

August 18, 2003

President Skip Rupert called the regular monthly meeting of the York County Fire Chiefs and Firefighters Association to order. Forty-nine members were in attendance. President Rupert thanked Dave Hoffnagle for supplying the refreshments.

Bern Anthony recognized the following people for helping out at the school over the past year with classes, phone calls, and the many other things that needed done: Joe Yahnke, Billy Hoffman, Mike Caum, Joanne Borgel, Tony Surtasky, Rick Witten, Tony Myers, and Brian Bastinelli. Thank you. Bern also presented Director Shaefer with a certificate and a framed picture of a groudhog in commemoration of his upcoming retirement.

Chief Senft presented Paul with a mayorial citation from Mayor Brenner and a York City Fire Department Pin. Chief Senft mentioned that some of his firefighters utilized the facilities at the school to train for the Combat Challenge and it was much appreciated. Dick Halpin is now ranked #11 worldwide in the over 50 category and Mike Anderson is ranked #1 worldwide in the over 40 category.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as posted. Treasurer's report was not available.

Chief Cromer introduced the crew from West Virginia that was there to pick up the Ladder Truck. They were from Dowell County, West Virginia representing the Gary Volunteer Fire Department. Goldsboro EMS was also donating their old AED to go along back with the truck. The crew from Gary FD thanked the body for the much needed donation.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS: Chief Senft reported on the following:

- Transfer of the Truck.
- Preliminary discussion on resumes that were received for the coordinators position. Further discussion will be had at a meeting on August 25th.
- Transitional assignments were given to members of the Board of Governors as Director Shaefer moves into a senior advisor position.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

RADIO COMMITTEE: Chairman Rob Bissey reported the committee met on August 14th and discussed the following:

- Approved new designation for Rescue 23, pending inspection by Board of Governors.
- Approved Air Cascade 16 to replace Rescue 16.
- Received updated applications for E16, Tk16, Service 16, Service 17, E17 and Tk24.
- Horseplay on the fire radio has diminished; Med 10 is still not good.
- Firefighters should not call 9-1-1 on their cell phones with updates.
- 9-1-1 is tracking successful AED calls. Notify 9-1-1 Quality Assurance if you are involved with one.
- "EMS Chiefs" designation still unresolved. To be discussed with EMS representatives at the next Radio Committee meeting on September 25th.

Chief Rentzel expressed he would like an approved term to use for a private side channel. Committee will discuss options at their next meeting.

911: Cindy Dietz asked for the help of the Fire Chiefs in an attempt to help clarify EMS's position in the Incident Command Structure. While the 9-1-1 Center/Staff will be discussing ways help correct the problem, she asked the Chiefs if they could possibly speak with the EMS units that responded within their boundaries. The preferred term for EMS is "Medical Sector" and all requests for resources coming into the 9-1-1 Center should come to the dispatcher through the Incident Commander.

FIRE SCHOOL: Director Shaefer reported:

- 1125 students attended classes at the school so far this year.
- Five Pumps tested for the month and ten for the year.
- New Essentials of Firefighting Class begins 9/9.
- Training lists are on the back table.
- Seminar scheduled for 10/25 has been cancelled.
- Aircraft program is a go.

HAZMAT: Director Shaefer reported 6 calls for the month and 35 for the year.

- HACC Hazmat Conference October 2, 3, 4, & 5. South Central Terrorism Task Force will be doing a Pre-Conference class.
- If hazardous materials do not get outside of a building, a company is within their rights to handle it if they can.
- Grangeville Hazmat no report.

SPECIAL RESCUE TASK FORCE:

- One call for the month, two for the year.
- Training for the month – Trench Rescue Awareness
- Trench Weekend in Hanover – September 19, 20, 21.
- Correction to last months minutes – Last month's training hours were 350.

EMA: Tom Graybill stated that he and Jeff Joy have been making their rounds checking Sara Plans. They have been to Springettsbury, Hanover and West Manchester so far. Kay Carman reported the 3rd appraisal for the Columbia Gas building has been received. She has not seen the figures yet. She said that when Director Fasick returns they will go over the appraisals together with the Chief Clerk and if things go well they will be entering into negotiations.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Paul Shaefer presented the bills. Motion by Chief Yingling to pay the bills, seconded by Chief Rentzel.

NEW BUSINESS:

- President Rupert presented the quotes for a new copier for the Secretary. One was from York Calculator and the other was from Quality Copy Products. Chief Lloyd made a motion to purchase the Canon C130 model with reduction and enlargement, from York Calculator for \$895.00, with the service contract for an additional 95.00 per year. Chief Miller seconded the motion. Chief Senft asked if the copier was adequate for the secretarial needs. Cindy said it was. Motion Carried. Secretary will place the order with York Calculator.
- Chief Merck thanked those who were completing his survey and asked that they be returned by the end of the meeting.
- Chief Barry Myers asked about changing November's meeting date due to the PFSI Dinner. It was decided to wait until next months meeting to confirm the actual date. Chief Senft made a motion to purchase the tickets for the dinner when they become available and notify the delegates who are attending. Chief Yingling seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

- Charles Reilly, President of the York County Firefighters Association spoke on the convention and parades. He encouraged everyone to READ the parade invitation rules as they differ from one area to the next. DO NOT THROW CANDY at the York County Parades. This is for safety reasons and he encouraged members to get that message to the media. He also extended an invitation to those present to attend the November meeting of the Firefighters Association.
- Chief Chandler presented the Junior Firefighter of the Year - Brian Bush from Station 54. Runners up were Cory Grove from Station 45 and Sara Slagle from Station 5.
- Chief Hoover invited anyone interested in attending to a 4-day (20 hours) hands on Essentials Refresher to be held at Station 42 on September 22, 24, 27, & 28. This is to help prepare for Firefighter I Certification. Contact Chief Hoover if you would like to attend.
- Chief Dietz mentioned the Dover Firemens Fair was running from August 29th thru September 6th and invited members to stop by. Posters are available on the back table for anyone who would like to help out and post one.
- Chief Senft said there were 5 openings for the NFA Fire Investigation Class anyone who is interested should contact him.

Chief Shank made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Chief Dietz. Meeting adjourned by President Skip Rupert. President Rupert announced there was cake in the kitchen for Paul, compliments of Dave Hoffnagle.

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

Next meeting is scheduled for 7:30 pm on Monday, September 22, 2003 at the Fire School.

Sincerely,

Cindy A. Dietz
Secretary