

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

**330 Emig Road  
York, PA 17406**



**Monthly Meeting  
3<sup>rd</sup> Monday**

April 16, 2007

Vice President Dennis Beck called the quarterly meeting of the York County Fire Chiefs and Firefighters Association to order and led the pledge to the flag. Vice President Beck thanked the Airville Fire Company for the wonderful meal and hospitality. Joe Snyder, Asst. Chief, invited everyone to see the apparatus after the meeting. There were forty-six people in attendance.

**Roll call was taken.** Twenty-four out of sixty-five stations were represented and reported.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as published.

Vice President Beck asked for a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, Chief Herman made the motion, second by John Fornadel. Motion carried.

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS:** Chief Senft reported on the following items:

- Introduced Commissioner Kilgore, who said a few words.
  - Commissioner Kilgore, Senator Wahl, and Chief Senft have been meeting with local leaders regarding funding for the expansion project at the Fire School.
- A tractor/loader/backhoe has been acquired for the school. It is a John Deere 410, it was purchased from Hellam Twp (who had purchased it new) for \$20,000.00. This was \$10,000.00 less then the Board had been approved to spend.
- Repairs to the tower and temporary repairs to the burn building are taking place.
- Work on the land development and geotechnical plans continues.

**RADIO COMMITTEE:** No report

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**911:** Cindy Dietz reported on the following

- The Information Technology group at 911 continues to work on issues with the Firehouse Software interface. Currently they have calls set up with Microsoft and New World Systems in an attempt to resolve a Microsoft Software conflict with the program. She explained the conflict has to do with the new geo clustering environment that the department went with as a redundancy solution for CAD. Hopefully this will be resolved and users can begin connecting sometime in the next two weeks.
- Firehouse Software 7.0 update was just received today at the Center. This update should be applied within the next two weeks and departments will then be notified that they may resume sending their reports.

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

**My apologies for missing the meeting**

- I am at the Fire Department Instructors Conference in Indianapolis the night of the meeting. One of my goals while attending there is to make initial contacts with various instructors to see what we can bring to YORK COUNTY to enhance our training
  - One goal will be to work on a new car / Hybrid technology update for the County's rescuers

**Hours of use:**

- From 3/19/07 to 4/15/07 there were 50 events at your Fire School for a total 214.5 hours of Training.
- We continue to have a weekly average of more than 40 hours of training per week

**The ENTRY LEVEL Program:**

- April 1<sup>st</sup> your fire school started 2 classes of the Entry Level Exterior Firefighter Class. Both classes average 20 students per class.
  - There will be 2 Classes that run parallel during this time (EACH CLASS HAS ITS OWN UNIQUE SCHEDULE)
  - Instructor Gross's Class will meet on these dates: April 1, 15, 22, 29 and May 13
  - Instructor Hoover's Class will meet on these dates: April 1, 15, 22, May 12, 19 and 20
- Our Entry Level Interior Firefighter class is progressing well under the direction of Lead instructor Dave Nichols. This program is scheduled to conclude on April 29, 2007 with a live fire exercise at HACC
- This class has taken on a class project of having a "class shirt" Your Fire School is working with them and Driftwood Embroidery to make this happen.

**Mason-Dixon Extrication Challenge:**

- Next meeting of the organizing committee will be April 23, 2007 @ 18:30 Hours at Station 23.
- A go / no go decision will be made at this meeting. This decision will be based on a balanced budget where incomes from registration and other sources will meet or hopefully exceed our expenses
- We have had some more donations recently to bolster our pre-event revenue. This included a very generous donation from Drivers Bank, Fulton Division.

**Firefighter I Testing:**

- York County Fire School will be hosting an IFSAC/PROBOAD Fire Fighter I Certification test this fall. The Written test will be October 12 and the Practical exam will be on November 3, 2007. A cut off date will be established and all monies for the test must be submitted PRIOR to the cut off date – watch for more information soon.
- A prep class for this test will be September 29th

**NFPA 1006, Standard for Professional Rescue Technician, Core Competencies Machinery/Vehicle Review Course and Test (UPDATED INFORMATION):**

- Discussion have been held with HACC, and we are proceeding as follows
- The Test date for the Core Competencies will be December 8<sup>th</sup>, at this point in time the Machinery and Vehicle portions will be pushed back to 2008
- October 27 and 28 will be a review class on the core competencies With Gary Carpenter instructing
  - Ropes and Rigging class is strongly advised before taking the test, Station 34 is working on securing this class and your fire school looks forward to working with them to make this available to anyone in the County Fire Services who is interested.

