

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

**330 Emig Road
York, PA 17406**



**Monthly Meeting
3rd Monday**

June 18th, 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 five people were in attendance.

President Steve Buffington approved the minutes as published.

Treasurer Bob Bowman presented the following report: Beginning Balance: \$8,562.88 with all balances and withdraws; we have an Ending Balance of: \$5,447.74

BOARD OF GOVERNORS: John Senft: The Board met this evening prior to tonight's meeting. We discussed the financial health, policies, an official position, as well as the current standing of the State grant. It is a lengthy process, but we are progressing. We then met in an Executive Session to talk about personnel issues.

FIRE SCHOOL: Richard Halpin: This past month, we had 292 hours of training. We are looking to hold a Bus Rescue class on October 14th & 28th. To run the class, we need two rescue units on the 28th, for the class to be a success. If your department would like to volunteer their rescue for the day, please contact me here at the Fire School. We have the "Responding to Ethanol Incidents" class coming up on August 12th. We need 24 students to run the class. Currently, we have 8 registered. Registrations must be submitted to us by July 16th, or we will have to cancel the class. September 15th is the scheduled date for the 9/11 ceremony at Prospect Hill cemetery. We are looking for apparatus to line the pathway, as well as for the display of the flag. At August's meeting, we will be hosting "New Apparatus" night. Please contact Heather if your department will be bringing a piece of apparatus. July 15th is "First Responder Night" at the York Revolution baseball. Two weeks ago, we hosted the SAVER program. They were here evaluating 6 different circular saws. After all the saw were tested, the evaluators were able to choose a saw to keep. The Fire School has a new Cutters Edge, and there are three other saws in York County. Wrightsville, York City, and Red Lion also received saws.

COMMUNICATIONS: Erik Brown: I was not able to attend the last meeting. They did discuss the MAYDAY policy. There were some concerns last month. I will try to answer most of the questions that came up. The dispatchers are to be working the new protocol. Currently, there are 5 dispatchers. We plan to have 6, but we would love to have 7, but we don't have the funding. For the unit replacement, there will be 1 response check for all the units. There were concerns about the Fire Police not knowing what channel they are on. There are a few ideas to address this issue. One idea was to have a dispatcher on Fire Police Channel 2 state what channel the Fire Police are to be on five minutes after dispatch. The other idea was to put the channel back onto the pager for dispatch. There have been no decisions on this matter yet. Another issue that came up was dispatchers are to cancel individual pieces. This is currently the policy. If the unit is not on scene yet, they should be getting a page stating they are canceled. The working talk group, units are calling responding, when they should be calling out on their home channels. There was discussion about

repeating the initial dispatch. Most statements won't be repeated after the initial dispatch. If there is a report of fire now through the roof, that may be repeated. There were 16 trainings held. 539 people attended those trainings. We received 22 recommendations. We are reviewing them. Some may be used, others, not at this time. The radios will need to be reprogrammed. There is talk about doing a "Train the Trainer" event, but we are being choosy as to how we implement that. The last trainer event was a disaster. There are some people saying that you can program your own radios. This is possible, but at the same time, it opens the door to have a large impact on the system.

911: Julio Mendez: I can confirm that they did approve two new policies. I am not sure if everyone got a copy of the new policies. The first one is an emergency declaration. If someone is in a hostage situation, and calls a signal 13 on the radio, police will respond. The other policy was for Fire, EMS incident types. They have finally approved Motorola radios for on the system. Just a reminder, the York Revolution Baseball team is hosting a "First Responders Night". It is a fun evening meant for the whole family.

OEM: Tom Graybill: On June 30th, we will be having several trainings held at the 911 center on June 30th. On July 2nd, at 08:00, there will be an Everbridge test.

HAZ-MAT TEAM: Tom Graybill: There were 4 calls for the month, 26 for the year. We have 18 students in the Haz-Mat Tech class. We have a Tech Refresher class coming up next week-end. If anyone wants to take the class, let me know. The ERG books have not been distributed yet. I have been told that there is a PDF version online. <http://phmsa.dot.gov/staticfiles/PHMSA/DownloadableFiles/Files/Hazmat/ERG2012.pdf>

YORK COUNTY ATR: Chief John Sanford: We had 5 calls this month. We had a structural collapse with Sta. 19, another one with Station 23. Station 34 and 24 each had a confined space rescue. Station 47 had a water rescue. For the year, we have had 9 calls. We will be participating in the York County Child Abduction drill that will be held in the Glen Rock area.

FIRE POLICE: Hayden Mitchell: There are 9 or 10 departments that have still not submitted their dues or rosters. Our next meeting will be next Monday at Station 35.

FIRE SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Bob Sells: Nothing to report

RIT: Joe Yahnke: No Report

RESCUE INSPECTION: Tim Mooney: No Report

FIRE PREVENTION: Steve Tawney: No Report

FUND RAISING: No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A motion was made to pay the bills. 1st: Brian Bastinelli 2nd: Dave Michaels Motion Passed

Bob Sells stated that last month, he proposed the Standard Operating policy, on how to create, operate and approve procedures. President Buffington stated that from time to time, something may need to be brought to the floor and voted upon if a time deadline is an issue, and it can't wait a month to be voted upon. A vote was taken, and unanimously passed. Bob stated that the policy would then be posted on the website under "Association Policies", for everyone to have access to them.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bob Sells stated that he created another policy. This new policy is being called a Position Statement 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:

Chief Dave Michaels stated that there is a grant bill that just cleared the Senate. The House bill 955 is where the bill is currently. We ask that you contact your representatives in your area to have them pass this bill as it stands. The word going around is that the Governor will sign the bill.

Chief Shanan Poe stated that filtering the comments section of "I'm Responding" would not be helpful to him, and several other departments that use that information. Chief Poe stated that on a recent call, they received more information involving the incident through "I'm Responding" than he did through the 911 dispatcher. Julio stated

that it is not possible to purge private information. You either have all of the comments section, or nothing at all. Chief Brian Bastinelli stated that he spoke to the gentleman who crated "I'm Responding." He stated that the gentleman told him that he did not know why York County wants to get rid of the comments section. York County is the only one that is doing any such thing, according to him. President Buffington stated that a committee should be formed to get other's input on how they can possibly keep the narrative, but not be in violation of HIPPA. Chief Bastinelli will lead the committee.

The next monthly meeting is scheduled for 7:00 pm on Monday, July 16th, 2012, at Dallastown Fire Company.

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

Sincerely,

Heather Grove

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Recording Secretary