

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

**330 Emig Road
York, PA 17406**



**Monthly Meeting
3rd Monday**

August 20th, 2012

President Steve Buffington called the monthly meeting of the York County Fire Chiefs and Firefighters Association to order.

President Buffington led the pledge to the flag and a moment of silence. Thirty people were in attendance.

President Steve Buffington approved the minutes as published.

Steve Rotay gave a short presentation on what Paul Davis Restorations does for flood and fire victims. He showed pictures of their facility in Lancaster County, and what all services they can provide to victims. Paul Davis Restorations also provided the ice cream prior to tonight's meeting.

Treasurer Bob Bowman was not present, but did have the following report on hand presented by John Senft: Beginning Balance: \$3,378.27 Ending Balance: \$13,431.16

BOARD OF GOVERNORS: John Senft: The Board met this evening prior to tonight's meeting. We discussed the availability of an external audit, as well as reviewing the engineer report for the training group projects, and the grant status of the grant funding.

COMMUNICATIONS: Erik Brown: At the last meeting, Hellam Twp. was approved for the Chief 40 radio designation. It will take effect in October. We approved the temporary design of the radio programming. Last month, we talked about the new government requirements involving the buy back of the t-band frequencies.

President Steve Buffington mentioned that 2021 seems so far away, but before you know it, it will be here. We should look into creating a committee to work together on creating the new radio system. Steve stated that Chief Shank would be the Chairman of the committee. Erik Brown and Deputy Chief Greg Halpin would also serve on the.

911: Julio Mendez: On the air medical channels, they are not completed yet, but hopefully soon. Right now, we are using Talk Around channel 8 & 7, in that order, to directly communicate with them in the air, with the crews on the ground. Life Lion has the trunk capable radios and are ready. Stat's radios are not all reprogrammed yet. As for the Maryland helicopters, we have no control over them. Brad Dunham stated that there are two channels, PSP 1 & 2 working now in the cars. He stated that not everyone on duty changes their radios to scan that channel. So there are times that someone may be calling on the channel, but there might not be someone listening.

Erik Brown stated that they are looking to outsource the reprogramming of the radios. We are looking to do it in next year's budget. With that being said, the radios probably won't be reprogrammed until sometime next year.

Julio stated that they are limiting the pager notification for fire hydrants from the time 22:00 – 08:00. They are looking to do the same when it comes to notifications of fire drills at schools, businesses, hospitals, and nursing homes. There was a discussion from the floor, as to possibly not notify the officers at any time of the fire drills. This topic was tabled till New Business.

FIRE SCHOOL: Richard Halpin: We had 232 hours of training this past month. We have a Fire Attack in Basement and Attic Fires class scheduled for September 2nd & 23rd. We still need students in the Basement Fire class. If we don't have enough, we will cancel it this Friday at noon. We will also be running a ventilation class here October 29th from 18:30 – 21:30. York County will be holding its 9/11 ceremony on September 15th at the Prospect Hill Cemetery. We are looking for equipment again to line the driveway from Pennsylvania to the memorial. Please let me know if your department will be participating. We acquired 8 "Cool Neck" cooling systems. They are designed to be worn around the neck, and helps keep your body cooler. The product freezes at 58 degrees. It will freeze in the refrigerator, freezer, or even a bucket of ice water. They cost about \$30 a piece, if any department would be interested in them. There are business cards available.

OEM: Tom Graybill: I have the ERG books with me this evening. If your department has not gotten them, please see me. I want to try and get as many departments as I can.

HAZ-MAT TEAM: Tom Graybill: So far, there have been a total of 37 for the year. We will be participating in the wide vigilance drill on September 22nd.

YORK COUNTY ATR: Chief John Sanford: There was one water assist call with Station 5 for the month. We will also be participating in the wide vigilance drill on September 22nd.

FIRE POLICE: Hayden Mitchell: No Report

FIRE SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Bob Sells: No report

RIT: Joe Yahnke: No Report

RESCUE INSPECTION: Tim Mooney: No Report

FIRE PREVENTION: Heather Grove: There is a sign up in the back for any department that wants Fire Prevention Posters again this year. We will have them ready for pick up at next month's meeting

FUND RAISING: John McDonald: No Report

AUDIT COMMITTEE: Steve Buffington: We need to get a committee together to do an audit, and I am looking for some volunteers. Jan Cromer and Bob Sells were named to the committee. Dave Michaels volunteered, and President Steve Buffington appointed him as the Chairman of the committee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A motion was made to pay the bills. 1st: Jan Cromer 2nd: Erik Brown Motion Passed

NEW BUSINESS:

Chief Joe Yahnke made a motion to remove fire drill notifications altogether from the pagers. 2nd: John Sanford There will be a vote on this next month.

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

Chief Shank presented the beer stein #20 from this past week-end's Fireman's Convention held in North York. It will be kept on display somewhere here at the York County Fire School, in honor of what used to be housed here, Hammer 20 (Haz-Mat 91 now).

The next monthly meeting is scheduled for 7:00 pm on Monday, September 17th, 2012, at the York County Fire School.

President Steve Buffington adjourned the meeting.

Sincerely,

Heather Grove

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Recording Secretary