

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

**330 Emig Road
York, PA 17406**



**Monthly Meeting
3rd Monday**

May 21st, 2012

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

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

President Steve Buffington approved the minutes as published. Bob stated that there may be a little adjustment on the ending balance from last month. There was a bill that was written in the wrong amount by about \$20 or so.

Treasurer Bob Bowman presented the following report: Beginning Balance: \$7,870 with all balances and withdraws; we have an Ending Balance of: \$6,988.85

COMMUNICATIONS: Joe Madzellan: Erik could not attend tonight's meeting. There was a meeting on May 10th. Various topics that were discussed included the emergency button, calling a MAYDAY and the reprogramming of the portables. May 9th was the final protocol training. The State Police now have an inner Op channel that we can talk to them directly on. There are three channels listed on the bank, but only the first one is operating. The other two will be there, if 911 sees a need to set them up.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS: John Senft: The Board met this evening prior to tonight's meeting. We discussed our financial standing. Our 990 form had been filed. We reviewed some policies and are looking at replacing a HVAC unit.

911: Julio Mendez: Last Tuesday and Wednesday, CAD had an update. It is now back up and running. We are still working on a few things. When a Chief replaces one piece for another, a second page is sent out. When a unit is canceled, a cancel page is sent out to everyone. It was recommended that Cindy send out a page stating that no cancelation pages will be sent out until further notice. Paging is expected to be out this Wednesday night from about 7 to 9. We will ask that departments man their stations.

There was a question as to why out of service hydrant pages are coming out individually instead of all on one. Joe Yahnke stated that a few weeks ago, he noticed he would get the pages one and then 20 seconds later, get another one. Julio will look into this issue.

Brian Bastinelli stated that there were several departments that have the "I am Responding" in their station. The policy that is being introduced will limit specific HIPPA information. Brian stated that having some of the additional information was nice to know. He understands the private information needs to be protected at the same time.

FIRE SCHOOL: Richard Halpin: This past month, we had 304 hours of training. We had 5 burns in 8 days. We have new signage in the building. This includes the dress code, for any that may not be aware of it. We have a VFIS Highway Safety class coming up, as well as the Responding to Ethanol Emergencies. That

class requires registration three weeks before the class begins. July 15th is the Emergency Responders evening at the York Revolution baseball game.

OEM: Tom Graybill: The new ERG books are not out yet. They are coming from PEMA, and when they get them, they will give them to us. We also have a 2012 contractor clean-up list available.

HAZ-MAT TEAM: Tom Graybill: There were 6 calls for the month, 22 for the year.

YORK COUNTY ATR: Bob Sells: There was a partial building collapse in Manchester. They also had Trench Rescue Week-end as well.

FIRE POLICE: James Robertson: No Report, as they are having their meeting this evening.

FIRE SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Bob Sells: Nothing to Report

RIT: Joe Yahnke: Nothing to Report

RESCUE INSPECTION: Tim Mooney: We have three inspections to complete. We need two representatives to meet at the same time. That is the issue we are running into. We will get them done.

FIRE PREVENTION: Steve Tawney: No Report

FUND RAISING: No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A motion was made to pay the bills. 1st: Richard Halpin 2nd: Bob Sells Motion Passed

NEW BUSINESS:

Bob Sells stated that he created a policy procedure for the association. It was presented this evening, and will be voted upon next month. A copy of it will be provided to Heather to forward to everyone with the minutes.

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

There were several issues and topics discussed regarding the radios and policies. Julio stated that all of the new program trainings were completed, but they have not had their wrap-up meeting. They should come back to us next meeting, after they have had their meeting. President Steve Buffington will invite Eric Bistline to the meeting, to see if we can have some answers to some of tonight's questions and concerns addressed.

The next monthly meeting is scheduled for 7:00 pm on Monday, June 18th, 2012, at the York County Fire School.

Motion was made by Bob Bowman to adjourn the meeting. There was no second.

