

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

**330 Emig Road
York, PA 17406**



**Monthly Meeting
3rd Monday**

July 16th, 2012

President Steve Buffington called the quarterly 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. Twenty - nine people were in attendance.

President Buffington stated recently the 911 lost dispatcher Keith Wilson. We send our condolences.

Brad Dunham from the Pennsylvania State Police stated budget cuts will be effecting the Fire Marshal division. All overtime must now be approved. As a result, unless it is really needed, a fire marshal will most likely be out the next morning, rather than coming right out. Staffing is short. The part time position in York was not filled. There are other counties that have their part time position unfilled as well. There are several counties that are going to be retiring their marshal. So changes will be coming in the next year or so with staffing.

Eric Bistline spoke about the changes that will be coming to the radio system with the T Band issue. By 2021, York County will have to have a written plan. By 2023, we will have to be off the T Band system, and on to the new radio system. This legislation that was passed back in February is requiring the change. The paging system will not be affected by this change. The microwave system will need to be upgraded. We cannot pre license sites.

President Dan Deller of Dallastown Fire Company welcomed everyone this evening. President Steve Buffington thanked Dallastown for hosting us. The meal was very delicious and fantastic.

President Steve Buffington approved the minutes as published.

Treasurer Bob Bowman presented the following report: Beginning Balance: \$5,447.74 with all balances and withdraws; we have an Ending Balance of: \$3,378.27

BOARD OF GOVERNORS: John Senft: The Board met this evening prior to tonight's meeting. We discussed the financial health and investment opportunities. Some repairs are needed to the backhoe. We discussed upcoming class offerings and site development.

COMMUNICATIONS: Joe Madzellan: The radio designation for Service 11 was approved. Adams County has a procedure for dispatching the closest Medivac to the scene, when one is needed. The T Band issue was discussed at the last radio meeting.

911: Nate Kirschman: We are working with the paging world. Narrow banding is a big deal. As of the first of next year, our goal is to be on narrow banding system. We are already doing some testing. The new system will work with our current pagers. Don't buy any more Elegant pagers. This evening I have three pagers with me to show what other options are out there. The Apallo runs about \$160. The Legend + is about \$90

(similar to our current pagers) and the E3 does not have a definite price, but we are told it is under \$200.

The Motorola radios were approved. There is a \$200 setup charge, and it will cost \$25 per a radio that is programmed.

On August 10th, our contract with have ended. This includes any contract pricing. The warranties with then also expire.

FIRE SCHOOL: Richard Halpin: The Ethanol class that is scheduled for next month needs 2 more students to register, before the State will cancel it. There is no age restriction. We must have 25 student registered though. I am doing a 1403 class on August 8th from 7-8 at Sta. 6. We are still looking for apparatus for the 9/11 ceremony in York this year. Sta. 9 has offered their Rescue during the Bus Rescue class in October. They have two sets of tools, so we will be good for the class. Don't forget, next month is "New Apparatus Night". Come early to see what is new throughout the County. We need a few more students for the Legal Aspects of the Fire Service class, or we will have to cancel it. It is scheduled for early next week.

OEM: Tom Graybill: The ERG books are currently in at the Gap. We have to go up and pick them up, they are not delivering them this year.

HAZ-MAT TEAM: Tom Graybill: There were three calls for the month. That is a total of 30 for the year.

YORK COUNTY ATR: Chief John Sanford: There were four calls for the month. Three were structural collapses with Hellam, Hellam again, and Red Lion. The last was a Water Rescue with East Prospect. That makes a total of 13 calls for the year.

FIRE POLICE: Hayden Mitchell: Letters for help went out to everyone regarding Sta. 25 need during the convention next month. We also would like to say thank you to everyone that helped at the fire on 4th.

FIRE SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Bob Sells: Nothing to report

RIT: Joe Yahnke: No Report

RESCUE INSPECTION: Tim Mooney: No Report

John Sanford stated they were having difficulty getting inspectors to come out to inspect their rescue. President Steve Buffington stated he would look into it, and would get back with him.

