

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

**330 Emig Road  
York, PA 17406**



**Monthly Meeting  
3<sup>rd</sup> Monday**

August 20, 2007

President Skip Rupert called the regular monthly meeting of the York County Fire Chiefs and Firefighters Association to order and led the pledge to the flag. There were thirty-four people in attendance.

President Rupert presented a certificate to Eagle Scout Eric Tome on behalf of the Association, giving him honorary membership and recognizing his work on the Memorial Garden.

Sgt. Godfrey from the York County Sheriff's Department presented a plaque to the Fire School in recognition of the support received by his department and other York County Law Enforcement in allowing them to utilize the school. A letter of appreciation was also presented to Carl Avery for all his assistance.

A get well card was circulated for past Chief Stan Eby (old Chief 14 – Spring Garden Twp) – he is currently in Rest Haven Nursing Home.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as published.

President Rupert asked for a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, Chief Shank made the motion, second by Albert Shaffer. Motion carried.

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS:** Chief John Senft reported:

- Board continues to work with Elliott-Leboeuf & Associates on the building.
- Pre-bid conference was held last week.
- Bill for \$76,349.00 was submitted to the County for their portion of the funding.
- Conceptual drawing of the new burn building was on display.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**RADIO COMMITTEE:** Chief Shank reported:

- Radio noise – 911 Radio techs have found some problems and are still working on others in the New Freedom area.
- Next meeting is September 10, 2007 at 1900 hrs at the 911 Center.

**911:** Audrey Rychalsky reported that:

- Building and Radio projects both on schedule.
  - The building is 1-2 weeks behind schedule but they believe they can make up the time.
- Executive Director Eric Bistline has sent a project update letter to the municipal officials. You may see this letter, if you do not and would like to read it, email Audrey and she will forward an electronic copy.

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

**Hours of use:**

- From 7/16/07 to 8/19/07 there were 56 events held through your Fire School, totaling 388 hours of Training / use. 88 hours of that was in support of Manchester Twp, Spring Garden Twp, Springettsbury Twp and York City Fire and Rescue services at an off site RIT Training. Even if you take away that 88 hours the Fire School still had 300 hours of use, which would make August our second busiest month this year. Our Facility now averages 8.1 hours of use a day **every day** far the year to date.

**Firefighter's Memorial Garden Dedication:**

- After consulting with the Schaefer family a date of September 23 was chosen for the dedication Ceremony

**The ENTRY LEVEL Program:**

- Our second Interior Fire Fighter (ELIF) Class began June 17th with lead instructor Bill Hoover Concluded on August 12. Our next interior Fire Fighter class will begin October 23, 2007
- We have concluded our offerings of the ELIS (*Introduction to the Fire Service [Part 1 of the 4 part Entry Level Series]*) Programs for this year. We will be scheduling our next ELIS class, to be followed by the rest of the Entry Level Series, for the beginning in January of 2008 – This will be a Weekend Series of Classes
- We currently have 2 ELFG (*Fire Ground Support [part 2 of the 4 part Entry Level series]*) classes taking place at the school; One is a Day Time Program with lead instructor Steve Lane and the other an Evening Program with lead instructor Rick Witten.
- ELEF (*Exterior Firefighter*) and ELIF (*Interior Firefighter*) are scheduled to begin later this year (ELEF- September 25, an evening class, EFLIF – October 23 also an evening class). Instructor Rick Witten will be the lead instructor in both of those classes

**Firefighter I Testing:**

- York County Fire School will be hosting an IFSAC/PROBOAD Fire Fighter I Certification test this fall. The Written test will be October 12 and the Practical exam will be on November 3, 2007. **A cut off date of September 29<sup>th</sup> has been established** and all monies for the test must be submitted PRIOR to the cut off date.
- **WE MUST HAVE A MINIMUM OF 15 CANDIDATES OR WE WILL HAVE TO CANCEL THIS TEST**
- Applications for this test were in your July Mailings and available on our website
- A prep class for this test will be September 29<sup>th</sup> (THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THIS CLASS and it is OPEN TO ALL FIREFIGHTERS [even if they choose not to test])

**NFPA 1006, Standard for Professional Rescue Technician, Core Competencies**

**Machinery/Vehicle Review Course and Test:**

- The Test date for the Core Competencies will be December 8<sup>th</sup>, at this point in time the Machinery and Vehicle portions will be pushed back to 2008
- October 27 and 28 will be a review class on the core competencies With Gary Carpenter instructing
  - **The Ropes and Rigging (Basic Rigging for Rope Rescue) class is strongly advised before taking the test, Station 34 has scheduled this class and it is an open enrollment course. The Class is to be held on October 6 & 7. PLEASE CONTACT: Assistant CHIEF Josh Young @ 717-244-8811 or by e-mailing him at [Jayoung34@aol.com](mailto:Jayoung34@aol.com)**

**Fire Officer I:**

- The Fire School has contacted the State Fire Academy to bring the Academy on the Road (AOTR) Fire Officer I class and certification to YCFS this Fall. The Dates of the classes are October 20 & 21, November 3 & 4 and November 17 & 18. The Fire School MUST HAVE a minimum of 12 candidates to have this course run.
  - **The Fire School has applications for this program. Applications were included in our last mailing to the County Departments**
  - **The APPLICATIONS must be submitted to the STATE FIRE ACADEMY**
- WE NEED A MINIMUM OF 12 STUDENT FOR THIS PROGRAM**  
**Make sure you SIGN UP TODAY**

