

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

**330 Emig Road
York, PA 17406**



**Monthly Meeting
3rd Monday**

June 18, 2007

President Skip Rupert called the regular monthly meeting of the York County Fire Chiefs and Firefighters Association to order and led the pledge to the flag. There were thirty-one people in attendance.

Minutes from the previous meeting were not published and sent out. We will vote on May's minutes at next months meeting. No one has volunteered to host the quarterly meeting for July so it will be held at the Fire School.

President Rupert asked for a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, Chief Snyder made the motion, second by John Fornadel. Motion carried.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS: Barry Myers reported:

- Paperwork for the burn building is going through the County.
- Discussions with Senator Wahl.
- Meeting on 6/28 with the engineering firm in regards to the burn building.

COMMUNICATIONS: Ken Sheffer from K. Sheffer Electrical Contracting has donated \$511.61 to the Memorial Project. This covered the materials and labor for the installation of the electrical materials needed for the Eagle Scout Project. The Secretary will send Ken a thank you note.

RADIO COMMITTEE: No Report from the Committee.

- Chief Nichols stated he had a discussion with Chief Shank in regards to the recent decision to rescind the duty officer designation. He stated his department (Stations 2 & 5) will go back to allowing Captains and Lieutenants to respond on the radio with their given designations on July 1st if nothing is changed. (No response – Chief Shank not present at the meeting).

911: Audrey Rychalsky reported that:

- Fleet mapping for the new radio system begins tomorrow and goes for the next three days. Some profiles have already been built. If you have input please contact Audrey directly.
- Two weeks ago two groups from the 911 Center traveled to Lynchburg, VA to do factory acceptance testing on the radio system.
- Dispatcher recruitment posters have been sent out to the Fire Departments. Please post when you receive them.
 - Question from Chief Snyder on why the CAD system will not recognize an Engine/Rescue when it is designated as an Engine in CAD. Cindy Dietz explained that the CAD system did not initially recognize units that fail. The CAD company was asked to design a "back up list" for when this occurs so that the dispatchers could poll it for the next due unit if a piece failed after 5 minutes. The back up list was designed and is being used. Unfortunately the Association has never recognized Engine/Rescue as a designation. The dispatcher see E53-2 (not E/R53-2) has failed the call and does not know that its intended function in this response was as a Rescue and they replace it with another Engine. If a piece is placed out of service prior to a call coming in the correct response will be dispatched since all run cards are custom built, they were able to make this occur within the tables in CAD,

because it was known as the tables were being built exactly what the intended function would be. The solution would be to re-designate multi purpose pieces of apparatus. When a multi purpose piece fails the dispatcher would then ask the OIC what he wanted to replace the piece, so the correct replacement could be sent. President Rupert sent this issue to the Radio Committee to resolve.

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

Hours of use:

- From 5/21/07 to 6/17/07 there were 55 events at your Fire School, totaling 246 hours of Training. This is included in the total of 1410 hours since the beginning of our recording year. In other words between classes and meetings your Fire School has been active on average 7.5 hours a day. Every day since December 13 (including Holidays)

The ENTRY LEVEL Program:

- Our First Entry Level Interior Firefighter class has concluded successfully.
 - Lead Instructor Dave Nichols and the Fire School are planning a Graduation Ceremony on July 13 for the students who have successfully completed the four classes that make up the 166 hours of Training
- We have our Next Interior Fire Fighter (ELIF) Class scheduled to start June 17th; the lead instructor for this class will be Bill Hoover.
- There will also be a ELIS (Entry Level Introduction to the Fire Service) Class (Day Time, 0900 – 1300) Starting June 27th Lead Instructor will be Dan Hoff
- The Next ELIS Class (Evenings, 1830 -2230) will start July 10th with Lead Instructor Rick Witten.

Mason-Dixon Extrication Challenge:

- Consideration is still being given as to whether or not to proceed with the 4th Annual Challenge. We hope to have a decision soon. It is estimated that we our income exceeded expenditures by \$1600 – 2000.00. We are still waiting to make sure all bills are presented

Firefighter I Testing (UPDATED INFORMATION):

- York County Fire School will be hosting an IFSAC/PROBOAD Fire Fighter I Certification test this fall. The Written test will be October 12 and the Practical exam will be on November 3, 2007. A cut off date of September 29th has been established and all monies for the test must be submitted PRIOR to the cut off date – watch for more information soon.
- Applications for this test should be in your July Mailings and available soon on our website
- A prep class for this test will be September 29th (THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THIS CLASS and it is OPEN TO ALL FIREFIGHTERS [even if they choose not to test])

NFPA 1006, Standard for Professional Rescue Technician, Core Competencies Machinery/Vehicle Review Course and Test:

- The Test date for the Core Competencies will be December 8th, at this point in time the Machinery and Vehicle portions will be pushed back to 2008
- October 27 and 28 will be a review class on the core competencies With Gary Carpenter instructing
 - Ropes and Rigging class is strongly advised before taking the test, Station 34 is working on securing this class and your fire school looks forward to working with them to make this available to anyone in the County Fire Services who is interested.

