

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

**330 Emig Road
York, PA 17406**



**Monthly Meeting
3rd Monday**

August 18th, 2008

Prior to the start of the monthly meeting, two presentations were given. Laura Bookwalter, from the York County Convention and Visitors Bureau gave a presentation of the Can-Am Police / Fire Games. All of York County could benefit from the event. July, 2012. Endorse a letter of intent 1. Dave Nichols 2. Larry Crouse to support the Can-Am Police / Fire Games She maybe contacted at: (717) 852-9675 extension 105.

The second presentation was from Don Shuman of ServiceMaster Clean: Disaster Restoration Services. His company helps victims after a disaster, like structure fires. He currently has 3 tarps in his warehouse, and does not know which fire company they belong to. He addressed the Chiefs' Association to possibly mark or identify any equipment the fire company leaves with the homeowner, so that it can be returned to the proper fire company.

President Joseph Yahnke called the monthly meeting of the York County Fire Chiefs and Firefighters Association to order and led the pledge to the flag. 57 people were in attendance.

President Joe Yahnke asked for a motion to accept the minutes as published. 1st: Chris Krichten 2nd: Bob Bowman. The minutes were approved.

President Joe Yahnke asked for a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. 1st: Bob Bissey 2nd: Chris Krichten. Motion Carried

BOARD OF GOVERNORS: Chief Senft: The waterline is being extended in the back about 400 feet, at no cost to us, thanks to the efforts of Bob Bissey. We are anticipating that work should be done by end of September on the training grounds and the Burn Building. We have run into some reporting issues with our Tax-exempt – Not for Profit paperwork. We are one step closer with receiving the funding from the state, with the recent document release.

911: Audrey & Cindy: No Report

RADIO COMMUNICATIONS: Rick Shank: Meeting Thursday at 7:00 Drive testing completed. There are a few minor issues. They are working on them. September 15th is the new date for pager distribution. Once you have the pagers, they are yours. They will have a one year warranty. If they stop working on break in the first year, it can be replaced.

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

Activity:

☞ For the month of June the Fire School hosted 68 events which accounted for 365 hours of activity. This resulted in 4770 Student hours. For the year 2008 to July 20th, the fire school has accumulated 1585 hours of use and 22,979.5 student hours. We are averaging 3282.8 Student hours per month.

The ENTRY LEVEL Program:

- ☞ Our Entry Level Interior Firefighter class began on June 14th and will run on Saturdays and some Sundays and is scheduled to conclude on August 3rd (revised date). Fire Instructor Hoover is the lead instructor for this program. The live burn exercise in our new burn building that was anticipated for this class has been canceled (See: "Burn Building and Scheduling:" at the end of this report for more details). **This Class has 16 Students**
- ☞ The **Evening – summer / fall (Tuesday ; Thursday) Entry Level program** continues with the Fire Ground Support class that began earlier this month. **This Class has 17 Students.** (IMPORTANT NOTE FOR THIS CLASS: Evening Sessions begin at 18:00)
- ☞ The Exterior Firefighter class has **19 Students Pre-registered**, It is next in the series still has room for more STUDENTS
- ☞ **REMEMBER the ENTRY LEVEL PROGRAM is a series of 4 classes the ELIS (Introduction to the Fire Service) class is a prerequisite for Fire Ground Support which is a pre-requisite for Exterior fire fighter which is prerequisite for Interior Fire Fighter**

Calling the Mayday: Hands-on-Training for Firefighters:

- ☞ I am pleased to report that this class was very successful. Students completing all of the course requirements will receive training Certificates from both Bucks County Community College and the National Fire Academy. Lead instructor, Dan Hoff, along with his assistants Will Shaver, Tony Myers and Todd Heilman all did an outstanding job with the introduction of this class to our offerings here at the school. This class was scheduled for June 22nd, 2008 and was part of the Fire Schools observation of Firefighter Survival Week. With the success of this Class we have schedules **another Calling the Mayday is scheduled on September 30th and October 2nd. This will be an evening class.**

Camp Survivor, 4 H Summer Safety Camp"

- ☞ On June 18th, 2008, The Fire School hosted ONE Day of the 4H Center's week long Safety and Survival Camp. This was done in cooperation with the Manchester Twp. Fire Department and York Area United Fire and Rescue Services. 50 plus campers reported have a great time at the fire school as they learned about fire safety and survival.