FIRE PREVENTION: Steve Tawney: No Report

FUND RAISING: John McDonald: No Report

I AM RESPONDING: Ryan Brenneman: He stated that they are looking into seeing if the County is a covered entity, or if there would be an exemption to HIPPA. There will be more to follow.

Julio stated that he is in contacts with several other counties that have "I am responding". Of the five he contacted, he heard back from two. He stated that one county does not provide the additional information. He stated another county does provide the additional information.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A motion was made to pay the bills. 1st: John McDonald 2nd: Albert Shaffer Motion Passed

Bob Sells stated last month he brought to the body a proposed policy on a Position Statement Procedure. The policy was read. Ryan Brenneman made a motion to accept the policy. 2nd: Tony Myers Motion Passed

NEW BUSINESS:

No New Business

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

John Senft stated that he read an editorial on the Fire Police work that was performed during the fire on July 4th, in the city. It was a job well done.

On behalf of Dave Michaels, President Buffington wanted to say thank you to everyone that did come and help at that fire.

Richard Halpin stated that last week he had the honor of pinning the badge on his brother Greg, who was just promoted to Deputy Fire Chief of York City.

The next monthly meeting is scheduled for 7:00 pm on Monday, August 20th, 2012, at the York County Fire School.

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

Sincerely,

Heather Grove

Heather Grove
Recording Secretary

RADIO WORKGROUP MEETING
FIRE / EMS / EMA RADIO WORK GROUP

Meeting Minutes
 July 12, 2012 Meeting

Highlighted are IN ATTENDANCE TODAY:

911 Representatives	Fire Representatives	EMS Representatives	Alternates / Others
Eric Bistline	Richard Shank	Joe Madzelan V.P.	-EMA
Julio Mendez	Erik Brown – W.	– E.	Jim Welty
Cindy Dietz	Dave Michaels-M.	Shannon Fouts – M.	Joe Hammers-Fire Pol.
	Chris Krichten – N.	Ted Hake – S.	
Nate Kirschman	Tony Myers E.		Dave Nichols M. – Alt.
Ryan Renninger		Mark Moody - ALS	
Mel Grove			Ryan Brenneman N. Alt
Greg Kidd			
Lori Slothour			
Roxie Tate			

- Other Business.** Erik Brown was given an application for Radio Identification number from Nashville Fire Co. #1 equipment number desired is Service 11 this was approved. Mel Grove will need a copy of the paperwork. Nate Kirschman will install new radio lid #.
- Erik Brown received an email from Bryan Wheeler regarding Stat MedEvac and Life Lion on how they are called to response. Adams Co. has it listed in the box whoever is closest will be called first. Erik Brown will forward the email to the committee so this can be discussed at a later date. Bryan Wheeler will have to watch and monitor this situation.
- Eric Bistline discussed a new law went into effect in February 2012 Middle Class Tax and Job Creation Act of 2012 allows for the migration of public-safety radio systems away from a range of frequencies known as the T-band spectrum. In 9 years you will have to have a project plan and in 11 years you will be required to turn off old radio system and have new system up and operational. Eric has briefed the Commissioners on this issue around April timeframe an article was in last night's paper.
- Nate Kirschman handed out a copy of the talkgroup layout template the Policy Committee has been working on. Shannon Fouts asked Roxie Tate if she could write out a list of the changes and discuss with Doug Eash. A target date to implement this looks to be around January 1, 2013. **(Various discussions)**
- Nate Kirschman advised if you have any broken pagers please give back to him. Also Nate suggested an email will go out to explain please do not buy any new pagers.

Respectfully submitted,

Erik Brown

Penn Township Fire / Rescue

Future Meeting Dates and Locations:

FIRE / EMS RADIO WORKGROUP:

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Location:</u>	<u>Meeting Room:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
August 9, 2012	ESC-911	Conference Room B	9:00 AM
September 13, 2012	ESC-911	Conference Room B	9:00 AM