

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

**330 Emig Road
York, PA 17406**



**Monthly Meeting
3rd Monday**

June 20th, 2011

President Rick Shank called the monthly meeting of the York County Fire Chiefs and Firefighters Association to order and led the pledge to the flag and a moment of silence. Thirty - Five people were in attendance.

Gary Brouse from the South Central Task Force gave a presentation.

Kevin Krout from the Firefighters Explorers Post # 343 also gave a presentation.

President Rick Shank asked for a motion to approve the minutes, as published. 1st: Steve Buffington 2nd: Joe Madzellan Motion Passed

John Senft presented the balances of the treasurer's report.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS: Chief John Senft: The Board met this evening. We reviewed the damage report from a recent storm. We are making facility improvements and discussed some personnel issues.

COMMUNICATIONS: Steve Buffington: Erik Brown submitted the following reports to Heather:

Radio Workgroup Meeting Minutes June 9th, 2011:

1. **Approval of April 14, 2011 meeting minutes.** (No May Meeting Held) Approved.
2. **Review Open Issues / Working Log** Please see Log for updates. E-mail updates as you work on issues you are taking ownership of. Thanks
3. **Discuss/Approve Radio Identification "Duty Officer 40" from Eagle and Union Fire Companies.** (Ryan Brenneman) Discussed...wondered if it was worked out with fire school to use a different number so they could have "20". Erik Brown and Ryan Brenneman not here to clarify why want to use "40". On Hold. Not approved.
4. **Discuss/Approve Radio Identification of Deputy 1 and Chief 1-2, for West York Fire Department, Station 1.** (E. Brown) Some discussion. Approved. Motion by Dave Michaels, seconded by Chris Krichten.
5. **Discuss/Approve Radio Identifications: QRS 7, Traffic 49, Service 49-1, and Service 49-2.** (E. Brown) Some discussion. Approved QRS 7, Service 49-1 and Service 49-2. QRS 7 motion to approve by Chris Krichten and seconded by Dave Nichols. Service 49-1 and Service 49-2 motion to approve by Dave Nichols and seconded by Phil Treffinger. "Traffic" 49 - Not Approved. Lengthy discussion on defining "Traffic", how does it differ from "Service"? Would like to suggest that "Traffic 49" be identified as Service 49-3. ? Erik Brown follow-up. Some discussion on giving an implementation date for when all these approvals are put in use. Mel can get it in the CAD fairly quickly. The letters go to the chiefs to let them know it has been approved. (Letters come from Erik Brown) Have Erik Brown include Mel Grove on his distribution of the electronic letter to the chiefs.
6. **Discuss/Approve Radio Identification of Medic 36.** (Shannon F.) Some discussion. Approved. Motion to approve by Chris Krichten and seconded by Mel Grove. Dave Nichols--Can Mel give us a resource list of all Medic, EMS units, chase vehicles etc.? And see their locations. Various discussion on too many responders at times.
7. **Discuss the possible termination of Ski Roundtop's QRS status.** (E. Bistline)They are contemplating doing away with that service. What is the ramification of that? Radios can be used to do what they do. Take them

off our system? (remove from our trunk system) If they give up their QRS certification, will they still be able to communicate with us as they do now? No. They would have to call 911 like everyone else. They could set up a first-aid station. Can we check to see if they have maintained their certification? Yes.

8. **Discuss moving ALL fire incidents in the North OPS 3 talkgroup to another non-assigned talkgroup, i.e. OPS 8, 7, etc. when Cumberland County units are assigned to the call requiring the Cumberland County Patch to be initiated.** We have already discussed and come up with a resolution-as per Chris Krichten. (Discussed last meeting) Various discussion. The inter-op was designed to do this. We need to put this in writing and make sure all our staff know. We need to sit down with Bill about Training Dpt concerns. Eric -We will work out the operational piece. Phil -fire side may have some push-back on this. Eric – I was thinking just the first due assignments/situations.... Will work out the details and get something in writing. Misc. Discussion....
9. **Other Business.** Dave Nichols – I have two things; what is the status of the ATR letter? Is it going out? Julio- it should have gone out this morning. What about the Duty Officer 50? I didn't get any feed-back on that. It is coming over Duty Officer 2 for coroner. Phil – Duty Officer 2, 5 and 50 all have same cap-code (same phone #). If we shut off Duty officer 50, it does not disable 2 and 5. Dave-I didn't get an e-mail response. Julio -we disabled the coroner 50 from the CAD. We just call the Coroner, they don't have a pager. So there is no longer Duty Officer 50. We didn't touch the cap-codes.

Cindy –did Ted discuss with you (Shannon) his request for a quote for interface to our CAD system for the EMS? He presented to me that the EMS group was looking into funding an interface for our New World vendor. Similar to Firehouse software interface. EMS Charts? Some Discussion....

Shannon –We need to still define what this group approves and what we push to Policy Board and with clear definition -if we approve something, who signs off and who is responsible for notification, and give implementation date. We don't have a written policy on how we function. My understanding is whatever affects policy goes up to the Policy Board. The Radio Designations are something we have been approving because 911 holds the license for the radio designation. Various discussion.... Is there an appeal process? Example, when we do not approve something. So we need to define functions. We have an organizational chart, but the Policy Board and this group have not defined functions. Various discussion....

