

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

**330 Emig Road
York, PA 17406**



**Monthly Meeting
3rd Monday**

August 15th, 2011

President Richard 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 eight people were in attendance.

President Richard Shank wanted to thank Complete Restorations for providing this evening's desserts. No representatives from Complete Restorations were on hand to thank them during the meeting.

President Richard Shank approved the minutes, as published.

Bob Bowman presented the balances of the treasurer's report.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS: Chief John Senft: The Board met this evening. We discussed financial issues. We agreed to some of the Treasurer's recommendations, and have established a fund at Susquehanna bank.

COMMUNICATIONS: Phil: It is a work in progress. Northern York County Forrest Fire Crew has requested the designation of Station 73. On the radios: Hartford County was up last week. With the multi band, multi protocol radios, they have been working just fine. We have a verbal agreement with Baltimore County. One department expressed issues when trying to contact the helicopter. The policy is when talking to the helicopter during a landing zone, communications are to occur on talk around Channel 8. The fire department was told to go to Adams 1. That was a dispatcher error. Life Lion currently has the radio, but we don't know if it is installed yet. A question came up as to what is the Business Names Policy. One chief stated that at times he will receive the name of the business during a page, and the next call, there won't be a business name listed, even though the call is located at a common business. Phil stated that if the business name is in the common names file, it should come across the pagers. There has been no change in the policy that he believes. Call Mel at 911 to address the issue if you need to have the name of the business added to that specific address.

FIRE SCHOOL: Administrator Richard Halpin:

We had 340 hours of training conducted this past month. We have now switched over to 2 1/2" National Standard thread hose. We recently installed ladder racks on the walls of the ladder shed, instead of having to slide the ladders in and out of the wooden rack that is presently there. There will be a 9/11 Memorial Ceremony beginning at 13:00 hours at the Prospect Hill Cemetery. Truck 42, along with Truck 2 will be used to fly the Memorial Flag. We currently have 7 Honor Guards, Stat Medivac, and several Police and Fire Departments that will be bringing apparatus to line the route from the entrance to the ceremonial site. The ceremony will be held at the Court of Valor. August 23rd we are hoping to hold an Introduction to the Fire Service class, but we need more interest, otherwise we will have to cancel the class.

YORK COUNTY ATR: Chief John Sanford: We had 6 calls for the month. There were 2 confined space rescues in York City, 3 water rescues. One was in Heidelberg Twp, Penn Twp. and Jackson Twp. Then there was 1 structural collapse in Lower Chanceford Twp. For the year, we have had 17 calls. John wanted to clear up some rumors that were going around. The New Cumberland River Rescue is not part of the ATR team. They have never been seen on several active calls. The ATR team does not call them into the scene for their resources. We are not sure why they keep showing up on calls. Phil will look into it at 911.

OEM: Tom Graybill: My Certification comes up on Sept. 15th.

HAZ-MAT TEAM: Tom Graybill: We had 2 calls for the month. We have had 22 calls total for the year.

FIRE POLICE: Hayden Mitchell: We still have some departments that have not turned in their rosters. The departments need to reapply in order to be members again. We also have a list of recommend equipment from the PA State Fire Police Association for what equipment should be on a piece of apparatus to be classified as a traffic unit.

RESCUE INSPECTION: Tim Mooney: We finally have an example of what the sticker will look like once you are certified. Departments will receive a new sticker every two years, after they have been inspected, and pass.

FIRE SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Assistant Chief Bob Sells: There was no meeting this month, so there is no report.

RIT: Chief Joe Yahnke: Nothing to Report

FIRE PREVENTION: Chief Steve Tawney: Steve was not present for the meeting, but anyone needing Fire Prevention posters needs to let Heather know, so she can order them. This year everyone is welcomed to 15 posters, but if you need less, let her know.

FUND RAISING: No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion was made to pay the bills. 1st: John Sanford 2nd: Ron Witmer

President Shank presented a letter that was approved by the Board of Governors meeting. It stated the follow: In accordance with Article IV, Section 3 of the By-laws of the Association, Honorary Membership status is hereby requested in the Association and the Executive Committee to be granted to Commissioner Roth, Richard Shank, and John Senft.

Several departments stated recently they have seen New Cumberland River Rescue show up to assist on their calls. They were not requested, but they are still arriving on scene. It was stated that York County "All Calls" should be designated for York County Fire Departments only, not mutual aid companies. They are not members of the York County Fire Police Association. President Rick Shank will look into the issue, and will have it addressed.

It was stated that in November, our regular scheduled meeting would normally be held on November 21st. This is also the same day as the Pennsylvania Fire and Emergency Services Institute dinner. After much discussion, it was decided to move our meeting to the 4th Monday of November (November 28th, 2011).

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

Next monthly meeting is scheduled for 7:30 pm on Monday September 19th, 2011, at the York County Fire School.

Rick Witten was recently presented with an award.

Motion was made by Bob Bowman to adjourn the meeting. 2nd: Joe Yahnke Motion Passed

Sincerely,

Heather Grove

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Recording Secretary