

February 24, 2003

Vice President Steve Dietz called the regular (rescheduled) meeting of the York County Fire Chiefs and Firefighters Association to order. Forty-eight members were in attendance. Following the pledge to the flag, minutes of the previous meeting were approved as posted. Paul Schaefer presented the treasurer's report in Bob Bowman's absence. There was a motion by Rob Bissey, second by Rick Shank to accept the treasurer's report.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS: Chairman Kevin Lain reported there would be a meeting held on March 6th at 7pm at the Fire School to review the budget. Other items to be discussed were:

- 1) Starting an internship for a new employee at the fire school.
- 2) Hazmat needs for 2003
- 3) Standard Operating Guidelines
- 4) Association Committees and new appointments

COMMUNICATIONS: None

RADIO COMMITTEE: Chairman Rob Bissey reported that all base station licenses are up to date. There is still one out for renewal and he is waiting for it to come back, it is the York County fire ground frequency. Applications for T54-2 and T47 were approved as replacement pieces and TK19-1 was redesignated as TK19.

Chief Bissey read the following list of stations that still owe the County box card and/or map information:

Fairview Township – Need Fire & EMS Boxes and map for the entire Township (Station & Amb. 68)
Manhiem Township – Need Station 7 Fire Boxes only and Map.
Monaghan Twp – Need Fire & EMS Boxes and Map for the entire Township (Station 67 & Amb. 64?)
Spring Garden Twp – Need Fire & EMS Boxes for the entire Township (Stations 13 & 15, and Amb 13)
Springettsbury Twp – Need Fire & EMS Boxes and Map for the entire Township (Station 16 & 17, Amb 16)
Warrington Township – Need Fire & EMS Boxes for the entire Township (Station 66, Amb. 64)
Washinton Twp – Need Station 66 Fire and EMS Boxes only. Need Station 65 index & EMS boxes.
Wellsville Boro – Need Station 66 Fire and EMS Boxes.
Codorus Twp – Need Station 7 Fire Boxes only.
Carroll Township – Need signed approval letters from Chiefs 65 & 67. Index needs completed 64, 65, and 67.
Dillsburg Boro – Index needs completed. (Station 64)
Franklin Twp – Index needs completed & EMS responses need completed. (Station 65)
Franklintown Boro – Index needs completed & EMS responses need completed. (Station 65)
Chanceford Township – Need EMS approval letter signed from the Township.

Chief Bissey reported that the committee wished at this time to discontinue the monthly siren and monitor test since simulcast was up and running. Motion made by Chief Nichols to discontinue the test, seconded by Chief Stevens. Motion carried.

Chief Bissey reported on the following County Quality Assurance Issues:

- 1) The Dispatcher will advise if a zone frequency is available. Do not just automatically assume "your zone" is not busy and go there.
- 2) Helicopters may be placed on standby by anyone. It takes someone of an EMT level or higher to have the helicopter fly.
- 3) Those in charge of manning an LZ try and remember to advise County when the helicopter is on the ground.

Chief Bissey said that the Committee was still discussing the issues surrounding Fire Command vs EMS Command. A countywide AED Response for fire departments is also being discussed. The County Commissioners announced the 911 Steering Committee. Chief Bissey, Chief Senft, and Nate Kirschman will be representing the Fire Service. The first meeting of this committee will be on March 4th and a second meeting is scheduled for March 18th both meetings will be held at the Pleasant Acres Annex at 1pm. Meeting notices will be advertised in the newspaper and are open to the public. Bob Fasick has been hired as the Project Manager.

Chief Nichols asked if someone is going to be contacting the EMS providers regarding the EMS Command and EMS Chief issues. Chief Bissey said he would be.

Chief Bissey also stated that Nate Kirschman had gotten approval from Don Appleby to get on the State Tower in Shrewsbury. Chief R. Miller said he had spoken with Board Members from Loganville and they were willing to allow the County on their water tank. Mike Corcoran said at this time there is no need to go on the State Tower since the system was redirected to work around it. He said he didn't know if they had even gotten electric to that tower yet or if it was still running off a generator. He said he would let Chief Miller know if Loganville would be needed.

Mike Corcoran asked for any current simulcast problems.
Chief Wolfgang reported intermittent paging problems in East Prospect.
Chief Gemmill reported the voice was faint at times in Chanceford Twp.
Chief Dietz reported faint voice and constant static in Dover.
Cindy Dietz reported North York was having problems with their house siren since simulcast was implemented.

It was brought up that when towers were going to be down for maintenance for any length of time CAC should notify County Control and they in turn should notify the affected stations. Mike also said the Indicator Light had been installed at the fire position in York so the dispatcher would know when Lancaster County was transmitting. He was not sure if it had been done in Lancaster County yet.

