

June 16, 2003

President Skip Rupert called the regular monthly meeting of the York County Fire Chiefs and Firefighters Association to order. John Fornadel recording minutes in the secretary's absence. Forty-six members were in attendance. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as posted. Bob Bowman presented the treasurer's report. There was a motion by Dave Gemmill seconded by Mike Alloway to accept the treasurer's report

BOARD OF GOVERNORS: Kevin Lane reported on the following:

- The Ladder Truck will probably go to Arkansas.
- They are waiting on applications for the new Fire School Administrator.
- The check for \$60,000.00 has been mailed.
- York Vo-Tech may use the fire school facility for training.
- The July Chief's Meeting will be held at Station 29 in Lewisberry.
- New apparatus on display at Fire School at the August meeting.
- School needs more applicants for Fire Fighter I program.
- Looking for help for Hazmat Team.
- Committees for 2003/2004 have been approved and are as follows:

Fire School – Paul Schaefer, Chairman, Skip Rupert, Co- Chairman, John Senft, Kevin Lain, Gerald Heist, Edwin Hamilton, Bernard Anthony, Anthony Surtasky.

Hazardous Materials – Paul Schaefer, Chairman, Kevin Lain Co-Chairman, Mike Ohliger, Robert Boeckel, Richard Godfrey.

Radio – Robert Bissey, Chairman, John Fornadel, Richard Shank, Stevan Dietz, Nate Kirschman, Erik Brown, Greg Chandler.

Fire Prevention – Joe Yahnke, Chairman, David Shilke, Kenneth Clouser, Burnell King, Barry Myers, Neil Doyle, Anthony Surtasky, Mike Miller.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

RADIO COMMITTEE: Chairman Rob Bissey reported the following:

- Engine 6-1 and Rescue 61 replacement applications approved. EMS 57 was denied.
- Misuse of radio has lessened.
- Do not call 911 to inform them that you are staffed and ready to respond.
- Do not call 911 on your cell phone with a status report.
- Still too many officers on the air.
- Please – One incident command per incident. If it is a York County incident, keep command on York County radios.

911: Director Bob Fasick gave the following updates on the project:

- Facility – Still looking at the former Columbia Gas building. Waiting for final approval.
- CAD – The committee has seen nine CAD vendors and is in the process of narrowing the field to three.
- The project is 4 months ahead of schedule.

FIRE SCHOOL: Director Shaefer reported that the grant money for the engine would be here soon. There have been 846 students attend classes at the school so far this year.

- Vehicle Rescue Technician Module 3 will be held on 6/28 & 6/29.
- Essentials of Firefighting will end 6/28. Next class begins 9/9.
- Fire Fighter I certification skills and testing cancelled due to lack of participation.
- Seminar scheduled for 10/25 will be cancelled if more applications are not received.
- Basic Fire Police, Advanced Fire Police, and Pump Operations classes are a go.
- Aerial Operations class needs more applicants.

HAZMAT: Director Schaefer reported 5 calls for the month and 27 for the year. Inventory of equipment still not complete, they are working on it.

What has been done:

- Updated radios and replacement of new batteries
- Test tubes replaced
- SCBA's recertified for another year
- Cylinders hydrostatic tested
- Hazmat Operations refresher scheduled 9/14.
- Hazmat Operations 24 hour class will begin 9/29 at 1830 and will end on 10/12. Last class starts at 0800.
- Grangeville Hazmat no report.

SPECIAL RESCUE TASK FORCE: No report.

EMA: Tom Graybill stated that at last months meeting stats were given regarding state grants. This information was obtained at a Homeland Security Meeting in May at which Tom was present. Keith Martin relayed this information during that meeting. Tom said that Governor Rendell has approved the first round of grants this year that total \$1,026,270.00.

Chief Nichols asked if the State had looked at mutual aid agreements for those departments participating as strike teams. Kay Carman said they had not.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Director Schaefer thanked the stations that brought engines to the Fire School this past weekend. He is looking for people to administer pump tests.

Kevin Lane questioned Kay Carman about Hazmat Response. She said Grangeville provided the Commissioners with a letter of certification.

Kay Carman said that the Terrorism Task Force has not met for several months and they need to have a meeting soon.

Bob Bowman presented the bills. Motion by Commissioner Roth to pay the bills, seconded by Chief Bissey.

NEW BUSINESS: There are drawings at the school of the new water line from Long Level to York. They will provide information to York County. The Special Rescue Task Force requested a map of the project in case of an incident.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION: Chief Dan Deller said that Senator Mike Waugh does not support the slot bill.

Chief Gemmill made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mike Alloway. Meeting adjourned by President Skip Rupert.

The following stations still owe dues for 2003/2004 – York New Salem, York Twp., East Prospect, Pennville, Seven Valleys, DDSP-LF, Lake Aldred, and McSherrystown.

Next quarterly meeting is scheduled for 7:30 pm on Monday, July21, 2003 at Station 29 in Lewisberry. Refreshments will be served.

The August meeting, which will be held at the Fire School, will also be the meeting to show your new equipment. Dave Hoffnagel from Radio Maintenance Inc. has advised me they will be providing food, snacks, and drinks from 5pm to 7pm. Please try and attend.

Sincerely,

Cindy A. Dietz
Secretary