

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

**330 Emig Road
York, PA 17406**



**Monthly Meeting
3rd Monday**

April 15th, 2013

President Steve Buffington called the quarterly meeting of the York County Fire Chiefs and Firefighters Association to order.

President Steve Buffington led the pledge to the flag and a moment of silence. Forty – two people were in attendance.

President Steve Buffington thanked Nashville for hosting us, and for providing such a delicious meal. Deputy Chief Brad Dunham welcomed the Association to the Nashville Volunteer Fire Company. He said after the meeting, everyone is welcomed to look around.

Keith Ewan, DCNR Fire Forester, spoke about the resources available to everyone. Currently till May 1st, we have access to aircraft if needed. If you think you are going to be fighting a brush fire for a while, call for brush teams early. Sta. 71 & 72 fight wildfires all the time. That is what they do. Don't hesitate to call if you need additional resources.

Erik Bistline from 911 discussed the protocol changes. He stated that YCDES has worked on these proposed changes at the request of the county associations. We wanted to come up with a standard for the whole county. He stated that Fire will be dispatched on Alpha. EMS will be dispatched on Bravo. Fire Police will use Charlie. We changed the "G" bank to the "Zulu" bank. We just renamed it. Channel 1 will be used to dispatch. On the Zulu bank, Channel 1 will be used for dispatch. There will be 4 channels for fire, 4 channels for EMS, 4 channels for Fire Police, 2 channels for Police, and a Police side channel. Route 30 is not the exact dividing line, but mostly those that are north of Route 30 would call out on Channel 2. Those departments south of Route 30 would call out on Channel 3. Zulu is convenient to those using the "G" bank.

There were numerous questions and answers during a discussion session of the proposed protocol.

President Steve Buffington stated that if any action is to be taken tonight on the radio protocols, it would have to come up during New Business. He thanked Erik Brown and Eric Bistline for coming to the meeting and giving their presentation.

President Steve Buffington asked if there were any corrections needed to last month's minutes. With no corrections, a motion was made to approve the minutes as published. 1st: Rick Witten 2nd: Bob Sells
Motion Passed

Treasurer Bob Bowman presented the following report: Beginning Balance: \$ 12,617.06 with an Ending Balance: \$ 4,152.46

President Steve Buffington approved the Treasurer's Report as read.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS: John Senft:

The Board met this evening. We discussed the permit and the progress of the projects of the classroom and pavilion on the lower training grounds. We also discussed the Burn Building issue.

911: Julio Mendez:

I want to thank everyone for their efforts and involvement with Dispatcher Appreciation Week. The Chiefs Association has volunteered to provide the meal for the dispatchers during their lunch break for all three shifts on Wednesday.

Brian Widmayer stated they will be serving chicken, pulled pork, potato and macaroni salad, chips and pretzels, and drinks. Sta. 9 has volunteered to serve the night shift, but we could still use volunteers to serve during the day. The times are approximately 11 am – 1:00pm and 5:30 pm – 7:30pm and the 1:30 am – 3:30 am.

FIRE SCHOOL: Richard Halpin:

For the month, we had 202.5 hours of training at the school. The Social Media class that was scheduled for this Wednesday has been canceled. We have added two new classes to the website. The first is a Stat MedEvac Landing Zone class. That is scheduled for April 30th. They plan to land the helicopter at the school after the lecture portion of the class. There is no formal registration form for the class. Just contact the school with an approximate number of students, so we have a head count. The other class is a MetEd Electrical Safety class. That class is scheduled for May 11th from 9 to 11 in the morning. MetEd will have their Safety trailer there for a class demonstration. So far, HACC has received 11 applications for our Firefighter 1 test that is scheduled for June 21st & 22nd. They will run the exam with 11 students. We are working on scheduling a Firefighter 2 Prep class in the fall. In the month of January, we ran 0 classes for the month. In February and March, we trained 349 students for a total of 186 classroom hours. That totals to 5,510 student training hours for the first three months of this year.

STATE POLICE: Brad Dunham:

There is a new protocol we have to follow for after hour calls for an arson investigator. There are a bunch of questions that will be asked, and a decision will be made if an investigator should come out immediately, or if it can wait till the following day or so. The fire grant is now filled till July 1st. I want to thank everyone for finally submitting their Red Light / Blue Light list to me. Keep this year's roster, and just update it for next year. I like to have all of the lists into the office by early March. The Arson class that was held up at the Fire School went well. Everyone seemed to really like it. There are plans to do the class again, but no timetable has been set as to when it will be offered next.

YORK COUNTY ATR: President Steve Buffington: I believe they are out of the state on training.

OEM: Tom Graybill:

Tomorrow we will be participating in the TMI drill. We will be out of sequence.

HAZ-MAT TEAM: Tom Graybill:

There were 4 calls for the month. There have been a total of 16 calls for the year. The Haz-Mat Team will be going out of sequence Wednesday.

FIRE POLICE: Jim Robertson:

At the last meeting, there were 27 companies, 50 members, and 8 guests present. Our next meeting is next Monday at Strinestown, Sta. 26. If you have not turned in your dues or roster, this will be your last chance. They should have been turned in last month, but we extended it to the next meeting.

FIRE SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Bob Sells:

We currently have no projects going on. We are waiting on the RACP grant to discuss the next phase of projects.

FIRE PREVENTION: Steve Tawney: No one present to give a report.

FUND RAISING: John McDonald:

I am working on a fund raiser. More information is to follow.

RESCUE INSPECTION: Glenn Jansen: No one present to give a report.

RIT: Brian Widmayer: No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A motion was made to pay the bills. 1st: Jan Cromer 2nd: Roger Flohr Motion Passed

NEW BUSINESS:

President Steve Buffington asked for on more volunteer to sit on the By-Law Committee. Chief 42, Jerry Hanson volunteered to sit on the committee.

Bob Sells stated that last year, it became policy that as an Association, we would wait to vote on matters till the following month, so topics could be discussed and considered, unless the matter need to be addressed in a pressing time frame.

A motion was made that we as an association hold the vote on the proposed protocol till next month. 1st: Bob Sells 2nd: Brian Bastinelli Motion Passed

A motion was made to consider calling a special meeting to express purpose to discuss the template. 1st: John Senft 2nd: Brian Bastinelli

President Steve Buffington stated the special meeting would be held on Monday, May 6th, at 7:00 at the Fire School, if the motion passes.

By a show of hands, the motion did not pass, and there will be no special meeting.

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

Rick Witten mentioned that the Hershey Park Stadium is hosting the 2013 Fight for Air Climb sponsored by the American Lung Association. He stated that the Hershey Fire Department is challenging a York County Fire Department to beating their time during the event.

The next monthly meeting is scheduled for 7:00 pm on Monday, May 20th, at the York County Fire School.

President Steve Buffington adjourned the meeting.

Sincerely,

Heather Grove

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Recording Secretary