Fire Officer I:

- The Fire School has contacted the State Fire Academy to bring the Academy on the Road (AOTR) Fire Officer I class and certification to YCFS this Fall. The Dates of the classes are October 20 & 21, November 3 & 4 and November 17 & 18. The Fire School MUST HAVE a minimum of 12 candidates to have this course run.
- **The Fire School has applications for this program. Applications were included in our last mailing to the County Departments**
- **The APPLICATIONS must be submitted to the STATE FIRE ACADEMY**
 - Candidates for this program must have the following certification
 - Firefighter I
 - Firefighter II
 - Fire Instructor I
 - The class we scheduled so that all who desired to participate in the Fire Officer Class concluded Sunday May 20th Congratulations to Class for their efforts and their performance
 - **We DO NOT at this time have a FF II test schedule. The Fire School has NOT gotten enough request that we can justify scheduling one here.**

- Make sure you check with HACC and BUCKS as well as the Pa State Fire Academy Web site for upcoming dates and location if you need this certification.

New Classes Scheduled:

- A one day Class on New Car technology and Hybrid Vehicle has been scheduled for 3 consecutive days in December (12/14, 12/15 and 12/16/2007). This class is being brought to our area through cooperation between the Fire School and Several area Fire Departments. Offering the same class on three days should enable us to reach as many Fire/Rescue Personnel as possible
- Wildland Fire Fighting (Pa 130), presented by the Bureau of Forestry on September 15th and 16th
- NIMS-ICS for EMS, a twenty hour course for EMS providers that is an NIMS-ICS 200 level course designed and presented for EMS Providers to help them better integrate into their role in a major event
- *Coming in 2008, We are working with PAg (Penn State) Rescue training to bring you the following courses:* Intro to Farm Emergencies, Managing Tractor Emergencies, Managing Farm Machinery Entanglements, Farm Chemical Emergencies, Farm Confined Space Awareness, Farm Confined Space Operations

Current and Future Schedule:

- The 2007 schedule is available online at our web site www.yorkcountfireschool.org, just click on the [Click Here to See Available Classes](#) link on the home page.
- **Be sure to check out the website for the latest Updates** www.yorkcountfireschool.org
- **Pre-registrations** (as of Monday, June 18th):
 - **June 23, Bus Rescue: 13***
 - **June 27, ELIS Introduction to the Fire Service: 16**
 - **July 9th Incident Safety Officer: 5**
 - **July 10th EVOC: 5**
 - **July 10th (Evening) ELIS Introduction to the Fire Service: 13 ***
 - **July 17th NIMS-ICS: 2**

*** 2 more students attending would secure these courses**

- Courses above listed in **BOLD** and underlined are in jeopardy of being canceled due to low enrollment. Please pre-register early. Your Fire School does what it can to see that scheduled course run, but we cannot do it with your help
- **There has been a change to Pre-registration forms.** Some of you may have already noted that a subtle change has been added to the pre-registration forms. We now ask for the Student's e-mail and/or phone number so we can contact them if there are any changes in their upcoming class.

Carl also reported the Fire School was given a used tool from Powerhawk, and he purchased a new cutter for the Lucas tool.

YORK COUNTY ATR: Tony Myers reported that on July 27th there will be a Regional Disaster Drill. It will cover a six county area and be held in Lancaster County. Several members on the team recertified in various disciplines. Effective June 1st Chief Myers has stepped down as ATR 1. He is unsure of who ATR 1 is now.

OEM: Tom Graybill reported PEMA is going to Proboard for certification.

FIRE POLICE: Jim Robertson reported a Memorial Service was held in May at the York New Salem Fire Company. Thirteen members were lost.

- Five departments still need to pay their Fire Police Association dues.
- 56 members were present at the meeting. Two deaths.
- Next meeting will be at York Haven Fire Company.

MAY DAY: Chief Cromer reported. Named members in committee (did not get all names – Cromer, Feeser, Yahnke, Krichten, Hoff, and Buffington)

- RIT was redefined as an approved program through HACC or Bucks.
 - Working with Carl to set up classes.
 - Input from the Association members is a vital part.
 - Chief Cromer will forward revisions to RIT qualifications in the current policy tomorrow to Cindy Dietz to forward out to the Chiefs. These will be voted on at the July meeting. Email any of the committee members with your questions.
 - The committee wants to implement a policy that will stick not one that bounces commitment.

- Commitment will be needed from 911 to monitor the fire ground frequencies. Chief Cromer asked Director Rychalsky if 911 will commit. She responded that it is something we'll have to work with.
 - Cindy Dietz asked Chief Cromer what the committee's intentions were regarding changes to the CAD system since this is not something that can be implemented in a day, and discussions are leaning towards major changes. With the current run card updates going on it would be some time until the staff could devote the manpower to make the changes. President Rupert said the committee should talk with Cindy and discuss their intentions.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- President Rupert asked for a motion to pay the bills. Motion to pay the bills by John Fornadel second by Chief Tony Myers. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: None

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION: None

Motion to adjourn by Bob Bowman. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Next quarterly meeting is scheduled for 7:30 pm on Monday, July 16, 2007, at the Fire School.

Sincerely,

Cindy A. Dietz

Cindy A. Dietz, Secretary