

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

**330 Emig Road  
York, PA 17406**



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

August 21, 2006

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 seventeen people in attendance.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as published.

President Rupert asked for a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report Commissioner Roth made the motion, seconded by John Fornadel. Motion carried.

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS:** Chief Barry Myers reported on the following items:

- Work on the burn pit has been completed – letting the concrete set. Should be available after October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Burn Building – met with the contractors and will be meeting with them again to discuss repairs to the roof and other parts of the building. Will be meeting with C.S. Davidson for diagrams.

**RADIO COMMITTEE:** Chief Shank reported that the committee met on August 17<sup>th</sup> and saw a CAD demo – members were pleased with what they saw. Go live still projected for October 31<sup>st</sup>.

- Station 36 approached the board for approval on Collapse 36 – the ATR team received a vehicle and would like that designation. Approval pending application submission.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**911:** Executive Director Eric Bistline reported on the ESC Project.

#### **Building**

- 1 week – 10 days ahead of schedule.
- Two story wall going up now.
- The tower base has been completed.

#### **CAD**

- Go live projected for October 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Staff will be training the entire month of October.
- 708 fire run cards are being entered with 124,000 custom responses.

#### **RADIO**

- 11 out of 22 sites are in process with agreements or property agreements.
- Working on design build costs.
- Should have 8 sites to release for construction by mid December. Construction time is approximately 3 weeks per site.
- Radio cost packets will go out this week to all departments. Prices will reflect the totals that were submitted. County shares and Fire Department shares will be indicated. Descriptions of the equipment as well as financing options will be included in the packets.

Q - Chief Walker asked if the Chiefs were going to get to see the pagers.

A - Director Bistline stated that the pagers come at the end of the project. Three models will be chosen based on based on sensitivity, durability, and volume (loudness). The models that are selected will then be shown to the users for selection.

Q – Chief Cromer asked when payment will be expected, for budgeting purposes.

A – Director Bistline said sometime in 2007, the equipment is being delivered to the County in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2007.

Q – Chief Bracken asked if the County was still going to simulcast on low band.

A – Director Bistline advised that the legacy system will run until all equipment has been distributed and tested. This will be at least until 2008.

Q – Chief Sharp asked if the fire departments were going to be required to always purchase M/A Comm radios.

A - Director Bistline said that the M/A Comm pricing is good for 3 years, but after the initial procurement end users do not need to buy from M/A Comm. They may buy any P25 radio on the market.

Phil Treffinger, 911 Telephone Administrator, reported that all departments should have received their packets on the interactive voice response unit (new phone system). The 854-5571 telephone number will be disconnected by the end of October. There will be an interceptor on the line for 6 months after the disconnection, advising callers of the new number to call. Attempts have been made to notify known alarm monitoring companies and agencies that frequently use the number of the change. Anyone who has not received the packet should contact Phil at the 911 Center.

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

#### Hours of use

- Between July 12 and August 8 the Fire School and it's Facilities were in use for 307 hours

#### Flammable Liquids Pit:

- Brick and Cement repair work on the pit was completed on 8/17/06
- Landscaping around Pit area yet to be done but is scheduled for near future
- The Pit will "re-open" October 1<sup>st</sup>. This is to allow masonry work to cure properly to assure future longevity of the Pit



- **The ENTRY LEVEL (New Essentials) Program: The NEW FALL SCHEDULE for the ENTRY LEVEL PROGRAM (new Essential Series) has been published. You should have received these by mail at your Fire Stations. The Next Introduction to the Fire Service Class begins September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2006. It will be a Tuesday, Thursday evening class.**
- If you have any questions about the new **ENTRY LEVEL (Essentials) Program** (Series of Classes) please feel free to E-mail or call the Office at 717-767-4097

#### Mason-Dixon Extrication Challenge:

Next meeting of the organizing committee is August 28<sup>th</sup> @ 18:30 Hours at Station 23, If you are interested in participating in this work group please contact Tim Stevens @ [tstevens@waltonco.com](mailto:tstevens@waltonco.com) or Carl Avery @ [YorkCoFireSchool@aol.com](mailto:YorkCoFireSchool@aol.com)

#### Structural Burn Sessions:

- There are 2 more Structural Burn Sessions scheduled for this year (2006).
  - The next class is set for September 11, 14 and 17 with lead instructor Jeff Snyder.
    - This Class is approximately 3 Weeks away and as of 8/19/06 only has 5 students signed up. This Class will be canceled **IF** we do not get at least 10 more pre-registrations by September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

- The Last SBS for 2006 will be November 25 & December 2 with lead instructor Gary Carpenter.
- **Projects underway by the Board of Governors may have an impact on the class scheduled in November/December. Watch for more details.**

#### **Firefighter I Testing:**

- The Fire School is working with Instructor Dan Hoff, Dover Twp Fire Department and West Manchester Twp. FD. and BUCKS Public Safety Training Center to bring a Firefighter I test to York the County Fire School.
- The Primary sponsors of this would be Dover Township F.D.; they are willing to have members of other departments join them in this process.
  - Each Fire Department or individual would be responsible for the cost of having their candidate take the test
- Dates for the Review classes are as follows:
  - October 27, November 10, 17 and December 1, 2006
  - Classes will be held out of the Dover Twp FD Station (Sta. 9) with some classes using the facilities here at the fire School
  - Contact Deputy Chief Glen Jansen of Station 9 at: [gjansen@krec.com](mailto:gjansen@krec.com) for more **information about registering for these classes and the test**
- The Test is tentatively Scheduled for December 15 and 16 at the York County Fire School.

