

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

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MONTHLY MEETING
THIRD MONDAY

June 19, 2006

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

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as published.

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

BOARD OF GOVERNORS: Chief Jan Cromer reported the Executive Committee met prior to the meeting with two members from the Board of Governors and the President present. The following items were discussed:

- Repairs being done to the burn pit the 2nd week in July.
- The architects report on the Burn Building will be back next month.
- Discussion on purchasing a Bobcat with forks and a bucket, for Tim and Carl to use at the school. A vote will be taken on this purchase when there is a quorum.

RADIO COMMITTEE: Rob Bissey reported the committee met last Thursday. There were no applications to approve. Rob gave a brief project update, he said that Rob Sterner has some portables and mobile units; Chief Shank was bringing them to the meeting.

There was discussion on standardizing dispatches. The committee is looking for input from the Association, this standardization will not occur for a few years. Email your ideas to Chief Shank.

Chief Robinson asked how the CAD project was coming. Cindy Dietz gave a brief update. She said that the CAD vendor New World Systems was asked to provide five enhancements to their system that would allow York County to build the run cards and dispatch similar to the way they are now. New World stepped up and provided some of those enhancements with the balance of them to be delivered the week of 7/28. There are approximately nine people at the 911 Center currently doing CAD data entry in an effort to get the fire responses entered in time for the projected Go Live date.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

911: No Report

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

Something NEW:

- 📢 Instructor Dan Hoff and your Fire School are going to try something NEW and Different; we will be offering REFRESHER courses in SCBA, Ropes & Knots, and Ladders held at Your Fire School.
- 📢 These 3 hour classes will be conducted through Bucks CPSTC and will result in a certificate
- 📢 The First Class will be scheduled for June 28th and will be on SCBA. Watch your monthly mailing to the Fire Stations and our Website for more details

Hours of use

- 📢 Between May 9 and June 12 the Fire School and if Facilities were in use for 293.5 hours

New Essentials Program:

- ☛ The Introduction to Fire Service Class that is scheduled to begin on June 20 (Tuesday- Thursday days 09:00 – 13:00) has 14 pre-registered and will be conducted.
- ☛ Exterior Fire Fighter Begins July 9, this replaces the course that was scheduled for June 25, there are openings. Students MUST have the Skill sheets marked as complete from the Fire Ground Support Class to enter (the do not need their certificate)
- ☛ If you have any questions about the new Essentials Program (Series of Classes) please feel free to E-mail or call the Office at 717-767-4097

Mason-Dixon Extrication Challenge:

- ☛ On June 12th at the Union Fire Hall a preliminary meeting was held to discuss the possibility of having a Mason-Dixon Extrication Challenge in 2007
 - Initial thoughts were to work on a 2007 Challenge
 - Items discussed/goals
 - Improved Safety – Event Safety officer
 - An Organizational Tree, divisions of labor and responsibility
 - Improved participation in pre and post event operations
 - Maintain Fiscal responsibility
 - Improved funding/sponsorship opportunities
 - Improved attendance, participation from local departments
 - Improved media coverage
- ☛ Next meeting is July 24th @ 18:30 Hours at Station 23, If you are interested in participating in this work group please contact Tim Stevens @ tstevens@waltonco.com or Carl Avery @ YorkCoFireSchool@aol.com

Structural Burn Sessions:

- ☛ There are 2 more Structural Burn Sessions scheduled for this year (2006) they are September 11, 14 and 17 with lead instructor Jeff Snyder, and November 25 & December 2 with lead instructor Gary Carpenter.
- ☛ **Projects underway by the Board of Governors may have an impact on these two classes scheduled. Watch for more details.**

Firefighter I Testing:

- ☛ No more new details at this time, from last month:
 - The Fire School is working with Instructor Dan Hoff, Dover Twp Fire Department and BUCKS Public Safety Training Center to bring a Firefighter I test to York the County Fire School.
 - The Primary sponsors of this would be Dover Township F.D.; they are willing to have members of other departments join them in this process.
 - Final details have not yet been established, but the Test is tentatively Scheduled for December 15 and 16.

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

- ☛ Your Fire school has been approached to see if this project is doable. The Fire School has sent out surveys via Email and USPS to assess the desire for this testing. Here is what we know as of this time
 - The course is 40 hour refresher course
 - The Testing process is composed of a 3 hour written test and a 16 hour Skills test
 - The Cost for this Program would be \$125.00 per Student, pass or fail, paid in advance to BCPSTC
 - The minimum number of candidates for this program is fifteen

Administrative Extern:

- ☛ Our administrative extern project has been terminated. Ms Robert working along with our Administrative Assistant did take on and complete a major project this spring. The Fire School's vast array of resource manuals and videos have now been numbered and catalogued for easier access and use.

