

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

**330 Emig Road
York, PA 17406**



**Monthly Meeting
3rd Monday**

March 15th, 2010

Prior to the meeting Jeff Hines from the York Water company gave a presentation. Tony Salonga, from Motorola talked about the radios, and what he can offer to departments. Mike Janosko, from Verizon, talked about Verizon's new phones, and the plans that his company offers to fire departments.

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

President Rick Shank asked for a motion to approve the minutes as published. 1st: Tony Myers 2nd: Bob Sells Motion Passed

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

BOARD OF GOVERNORS: Chief John Senft: The Board met this evening. Progress is being made on the RACP grant from the state. We do have a signed contract with the Governor's office. We are making some computer updates, purchasing data projectors. The Engine we are in the process of receiving from United Hook & Ladder has been delayed until April 1st if not a little later.

COMMUNICATIONS: Buffington:

There is a new procedure. It will take effect on: Tuesday, March 16th, 2010.

Routine incidents will be worked on Ops talk groups 2-5. Depending on the geographical location, the talk group would be assigned. The channels will be monitored. Larger incidents will be moved to talk groups 6-16. The call center will assign them at dispatch, or as pieces are responding. An example of a large incident would include but not limited to: Structure fires, Hot Haz-Mat assignments, Mass casualties, Special Rescues, and long-term search and details. These channels will be monitored by the call center. Units on these talk groups are not allowed to go outside of their assigned talk group, unless authorized by the dispatcher.

Routine calls will be dispatched on "Home Ops Talk Group. Units are to call response and on-scene using this channel. If needed, another channel may be assigned by the dispatcher or requested the duty officer. Structure fires dispatch in Ops 4 area. The pager will display the usual information and show 4/10. All responding units will call responding on Ops 4 and then switch to Ops 10 to call on scene and remain for the duration of the call. When units are calling responding, the dispatcher will acknowledge the unit, and tell the unit to switch to channel 10. Additional information requested is to be given on the Home Ops Talk Channel, not the active incident talk channel. Response checks are to be done on the Home Ops Talk Channel. For minor calls involving large buildings, and excessive talk on the radio, the IC can request an Ops Channel, and advise the dispatcher that the channel does not need to be monitored.

Everyone can call on scene. This policy was the best that the committee could come up with. During first alarms, units can ask for assignments prior to arrival. When it comes to second and third, etc., try to ask for your assignments face to face with the incident commander when possible.

When the box is placed in service – a page is being sent out to cancel the call – “The box has been placed in service.” It was asked, “Does it need to be sent out if it is not in the first 5 minutes of the call?” Someone received a page 11 hours after their units were placed in service, for the fire police were still on scene until the call was over.

We are installing the remainder of the mobile radios. Reprogramming fire radios will begin on Monday, April 5th. You will need to get a hold of Phil to schedule your programming.

The West Manheim Twp. site drawing has been approved. They just need to be approved by an Engineer yet. The Hanover Hospital drawings have been sent to them. The sites should be ready to go around August.

If your dept. plans on buying Motorola radios, it is important that they go to an authorized vender. Sites like Ebay may say the radios work, and should work on our system, but they are not guaranteed to work with our system. If the radios are bought through an authorized dealer, and issues do occur, Motorola will stand behind their product, and fix the issue, or even replace the item if needed. If you buy the radios from someone else, the bill is on you. 911 will do all of the programming of any new radio.

Contract pricing is good for 18 months after the date the county accepted the system. That date we accepted the system was August 12, 2009.

There has been a staffing change at 911. Julio Mendez is in charge of the operations. He is on the policy board. He is a retired State Trooper.

Everyone should have received an email regarding your custom G bank. You should also be able to do web paging, and have the ability to page work detail from any computer.

Phil has only received info from 18 agencies out of sixty some agencies concerning the custom G banks.

FIRE SCHOOL: People are still coming to classes, etc. Everything is still running as planned and scheduled.

YORK COUNTY ATR: John Sanford: There were no calls for the month. There is a Trench Rescue 1004 class starting in April.

OEM: Tom Graybill: No Report

HAZ-MAT TEAM: Bob Boekel: There were 6 calls for the month.

FIRE POLICE: James Robertson: We met with County Comm. The By-Law Committee is making progress.

RESCUE INSPECTION: Rick Shank: There was a meeting. Starting in June, we will begin inspections. The Certification process will take at least 3 hours. The committee will check the certifications that day. Once certified, it will be good for three years.

There was discussion about making a certification sticker. One could be Rescue and the other Heavy Rescue. The sticker can be optional. It was decided to go with a large sticker similar to the DOH sticker.

RIT: Tim Mooney: 5 teams have turned in paperwork. Two stations can combine to make one team.

FIRE SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Tony Myers: We are working with BOG to re-write the Burn Policy to include local level burning.

FIRE PREVENTION: No Report

FUND RAISING: We need to know where to go.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: No Business

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made to pay the bills. 1st: John McDonald 2nd: Kris Krichten Motion Passed

President Shank mentioned that there have been a lot of rumors going around about Carl. Carl has resigned from the Fire School, and is going back home to New York to be with his family.

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

Next monthly meeting is scheduled for 7:30 pm on Monday, April 19th, 2010, at (Sta. 62) Seven Valleys.

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

Sincerely,

Heather Marsteller

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Recording Secretary