

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

**330 Emig Road  
York, PA 17406**



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

April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011

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

Prior to the meeting, President Shank gave the floor to Nelson Brenneman, from the York County Fire Police Association, to speak about how the Fire Police need to know what is going on, on the radios. The Fire Police are saying that they have to hear the information from either the Duty Officer of the Chief.

President Rick Shank approved the minutes as published.

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

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS:** Chief John Senft: The Board met this evening. We discussed financial issues, ways to cut our water consumptions. We are in the early stages of looking into solar energy. We are reviewing the Live Fire policy.

**COMMUNICATIONS: Erik Brown:**

Approved Supervisor 1 (West York EMS)

Apparatus Change: Engine 22-2 is now Attack 22

Approved Boat 18-1, Boat 18-2, and Boat 18-3

**Important Reminder:** When responding to calls, always call responding on your home ops channel. Even if the call is in another area. Also, when the dispatcher tells you to switch to another talk group for operations, you DO NOT and please note not acknowledge the dispatcher on the working ops channel. EXAMPLE: You call responding on Ops 4 and are told to switch to ops 10 for the incident. Switch immediately to Ops 10, but do not advise the dispatcher you are on Ops 10. Its unnecessary air traffic, plus it could interfere with units already operating on that channel.

Also, another reminder to make sure I'm made aware of communication issues. I can't follow-up with it if I'm not made aware of it. Also, continue to fill out the form on the county's website. Please include my contact information at the bottom in the minutes.

Discussion was held on the dispatch page not having the assigned Op's channel. After much discussion it was decided to give the radio committee the following request. When a dispatch is made the operations Op's channel will be posted on the pager. This is just for everyone to know where they are operating on not to call responding. You will still respond on your home Op's channel and then switch to the operations channel on the pager. This

channel will be used only for fire operations on the radio. All non essential information like what is my assignment will be done face to face by the officer of the piece so the interior personnel have a clear working channel.

When you get on scene, report to the Chief or Duty Officer. Don't ask for your assignments on the radio, when you can get your orders when you arrive. This will all cut down on some of the unnecessary talking on the radio.

Harris has new software for the radios in place. A status message shows up on the console, and then goes away. It makes no sound when it appears, and then goes away.

**FIRE SCHOOL:** Richard Halpin: We had 311 hours of training conducted last month. 250 students attended classes. A total of 6 classes were canceled. There are two new NFPA 1403 classes. One is on June 5<sup>th</sup> at the Fire School. The other is on June 26<sup>th</sup> in Columbia, Lancaster County. All the information is on the main page of the website. If your station wants to hold a burn, request your dates. Dates are going fast.

**YORK COUNTY ATR:** Chief John Sanford: We had 1 call for the month. I was water related. For the year, we have had 4 calls.

**OEM:** Tom Graybill: We just finished the TMI drill. We want to say thank you to everyone that participated in the drill. There will be "Skywarn" training on May 7<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 10:00 am in the Pleasant Acres Complex. It is a free class to anyone.

**HAZ-MAT TEAM:** Tom Graybill: We had 2 calls for the month. We have had 8 calls total for the year.

**FIRE POLICE:** James Robertson: We are in the process to approve changes to our bylaws changes. They will be presented next month for approval. The following stations have not submitted their dues and rosters from the following stations: 8, 9, 27, 34, 46-2, 53, 55, 64, 66, 89-2, & 89-4. Station 22 still needs to submit their roster only. If the dues are not paid by the May meeting, the department will be dropped from all benefits.

**RESCUE INSPECTION:** Tim Mooney: No Report

**RIT:** Joe Yahnke: No Report

**FIRE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:** Tony Myers: There was no meeting. We are meeting next month.

**FIRE PREVENTION:** No Report

**FUND RAISING:** No Report

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** No Unfinished Business

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

A representative from Sta. 60 expressed his frustration with 911 this past week during the storms. He stated that Sta. 18 was requesting Sta. 60 Boats, and 911 did not know if Sta. 60 had boats. This issue was a station issue, and will be addressed by Julio.

Again, Phil, Erik, and Julio can't say it enough, if you have an issue with 911, write a complaint using the website. Copy your message, and send an email to Erik Brown. That way you are guaranteed a response at least by Erik in a timely manner.

A motion was made to pay the bills. 1<sup>st</sup>: Darryl Ehrhart 2<sup>nd</sup>: Casey Smith Motion Passed

#### **REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:**

A thank you went out to Steven Miller for providing the dinner tonight, and for the 911 Center for hosting us.

Next monthly meeting is scheduled for 7:30 pm on Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011, at the York County Fire School.

Motion was made by Bob Bowman to adjourn the meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Casey Smith Motion Passed

Sincerely,

*Heather Grove*

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Recording Secretary