Program Support and Maintenance:

- ☛ Items addressed since last meeting: General policing of the grounds for debris and trash, Emptying of trash cans in Classroom building, Maintained Break Room facilities, Picked up pallets, Prepped extinguisher pad for training class, General maintenance for yard tools, Prepped equipment for extrication class, Cleaned Extrication area after BVR Class on June 21, Cleaned Tower, Coordinated repair of smoke maze trailer floor, installed out side water fountain on training grounds for summer, installed shelving in instructor's aide room, Installed deodorizing automatic spray in bathroom, Prepped Smoke

Maze for use, painting outside Training Grounds props, Prepped training grounds for Citizens Fire Academy, General building maintenance on Haz-Mat Building, helped facilitate installation of new gutter system on Class room building (this is a safety issue to help eliminate ice build up in winter months), Installed Thermometer on Brown building, cut weeds, planted flowers, Contacted Sentry Sprinkler to do an inspection on training equipment in tower, worked on baffles in pump test pit (some had rotted and are floating in pit) temporary repairs made – scheduling full maintenance , got Fire extinguishers recharged.

Current Schedule:

- ☛ The 2006 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.
- ☛ **A NEW FALL SCHEDULE for the Essential Series will be published before the next MONTHLY MEETING**


Upcoming Courses:

- ☛ Introduction to the Fire Service, June, 20, 22, 27, 29 (DAYTIME) 09:00 -13:00
- ☛ SCBA REFRESHER, June 28, 1830-21:30
- ☛ Haz-Mat Ops refresher, July 5 & 6, 18:30 – 21:00
- ☛ Fire Ground Support Class, July 6, 11, 16, 18, 20, 25, 27, August 1, 3, 8, 10 & 15 (DAYTIME) 09:00 - 13:00
- ☛ Confined Space, July 8 & 9, 08:00 – 17:00
- ☛ Exterior Fire Fighter Class, July 9, 16, 23, 30, August 6, 17, 08:00 – 17:00
- ☛ Haz-Mat Ops 472, July 10, 12, 18, 19, 25 26 (18:30 – 22:30)
- ☛ Pump Ops I, July 11, 13 (18:30 -22:30) July 15 (08:00 – 17:00)
- ☛ Haz- Mat Awareness Refresher, July 20 (18:30-20:00)

Correspondence:


- ☛ The Fire School received the following letter from the Juvenile Probation Department of York County:

YORK COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT



CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER
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Bryce Wickard - x308
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Jennifer L. Mann - x339

May 22, 2006

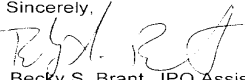
Carl D. Avery, Program Director
York County Fire School
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Dear Carl,

I wanted to take a moment to thank you for the use of your facility for our recent control tactics certification and re-certification trainings. The location was conducive to our training needs and your assistance and cooperation in meeting our needs was greatly appreciated.

On behalf on my colleagues, I wish to extend our gratitude for your kindness in allowing us to utilize the facility and we look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,



Becky S. Brant, JPO Assistant Supervisor,
PSS/Control Tactics Instructor

cc: **R. Anthony Forella**, JPO Assistant Supervisor, PSS/Control Tactics Instructor
Mark Durgin, Juvenile Probation Officer, PSS/Control Tactics Instructor

YORK COUNTY ATR: Chief Cadden reported the team was waiting on money from PEMA for equipment. There will be a Response Drill in Hanover in October.

OEM: No Report.

FIRE POLICE: Jim Robertson reported the next Fire Police Meeting will be on June 22nd, try and attend.

- Twelve members have passed away in the last year.
- Peter Ehrhart just passed away.
- Thirty-eight companies attended the meeting. Sixty-eight members present and nine guests.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

NEW BUSINESS: None

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

- Bob Bowman reported that Paul Schaeffer is weak and he sleeps a lot. He is back in the hospital with defibrillator problems and is not doing well.
- President Rupert thanked everyone who supported him when he had to take a step back from things for a bit. He has now been released by his physician and is ready to go.
- Shrewsbury Carnival runs June 26th through July 1st. The parade is on July 1st – interested persons see John Fornadel.

Motion to adjourn by Bob Bowman. Meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm.

The following station still owes dues for 2005/2006 – Nashville - Station 11

Next quarterly meeting is scheduled for 7:30 pm on Monday, July 17, 2006 at Station 35 – Dallastown Fire Company. Light refreshments will be served prior to the meeting.

Sincerely,

Cindy A. Dietz

Cindy A. Dietz, Secretary