

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

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MONTHLY MEETING
THIRD MONDAY

April 17, 2006

President Skip Rupert called the quarterly meeting of the York County Fire Chiefs and Firefighters Association to order and led the pledge to the flag. Eureka Fire Company Chief Ira Walker gave the welcoming address and President Rupert gave the response thanking Stewartstown Fire Company for their hospitality. There were thirty-three members in attendance.

Bob Ditzel reported that the York County Fire Fighters Association was looking for departments to host the 2008 and 2009 County Conventions. Companies were also needed to host the quarterly meetings in Nov. 2006, Feb. 2007, and May 2007.

Roll call was taken. Nineteen out of sixty-five stations were represented and reported.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as published with the following correction:

York County ATR – Members attended ropes and rigging class and structural collapse operations. The team purchased a set of struts for Station 36 that are carried on their trailer. This purchase adds to their existing supply of struts carried by other ATR Stations (9, 46, and 61).

President Rupert asked for a motion to accept the treasurer's report Chief Tony Myers made the motion, seconded by John Fornadel. Motion carried.

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

- Met with an engineering firm. Trying to get one room in the burn building open.
- In the process of meeting with contractors.

RADIO COMMITTEE: Chief Shank reported the designation for Car 46-3 was approved. The committee discussed EMS unit designations, as well as approved fire apparatus designations.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

911: Project Director Rob Sterner reported on the following:

- Building
 - A groundbreaking ceremony was held for the new building.
 - Site development has started.
 - 550 day project duration – completion Sept. / Oct. 2007.
- Radio
 - The radio contract was awarded to M/AComm.
 - The site development contract was awarded to J.G. Contracting in Pittsburgh.
 - The radio infrastructure will be a 22 site simulcast system utilizing T-band and UHF frequencies.
 - User equipment is included in the contract with M/AComm.
 - L. Robert Kimball & Associates has been retained to assist in working through site acquisition.
 - The design review phase will involve input from Chiefs for specific interoperability solutions. This will occur in late May or early June.
 - See Attachment "End User Radio Pricing". Document was distributed and discussed.

- For budgeting purposes, Rob will plug in the individual numbers that were submitted by each department and send them back out in July with totals.
- An options list will be provided at a later date – these are additional options you may want to purchase that are not on the current list.
- Radio Q & A
 - Q- Chief Tony Myers – Do the batteries include belt clips?
 - A- Rob – I will check.

 - Q- You mention that there will be different pagers available, will all models be fully funded?
 - A- Rob – yes.

 - Q- Chief Walker – Is there a warranty or maintenance contract that comes with the pagers?
 - A- Rob – Will check if there is a short term warranty. There is no maintenance plan.

 - Q- Chief Dietz – What is the plan for installing and mounting the mobiles?
 - A- The County will step up and make any special modifications needed to make the system work.

 - Q- Is the mic a high gain mic?
 - A- Rob- No it is not. It is a public safety speaker mic. The standard speaker mic is an option.

 - Q- Chief Snyder – Was in-house station alerting addressed?
 - A- Rob – The County will provide a signal. Your station will be responsible for the decoder.

 - Q- Chief Tony Myers – How are we handling civil defense?
 - A- Rob - EMA will be looking in to that as a separate issue.

Audrey Rychalsky reported that Doug Eash will be putting together a class for the dispatchers to teach them about fire apparatus. The South Central Counter Terrorism Task Force received grant money and is in the process of providing Reverse 911 to the centers in the region.

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

Mason-Dixon Extrication Challenge:

- ☛ The challenge is scheduled for May 5-6-7, 2006.
- ☛ We currently have 6 teams registered, with anticipation of the return of most of last year's team.
- ☛ To be financially responsible, we need 8 teams to run this event, **a go/no go decision will be made on April 21, 2006**

Facility Rental:

- ☛ The Fire School's Facilities was rented to L/B Water Service South, Inc. for their annual Spring Training Seminar. The Seminar was for local area water distribution contractors.
 - Income from Rental \$700.00

New Essentials Program:

- ☛ If you have any questions about the new Essentials Program (Series of Classes) please feel free to E-mail or call the Office at 717-767-4097
- ☛ The Intro Class scheduled for April 29 and 30 is FULL
 - With this class and the 2 intro courses that ran earlier in the year we have in excess of 60 students ready to move onto Fire Ground Support
- ☛ The Fire Ground Support class that is scheduled to begin on May 9 (Tue – Thur Evenings) has 3 pre-registered
- ☛ The Fire Ground Support class that is scheduled to begin May on 14 (Sunday days) has 1 pre-registered
 - These classes will be canceled if we do not get more students
- ☛ The next Intro to Fire Service class is scheduled for June 20th. It is a weekday day time course

Structural Burn Sessions:

- ☛ The 3 Structural Burn Sessions we have scheduled for this year (2006) are June 6, 8 & 10; September 11, 14 and 17 and November 25 & December 2.
- ☛ **The SBS Class scheduled for June will have it classes held here at our Fire School and the Burn Session will be held at HACC.**
 - **Due to Cost involved there will be a student fee of \$25.00 for each attending.**

- ☛ **Projects underway by the Board of Governors may have an impact on the other two classes scheduled. Watch for more details.**

Firefighter I Testing:

- ☛ The Fire School is working with Instructor Dan Hoff, Dover Twp Fire Department and BUCKS Public Safety Training Center to bring a Firefighter I test to York the County Fire School.
- ☛ The Primary sponsors of this would be Dover Township F.D., they are willing to have members of other departments join them in this process.
- ☛ Final details have not yet been established, but the Test is tentatively Scheduled for December 15 and 16.