Dave N. –Can IT put in a reply/response message to us when we send in an on-line form? Discussion....

10. **Adjournment.** 10:45am

11. **Next meeting Thursday, July 14, 2011, 9:00 a.m. at the Emergency Services Center – Conference Room.**

Radio Applications approved:

Medic 36
QRS 7
Service 49-1
Service 49-2
Deputy Chief 1
Chief 1-2

A request was made to the county for a receipt form or an acknowledgement when a complaint form is filed. When submitting a complaint form off the county's website, you have no notification to make sure it was received until the county contacts you back. (This could be days or a week or two) The county is in the process of restructuring the website and will see if that change can be incorporated into the change.

Protocol meetings are cancelled during the month of June due to vacations. Progress is being made.

Air Medical Responses:

We are now using the T/A channels for helicopters. For STAT, we will assign them a channel 8 through 1 (descending). This is to avoid conflict with an actual fireground scenario. Some are getting confused and switching to OPS8. Life Lion will be assigned to Adams 1 or 2 until they receive our new frequencies. 33.88 is no longer reliable due to only being on Pville.

Reminder to EVERYONE that only the first due officer is to mark responding. We are still getting several officers from the same department calling responding.

YORK COUNTY 911: July 5th, we will have our largest class coming in of new dispatchers. The ATR letters were sent out. The Deadline to send them back is July 2nd. See Julio if you did not get a letter. Your email may not be correct for them.

Phil: Last month I stated that Haris had fixed the Knox boxes. Harris has not yet. They have the codes, but it is currently in the SVT. Once it is out of SVT, then I will need guinea pigs to test the Knox boxes.

FIRE SCHOOL: Richard Halpin: May we had 326 hours of use, half of which were from classes we ran. We have a 1403 class at Sta. 8-7 in Lancaster (Columbia) scheduled for June 26th at 8:30 in the morning if anyone needs the class. We had some storm damage from a recent storm. Most of it was cleaned up and repaired in two or three weeks. We have a Weapons of Mass Destruction class coming up on August 9th. On August 15th, the Fire School will be hosting "New Apparatus Night". Call the Fire School if your department is planning on bringing a piece of apparatus. We have a Firefighter 1 test scheduled for Sept. 9th & 10th. There is a Prep class scheduled for sometime in August. We are just waiting to hear back from the Instructor on the exact dates. We have an Instructor that wants to teach Bloodborne Pathogens, First Aid, CPR and other various EMS related classes. Contact the Fire School, and we can put you in touch with the Instructor.

YORK COUNTY ATR: Chief John Sanford submitted the following report to Heather: We had 3 calls for the month. The first called we assisted Sta. 63 for a vehicle into a structure. We then assisted Sta. 24 with a vehicle in water. Lastly we assisted Sta. 23 for flooding. For the year, we have had 9 calls. Just a reminder that a letter should have been sent out to every department regarding any changes to box alarms. If you have changes, please complete them and return the form to 911.

OEM: Tom Graybill: No Report

HAZ-MAT TEAM: Tom Graybill: We had 3 calls for the month. We have had 13 calls total for the year.

FIRE POLICE: Hayden Mitchell: We had a Memorial Service at Station 68. 62 people were in attendance from 21 stations, and 21 guests present. Our next meeting is scheduled for next Monday at John Rudy Park.

RESCUE INSPECTION: Pat Mooney: May have one inspection scheduled for next month. The vote that was to be taken in regards to the previous month's motion: has been tabled till next month. The Policy Board has not met yet to review our request.

FIRE SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Bob Sells: Meeting next month.

RIT: Joe Yahnke:

FIRE PREVENTION: No Report

FUND RAISING: No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Joe Hammers stated that the York County Fire Police Association got permission from the Chiefs' Association to have lines painted on the training grounds of the Fire School. He was wondering where things are with the progress. President Shank stated that the line painted, and that the Fire Police Association was going to pay for it. Arrangements need to be made with Dave Gemmill (the person whom is painting the lines) and the York County Fire School, so arrangements can be made to have no activities going on the training grounds while the painting it taking place.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion was made to pay the bills. 1st: Joe Yahnke 2nd: John McDonald

September 11th is on a Sunday this year. There was talk about wanting to possibly hold a County wide observance for 9/11. President Shank appointed Richard Halpin as the Chairman for the Committee. Frank Worth, Steve Tawney, Mark Sanders, and Pat Mooney are all members of the 9/11 Remembrance Committee. York City has an Honor Guard, that Steve Buffington is sure would be able to participate in the event if we ask them.

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

We are looking for hosts for the July and October quarterly meetings. Any department volunteering to host next month's meeting?

Next monthly meeting is scheduled for 7:30 pm on Monday, June 20th, 2011, location is to be announced shortly. An email will be sent out once a location has been determined.

Motion was made by Steve Buffington to adjourn the meeting. 2nd: Chad Arnold Motion Passed

Sincerely,

Heather Grove

Heather Grove
Recording Secretary