Jeff Joy for County Commissioner in the back. He is looking for Republican signatures.
- Albert Shaffer has registration forms for the golf tournament to benefit the State Convention.
  - Convention tickets are \$3.00 in advance and \$6.00 at the convention.
- Bob Bowman reminded everyone this is a dues year – get your dues paid \$10.00.
- Dave Hufnagle has tubing passes for anyone who is interested in going. See Dave about the passes.

Motion to adjourn by Bob Bowman, second by Bradley Wright. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for 7:30 pm on Monday, March 19, 2007 at the Fire School.

Sincerely,

*Cindy A. Dietz*

Cindy A. Dietz, Secretary