

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

**330 Emig Road
York, PA 17406**



**Monthly Meeting
3rd Monday**

February 21st, 2011

President Rick Shank called the annual meeting of the York County Fire Chiefs and Firefighters Association to order and led the pledge to the flag and a moment of silence. Thirty - one people were in attendance.

President Rick Shank asked for a motion to approve the minutes as published. 1st: Commissioner Roth 2nd: Tim Mooney Motion Passed

Treasurer Bob Bowman presented the balances of the treasurer's report.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS: Chief John Senft: The Board met this evening. No decisions were made, so no report will be given tonight.

COMMUNICATIONS: Buffington:

Designation Approvals:

- Supervisor 97-1 & Supervisor 97-2 York Hospital (ALS Supervisors)
- Chief 36-2 Yoe Fire Company – Added Chief Position

Radio Information:

- ***Hospital Med Patches:*** County is currently working on an alerting system for the hospitals and for medical command notification.
- ***Radio Programming:*** Dauphin County is programming Highspire mobile radios with York County talk groups. Also, York County going to Station 69 to program their radios with Dauphin County talk groups.
- ***Helicopter Communication:*** Communications will be done on a P25 Conventional channel that will be assigned by the dispatcher. (Talk-around) This channel is not on the system and will not be monitored by the communication center. In the Southwestern portion of the county, dispatchers may assign Adams 1 or Adams 2 to establish a patch.
(ie. Hanover, Penn, West Manheim, Heidelberg, Abbottstown and East Berlin)
- ***Policy Review Committee:*** Chief Myers and Chief Nichols, along with county staff are reviewing Policy #70.1j (Fire Incident Types) It's the section that involves dispatches for vehicles into structures,

with no injuries, or occurred at a previous time. We keep getting alerted for those types of incidents.

New Dispatch Protocol Update / Review: Review proposed guideline for new protocol

- **Voice Dispatch Approval:** Seek approval from the Association to allow county to do voice announcement by station only. (Dispatch) **THE INFORMATION IN YOUR PAGER WOULD NOT CHANGE**, just the voice announcement. The dispatcher will only say the departments being dispatched, not every single piece that is due on the box.
(Implementation planned for March 1, 2011)

A Motion was made to approve the Sta. dispatch. 1st: Rick Witten 2nd: Tony Myers Motion Passed

Bufington: Policy Board – a slap in the face to every emergency responder. Letter reinforced. Not getting accurate info from their channels.

FIRE SCHOOL: Richard Halpin: Last month, we had 183 hours of classes conducted here. We need 2 more students for the Pump Ops class, or we will have to cancel the class. We have had some people call and ask about the status of their registrations. If you send us your registrations and don't get a response within 48 hours, let us know. You may send it, but we may not receive it. We still have several outstanding invoices from last year. We need to have a copy of your Department's Workers comp insurance, and a copy of your liability insurance. We will keep it on file. If your company is doing a joint company level training, we need a copy from every dept that is involved in the training. We will keep them on file. We had 51 companies in York County, 4 companies from Adams County, and 1 from Lancaster that bought Fire School Memberships/Subscriptions. 5 companies bought multiple subscriptions. The Board agreed that for all of our Non-Fire related classes, if we have 10 students registered for any class, we will run the class. If 10 are registered, and only 2 will show up for the class, we will run the class as scheduled. The other 8 students will then be billed for a "No Show."

YORK COUNTY ATR: John Sanford: No Report

OEM: Tom Graybill: No Report

HAZ-MAT TEAM: Tom Graybill: No Report

FIRE POLICE: James Robertson: The 2011 Officers were sworn in. Our books were audited.

RESCUE INSPECTION: Tim Mooney: I have had 2 requests to be inspected in the county. See the committee to schedule an inspection. Inspections are technically supposed to be done by June 2011. For those that don't know, a body pouch is a body bag.

RIT: Joe Yahnke: No Report

FIRE SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Bob Sells: On the Red Engine, hand tools are now mounted. We are still working on the hose dividers. The committee will be meeting next month.

FIRE PREVENTION: No Report

FUND RAISING: No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: No Business

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made to pay the bills. 1st: Mike Miller 2nd: Tim Mooney Motion Passed

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

Next monthly meeting is scheduled for 7:30 pm on Monday, March 21st, 2011, at the York County Fire School.

Motion was made by Bob Bowman to adjourn the meeting. 2nd: Tony Myers Motion Passed

Sincerely,

Heather Grove

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Recording Secretary