Program Support and Maintenance:

Items addressed since last meeting: **Checked Grounds for Trash and Debris.** Worked on Vehicle Rescue Area, **Work on Fire Extinguishers,** Consulted Electrician regarding Dusk to Dawn Light, **Contacted Met-Ed about replacing bulb of Dusk to Dawn Security Lighting (done),** Took water sample from Catchment pond, **Cleaned Confined Space Area,** Crusher waste delivered for Updating Vehicle Rescue Area, **Contacted Key Stone trailer about repairing floor in Smoke Maze (awaiting their reply),** Repaired Downspout on Ladder Shed, **Installed Automatic Air Freshener in lobby area,** Cleaned area around catchment pond, **Worked on “Safetying” Car for Extrication Class and Challenge,** Worked on Clearing Brush from bank area, **Installed absorbent “PIG” in the catchment pond to absorb oils,** Made sure equipment was ready for use by ARD/CS worker, **Picked up supplies,** Opened Bathroom on Lower lever for the year (Ladder Shed), **Was here at 7:00 AM for facility Rental, addressed customers needs to facilitate there use,** Hung Thermometers on and inside Apparatus Building and on Ladder Shed on Drill Grounds, **Cleaned outside bathroom,** Sprayed for weeds, **Worked on Catchment Pond pollution abatement issues,** Assisted with outside Maintenance of Fire Extinguishers in Haz-Mat Building, obtained Wasp and Hornet spray for spring time activities

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.
- ☛ We are considering updates and additions to the Late Summer and Fall Schedule. Please contact the Fire School if you have any input.

Upcoming Courses:

- ☛ **Introduction to Fire Service** (First of four courses of NEW ESSENTIALS SERIES) April 29 and 30, 08:00 – 17:00 **CLASS IS FULL**
- ☛ Basic Vehicle Rescue – Operations: April 29 & 30, 08:00 – 17:00 **CLASS IS FULL**
- ☛ Haz-Mat Ops Refresher; May 2 & 3, 18:30-21:30
- ☛ Haz-Mat Operations “472”; May 8, 9, 15,16,22,23 18:30 – 22:30
- ☛ **Fire Ground Support** (part 2 of the Essentials Series); May 9,11,16,18, 23, 25, 30, June 1, 6, 8, 13, 15. (Tue, Thur. Evenings 18:30 -22:30)
- ☛ **Fire Ground Support** (part 2 of the Essentials Series); May 14, 21, 28, June 4, 11, 18, 24 (Sunday day 08:00 – 17:00
- ☛ Pump Operations I; May 17, 18, 24, 25, 18:30 – 22:30
- ☛ Basic Vehicle Rescue – Technicians; May 20 & 21, 08:00 -17:00
- ☛ Confined Space Rescue; May 20 & 21, 08:00 – 17:00

FIRE SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Chief Yanke reported the committee will be meeting tomorrow (April 18) at 1400 hrs. at the Fire School.

YORK COUNTY ATR: Chief Myers reported the team was on one standby and one response over the past month. There are still openings for Trench Weekend – see Chief Myers.

FIRE POLICE: Jim Robertson reported the County Fire Police met in Lewisberry on March 22nd. Eric Bistline, Executive Director of Emergency Services attended and reported on the Emergency Services Center project. Martin Boven, York City Fire, spoke on the upcoming Fire Fighter Combat Challenge being held in York City on June 9th and 10th. The State Fire Marshall was also in attendance and addressed the group.

- Jim asked that stations turn in their red/blue light rosters to the Loganville PSP barracks.
- Fire Police Banquet will be held this coming Saturday night in Nashville.

OEM: No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- President Rupert asked for the status of the Mayday policy.
 - 911 Mayday Policy approved. Association Policy was deemed to be a RIT Policy not a Mayday Policy.
- President Rupert asked for a motion to pay the bills. Motion to pay the bills by Chief Shank second by John Fornadel. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Chief Yahnke made a motion to establish a committee to form a RIT Policy. Motion second by Chief Walker. Motion carried. President Rupert said to notify him or someone on the Board if you are interested in serving on this committee.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

- President Rupert stated that if there were no objections the May meeting will be held at VFIS.
- Chief Joe Snyder brought up for discussion – fire police running both red and blue lights. A firefighter from Delta explained there was one individual doing this and he was pulled over and told about it.

Motion to adjourn by John Fornadel. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

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

Next meeting scheduled for 7:30 pm on Monday, May 15, 2006 at Glatfelter's Insurance on Leaders Height Road.

Sincerely,

Cindy A. Dietz

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Secretary