New Classes Scheduled:

- ☞ We are working with PAg (Penn State) Rescue training to bring you the following courses: (presented on April 19th) Intro to Farm Emergencies (This is a prerequisite for other courses in the series), **PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU MISSED THIS PREREQUISITE CLASS, CHECK WITH STATION 23 WHO WILL BE HOSTING THIS CLASS IN September. THESE CLASSES ARE INFORMATIVE AND WELL PRESENTED AND ALSO OFFER CON-ED CREDITS FOR THOSE NEEDED THEM (presented on April 20th)** Managing Tractor Emergencies, Managing Farm Machinery Entanglements, Farm Chemical Emergencies, Farm Confined Space Awareness, and Farm Confined Space Operations.
 - o These classes ARE NOT funded like most Firefighter training is here in Pennsylvania. **Linda Spahr of Cooperative Extension has helped immensely with this.**
- ☞ **We are still looking into bringing the "Our Town – Incident Command" Table top simulation to the Fire School. This too will require funding, if we cannot secure a grant for this there will be a charge (Estimated \$25.00 - 35.00) This class / simulation will help you maintain your NIMS Requirements WE HAVE NEITHER COMMITTED TO OR ABANDONED THIS COURSE YET**
- ☞ Also recently added:
 - o School Bus Rescue – August 9 & 10 – as of Sunday, July 20, 2008 has 11 Students
 - o Truck Company Ops I – September 6 & 7 as of Sunday, July 20, 2008 has 4 Students
 - o Truck Company Ops II – September 13 & 14 as of Sunday, July 20, 2008 has 4 Students
- ☞ **Minimums for these and most other classes we hold at the Fire School is 15 Students – For us to run the classes you want, WE NEED YOU TO SIGN UP and SHOW UP to make them Run**
- ☞ **QUICK REMINDER**, We have an Fire Instructor I class scheduled to begin on September 2nd, Dan Hoff will be the lead instructor, This is another class that needs 15 to run, as of Sunday, July 20, 2008 we have 7 signed up. This is an important class if you plan on going onto become a certified Fire Officer, A State Fire Instructor or just want to conduct Better Drills at your own fire station.
 - o **Please note, the dates of 10/7 & 10/9 have been added for testing for this class.**

Current and Future Schedule:

- ☞ The 2008 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.
- ☞ The 2008 Schedule has been published, **We are constantly updating it**, Watch your department / company Mailings for **Updates and New Classes**. We will also **update our Website with new additions as they come along.**

Burn Building and Scheduling:

- ☞ Progress continues on the NEW Building (Live Fire Training Prop). Metal is near completion and the Standpipes have been installed. ANTICIPATED completion is projected to be Late August or Early September. **Due to unforeseen construction problems, early completion of the live fire training prop has been delayed until the construction problems can be remediated.** The project Engineer is scheduled to do another sight survey on Monday July 21st (on the date of this report) this will be to inspect and prepare a final "punch list" before the building is turned over to the fire school. Before the Building can be used for Live Fire training "Cure Burns" must take place, it is unknown when this will take place.

ATR: John Sanford: We had two water related calls this month.

Haz-Mat : Tom Graybill: More information regarding the ECRIN program will be available after the next meeting.

FIRE POLICE: James Robertson: 1 Fire Police member, Harold Wagner, died. The next meeting will be held at Newberry Fire Company, Station 31, next Monday.

RESCUE SPECS COMMITTEE: Josh Young: No Report

RIT COMMITTEES: Dan Hoff: No Report

FIRE SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Tony Myers: There is a meeting on August 28th. The committee is looking to making a Burn Building policy. If there are things that you would like to see changed here, let Tony Myers know.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Bill: Tony Myers 2: find out what changes are needed for the 9-90 forms.

NEW BUSINESS: Senft: vacancy of Vice President: Upon decision of the board to accept Dan Hoff: Commissioner Roth 2. Chief Buffington

The Rescue committee should look into reviewing the specs. If an item is listed, can it be in place of a similar item that does the same task?

John Sanford presented a Power Point on Water Rescue. Contact John with any questions.

Phil from the 911 Center stated that Radio Drive testing looks real good. In the next week, "Can you hear me now" tests will be conducted throughout the county at school. Once schools are done, test will be conducted in commercial buildings, nursing homes, churches, and daycares. Police are having their radios installed currently. The portable radios are to be issued about mid October. Knoxbox decoders will go first. When we switch over to the portables, the low band system will not be used. If you have any concerns: please address them to Chief Shank. You can call Phil on his cell phone: (717) 600- 6797.

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

The next monthly meeting is scheduled for 7:30 pm on Monday, September 15th, 2008, at the York County Fire School.

Motion was made by Bob Bowman to adjourn the meeting. 2nd: Tony Myers Motion Passed

Sincerely,

Heather Marsteller

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Recording Secretary