

September 15, 2003

President Skip Rupert called the regular monthly meeting of the York County Fire Chiefs and Firefighters Association to order. Forty-seven members were in attendance. President Rupert said that representatives from VFIS were here to take pictures throughout the meeting. President Rupert introduced Bev Price from Gaughen Realty who made a donation to the school in the amount of \$1900.00 from the 9-11 Collection. Bev thanked Laurel Rupert, Steve & Cindy Dietz, and Bern Anthony for their assistance on the project. She said that students from Edgar G. Moore Elementary School in Red Lion made pictures & posters to help advertise the event. Staff members from Gaughen Realty were present and helped display some of the children's pictures and spoke of their experience while collecting the donations. Donation sites were set up at Walmart East, Reliance Fire Company, Brown's Orchards, and Sauble's Market. The York Professional Paid Firefighters also made a contribution, which took the total over \$2000.00. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as posted. A motion was made by Chief Stevens and seconded by Chief Mike Miller to accept the treasurer's reports as posted for August and September. Motion carried.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS: Chief Lane reported on the following:

- Interviewed candidates for the Coordinator's position. Voted on a candidate to pursue. Will proceed with background check and reference checks.
- Talked about where the Hazmat Team was going. Will be reviewing by-laws that deal with the team and speaking with Kay Carman as to where they will go next.
- Began work on next years budget to be submitted to the County Commissioners for the Fire School. It is coming in around \$180,000.00. The budget will be higher for next year due to building maintenance and blacktop issues.
- Next meeting will be on September 29th at 7pm at the school. Building access and building use will be discussed.

COMMUNICATIONS: President Rupert said he received a thank you note from Director Shaefer that he will post on the board.

RADIO COMMITTEE: Chairman Rob Bissey reported the committee had not yet met this month but was scheduled to meet on September 25th. They would be meeting with representatives from EMSA to discuss the "EMS Chief" and "EMS Command" issues. There is also one application to discuss and a discussion on a standard name for side frequencies.

911: Cindy Dietz reported that there was 9-1-1 staff phone number/email updates on the back table as well as equipment update sheets. She said that if departments wanted the 2004 Resource Manual to reflect any changes for their apparatus, the equipment update sheets needed to be completed and turned in ASAP.

- New officer sheets will be going out later this year, probably in December.
- 9-1-1 will be requesting Nextel 2-way number information for Department Chiefs and Assistant Chiefs who have them, to program into Nextel's at the Center for emergency situations ie. phone outages, emergencies involving leaving the center etc.
- New Operations Manager Audrey Rychalsky gave a brief introduction. She is a 10-year 9-1-1 veteran from Lancaster County. She has a strong background in Fire Dispatch and was also a Police Liaison in Lancaster County.
- Chief Nichols asked for clarification on what had heard Commissioner Reilly say on television regarding a new radio system being in place by January 1. Kay Carman responded by saying she would not contradict her boss and progress on the system would be reported as it progresses.
- Chief Rodney Miller stated that Loganville was having problems with their Minitor III's and IV's alerting when other stations are being paged. Adjustments were made but it is still happening. Ambulance 54, Station 42, Station 21, and Station 46 were also having similar problems. The past two weeks have been very poor. Discussion followed. Chief Rentzel suggested getting the exact dates and times when this was occurring so the problems could be tracked and listened to on tape if necessary. Kay Carman suggested emailing this information to the Radio Tech at 9-1-1, Ryan Warner so it could be looked into and reported to Mike Corcoran.

FIRE SCHOOL: Director Shaefer reported:

- 1227 students attended classes at the school so far this year.
- Three pumps tested for the month and thirteen for the year.
- New Essentials of Firefighting Class began on 9/9.
- Grant for the Engine for \$18,000.00 was received.
- 115 students from Vo-Tech toured the school last week and spent the day. The instructor was very impressed with the facility.
- Aircraft program was held on Saturday, the second half will be this coming Sunday (9/21) at Thomasville Airport.
- Working on a Bus Rescue program for December 27th & 28th.
- Reminder – Make sure your students are showing up for scheduled classes.

HAZMAT: Director Shaefer reported 8 calls for the month and 43 for the year.

- HACC Hazmat Conference October 2, 3, 4, & 5. South Central Terrorism Task Force will be doing a Pre-Conference class. See Paul or Rich if you would like to go, one person has signed up so far.
- Hazmat Operations Class at the school, September 29th, October 1st, 6th, 8th, & 12th.

SPECIAL RESCUE TASK FORCE: Commissioner Roth reported:

- Trench Rescue Awareness Class was cancelled for the coming weekend and is to be rescheduled in the spring of 2004.

EMA:

- Jim Welty introduced himself as the new Nuclear Planner in the York County EMA Office. Jim explained one of his first duties to complete is a WMD Assessment. This entails a 12 discipline, 80-page document that must be completed by each fire department. The document will be emailed to each department. He asked that members download the document and take the time to fill them out. Two to three meetings will be scheduled to assist Chief's if they need help completing the document. The documents must be back by October 20th.
- Tom Graybill advised that Rescue 60 is certified in Swift Water Rescue call for them early if you think you may need them. There will be a drill on October 4th at a SARA Facility in Shrewsbury. All are welcome to observe as spectators or evaluators. The tabletop for this drill will be on September 23rd. Tom and Jeff are still checking SARA facilities in the County.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- President Rupert stated that we will not need to move next months meeting date since the PFSI Dinner is on the following Monday.
- President Rupert will contact departments with outstanding dues for 2003/2004.
- Bob Bowman presented the bills. Chief Stevens made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Chief Rentzel. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Chief Bissey reported that Station 24's radio license has been renewed and is on its way. Chief Bissey stated that the money to renew the license was paid by Alert Fire Company and they would like reimbursed for the \$1800.00. Motion made by Fire Commissioner Roth to reimburse Alert Fire Company for the \$1800.00, seconded by Chief Barry Myers. Motion carried.
- Bern Anthony stated that there are 2 or 3 students at The York County School of Technology that are in need of uniforms. The minutes were researched and the body had agreed in December 2001 to support a program in conjunction with Glatfelter's Insurance (Mike Young) to donate \$200.00 a year for 3 years for this purpose.
- John Fornadel asked where next months quarterly meeting was being held. Cindy Dietz advised it was being held at Alert Fire Company, Station 24-2 on Farm Trail Road.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

- Chief Gemmill encouraged members to participate in the Junior Firefighter Program.
- Chief Lane reported that they have partially opened Project 70 to make room for anticipated flooding and from the impending storm. If you notice any elevated water levels it may be due to this.

Chief Dietz made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Chief Mike Miller. Meeting adjourned by President Skip Rupert.

The following stations still owe dues for 2003/2004 – Pennville, Seven Valleys, DDSF-LF, Lake Aldred, and McSherrystown.

Next quarterly meeting is scheduled for 7:30 pm on Monday, October 20, 2003 at Alert Fire Company; Station 24-2 on Farm Trail Rd. Light refreshments will be served.

Sincerely,

Cindy A. Dietz
Secretary