Mike Corcoran asked for permission to address the body on behalf of Capital Area Communications. He sighted the problems with the newly contracted county radio maintenance provider ECI vs his company CAC.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Has 2 Techs & no background w/current system• Specializes in basic tower work no technical background• Has never seen a low band simulcast system | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Has 15 Techs 5 in York Co. & knows the system• Has the system working as well as any low band system given the amount of money available |

Mike requested Association members write a letter of support to the County Commissioners requesting they keep him in York. Much discussion and questions from the members followed.

Chief Nichols stated a letter to the Commissioners should be sent stating the Association's concerns and position on radio maintenance within the county.

911: Cindy Dietz reported that the 2003 Resource Manuals have been mailed out to all of the stations. The Manual format has changed and she asked that Officers from the departments copy the enclosed sheet that came with the Manual for each piece of apparatus in their station and send updates to her at the County so she can in turn update the manual for next year.

Cindy stated that pump details were not to be dispatched individually to certain addresses. The dispatcher would make a dispatch for station personnel to respond to their station for an emergency work detail and the station should then from there coordinate the pump details themselves. Chief R. Miller sighted a specific problem with dispatch regarding a pump detail. Operations Manager Schwab offered to investigate it if he would supply the date and time.

Cindy also spoke about a current problem regarding getting fuel to the scene of lengthy incidents. Being a county agency the dispatchers are not allowed to pick a fuel company. The request must come from the chief. To make things easier if each chief would check with his municipality first for any special agreements and then forward the name and phone numbers daytime and after hours for the fuel company they would like contacted. That information would be logged on the department's officer information card and kept at the fire position. Discussion followed regarding resources provided by EMA. Vice President Dietz said he would contact Kay Carman for the answers.

FIRE SCHOOL: Director Paul Schaefer reported that the Fire School budget was approved. The grant for the Engine was also approved but the check had not yet been received. There are training catalogs available. The Vehicle Rescue Module for March is full, but if you are interested he will put you on the waiting list. Essentials start April 15th. Structural Burn class is scheduled for May 3rd & 4th (needed by those going for their Firefighter I Certification). Seminar for Success program scheduled for October 25th.

HAZMAT: Chairman Paul Schaefer reported 4 calls for the month and 5 calls for the year. Money from bills is coming in slow. Hazmat Refresher scheduled for September 14th. SCBA were all tested and the test tubes were replaced. There was a \$4000.00 maintenance cost on one of the pieces of apparatus. Bern Anthony said the Fire School Instructors went to the State Fire Academy over the weekend and the York County Fire School is right in line with state requirements. Paul was irritated by the Central PA website and said while he appreciates some of the responses from loyal members it is a disgrace to the fire service and needs to stop. Grangeville Hazmat no report.

SPECIAL RESCUE TASK FORCE: Mike Cadden reported an Ice Rescue Class was being held at Yoe in March. Seven members of the Task Force are now also members of the USAR Team. Twenty of the team members will be going to Williamsport March 14, 15, & 16 for a refresher on Structural Collapse.

EMA: No report.

ACCOUNTABILITY: Chief Dietz said copies of the SOG were emailed out last year and would be emailed out again tomorrow. He had a few paper copies available with him. Chief Rentzel is looking into hardware possibilities for the tags. The committee would like to make the Fire School a central supply point for tags and boards. The colors will be red for interior certified firefighters and yellow for non-interior certified firefighters. Training workshops will be planned throughout the county utilizing a Train the Trainer approach. Director Schaefer asked if they planned on continuing with the helmet triangles. Chief Dietz advised they were. Chief Stevens has the information but we need to go with a new supplier.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Paul Schaefer presented the bills. Motion to pay the bills by Chief Nichols, seconded by Chief Gemmill. Motion carried.

Chief Bissey stated that Major Hinds had a conflict with tonight's meeting and would be rescheduling his presentation for next month's meeting at 7pm.

Vice President Dietz stated that he has received several letters and emails from Commissioner hopefuls, but he still hasn't seen anyone going full steam ahead for this organization. Discussion followed. Chief K. Miller suggested candidates be invited to speak before the primaries. Chief Myers suggested a separate meeting "Candidate Night". Chief Nichols suggested contacting a Political Science Professor from the college to host the event. Vice President Dietz will set up the meeting.

Chief Shank pointed out that Captain Krichten was in attendance and asked him to tell the body about the explosion that occurred at his home. Chris explained to the members what happened and thanked everyone for their support.

Chief Senft asked if it would be possible to have the Treasurer's Reports made available prior to the meeting for members to look over if they chose and dispense with the reading. Discussion followed. Chief Senft made a motion to dispense with the reading of the Treasurer's Reports and have them made available prior to the meeting to look over. Chief K. Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

Chief Stevens made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Chief Shank. Meeting adjourned by Vice President Steve Dietz.

Next meeting scheduled for 7:30 pm on Monday, March 17, 2003 at the Fire School. Major Hinds will be at the school to give his presentation at 7pm for those who are interested.

Sincerely,

Cindy A. Dietz
Secretary