

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

**330 Emig Road
York, PA 17406**



**Monthly Meeting
3rd Monday**

June 16th, 2008

Chief John Senft called the monthly meeting of the York County Fire Chiefs and Firefighters Association to order and led the pledge to the flag. Twenty six people were in attendance.

Chief Senft asked for a motion to accept the minutes as published. 1st: Robert Bowman 2nd: Chief Shank. The minutes were approved.

Chief Senft asked for a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. 1st: Jan Cromer 2nd: Tony Myers. Motion Carried

BOARD OF GOVERNORS: Chief Senft: The Board did not meet. We did not have a quorum. We had an informal discussion with 2 Board members, staff, and the Treasurer. No business was conducted.

RADIO COMMUNICATIONS: Chief Shank: No Report

911: Cindy Dietz: No Report

ATR: John Sanford: Had 2 calls. They were a structural collapse and a car into a structure. 10 members attend the water rescue training.

Haz-Mat : Tom Graybill: The Emergency Response Guide books are in. See him for the books your department needs.

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

Activity:

📅 For the month of May the Fire School hosted 40 events which accounted for 169.5 hours of activity. This resulted in 1340 Student hours

New Computers /High Speed Internet:

📅 The BVR-T Class on June 1 was the first class to take advantage of our new computer network and high speed internet access. Adjunct Instructor Rick Witten was able to access the internet and display video images of a new type of car door that will be making its way to production cars in the near future. This ability to have live/real time access to the internet and share it with our students will greatly enhance our classes here at the fire school.

The ENTRY LEVEL Program:

📅 Our Entry Level Interior Firefighter class began on June 14th and will run on Saturdays and some Sundays and is scheduled to conclude on August 3rd (revised date). Fire Instructor Hoover has been selected as the lead instructor for this program. All indications are this will include a live burn exercise in our new burn building. **This Class has 16 Students**

- 📣 The **Day-time Entry level program** over the summer months (ELIS and ELFG) had to be **canceled** due to low enrollment.
- 📣 The **Evening – summer / fall (Tuesday ; Thursday) Entry Level program** begins with ELIS- Introduction to the fire service on June 17th The ELIS Class is full, The rest of the classes in the series still needs STUDENTS
- 📣 **REMEMBER the ENTRY LEVEL PROGRAM is a series of 4 classes the ELIS (Introduction to the Fire Service) class is a prerequisite for Fire Ground Support which is a pre-requisite for Exterior fire fighter which is prerequisite for Interior Fire Fighter**

Calling the Mayday: Hands-on-Training for Firefighters:

- 📣 Lead instructor, Dan Hoff, for this important and life saving course has secured funding for LUNCH and Tee shirts for the students of this class. This class is scheduled for June 22nd, 2008 and is part of the Fire Schools observation of Firefighter Survival Week. This Class is now full and no further preregistrations will be accepted

Camp Survivor, 4 H Summer Safety Camp"

- 📣 On June 18th, 2008, The Fire School will be host to ONE Day of the 4H Center's week long Safety Camp. This will be in cooperation with the Manchester Twp. Fire Department Union Fire Company of Manchester and York Area United Fire and Rescue Services. We still could use some volunteers to assist with our safety demos and skills on that day. Please contact your Fire School if you are able to lend a hand for the day.

New Classes Scheduled:

- 📣 **We are working with PAg (Penn State) Rescue training to bring you the following courses: (presented on April 19th) Intro to Farm Emergencies (This is a prerequisite for other courses in the series), PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU MISSED THIS PREREQUISITE CLASS, CHECK WITH STATION 23 WHO WILL BE HOSTING THIS CLASS IN September. THEESE CLASSES ARE INFORMATIVE AND WELL PRESENTED AND ALSO OFFER CON-ED CREDITS FOR THOSE NEEDING THEM (presented on April 20th)** Managing Tractor Emergencies, Managing Farm Machinery Entanglements, Farm Chemical Emergencies, Farm Confined Space Awareness, and Farm Confined Space Operations.
 - These classes ARE NOT funded like most Firefighter training is here in Pennsylvania. **Linda Spahr of Cooperative Extension has helped immensely with this.**

- 📣 **We are still looking into bringing the "Our Town – Incident Command" Table top simulation to the Fire School. This too will require funding, if we cannot secure a grant for this there will be a charge (Estimated \$25.00 -35.00) This class / simulation will help you maintain your NIMS Requirements WE HAVE NEITHER COMMITTED TO OR ABANDONED THIS COURSE YET**

- 📣 Also recently added:

- School Bus Rescue – August 9 & 10
- Truck Company Ops I – September 6 & 7
- Truck Company Ops II – September 13 & 14

Current and Future Schedule:

- 📣 The 2008 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.
- 📣 The 2008 Schedule has been published, **We are constantly updating it**, Watch your department / company **Mailings for Updates and New Classes**. We will also **update our Website with new additions as they come along.**

Burn Building and Scheduling:

- 📣 Progress continues on the NEW Building (Live Fire Training Prop). Metal work has begun and the Standpipes have been installed. ANTICIPATED completion is projected to be Late August or Early September. **There is a Possibility that it WILL BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF JUNE.** The project Engineer is scheduled to do a sight survey on June 20th this will be to inspect and prepare a final "punch list" before the building is turned over to the fire school. Before the Building can be used for Live Fire training "Cure Burns" must take place. These are anticipated to happen in mid July.

FIRE POLICE: James Robertson: We had our meeting. There were 70 members, 34 co. & 7 guests attending. Banquet will be held at Nashville next year.

RESCUE SPECS COMMITTEE: Josh Young: Committee needs a little direction. Several attempts to contact President Rupert have failed with no response back. They are looking for a little guidance. Any questions should be redirected to Vice President Joe Yahnke.

RIT COMMITTEES: Dan Hoff: No Report

FIRE SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Work is being done on the Burn Building Policies

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Motion to pay the bills: 1st: Tony Myers 2nd: Jan Cromer. Motion Carried

Dave Nichols stated he continues to have problems with pager activation. He also asked why certain talkgroup requests been turned down. Dave also stated there is a report out on Digital vs. Analog Radio testing performance that can be viewed by anyone at: www.IAFC.org.

A motion was made to accept the RIT Policies as written and distributed this evening. 1st: Tony Myers. 2nd: Chief Buffington. Motion passed. It was asked "When is the county going to adopt something so when a Mayday is declared, the proper procedure will then occur?"

Tony Myers suggested we extend an invitation to the Director of Communications to the next quarterly meeting. Heather will take care of the invitation.

Pagers: Chief Shank said there are 1,000 pagers in York County's hands to do testing on them. They want to work all the bugs out of them first before handing them all out. They look to hand them out right now between July and August.

NEW BUSINESS: No New Business

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

Ira Wagner had a heart attack two weeks ago. A get well card is being passed around for everyone sign.

There is a company who sells the alerting system signs. They are about 50% cheaper. Once we have the information, we will pass it out to everyone.

Chief Buffington thanked everyone for helping at the emergency on Friday the 13th in the city.

Chief Rodney Miller asked about the ECRIN Program. He wanted to know how many municipalities have and use the ECRIN program. York County EMA and 911 wants nothing to do with it, for it is a liability issue.

The next quarterly meeting is **tentatively** scheduled for 7:30 pm on Monday, July 21st, 2008, at the new and improved Shiloh Station 2.

Motion was made by Robert Bowman to adjourn the meeting. 2nd: Tony Myers

Sincerely,

Heather Marsteller

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Recording Secretary