

June 17, 2002

President Skip Rupert called the regular meeting of the York County Fire Chiefs and Firefighters Association to order. Forty-eight members were in attendance. Following the pledge to the flag, the president introduced Jim Robertson of the Fire Police Association who addresses the group regarding leaving older fire police on rosters, and listing them as inactive so they will still be able to collect their \$400.00 death benefit. The minutes were read and approved as read. Bob Bowman presented the Treasurer's Report. There was a motion by Dave Gemmill and a second to accept the Treasurer's Report.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS: Barry Myers reported the roof and doors for the Haz-mat building have been installed. Fawn Grove Fire Company has a truck for sale. Discussion under new business.

COMMUNICATIONS: No Report.

RADIO COMMITTEE: Chairman Bissey reported the Radio Committee met in June. No new radio applications. 9-1-1 Quality Assurance gave the following items, which were discussed.

1. Too many officers calling responding on the radio.
2. Too much non-essential radio traffic on 33.88.
3. Departments are not following their box alarms; some companies do not have enough apparatus listed in their resource lists for additional needs.
4. When requesting transfers or additional equipment (especially out of county), ask for by station number not their name.

The 9-1-1 Study was also discussed but not much information was available. Next meeting will be August 8, 2002 at the 9-1-1 Center.

911: No Report.

FIRE SCHOOL: Director Paul Schaefer reported Chief Moses Baker is in South Health Rehab on Normandie Drive, due to problems and foot and leg surgery. Two pumps were tested this month. Total of seven tested for the year. Totals students for the year 887. The module Rescue Classes to start in August are on hold. Pump classes for July and August are full. Advanced Rescue Class is also full. Fire Fighter I Certification is scheduled for August 23rd and 24th. Haz-Mat Operations is scheduled for September. RIT Team Class has been cancelled due to lack of attendance. Repair work on damage at the school is just about finished and almost all of it has been covered by insurance. The August 19th meeting will be the showing of new apparatus. President Skip Rupert reported 30 students on Saturday for Basic vehicle Rescue Class and 27 on Sunday. He thanked the Chiefs for having them in complete turnouts and safety goggles. Director Schaefer thanked Shrewsbury for the use of their Rescue Truck on Sunday.

HAZMAT: Director Paul Schaefer reported six calls last month and twenty-three calls for the year. No money collected. Required members have taken physicals. A thirty-two hour Technician Coarse will be scheduled for later this summer. No report from Penn Township Haz-Mat.

ACCOUNTABILITY: The committee met two weeks ago. They are working on a "Train the Trainer" program. Classes to be held in each zone. They are also working on a vendor list. The entire program will cost about \$100.00 per company.

FIRE PREVENTION: No report

EMA: Tom Graybill has information on the back table from CSX. How to handle Dirty Bomb Information will be mailed out. The Terrorism Task Force has been activated.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: President Rupert advised he is still working on the letter to the Commissioners. He advised he did write the letter to the IAFF regarding the \$60,000.00 check for New York. Director Schaefer stated the check has been returned by the Post Office. They said it was found laying in the Post Office with no envelope, but a receipt was received that the money had reached its destination. Treasurer Bob Bowman said the amount has still not been deducted

from the checking account. Treasurer Bowman presented the bills, motion by Denny List second by Trevor Rentzel to pay the bills.

NEW BUSINESS: President Skip Rupert reported that the meeting of the Fire School Instructors, Board of Governors, and the Fire School Committee went well. It was discussed that helpers for classes should be qualified with a Fire Fighter I certification and a number of years in the Fire Service.

Barry Myers is checking into purchasing a new lightweight self-propelled walk mower for the school. He is going to check and see if it will qualify under the state contract. Motion by Bob Bowman, second by Trever Rentzel to purchase a mower. Motion carried. Barry also discussed the out mate program and the people we are using from the prison.

Chief Nichols advised that Kay Carman is requesting information from each area for the Terrorism Task Force. Fire Departments would probably assist with decon. Dave stated that a full-scale mock Terrorism Drill is scheduled for Saturday August 10th. He also reported that the York fair would be doing a tribute at the Grandstand on September 11th to all York County Fire, EMS, and Police Personnel.

Paul Schaefer said that Fawn Grove has a 1982 Ford Pierce, 1000-gallon pump for sale. If the school is interested they will talk with us.

Proposed By-Law changes were read, and will be read again and voted upon at next month's meeting. Copy of change enclosed.

Bob Bowman questioned the By-Law change, as the Secretary and Treasurer are elected officers and receive salaries, are they considered employees?

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION: Dave Hoffnagle, Trever Rentzel, and Reva Shearer will treat for a cookout at the August meeting.

President Rupert asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion by Dave Gemmill, second by Bob Boeckel. Meeting adjourned by President Skip Rupert.

Note: 2001/2002 dues are now due. They are \$10.00 for the two years. Make checks payable to the Fire Chiefs & Firefighters Association.

Next months quarterly meeting will be hosted by York Township, Station 19 on Monday July 15, 2002 at 7:30 pm. Don't forget to bring your reports. Refreshments will be served prior to the meeting.

Sincerely,

Cindy A. Dietz
Secretary