#### **NFPA 1006, Standard for Professional Rescue Technician, Machinery/Vehicle Review Course and Test:**

- The Survey results are back and there seems to be more than enough interest to run this Program and test. We are looking at setting this up for the beginning of 2007
- Your Fire School has a copy of the skill Station evaluations that will be conducted during this test.

#### **Courage to be Safe Program:**

- The Fire School has been approached by several individuals who felt that we should consider offering the courage to be safe program as presented by the Pa. State Fire Academy.
- We looked into this program and found that the State has an attendance goal of 100 Fire Fighters
  - After conducting a quick survey by E-mail, Area Departments that responded only came up with an attendance number of 30-35. This is far short of the states goal
- At this point in time we will NOT pursue this further. IF a Department approaches the Fire School we will support however we can their efforts to bring this excellent program to their station
- Or, if further interest is indicated the Fire School will once again consider this program

#### **Program Support and Maintenance:**

- Items addressed since last meeting: Clean Training Grounds, **got 3 Extinguishers refilled**, Cleaned Fire Extinguisher pit, **Sampled pH levels in pond**, Replace old weed sprayer with new, **Worked on Extrication area**, **Contacted Ehrlich re Bees**, Got Stone donated from quarry to repair washer out areas along stream bank, **Constructed small Burn Pan for extinguisher training**, Re-sheeted Roof/Ventilations simulator, **Assisted Pavers as needed**, Gathered Training props for CERT training, **Had portable Battery for power tools repaired at CONSIDERABLE savings over replacement cost**, Cleaned up Grounds after CERT trainings, **Prepare Busses for Bus Rescue Class**, Picked up Pallets, **Cut Weeds**, Had access to a back hoe, worked on various projects around the school, **Minor Repair to soda Machine**, Assisted with an Extinguisher Class, **Installed door on Forcible Entry Prop**, Assisted Brick Layers with Flammable liquids pit as needed, **Had new lock installed on Training Grounds bathroom Door**, Assisted in procurement and placement of NEW Haz-mat prop (1 ton Chlorine Cylinder head), **Check Care area and made sure it was secure**, Returned loaned Fold-a-tank, **Repaired Pittot Gauge**.

#### **Current Schedule:**

- The 2006 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.

#### **Upcoming Courses:**

- BUS RESCUE, August 26 and 27 (08:00 – 17:00)
- Hazardous Materials Refresher, September 5 & 6 (18:30 -21:30)
- Hazardous Materials Operations Course 472, September 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, & 27 (18:30 - 22:30)

- Structural Burn Session, Sept 11, 14 (18:30-22:30 @ YCFS) 17 (08:00 -17:00 @ HACC)
- NIMS -700, September 12, (18:30 – 22:30)
- Entry Level Introduction to the Fire Service (part 1 of 4 the new Entry Level Program) September 19, 21, 26 and 28 (18:30 -22:30)
- Confined Space Rescue, September 19, 21 (18:30 – 22:30), 23 (08:00-17:00)

**YORK COUNTY ATR:** No report.

**OEM:** Tom Graybill wanted to know if anyone was experiencing any water problems.

**FIRE POLICE:** No report

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- President Rupert asked for a motion to pay the bills. Motion to pay the bills by John Fornadel second by Albert Shaffer. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Chief Barry Myers asked about obtaining signatures for a countywide burn ban. A petition for the ban was circulated and signatures from 10 Chiefs were obtained for Tom to present to Kay Carman.

**GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:**

- President Rupert thanked Dave Hufnagle for the food for the meeting.
- President Rupert said he was invited by Senator Wahl to speak before the Senate regarding regionalization of fire departments in Pennsylvania. Anyone with thoughts on the subject should email Skip and he will try and incorporate them into his speech. He has been given 15 minutes to talk on the subject. There is a bill in the House at this time regarding grant funds to assist with department regionalization. The Senate will be meeting to discuss the pros and cons.
- Albert Shaffer said that York City will be hosting the 2007 State Firemen's Convention. He has Convention Hats with him for sale. There will also be a shrimp feed coming up November 19<sup>th</sup> to help raise funds. They will have 300 tickets to sell – see Albert or Dave Hufnagle if you are interested in purchasing a ticket. The feed will be held at Manchester Station 23. The York City Fire Department will also be soliciting local businesses for donations for the convention.
- Commissioner Roth brought up a response issue he was having regarding mulch fires 10 ft. from a structure, in his downtown area, where the mulch was contained within concrete curbs. He did not want 911 to send his structure response to calls at these locations, and was asking for guidance on how to resolve the problem. Discussion followed. Suggestions of holding equipment and having a duty officer respond to check or holding the response to one engine were suggested.
- Rob Bissey asked if anyone knew Clyde Martin.
- Commissioner Roth asked if anyone knew Stanley Water – he had a certificate for him.

Motion to adjourn by Chief Herman, second by Albert Shaffer. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for 7:30 pm on Monday, September 18, 2006 at the Fire School.

Sincerely,

*Cindy A. Dietz*

Cindy A. Dietz, Secretary