

July 21, 2003

The quarterly meeting of the York County Fire Chiefs and Firefighters Association was called to order by President Skip Rupert. Thirty-three members were in attendance. The meeting was held at Station 29, Lewisberry Fire Company. Denny Gopear gave the address of welcome. Chief John Senft gave the response. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as posted. Bob Bowman presented the treasurer's report. There was a motion by Chief Keith Miller seconded by Ken Royal to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Roll call was taken.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS: Chairman Kevin Lain asked what the body wanted to do with the ladder truck at the school. Chief Senft said it was pending on whether or not it was going to Arkansas. Chief Cromer said there is a station in Virginia looking for Fire and EMS apparatus and equipment he will look into whether they might be interested.

- Administrators from York County School of Technology looked over the Fire School and were pleased. They would like the old Engine 24 (damaged, no body). The Board approves of this offer. The Board is looking at a collaboration with York Tech and the Fire School for training purposes; they will also speak with York Technical Institute.
- The check for \$60,000.00 has been cashed.
- Director Schaffer will be having a meeting with Hazmat Committee members soon.
- The Board will be reviewing five resumes for the Fire School Coordinator's position on August 25th at 7pm.
- The Board approved for the secretary to get prices for a new copier with a contract, to be brought back to next months meeting.
- Next meeting there will be a dedication for the new addition at the school and a display to show your new apparatus.
- Discussed getting building markers for the school with established date.
- Bern Anthony was recently hired on a part time instructor's basis at York County School of Technology. He said that students from York Tech would do all their practical work at the fire school. It was discussed about possibly trading services with York Tech and having students do building and ground work at the fire school.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

RADIO COMMITTEE: Chairman Rob Bissey reported that the committee had not met this month. Next meeting scheduled for August 14th at 7pm at the 9-1-1 Center.

- Rob said he received a call from Dave Hoffnagle advising that one of our licenses expired in April. The license was for Station 24. It will need to go through re-coordination and the Association will need to pay.

911: Cindy Dietz reported that there were two stations left in the County that had not turned in their box alarm information. These stations along with the four municipalities that they serve received certified letters from the 9-1-1 Center giving them until August 11th to submit the information or have it completed by the County.

- PennFIRS is gearing up at the State level. 2002 reports were requested and exported to the State for those who sent reports to the 9-1-1 Center last year. The State is getting ready to begin monthly collection. You need to be sending your reports to the 9-1-1 Center to be exported. If you do not, you may find your department ineligible for upcoming state and federal grants.

FIRE SCHOOL: Director Shaefer reported 6 pumps tested for the month and 8 for the year. There were 1000 students to date.

- Essentials Class begins September 9th.
- The October seminar needs more students or it will be cancelled.
- Aircraft Rescue Class has been scheduled. The second day of the class will be held at Thomasville Airport.
- Pump Class will be on August 2nd & 3rd.
- Aerial Ops Class has been cancelled (needed 10 students).
- Met with York Tech Administrators felt the meeting went well and they were easy to deal with. They were pleased with our facility.

HAZMAT: Director Schaefer reported 5 calls for the month and 29 for the year.

- Hazmat Ops Refresher will be held on September 14th.
- IAF Program will be held on September 29th.
- Radios and batteries have all been taken care of.

Grangeville Hazmat no report.

SPECIAL RESCUE TASK FORCE: Report read by the Secretary: No calls for the month. Several members attended water rescue and structure collapse trainings. In July the Team will be training in Hanover performing Trench Evolutions. In August the Team will be doing Confined Space Rectification training at the Fire School. Training hours last month - 35. The Team now has a Search Cam located at Station 36. They are looking to purchase concrete breaching equipment.

EMA: Tom Graybill reported the Terrorism Task Force met today. They are going to start having regular meetings. He asked the Chiefs present at that meeting to look over a PEMA survey. A grant was received from the state and was used to purchase decon bags for all EMS Agencies in the County.

- Sheets available with information on various classes and Hazmat Conference.
- Openings for RAD Class in Nevada and ODJP Programs. Let Tom know if you are interested in any of these.

Kay Carman reported they are still looking at the Columbia Gas building as a potential site for the new center. The 3rd appraisal should be done and in by the end of the month. Financial Institutions will then be contacted for a bond issue.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Motion made by Chief Keith Miller to pay the bills seconded by Chief Senft. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: President Rupert asked for a motion on the old Engine 24. Chief John Senft made a motion that the old Engine 24 goes to York County School of Technology after checking with the owner (who the vehicle is titled to). Seconded by Chief Stevens. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION: President Rupert said that Dave Hoffnagle would be at next months meeting and dedication providing refreshments.

Chief Senft reported that Senate Bill 277 became Act 13 (effective in 60 days) this removes the residency requirement for all applicants to 3rd class cities.

Chief Dietz motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Chief Stevens. Meeting adjourned by President Rupert.

The following stations still owe dues for 2003/2004 – York New Salem, York Twp., East Prospect, Pennville, Seven Valleys, DDSP-LF, Lake Aldred, and McSherrystown.

Next meeting scheduled for 7:30 pm on Monday, August 18, 2003 at the Fire School.

This meeting will also be the meeting to show your new equipment. **Dave Hoffnagle from Radio Maintenance Inc. has advised me they will be providing food, snacks, and drinks from 5pm to 7pm. Please try and attend.**

Sincerely,

Cindy A. Dietz
Secretary