**New Classes Scheduled:**

- A one day Class on New Car technology and Hybrid Vehicle has been scheduled for 3 consecutive days in December (12/14, 12/15 and 12/16/2007). This class is being brought to our area through

cooperation between the Fire School and Several area Fire Departments. Offering the same class on three days should enable us to reach as many Fire/Rescue Personnel as possible

- **Wildland Fire Fighting (Pa 130), presented by the Bureau of Forestry on September 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>**
- NIMS-ICS for EMS, a twenty hour course for EMS providers that is an NIMS-ICS 200 level course designed and presented for EMS Providers to help them better integrate into their role in a major event
- *Coming in 2008, We are working with PAg (Penn State) Rescue training to bring you the following courses:* Intro to Farm Emergencies, Managing Tractor Emergencies, Managing Farm Machinery Entanglements, Farm Chemical Emergencies, Farm Confined Space Awareness, Farm Confined Space Operations

#### **Current and Future Schedule:**

- The 2007 schedule is available online at our web site [www.YorkCountyFireSchool.org](http://www.YorkCountyFireSchool.org) , just click on the [Click Here to See Available Classes](#) link on the home page.
- **Be sure to check out the website for the latest Updates [www.YorkCountyFireSchool.org](http://www.YorkCountyFireSchool.org)**
- **Pre-registrations (as of Monday, August 20, 2007):**
  - **Confined Space Rescue, August 22 – 10 signed up**
  - Haz Mat Awareness, August 27 – 21 signed up
  - Pump I, September 4 – 19 signed up
  - **Truck Company Ops, September 8 – 3 signed up**
  - **Haz-Mat Awareness Refresher, September 10 – 2 signed up**
  - **Haz-Mat Operations Refresher, September 10 – 0 signed up**
  - **Emergency Vehicle Operations, September 12 – 12 signed up**
  - **Basic Wildland Firefighting, September 15 – 8 signed up**
  - **Courses above listed in BOLD and underlined are in jeopardy of being canceled due to low enrollment.** Please pre-register early. Your Fire School does what it can to see that scheduled courses run, but we cannot do it without your help

#### **Burn Building and Scheduling:**

- We are moving forward on the NEW Building. Construction **may** begin as soon as October. The Board of Governors intends for us to stay open and continue to offer classes throughout construction. This may require some flexibility to meet everyone's need but that will be our goal in 2008.

**YORK COUNTY ATR:** Anthony Griffo reported zero calls for the month. There was a drill at Dallastown High School last Sunday. Twenty-four team members participated.

**OEM:** Tom Graybill reported seven Hazmat team members took their Pro Board Certifications.

**FIRE POLICE:** Jim Robertson reported their meeting was held at Wrightsville Fire Company last month.

- 67 members present, 31 stations represented, 6 guests.
- Next meeting will be held at Lewisberry Fire Company.

**RESCUE SPEC:** No report

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- President Rupert asked for a motion to pay the bills. Motion to pay the bills by Chief Tony Myers second by Chief Dennis Beck. Motion carried.
- Bob Bowman reported there was \$1700.00 left over in the Memorial Fund from Paul Schaefer donations. Three suggestions were received on what to spend the money on – these suggestions will be forwarded to the Board for review. If there are any additional suggestions please get them to Bob ASAP.

**RIT:** Chris Krichten reported that Captain Dan Hoff would be sending a questionnaire through Cindy for feedback and to gauge interest.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:**

- President Rupert thanked Dave "the Radio Man" Hufnagle and Jerry from VFIS for supplying the subs and food for the meeting. He also thanked those who brought new apparatus and displayed in the parking lot.
- Bob Bowman has new Christmas Ornaments depicting the latest City fire station in the collection. If you are interested contact him.

- Bob from Fairview asked if the Association has ever had a committee appointed to look at highway safety incidents involving PSP. He has had problems recently.
  - Tony Myers met with the PSP Commander at the Loganville barracks when he was having issues and reviewed his department SOPs. He also attended the national Highway Safety Program – things cleared up after that.
  - President Rupert suggested that representatives from Fairview Fire Department try this approach and meet with the Commander. If there is still a problem afterward we will revisit the issue.
- Chief Stein brought up a discussion on combination piece unit designation and identity problems in the CAD. No resolution at this time.
- Chris Krichten said that Chiefs should be encouraging their younger members to take the Firefighter I test.
- Bob T. from Fairview stated that Representative Scott Perry will be meeting with their Chief and President on Wednesday Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> at Station 68-1 on Lewisberry Rd.
- Chief Shank stated we need fire prevention posters – are they being ordered? Chief Shank made a motion to purchase the posters and send an email out to see actually wants them to get an accurate count. Second by Chief Barry Myers. Motion carried. Carl will handle this.

Motion to adjourn by Bob Bowman. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Next monthly meeting is scheduled for 7:30 pm on Monday, September 17, 2007, at the Fire School.

Sincerely,

*Cindy A. Dietz*

Cindy A. Dietz, Secretary