

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

**330 Emig Road
York, PA 17406**



**Monthly Meeting
3rd Monday**

September 15th, 2008

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 and a moment of silence. Forty-five people were in attendance.

President Joe Yahnke asked for a motion to accept the minutes as published. 1st: John Fornadell 2nd: Chief Shank. The minutes were approved.

President Joe Yahnke asked for a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. 1st: Chief Shank 2nd: John Fornadell. Motion Carried

BOARD OF GOVERNORS: Chief Senft: The Board met this evening. We are monitoring the construction and surface restoration of the fire grounds. We are working on some financial issues as we prepare for next year.

911: Eric Bistline: Testing of radio system: Completed the radio coverage system. Train-the-Trainer dates and times are as follows: October 11th (9:00 – 1:00), October 12th (1:00 – 5:00), 13th, 14th, & 15th (1:00 – 5:00 and 6:00 – 10:00). Two members from each department are to attend one training class. Those trained will then go back to their station and train the members of their department. Audrey has left the county. Radios will come with a battery, a spare battery and a charger. Some batteries were lasting all day, while some were only 4-5 hours. It depends on use.

RADIO COMMUNICATIONS: Rick Shank: There is a meeting Thursday at 2:00 pm, at 911. For roads and hydrants that are out of service, 911 alerts the chief or duty officer. Chris Krichten asked why Non emergency dispatches for places doing fogging in the middle of the nights like Starbucks were being dispatched as a full structural response. Cindy stated that is protocol if 911 is not notified, or 911 will state to the chief that a business in the area is doing fogging.

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

Activity:

☛ For the month of August the Fire School hosted 36 events which accounted for 172 hours of activity. This resulted in 2368 Student hours. For the year 2008 to September 14th, the fire school has accumulated 2019 hours of use and 28,095.5 student hours. We are averaging over 3000 Student hours per month.

The ENTRY LEVEL Program:

☛ The Exterior Firefighter class has been postponed due to construction issues. As soon as we get a firm date on the training grounds being available we will work on rescheduling.

☛ **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:**

We all need the **Courage to be safe**, but what about when the stuff hits the fan? Are you ready? **Can you identify when you are in a MAYDAY Situation?** The Statistic books are filled with Firefighters, **just like you**, who believed they were prepared to face the Fire and all that comes with it. Then in a **twinkling of an eye they are in trouble**. IF you believe in **Rapid Intervention Teams**, **IF** you feel that is the right thing to do for **firefighter safety**, then you need to **take the MAYDAY Class!** Calling the **MAYDAY is the first step in RIT**. It needs to be **done and done right, without hesitation!** **IF** you believe that Firefighters need to be trained to **avoid RIT Situations**, **THEN YOU NEED to take the MAYDAY Class!** The best way to avoid needing to use a RIT team is to **be prepared**. Our Calling the MAYDAY CLASS is a **hands on, turn out gear wearing, SCBA breathing class** that is a must have! You will practice in **simulated MAYDAY situations and properly demonstrate how to deal with it - THIS IS HANDS ON TRAINING** This class was prepared at the National Fire Academy (*if you successfully pass the class you will receive certificates from both BUCKS Public Safety Training Center AND the NATIONAL FIRE ACADEMY*) and taught by **Lead instructor Dan Hoff**.

The next **class is scheduled for September 30 and October 2 (Tuesday and Thursday Evenings 18:30 - 22:30)** make sure you **SIGN up today**; The Life you save will **BE YOUR OWN!** Remember too, if you have the misfortune to get into trouble, you doing your part makes it **safer for EVERYONE**

Make sure you sign-up for and attend this life saving class. As of September 15th, we have only 4 persons signed up! This is a vital Survival Class that all Interior Firefighters should consider a must have. Sign-up NOW for this Free Course

