

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

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MONTHLY MEETING
THIRD MONDAY

March 20, 2006

President Skip Rupert called the regular monthly meeting of the Fire Chiefs and Firefighters Association of York County Inc. to order and led the pledge to the flag. Twenty-nine people were in attendance. There was a short recess for President Rupert to be shaved for St. Baldricks.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as published. President Rupert asked for a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. John Fornadel made the motion, seconded by Chief Shank. Motion carried.

RADIO COMMITTEE: Chief Shank reported that the Mayday policy was out for review and comment.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS: Chief Barry Myers reported the Executive Committee met prior to the meeting. The following items were discussed:

- Review if a part of the burn building may still be usable. Still researching financing options.
- Priority of spending for projects.
- Energy Audit is being conducted – results will be known in a year.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

911: Bob Bragg reported members of the 911 Staff are currently attending a conference.

- Radio technicians are replacing tube amps with solid state amps.

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

Statement:

“Taking Care of our Own”:

This class was well attended with 36 of the 41 students pre-registered for the class. We were fortunate enough to have the acting director of the United States Fire Administration here to present the chief's portion of the program.

There is a possibility of the Fire School hosting another similar program. The NFFF is putting together a new program the combines two of there present ones and may consider the Fire School as site for its pilot program.

Mason-Dixon Extrication Challenge:

The challenge is scheduled for May 5-6-7, 2006. We currently have 5 teams registered with anticipation of the return of many of last year's teams.

New Essentials Program:

Important Reminder: The new Essentials program (Introduction to the Fire Service, Fire Ground Support, Exterior Firefighter, Interior Fire Fighter) Must be taken in SEQUENCE. If we have to cancel classes due to low enrollment, it can very easily impact on upcoming classes. This is a new program, Please bear with us as we find out what it takes to make this program successful.

Important Reminder: EACH STUDENT will be responsible to demonstrate satisfactory completion of the skills in EACH Course before the can move on to the next course and graduate the program. They will also be responsible to keep their skill book with them and to take them to EACH Class in the series. If they do not have their book they will be asked to leave the class. If their skill books are lost, the

student must replace them, including getting their previous instructors to sign off all the skill sheets for the completed sections. For your reference, The PA Handbook/Workbook Bundle price (at our Fire School rate) is **\$87.96** the PA workbook set (again at our Fire School rate) is **\$33.56**

At this time we are NOT going to change our schedule for the new Essentials Series. However the next few classes we have scheduled will have a significant impact on whether or not we will be able to complete a whole Essentials series by the end of the year. If you have questions please call me at the Fire School 717-767-4097. We have our full schedule on our website (www.yorkcountfireschool.org). It is continually updated so please check it often.

Structural Burn Sessions:

We have added 3 Structural Burn Sessions next year (2006). June 6, 8 & 10; September 11, 14 and 17; November 25 & December 2, (**Check next months report for new information about these classes**)

Firefighter I Testing:

Please, watch for information regarding a partnership with one of our County Fire Departments to bring a Firefighter I (Prep Class and Test) to York County and the Fire School by the end of the year.

Program Support and Maintenance:

Items addressed since last meeting; Police grounds of debris and trash, Cleared trash from Class rooms, Repaired out side stairs, worked with Parichuk and Yohe Paving regarding a bid proposal to address drainage/safety issue (gutters) (at the direction of the Board of Governors), worked on obtaining vehicles for Heavy Rescue Class. Recharged PW Fire Extinguishers, Worked with Electrician regarding issue in Haz-mat building, Took water samples from retention pond. Cleaned Fire Extinguisher Pad, Checked with Glen Gary Brick regarding brick and mortar to be used at flammable liquids pit (at Board Members request), Checked Battery conditions on both Fire Trucks, Obtained and installed sign asking person to properly take care of there cigarette butts, Picked up Extinguisher Maintenance supplies at Hartmans, obtained a vehicle for extrication classes, Worked on Preventive Maintenance on fire Extinguishers, Worked with Ron Dennis and others regarding possible sewer leaks, Cleaned rescue area, Grass Seed for area excavated for suspected sewer leak.

Current Schedule:

The 2006 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.

Upcoming Courses:

Basic Vehicle Rescue – Awareness: March 25 & 26, 08:00 – 17:00 **Class is FULL**
American Heat Association – Heartsaver First Aid and CPR (register through HACC), April 1, 08:00 -17:00 (This will meet the requirements for Firefighter I testing), (\$65.00 charge)
National Incident Management System – 700 Course, April 3, 18:30 – 22:30
EVOC, April 4 & 6 18:30 -22:30, April 8, 08:00 -17:00
National Incident Management System – 700 Course, April 7, 18:30 – 22:30
National Incident Management System – ICS Course, April 18 & 20, 18:30 – 22:30, April 22, 08:00 -17:00
Introduction to Fire Service (First of four courses of NEW ESSENTIALS SERIES) April 29 and 30, 08:00 – 17:00
Basic Vehicle Rescue – Operations: April 29 & 30, 08:00 – 17:00

FIRE SCHOOL COMMITTEE: No Report.

YORK COUNTY ATR: Chief Cadden reported Ropes & Rigging were reviewed, they now have struts. Trench Weekend is coming soon.

FIRE POLICE: Jim Robertson reported the State Fire Police Association meeting will be held on May 20th & 21st in Erie County. Next County meeting is scheduled for March 27th in Lewisberry. April 22nd is the County Fire Police Banquet.

OEM: President Rupert asked Tom Graybill if he had heard anything more regarding out of county Haz-mat Teams. Tom said he has not.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Chief Cadden stated there needs to be a uniform Mayday Policy for the entire County. Chief Cadden made a motion to accept the policy proposed by 911. Chief Yanke seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Motion carried.
- Chief Yanke had questions about the County Chiefs Mayday Policy. Discussion followed. The Board of Governors will review the policy along with any comments that Chief Shank receives.
- President Rupert asked for a motion to pay the bills. Motion to pay the bills by Commissioner Roth second by Chief Herman. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Chief Shank made a motion to allow the Board of Governors to spend up to \$15,000.00 to repair the fuel pit. Second by Commissioner Roth. Motion carried.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

- Dave Gemmill reported that the Junior Fire Fighters Association had training coming up.
- Chief Barry Myers asked about box alarm changes being suspended by the County.
 - Chief Shank said this is because they are trying to get the initial information loaded into the CAD.Chief Barry Myers questioned different types of dispatches being used by 911 and wanted to know why 911 was going to dispatch by piece of apparatus instead of by station. Discussion followed.
 - Chief Shank said he would check into it.
- President Rupert reported the quarterly meeting in April will be held at Station 54, and the July quarterly meeting will be held at VFIS.

Motion to adjourn by Bob Bowman. Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.

The following station still owes dues for 2005/2006 – Nashville - Station 11

Next meeting scheduled for 7:30 pm on Monday, April 17, 2006 at the Eureka Fire Company, (Station 54) in Stewartstown.

Sincerely,

Rick Witten
Acting Secretary