

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

**330 Emig Road
York, PA 17406**



**Monthly Meeting
3rd Monday**

July 17, 2006

President Skip Rupert called the quarterly meeting of the York County Fire Chiefs and Firefighters Association to order and led the pledge to the flag. Dallastown Fire Company Chief Bernell Kohler gave the welcoming address and invited everyone to tour their museum after the meeting. President Rupert gave the response thanking Dallastown Fire Company for their hospitality. There were twenty-six people in attendance.

President Rupert introduced Bob Straw, Dick Sterner and Judy Savorsky from the Red Cross. They gave a brief overview of what the Red Cross has to offer. They encouraged Chiefs to call early taking into consideration response time of the team. The Red Cross will provide food, clothes and shelter to victims, as well as information on how to start putting their life back in order. They have recently decided to try something new by deploying Red Cross personnel who live in the area of the emergency directly to the scene, while others respond for the vehicle. This is to cut down on long response times and to make initial contact with Command and assess what might be needed. All Red Cross volunteers are NIMS compliant having taken NIMS IS-700. They also have Hazmat Awareness.

Roll call was taken. Twelve out of sixty-five stations were represented and reported.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as published.

President Rupert asked for a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report Commissioner Roth made the motion, seconded by Chief Bracken. Motion carried. Bob Bowman reported that \$1260.00 was received through donations in memory of Paul Schaefer. Anyone with ideas on what they would like to see done with the memorial fund should see a member of the Board of Governors.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS: Bob Bowman reported on the following items:

- Work has started on the burn pit.
- July 19th paving will be done on the ramp and in front of the building where it has been dug out.
- Will begin concentrating on the Burn Building now.

RADIO COMMITTEE: No Report.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

911: Audrey Rychalsky reported for Rob Sterner that the radio cost sheets based on the numbers that were provided would be coming out shortly.

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

The Passing of Former Fire School Director, Paul L. Schaefer:

- On Monday, June 19th, at about 10:30 PM, I received a phone call from Chief Richard Shank of Station 24, informing the Fire School of Paul's passing.
- The Fire School Flags were lowered to half mast that evening
- A memorial was set up in the lobby of the Administration and Classroom building
- A Tribute to Director Schaefer's Leadership was placed on our website
- The Fire School offered our assistance and cooperation to Manchester Twp / Alert Fire Company #1 in the honoring of Director Schaefer
- Engine 20 was washed and waxed and dressed in black bunting for the Funeral Procession

Refresher Classes:

- We have begun to offering REFRESHER courses in Ropes & Knots, and Ladders to be held at Your Fire School.
- Sadly the response has been poor so far, but we will continue to test the viability of this program
- These 3 hour classes will be conducted through Bucks CPSTC and will result in a certificate
- The Next Class is scheduled for July 20th and will be on Ropes and Knots. Watch your monthly mailing to the Fire Stations and our Website for more details

Hours of use:

- Between June 13 and July 11 the Fire School and its Facilities were in use for 237.5 hours

The ENTRY LEVEL (New Essentials) Program:

- **A NEW FALL SCHEDULE for the ENTRY LEVEL PROGRAM (new Essential Series) will be published Shortly, We had hoped to have this out before this month meeting but circumstances delayed it, you will be receiving mail outs shortly. The Next Introduction to the Fire Service Class begins September 19th, 2006. It will be a Tuesday, Thursday evening class.**
- If you have any questions about the new **ENTRY LEVEL (Essentials) Program** (Series of Classes) please feel free to E-mail or call the Office at 717-767-4097

Mason-Dixon Extrication Challenge:

- Next meeting of the organizing committee 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:

- 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:

- The Survey results are back and there seems to be more than enough interest to run this Program and test. We are looking at setting this up for the beginning of 2007

- Your Fire School has a copy of the skill Station evaluations that will be conducted during this test.

Library and Video Catalogue:

- We are continuing to work on this project. We have a hard copy of the catalogue. Our goal is to eventually have this available for review on our website.

Program Support and Maintenance:

- Items addressed since last meeting: Policing and general Clean up of the School Grounds (on –going), **get Fire Extinguisher recharged**, worked on Draft Pit (Baffles), **Had control cord to smoke machine repaired**, Took 50 feet of 4 inch out of service, reported as damaged, **Meet with Board Member Barry Myers and Yoe Paving to discuss pavement maintenance and repair**, Disposed of old riding mower and old push mower, donation of \$50.00 received, **Picked up our John Deere push mower from Maintenance**, Sample from pond for weekly PH readings, **Moved spare pike poles to ladder shed**, Cycled all rechargeable hand lights, **Cleared grounds of blown down branches**, Sprayed for weeds, **Repaired Mail Box**, Repaired metal post in Flammable liquids area, **Prepared Extrication area for classes**, got 12 sheets of OSB sheeting for up-keep of roof simulator, **Received and filed annual inspection of MSA SCBAs**, Got DeWalt Drill repaired, **Placed order with Quaker Paper products for cleaning supplies**, Laid in a load of crusher waste to build up road in Extrication area.

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.

Upcoming Courses:

- Haz- Mat Awareness Refresher, July 20 (18:30-20:00)
- Ropes and knots Refresher, July 20, (18:30 – 21:30)
- EVOC, August 1 & 3 (18:30 - 22:30)
- Haz –Mat First Responder (RIMH)-[a prerequisite for FFI testing thru Pro Board], August 2 (18:30-22:30)
- Haz Mat Ops Refresher, DATTIME CLASS, August 6 (0800-13:30)
- NIMS 700, August 7 (18:30 – 22:30)
- Incident Safety Officer, August 8, 10, 15 & 17, (18:30 – 22:30)
- EDUCATION METHODOLOGY, August 19, Sept 9, 17, Oct. 1 & 22, (08:00 – 17:00)
- BUS RESCUE, August 26 and 27 (08:00 – 17:00)

YORK COUNTY ATR: Chief Tony Myers reported one response for the quarter. Personnel attended a power climbing class. Any station interested in a short presentation on what the team can do contact Tony.

OEM: Tom Graybill reported 55 calls for the year.

FIRE POLICE: Jim Robertson reported:

- The Vice President of the Fire Police Association passed away last month.
- MDJ Walter Groom attended their meeting and talked about blue lights.
- Thirty-four companies attended the meeting. Sixty-one members present and twelve guests.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

NEW BUSINESS: None

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

- Deputy Chief Joe Mazdelan advised that firefighters should be cognizant when they respond “full crew” and use numbers, i.e. responding crew of 4, especially when responding mutual aid in another area.

- Deputy Chief Madzellan also announced a Fire Origin and Cause Class was being held at Penn State York, September 19th through December 12th on Tuesday nights, 6 pm – 9pm. Cost \$650.00. (See Brochure attached to this email).
- Chief Orwig announced that the York County Fire Convention was being held in Windsor this year. He has t-shirts and mugs with him tonight for anyone interested after the meeting.
- Albert Shaffer reported York City will be hosting the State Fire Convention next year. The committee will be contacting and soliciting local businesses throughout the County. July 29th Royal Fire Company will be having a Chicken BBQ Fundraiser. Advance tickets available.
- Dave Huffnagle and VFIS will be providing subs, drinks, chips and pretzels for the August "Show your new equipment" meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Bob Bowman, second by Albert Shaffer. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Next quarterly meeting is scheduled for 7:30 pm on Monday, August 21, 2006 at the Fire School. Light refreshments will be served prior to the meeting compliments of Dave Huffnagle and VFIS. New apparatus will be shown down on the pad prior to the meeting.

Sincerely,

Cindy A. Dietz

Cindy A. Dietz, Secretary