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).
 - (presented on April 20th) Managing Tractor Emergencies,
 - (TO BE PRESENTED ON October 11th) Farm Chemical Emergencies,
 - (TO BE PRESENTED ON October 12th) Managing Farm Machinery Entanglements,
 - (TO BE PRESENTED ON OCTOBER 25th) Farm Confined Space Awareness
 - (TO BE PRESENTED ON OCTOBER 26th) Farm Confined Space Operations.
- 📣 These classes ARE NOT funded like most Firefighter training is here in Pennsylvania. **Linda Spahr of Cooperative Extension has helped immensely with this by securing grants from various sources.**
- 📣 A **pump operator II** class has been added to our schedule with the dates of **November 30th and December 7th**
- 📣 **ALSO IN THE WORKS:**
 - **An 8 hour class on Railroad Emergencies (Maybe this fall or in 2009)**
 - **Academy on the Road, Fire Officer 1 (March and / or February of 2009)**

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.
- 📣 **September has arrived and it is time to start working on next year's schedule. Here is your opportunity to offer some feedback to us for consideration as we start work on the 2009 Schedule. We cannot guarantee that all request will be filled, nor can we guarantee that a class will run (We need your help in making sure we reach minimum attendance figures for ALL CLASSES) It is our hope and desire that with you guidance we can obtain the classes you want and need.**
- 📣 **Please e-mail us at: YorkCoFireSchool@aol.com with your requests and ideas as soon as conveniently possible Thank you for your assistance.**

Burn Building and Scheduling:

- 📣 **Due to unforeseen construction problems, early completion of the live fire training prop has been delayed until the construction problems can be remediated.** Before the Building can be used for Live Fire training "Cure Burns" must take place, it is unknown when this will take place.
- 📣 We still are planning on conducting a Structural Burn Session in October, This class is filling up and only a few spots remain.

Water Line Extension:

☛ Installation Work has been completed on the extension of our existing water line to the back of our property (Near the extrication area) and includes a new fire Hydrant and a frost free faucet to aid in training and rehab needs in that area. This is part of the second phase of renovation to your Fire school. Many Thanks to York Water Company and Kinsley Construction, without their help, this project would not have been done. Some work is in its finishing phases such as seeding and concrete posts to protect the Hydrant, but it is installed and ready for use

Program Coordinator attends Program at NIST:

☛ On September 3, 2008 Carl Avery, Program Coordinator, attended a program entitled Fire Dynamics for the Fire Service. This program was presented by the National Institute of Standards and Technology at their Gaithersburg, Md. Campus. The Presentation covered some recent research and recommendations that NIST has come up as result of their scientific studies into Fire Behavior and Specific Fire they aided in investigating. If anyone has an opportunity to attend this or related training in the future it is highly recommended. We have several new CDs with the information that was presented at this class as now part of the fire schools library

ATR: Heather Marsteller: John stated in an e-mail that there was one call for the month.

Haz-Mat : Tom Graybill: No Report

FIRE POLICE: James Robertson: They are having some training. Next Monday, September 22nd, the Fire Police meeting will be held at Yoe Fire Company (Sta. 36).

RESCUE SPECS COMMITTEE: Joe Yahnke: Joe met with Josh prior to this meeting. He has till next month to have a report to us.

RIT COMMITTEES: Dan Hoff: No Report

FIRE SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Tony Myers: No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: No Business

NEW BUSINESS: The bills were presented. A motion was made to pay the bills. 1st: Dave Nichols 2nd: John Fornadell Motion passed.

Rick Witten stated they met on the 28th. They are looking into Policies for the new burn building for state courses and company trainings. They are also looking into fee structure to cover the pallets and straw, as well as a program for "No Shows".

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION: Commissioner Roth stated of the passing of Roy Miller, this past week. He served on the Board of Governors when Association first started. He was 93 years old.

East Berlin Fire Department has lost one of their firefighters. Michael Weigand was the Police Officer killed this week-end on duty, but was also a volunteer with East Berlin Fire Department. Please remember them this week, and help them out if you can.

The next monthly meeting is scheduled for 7:30 pm on Monday, October 20th, 2008, at the Dallastown (Sta. 35) Fire Company.

Motion was made by Bob Bowman to adjourn the meeting. 2nd: Dave Nichols. Motion Passed

Sincerely,

Heather Marsteller

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Recording Secretary