

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

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MONTHLY MEETING
THIRD MONDAY

May 15, 2006

President Skip Rupert called the regular monthly meeting of the Fire Chiefs and Firefighters Association of York County Inc. to order and led the pledge to the flag. Twenty-seven people were in attendance. Don Maas from VFIS welcomed the group to Glatfelter's Insurance; President Rupert thanked him for the hospitality and the good food.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as published.

President Rupert asked for a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report Chief Tony Myers made the motion, seconded by Albert Shaffer. Motion carried.

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

- A new check policy was adopted. Two signatures will now be required for checks under \$1500.00.
- Anyone interested in the copier or fax machine at the fire school, they are free, and will be at the school until June 1st.
- Meeting on May 16th with the contractor to go over items concerning the burn building

RADIO COMMITTEE: Carl Avery reported Chief Shank would not be here tonight and the committee would be meeting on Thursday, May 18th at 7pm.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

911: No Report

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

Mason-Dixon Extrication Challenge:

- 📄 The challenge was held on May 5-6-7, 2006.
- 📄 Preliminary review indicates a \$500.00 -\$700.00 profit
- 📄 Nine teams Participated, 1 from Ohio, 1 from New Jersey, 2 from Canada. 2 from New York, 3 from Pennsylvania
- 📄 Chili Fire Department from New York and Waterford Twp. Fire Department from New Jersey earned a birth in the 2007 National Extrication Challenge from our event. Lancaster Bureau of Fire earned an alternate's Birth to the Event
- 📄 The Overall winner was Mississauga Ontario
- 📄 Friday Evening Dave Dalrymple made a live presentation of his recently web cast best practices for vehicle rescue.
- 📄 The real winners are the People who attended this event and the people they serve. Over 60 rescuers from all over the northeast shared idea on how to improve vehicle rescue in this informal educational setting.

Something NEW:

- 📄 Instructor Dan Hoff and your Fire School are going to try something NEW and Different; we will be offering REFRESHER courses in SCBA, Ropes & Knots, and Ladders.
- 📄 These 3 hour classes will be conducted through Bucks CPSTC and will result in a certificate
- 📄 The First Class will be scheduled for June 28th and will be on SCBA. Watch your monthly mailing to the Fire Stations and our Website for more details

New Essentials Program:

- ☛ The Fire Ground Support class that is scheduled to begin May on 14 (Sunday days) has over 19 pre-registered and will be conducted.
- ☛ The next Intro to Fire Service class is scheduled for June 20th. It is a weekday day time course
- ☛ 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

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:

- ☛ No more new details at this time, from last month:
 - 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.

Administrative Extern:

- ☛ The Fire School has once again been lucky enough to have an administrative Extern from York Technical Institute
- ☛ Her name is Ashley Roberts and she will be working 30 hours per week till approximately mid July

Program Support and Maintenance:

Items addressed since last meeting: policed grounds and class room for debris and trash, **Installed Markers on tower designating side A, B, C and D**, Worked on Extrication area, **Cleaned lateral on Confined Space Training Area, it has a 4 inch gap and "leaks" dirt, needs repair**, Had top soil delivered for general maintenance and upkeep of grounds, **Obtained and transported Lab sample of catchment pond to Analytical Labs for analysis**, Richardson's In-service did Preventative / Annual Maintenance of all school vehicles, **Picked a skip of donated clay absorbent for use at the Fire School**, Prepared area for Extrication Challenge, **our Makita Saw-s-all (over 6 Plus years old and only 6 amps) has bad bearings and needs to be replaced, have spoke with Mark Lauer of GTR and will replace with NEW more appropriate unit**, Spread donated stones from Bern Anthony, **Updated our curb protection with Larger Stones (took advantage of Back Hoe being Left here from the Extrication challenge) Stones donated by Quarry, this was done in response to the older stone repeatedly being hit and dragged. (One was found approx. 3 Feet from the curb in the road way**, Electrician contacted re: non-functioning receptacle on Drill Grounds. **Returned borrowed props for extrication challenge**, Gator Front tire flat, contacted board member, Barry Myers regarding replacement/repair,

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:

- ☛ 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 ***canceled - low enrollment***
- ☛ Pump Operations II; June 5 & 7, 18:30-22:30 and 11, 08:00 – 17:00
- ☛ EVOC; June 6 & 8, 18:30 -22:30 and 10, 08:00 -17:00
- ☛ NIMS-ICS; June 13, 14, 20 & 21, 18:30-22:30
- ☛ Introduction to the Fire Service, June, 20, 22, 27, 29 (DAYTIME) 09:00 -13:00
- ☛ SCBA REFRESHER, June 28, 1830-21:30

YORK COUNTY ATR: Chief Myers reported Trench Rescue 2006 was held last weekend. 170 people were certified. He thanked the Fire School and Station 24 for helping out with equipment.

OEM: No Report. President Rupert advised he received an email regarding the out of county hazmat issue. It basically stated that the issue is still being worked on and progress is being made.

FIRE POLICE: Jim Robertson reported the County Fire Police had a nice banquet last month. The Fire Police Meeting is next Monday, try and attend.

- The following stations still owe 2006 dues to the Fire Police Association: 55, 8, 54, 5, 43, 15, 124, 104, 38, and 68.
- The following stations still owe rosters to the Fire Police Association: 55, 8, 54, 65, 13, 5, 6, 43, 15, 124, 104, 38, 68, 37, and 31.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- Chief Jan Cromer stated that he wants the 911 dispatch protocols investigated by the Chiefs Association. He particularly has issue with being dispatched to Unknown Type Alarms that are being voiced as Automatic Fire Alarms.
 - Chief Angel does not think it is appropriate to be dispatched after police are on the scene of an accident and then request an ambulance for injuries. He also thinks 911 should be asking cell phone callers to stand by until emergency services arrive on the scene, to alleviate the need for calling them back.
 - Chief Kohler discussed an issue he was having during the testing of the VOIP phones. He said that he left a message and when he spoke with the dispatcher they said they are unable to retrieve messages. Cindy will pass on to Phil Treffinger (911 Phone Administrator) to contact Chief Kohler.

Discussion followed on all the above topics. President Rupert asked John Fornadel to bring the issues up at the next Radio Committee Meeting and possibly a subcommittee of that group, could be formed to look at these issues.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

- President Rupert stated that Paul Schaeffer was currently in York Hospital and might be transferred to another hospital. Keep Paul in your thoughts and prayers. Skip will send a card from the Association.
- President Rupert said that the next Fire Fighters Association meeting will be held in Airville. Food at 1900, meeting at 1930.
- Chief Hoover reported the Junior Fire Fighters Association will be doing 5 minute presentations at stations throughout the County.
 - Juniors are attending trainings and things are going well.
 - See Chief Hoover if you are interested in an application for your station or stop by the Fire School on Saturday 5/20.
 - New fire department members have been training with the juniors to practice skills; this is another resource for training.
 - All applications need the Department Chief's signature to join the Association.
- President Rupert said that he worked with juniors from York City and cadets from Manchester and Mount Wolf fire stations over the weekend. The program is top notch. They can be very proud of their juniors.

Motion to adjourn by Bob Bowman. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

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

Next meeting scheduled for 7:30 pm on Monday, June 19, 2006 at the Fire School.

Sincerely,

Cindy A. Dietz

Cindy A. Dietz, Secretary