

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

**330 Emig Road
York, PA 17406**



**Monthly Meeting
3rd Monday**

May 20th, 2013

President Steve Buffington called the monthly meeting of the York County Fire Chiefs and Firefighters Association to order.

President Steve Buffington led the pledge to the flag and a moment of silence. Thirty eight people were in attendance.

President Steve Buffington asked if there were any corrections to last month's minutes. With no corrections, President Buffington stated the minutes stand as approved.

Treasurer Bob Bowman presented the following report: Beginning Balance: \$ 4,152.46 with an Ending Balance: \$ 11,151.57

President Steve Buffington approved the Treasurer's Report as read.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS: John Senft:

The Board met this evening. We discussed the filing of the 990 form, the facilities, and the RACP grant.

COMMUNICATIONS: Erik Brown:

We did have a meeting this month. We had one EMS issue. There was an issue with 911 alerting, but they are working on the issue.

Tim Mooney asked about "I Am Responding". He stated he is still getting phone numbers, after they are parsing. President Buffington stated he would follow up on the matter for an interpretation from our attorney. The issue seems to be a disagreement with YCDES as to what violates the HIPPA law and who should have access to certain dispatch information.

911: Julio Mendez: Nothing to report

FIRE SCHOOL: Richard Halpin:

For the month, we had 281 hours of training. Of that total, 182 hours were classes we ran.

We have a Firefighter 2 Prep class now scheduled for September. Our Firefighter 1 Prep class that is scheduled for next month is full with a waiting list. The Firefighter 1 Exam that is scheduled to be held here on June 21st and 22nd is also full, with a waiting list. We are working on dates for another Firefighter 1 Exam for sometime in November.

The 1403 class that was scheduled with Fairview Twp (Sta. 68) has been canceled. They moved their burn back to later in the year.

Earlier this month, Met-Ed was here doing a safety training class. They brought their trailer in. We had rain in the forecast, but we were able to get the practical portion of the class in. Hopefully we can make this training an annual event with Met-Ed.

We also had a Landing Zone Safety Class last month. Stat MedEvac came and gave a lecture. After the lecture, they were able to have the helicopter land down below, for the students to see how it is done. Afterwards, students were given certificates of attendance.

STATE POLICE: Brad Dunham:

My protégé is in training. Sgt. Bob Croyl, the gentleman from the Pennsylvania State Police office has been promoted. Regarding the CDL medical cards, I have been told a letter was sent from the PSFA to the Feds asking for exceptions.

YORK COUNTY ATR: Heather Grove: There was 1 call for the month. It was to assist with a search detail in Glen Rock. For the month, we have had 6 calls for the year.

OEM: Tom Graybill: There were 2 calls for the month. There have been a total of 18 calls for the year.

HAZ-MAT TEAM: Tom Graybill: Nothing to report.

FIRE POLICE: Jim Robertson (not present): No report.

FIRE SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Bob Sells: No report.

FIRE PREVENTION: Steve Tawney (not present): No report.

FUND RAISING: John McDonald: Nothing to report.

RESCUE INSPECTION: Tim Mooney: Progress is being made.

RIT: Brian Widmayer (not present): Brian Bastinelli reported that the committee has not met yet..

BY-LAW COMMITTEE: Bob Sells: Background information is being collected to send to the committee members before meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

President Buffington asked for a motion to pay the bills. 1st: Tim Mooney 2nd: John McDonald Motion Passed

Last month, Erik Bistline did a presentation on the proposed radio template.

Jerry Hanson read his handwritten motion that the Board of Governors send a letter recommending acceptance of the Radio Committee's radio template recommendation with the stipulation that each department gets one bank that they can have programmed howsoever they choose, no more often than once every two years. Bob Sells 2nd the motion.

John Senft stated that the issue is not a Board of Governor's issue, but a rather the membership.

Jerry Hanson then amended his motion to say the Membership, and not the Board of Governors.

Erik Bistline stated he sent out an email the day after April's meeting looking for feedback. He stated that of all the departments that were contacted in the county, only 11 replied back. For those that 5 departments that gave feedback, and want a customized Z bank, there is a onetime offer to those departments only to receive a customized Z bank.

There was much discussion as to some departments not receiving the email, and it was not stated that you had to respond by a certain date if you wanted a customized Z bank.

President Buffington stated there was a motion on the floor. By a show of hands, the motion passed.

Chief Joe Madzellan stated the CADD system is almost setup and ready for a demonstration with the dispatch by proximity. An update will be coming up. We discussed about limiting the mutual aid piece to

your favorite 10, and from there, the CADD system would then dispatch the closest pieces. When it is ready, I can let everyone to it get it out there.

Dave Nichols stated 911 was out last year plotting hydrant locations, but has not heard anything new about them.

Eric Bistline stated they are still working on the hydrant locations.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chief Joe Yahnke stated he was speaking on behalf of a member of Sta. 54. This person expressed concern and seeing the need to possibly add a supply piece to dispatches of the Tanker Task Force.

Chief Joe Madzellan stated with the new CADD system, stations will be able to make up response groups, that when set up, departments can have a supply piece on the box.

It was decided to leave it up to each department and let them use their discretion if they should have a supply piece added to their box alarms for Tanker Task Force dispatches. Some departments stated they already have supply pieces on their boxes.

Tim Mooney mentioned the LODD of Rodney Miller.

President Buffington did not want to bring it up this month, but since it was presented, he stated we should be prepared for the next one. President Buffington stated he has appointed a committee to create a policy for LODD, Death of Active Members, and Death of Retired Members. The committee consists of Tony Myers as Chairperson, Jeff Parks from Penn Twp. and NFFF, and Chad Deardorff from York City.

Tim Mooney stated he would like to be on the committee as well. President Buffington added Tim Mooney to the committee.

Chief Jerry Hanson brought up the idea of having a Stand Down on April 27th, of every year, in memory of Rodney Miller. There was some discussion about a stand down is and that there is one scheduled every year in June by the IAFC and NVFC to focus on firefighter safety (<http://www.iafc.org/safetyweek>) .

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

We received two Thank You cards from the 911 Center showing their appreciation of us thinking about them during Dispatcher Appreciation Week, and providing their meal for them. Station 9 and Brian Widmayer did a great job getting everything together. He had pulled pork, fried chicken, and the sides to go with it.

Station 63 presented fundraiser fliers being held at the Shrewsbury McDonald's location on May 28th, from 5-8 pm. A portion of each purchase will go to the family of Rodney Miller. Heather will send the flier and the voucher out with the minutes, so everyone has a copy.

The next monthly meeting is scheduled for 7:00 pm on Monday, June 17th, at the York County Fire School.

President Steve Buffington adjourned the meeting.

Sincerely,

Heather Grove

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Recording Secretary