

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

**330 Emig Road  
York, PA 17406**



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

May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011

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

President Rick Shank asked for a motion to approve the minutes, with one correction: The Ops Channel vote that was approved last month by the Association to go back to the Radio Committee was approved by a show of hands vote. 1<sup>st</sup>: Steve Buffington 2<sup>nd</sup>: Bob Sells Motion Passed

John Senft presented the balances of the treasurer's report.

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS:** Chief John Senft: The Board met this evening. We discussed financial issues, in the absence of the Treasurer. We have reviewed the IRS 990 form for 2010. Heather will have a copy of the form if anyone would like to review it. We met in an executive session to discuss employees. We also discussed land and development issues, as well as cost recovery, and other miscellaneous related fire school matters.

**COMMUNICATIONS: Erik Brown:**

The last Radio Committee meeting was canceled. The Policy Board meeting was canceled.

Harris has a new radio code to fix the Knox boxes. We are limiting the access on the code. It will either work or it is not going to work. We will be contacting a few companies soon to have the code installed for them to test it out. If it works, we will be updating all the mobiles that have Knox boxes. We are doing some patch testing. We have been in contact with all the users.

Chief 45 asked about Station cap codes. Phil will meet with him after the meeting to discuss the issue.

Steve Buffington: If your department wants individual cap codes, send Phil an email, and he will take care of it.

**FIRE SCHOOL:** Richard Halpin: 320 hours of training. We will be running a 1403 class on June 5<sup>th</sup> at the Fire School. There is another class scheduled on June 26<sup>th</sup> in Columbia. We are in the plans of scheduling a Firefighter 1 test coming up in late August or September. There have been a lot of updates in the past week with the website. Richard took the time and demonstrated the website. The registration forms are now fillable. Not all the forms are done yet, but they will be shortly. The usage request form is also fillable. The minutes from the County Association meetings, as well as those from committees are also on the website.

It was asked to the audience as to what else they would like to see on the website. Suggestions like a calendar and a contacts page (including committee and the Chairman) would be nice. Joe Madzellan brought up the concern of having private information on the website. One example was the phone tree. The phone tree does not list any personal information, but it does bring up the concern of private information, and maybe limit the access. Heather will work on it.

**YORK COUNTY ATR:** Chief John Sanford submitted the following report to Heather: We had 2 calls for the month. They were both water related. One was in Dover Twp. The other was in East Manchester Twp. For the year, we have had 6 calls.

**OEM:** Tom Graybill: I have a list of Hazardous Materials Clean-up contractors. There are copies on the back table for anyone that wants to take a list.

**HAZ-MAT TEAM:** Tom Graybill: We had 2 calls for the month. We have had 10 calls total for the year.

**FIRE POLICE:** James Robertson: The next meeting will be held at Sta. 68. There will be a Memorial Service. Those department that were listed last month as to not paying their dues or submitting their roster, must do by the end of the next meeting. If not, those departments will be dropped, and will lose any benefits.

**RESCUE INSPECTION:** Tony Myers: Tony stated that inspections are now a year and a half past due. A motion was made to go to the Policy Board to see if they will back the committee, and withdraw a fire department's light or heavy rescue designation if the fire company is not certified by the Rescue Inspection Committee. Department would have 6 months to have their trucks inspected by the committee. 1<sup>st</sup>: Ryan Brenneman 2<sup>nd</sup>: Chris Krichten  
A vote will be brought up next month.

**FIRE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:** Bob Sells: The Red Engine cross lays are in place. It is now fully functional. The committee is working on a wish list as to what else they would like to see. We need to thank Will Shaver, Tony Clouser, Bill Hoover, and John Livingston for helping to setup the Engine. There are some issues that need to be addressed with the Burn Building. There is a vacancy now on the committee. If anyone is interested in serving on the committee, please contact Bob Sells.

**RIT:** Joe Yahnke: Joe stated that he wanted to double on Ryan's motion about scheduling an inspection. After much discussion about the RIT Teams and the RIT team has no backing, Joe later rescinded his motion.

**FIRE PREVENTION:** No Report

**FUND RAISING:** No Report

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Bob Sells reported on the request to the Radio Committee to have the Working Ops Channel put back on the digital pages.

Erik Brown stated that the committee is reluctant to change back to putting the Working Fire Ops Channel on the digital pagers. Too many departments were calling responding on the Working Ops Channels, when they were to be calling on their Home Ops Channels. The change was approved for the trial period. The committee has tried to eliminate any confusion. President Shank asked everyone at the meeting as to how many people could not tolerate not having the Working Ops Channel listed on their pagers. By a show of hands, the majority ruled in favor of the current dispatching procedure during the trial period. During this trial period, the Working Ops Channel will not be listed on the digital pagers.

Erik also stated that the Radio Committee is also looking at options for the Fire Police. Fire Police should use the Fire Police channel of their Home Ops Channel for calls. If their Home Ops channel is 4, the Fire Police should be on Fire Police Channel 4. Nothing is set in stone yet.

It was stated that 911 is also looking at hiring possibly 2 more fire & Ems dispatchers, but it is dependent upon the funding.

**NEW BUSINESS:** If you are having issues with the radios, complete a complaint form, and send an email to Erik. Erik will look into the issue.

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

Next monthly meeting is scheduled for 7:30 pm on Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011, at the York County Fire School.

Motion was made by Ryan Brenneman to adjourn the meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Joe Yahnke Motion Passed

Sincerely,

Heather Grove

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Recording Secretary