Sincerely,

Heather Grove

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Recording Secretary

RADIO WORKGROUP MEETING

FIRE / EMS / EMA RADIO WORK GROUP

Meeting Minutes
 May 10, 2012 Meeting

Highlighted are IN ATTENDANCE TODAY:

911 Representatives	Fire Representatives	EMS Representatives	Alternates / Others
Eric Bistline	Richard Shank	Joe Madzelan V.P.	Rich Godfrey-EMA
Julio Mendez	Erik Brown – W.	Alex Wilson – E.	
Cindy Dietz	Dave Michaels-M.	Shannon Fouts – M.	Joe Hammers-Fire Pol.
Phil Treffinger	Chris Krichten – N.	Ted Hake – S.	
Nate Kirschman	Tony Myers E.		Dave Nichols M. – Alt.
Ryan Renninger		Mark Moody - ALS	
Mel Grove			Ryan Brenneman N. Alt
Greg Kidd			
Rena Aikins			

1. **Approval of April 12, 2012 meeting minutes.** Approved as written.
2. **Review Policy 90.1 Fire/EMS Emergency Declaration, and discuss. (attach'd).** Policy Committee combined policy regarding “Mayday” and “Signal 13”. (Due to the policy 60.1 “Emergency Button Activation” being brought up at the previous meeting.) The draft was discussed here. The combined/new Policy 90.1 will be updated and sent to you under separate e-mail. Once you receive it --**Please e-mail vote your approval of this new combined policy 90.1 after your review.** Discussed having all these updated policies on the web-site. Can do when all the policies have been updated. The Communications Manual is on the web site. It will also need to be updated as policy is updated. We can remove the Communications Manual off the web site until it all gets updated, to save confusion.
3. **Review and discuss polled responses for naming conventions for EMS units. (attach'd)** Various discussion on attached polled responses. Decided not to make policy or procedural changes at this time. Can use A, B, C etc for officer designations as they grow. (future growth) (Reminder to end-users not to use the word Chief in there....just EMS46...you know that is the chief.)
4. **Other Business.** Nate K. – Med System: We now have a med station on the air –at Pleasureville. It can be on Med 10 or Med 6 (not both). It has coverage in the Metro area. Does not cover Lake Redmond, past Loganville, or past Spring Grove. The North -works at Strinestown. Did not test to the East. Dillsburg –has Med 3 or Med 10 (not both). It has exceeded expectations. Wide coverage!

Aero Medical: We have both agencies putting trunked radios in the birds. Life Lion-has a retro-fit program and will have trunking capable radios. (not sure when will be programmed) Stat has an order out to Motorola for firmware that will update the radios. (programming to be done by Jim Forsythe-no date known) They will not have Ops Channels. We have created two talk groups YCAir 1 and YCAir 2.

PA State Police: In the future, if you need an inter-tide to PA State Police, you go on PSP1 key up and you will be on YRK_YNT. We have had these PSP1, 2 and 3, they just have never gone anywhere...now they do. They are on the PEMA radio. Some problem with that – someone else can snag that radio and put it/redirect onto another talk group. (same radio we are using to inter-op with the state system) So, we have a project underway to procure a radio that would be dedicated to that task – then we can put it out to everyone. It is risky to use it now.

Eric Bistline would like to get a vendor to do the re-programming of the radios. We should get a group together that would give input. All the original training information and CDs are obsolete now. Joe Madzellan suggested possibly using the Standardization Committee that is already formed to help give input. Folks from the Protocol Committee also can be part of representation.

An operational issue is happening – Medic units from Cumberland are being patched into Ops3 when they come in. It is confusing. (it ties up Ops 3) We should move that assignment to Cumberland 1 or Cumberland 2.

JET is licensed and can now be assigned a radio designation. Motion to approve “Ambulance 210” for their radio designation. Motion by Shannon Fouts and seconded by Cindy Dietz.

- 5. Next meeting Thursday, June 14, 2012, 9:00am. at the Emergency Services Center – Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Erik Brown

Penn Township Fire / Rescue

Future Meeting Dates and Locations:

FIRE / EMS RADIO WORKGROUP:

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Location:</u>	<u>Meeting Room:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
June 14, 2012	ESC-911	Conference Room B	9:00 AM
July 12, 2012	ESC-911	Conference Room B	9:00 AM
August 9, 2012	ESC-911	Conference Room B	9:00 AM