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

330 Emig Road
York, PA 17406

Monthly Meeting
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Monthly Meeting Minutes

June 17, 2013

CALL TO ORDER (President Steve Buffington)

President Steve Buffington called the monthly meeting of the York County Fire Chiefs and Firefighters Association to order at 1900. The call to order was followed by a pledge to the flag and a moment of silence. 26 people were in attendance.

PRESENTATIONS

Lisa and Stephanie Forry from YCFFA reminded the group about the upcoming convention in August and made an appeal for submissions for Junior Firefighter of the Year, Little Chief/Miss Chief, and other awards that they want to hand out. Very few submissions have been received and the deadlines are approaching.

Cindy and DJ from Cool Towels made a presentation about their technology and offered discount pricing and fund raising opportunities to interested companies.

Ryan and Eric from Compleat Restorations reviewed their fire company donation program for referrals. They will issue vouchers and order the equipment for you.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

REPORTS

Treasurer (Bob Bowman):

Treasurer Bob Bowman presented the following report: Beginning Balance: $11,526.57 with an Ending Balance: $3,193.14. With no comments, President Buffington approved the Treasurer's Report as read.

Board of Governors (John Senft): The Board met this evening prior to this meeting and discussed the following:

The status of the RACP grant reimbursement and progress of the lower training grounds projects.

Communications (Erik Brown – not present):

No report

911 Center (Eric Bistline/Julio Mendez – neither present):

No report

Fire School (Richard Halpin):

May Fire School Training: 367 hours / 153 for fire school classes.

If the Association's American flag is used for a service and gets wet, please let Richard know so that he dry it as soon as possible before it starts to mildew.

Reminder that class cancellations should be received more than 72 hours in advance.

HACC is now offering online courses for Fire Officer I and others to be created.

A Drive-to-Survive flyer will be sent out for interest. The cost will be $30/student billed directly to the fire company.

Progress is being made on the pavilion and modular building foundations.

The 9-11 Memorial Service will be again be at Prospect Hill Cemetery on Sept. 15th at 1300. Two aerial trucks are requested for a flag arch and all companies are invited to bring apparatus for a static display.

The August 19th meeting will be New Apparatus night.

PA State Police (Brad Dunham):

No report

ATR (John Sanford):

The ATR team had 2 calls for the month: confined space and structural collapse.

Haz-Mat (Tom Graybill):

The Haz-Mat team had 6 calls for the month; 24 calls for the year.

Fire Police (Jim Robertson):

A memorial service was held last month for the 10 members who passed away in the past year. 22 members attended.

Fire School Committee (Bob Sells):

No report

Fire Prevention (Steve Tawney – not present):

No report

Fundraising (John McDonald – not present):

No report

Rescue Inspection (Tim Mooney – not present):

Tony Myers reported that re-certification is starting. If you are not already certified, please do so.

RIT (Brian Widmayer – not present):

No report

By-Laws (Bob Sells):

Sample by-laws have been collected for information and we are working on scheduling our first working meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

President Buffington asked for a motion to pay the bills. Tony Myers made a motion. Dave Michaels seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Dave Nichols asked about YCDES's response to the customizable Z-bank. Joe Madzelan reported that the PSAB approved the radio template as proposed, but that YCDES stated that they cannot institute the associated protocol changes (i.e. separate Fire and EMS dispatchers) due to current staffing levels.

Therefore, only part of what was presented to the Association was approved by the PSAB. Dave Nichols made a motion to write a letter to YCDES requesting that only the required narrow-banding changes be made at this time and the template be left as-in until staffing can support the protocol changes. Tony Meyers seconded the motion, but reminded everyone that new talk groups for aeromedical would therefore not be added. The motion was put to vote and passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

Joe Madzelan and Brandon Blevins reported on the progress of CAD updates and needed information.
- There have been multiple wrenches in the trials that they are working out.
- YCDES will need to know Chiefs' desires for initial dispatches to proceed with data entry. There will be multiple meetings scheduled around the county to hand out information packets and explain how to complete the information. There will then be smaller follow- up meetings to answer any questions and complete the forms.
- Tony Meyers noted that the Association members need to respond to requests for information and band together so we get what we need to make the systems better and to save money.
- Brad Dunham asked if the new system will overcome current reported human-error problems. Joe Madzelan replied that most of those problems will be fixed.
- Steve Buffington commented that everyone must respond to requests for information or be stuck with whatever they are given.

Rick Witten reported that 33 companies in PA did not respond to the PA State Fire Commissioner's grant offers. He also reported that the PA SFC has purchased cloud rights to FH Software for fire reporting directly to the state system at no cost to fire companies. You would still need to purchase your own license for all other FH modules.

The next meeting will be July 15th, 2013 at 1900 at Station 35 – Dallastown (to be confirmed).

ADJOURNMENT

President Buffington adjourned the meeting at 2038.

Respectfully Recorded,

Robert Sells

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Board Secretary