**Fire Officer I:**

- The Fire School has contacted the State Fire Academy to bring the Academy on the Road (AOTR) Fire Officer I class and certification to YCFS this fall. The Dates of the classes are October 20 & 21, November 3 & 4 and November 17 & 18. The Fire School MUST HAVE a minimum of 12 candidates to have this course run.
- **The Fire School has applications for this program. Applications were included in our last mailing to the County Departments**

- Candidates for this program must have the following certification
  - Firefighter I
  - Firefighter II
  - **Fire Instructor I**
  - **We have scheduled a class for Fire Instructor I beginning May 13**
  - We DO NOT at this time have a FF II test schedule. The Fire School has NOT gotten enough request that we can justify scheduling one here.
  - Make sure you check with HACC and BUCKS as well as the Pa State Fire Academy Web site for upcoming dates and location if you need this certification.

**Current and Future Schedule:**

- The 2007 schedule is available online at our web site [www.YorkCountyFireSchool.org](http://www.YorkCountyFireSchool.org) , just click on the [Click Here to See Available Classes](#) link on the home page.
- **Be sure to check out the website for the latest Updates**  
[www.YorkCountyFireSchool.org](http://www.YorkCountyFireSchool.org)

**Correspondence:** The following is a copy of an E-mail forwarded to YCFS from Jeff Joy after the County EMA and YCFS worked together to provide an training opportunity .

**From:** Patrick Shull  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 12, 2007 9:45 AM  
**To:** Joy, Jeffrey S.  
**Cc:** 'Gregory Noll'  
**Subject:** Training Seminar

Jeff,

**Once again, the York County Fire School was an excellent host for our recent TEEX training seminar.** I appreciate the opportunity to attend this valuable training. Hats off to your caterer; It's not often one can enjoy a good steak at a training session! **We look forward to future training at your location. Thanks again.**

Patrick Shull

Director, Security Services

**YORK COUNTY ATR:** Chief Mike Cadden reported there have been eight (8) rescue incidents so far this year for the Team. Several members are recertifying in Swift Water Rescue. Trench Weekend 2007 is coming up next weekend. Call early if you think you are going to need the ATR team to respond.

**OEM:** No report

**FIRE POLICE:** No Report

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- Vice President Beck asked for a motion to pay the bills. Motion to pay the bills by Albert Shaffer second by John Fornadel. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:**

- Albert Shaffer reported that the State Fire Convention parade being hosted by York City will be on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. He stated that they are looking for new judges since Dunkle Valley is no longer permitted to judge here.

- Chief Senft spoke to the body for a moment on the deluge of multiple alarm fires to hit York City during the first quarter of the year. He expressed his gratitude to the mutual aid departments who have assisted.
  - April 29<sup>th</sup> is the 131<sup>st</sup> Annual Memorial Service for the York City Fire Department. All are invited to attend.
  - York City is hosting the State Convention – AUCE Shrimp Feed Fundraiser being held on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Manchester Fire Company. Tickets \$20.00. Must be 18 years of age to attend. Doors open at noon – serving starts at 1 pm.
- Dick Sterner from the Red Cross thanked all the departments who have participated in the many fires so far this year. He reminded the body to call early if you need the Red Cross.
- Cindy Dietz advised that two new Special Response Instructions (SRI's) have been added to all Structure Fire call types in CAD.
  - Prompt OIC – Will you need the Red Cross for Canteen or Family Services?
  - Prompt OIC – Will you need any utilities contacted?

Motion to adjourn by Bob Bowman, second by Chief Orwig. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for 7:30 pm on **Tuesday**, May 21, 2007 at the Fire School.

Sincerely,

*Cindy A. Dietz*

Cindy A. Dietz, Secretary