

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

**330 Emig Road  
York, PA 17406**



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

September 17<sup>th</sup>, 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. Eighteen people were in attendance.

Brad Dunham spoke about the required medical cards that are needed for every apparatus driver not driving to an emergency. This means if they drive the fire truck to go get fuel, driver training, get inspected, they must have a medical card. This applies to any emergency vehicle over 17,000 pounds. If you are driving out of state, that weight drops down to 10,000 pounds. This just came to light, but has been law since April 24, 2010. It is also stated that the chief of the department issue a certificate to everyone who can operate that piece of apparatus. Right now, we don't know of any one particular police officer that is pushing the issue, but if your department is involved in an accident, they will want to see the all the required information. The section number we are referring to is: 390.3(f)(5). For more information: <http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/rules-regulations/administration/fmcsr/fmcsrruletext.aspx?reg=390.3>

Prior to the meeting, we also had an introduction from the CanAm Games Committee members. They spoke about what a positive impact the games will have on our local economy come July 2014. They are in need of volunteers and sponsors for the games. For more information, you can visit their website: [www.YorkCanAmGames.com](http://www.YorkCanAmGames.com)

President Steve Buffington asked if there were any corrections needed to last month's minutes. Bob Sells made a motion to approve the minutes as posted 2<sup>nd</sup>: John McDonald Motion Passed

Treasurer Bob Bowman presented the following report: Beginning Balance: \$13,431.17 Ending Balance: \$2,009.18 President Steve Buffington asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. 1<sup>st</sup>: Bob Sells 2<sup>nd</sup>: John McDonald Motion Passed

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS:** John Senft: The Board did not have a quorum, so we did not meet this evening.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Joe Madzellan: At the last meeting, we discussed about using a 20 minute timer. Sometimes command may get sidetracked and not realize 20 minutes already went by. We have to worry about the potential of changes of a burning structure. They already use 20 minute timers on the EMS side, just to verify everything is ok. No decision was made, but it could possibly go to the advisory board. Also, Nate is retiring at the end of next month. There is no word on filling his position. There is on work on if they found a possible replacement for Phil's position.

**911:** Julio Mendez: No one was present to give a report.

**FIRE SCHOOL:** Richard Halpin: As normal, we had over 200 hours of training conducted last month. We have a Ventilation class scheduled for October, and a Solar Energy Safety class scheduled for December if anyone is interested. This past Saturday, we had the 9/11 Memorial Ceremony at Pleasant Hill Cemetery. There was not as big of a turnout, but there was also a funeral going on in Columbia that same day. Every two weeks, I have been trying to send out an email with our current class numbers for upcoming classes. I hope everyone likes this. I plan on sending out another one this Friday. We need more students in the Advanced Fire Police class, or we may have to cancel it. The information for the 2013 Subscriptions is now out. Nothing has changed since last year. If your department needs an invoice prior to sending a check, let the staff know here, and we can send you one in the mail. If you just send a check with the contract, we will send you a receipt for your records.

**OEM:** Tom Graybill: No one was present to give a report.

**HAZ-MAT TEAM:** Tom Graybill: No one was present to give a report.

**YORK COUNTY ATR:** Bob Sells: I don't have the exact report, but they did have their Open House at Dover Twp. There are 8 potential new members looking to join the team. They did have at least one call.

**FIRE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:** Bob Sells: We have a meeting scheduled for this Friday to discuss next year's schedule.

**RIT:** Joe Yahnke: No one from the committee was present to give a report.

**RESCUE INSPECTION:** Tim Mooney: No one from the committee was present to give a report.

**FIRE PREVENTION:** Steve Tawney: No one from the committee was present to give a report.

**FIRE POLICE:** Hayden Mitchell: No one was present from the association to give a report.

**FUND RAISING:** John McDonald: I spoke with Hoss's. We need to set up a date that works for all three restaurants in the County. They will send us fliers that we can hand out to everyone in the community. If they take that flier to the restaurant, 20% of their check will be donated to our organization. A few days after the event, Hoss's will send us the check in the mail. John will work on getting a date nailed down, and will hopefully have that for us next month.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

A motion was made to pay the bills. 1<sup>st</sup>: Bob Sells 2<sup>nd</sup>: John McDonald Motion Passed

Last month there was a motion made to eliminate fire drill notifications altogether from the pagers. A vote was to take place this month. With that being said, a vote was taken, and the motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

No Business to discuss

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

Bob Bowman mentioned that they received the paperwork for the PFESI dinner that is always held in November. Again, this year, the dinner will be held the same evening as our meetings, to let everyone know. We may decide next month if we want to hold our Association Meeting on a different night in November.

The next monthly meeting is scheduled for 7:00 pm on Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012, at the Shiloh Fire Company, Station 2. Dinner will be served by 6:30, if not earlier.

President Steve Buffington adjourned the meeting.

Sincerely,

*Heather Grove*

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Recording Secretary