

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

**330 Emig Road
York, PA 17406**



**Monthly Meeting
3rd Monday**

September 17, 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 people in attendance. A moment of silence was observed for past Chief Stan Eby who had recently passed away.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as published.

President Rupert asked for a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, Chief Herman made the motion, second by Albert Shaffer. Motion carried.
Bob Bowman reported he received a check from the County and it was deposited.

Marlin Grove reported on the State Convention being held in York City. He gave the following itinerary for the weeks activities.

- Starts on Wednesday September 19th.
- Thursday and Friday there will be delegate activities.
- From 1800- 2100 hrs on Thursday there will be a meet and greet at Rex/Laurel.
- Friday night will be fun night at Manchester Fire Company, dinner served at 1800, DJ from 1900 – 2200. Advance tickets on sale for \$15.00.
- Parade on Saturday starts at Richland and Market and ends at the Yorktowne Hotel.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS: Chief John Senft reported the following items were discussed in the Board of Governors meeting prior to this meeting:

- Bid Opening – seven bids were received for the burn building. Low bid was 1.3 mil – high bid was 1.7 mil. The lowest responsible bid was 1.4 mil.
- Financial Issues for 2008.
- Personnel and compensation issues.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

RADIO COMMITTEE: Chief Shank reported:

- Engine 61-1 was approved. New Spartan Pumper.
- Discussion on dispatching a mass casualty response to non injury accidents. Concern was expressed by the committee.

911: Rob Sterner gave the following update on the Emergency Services Center Project:

- Long term Back Up Facility is 100% complete.
- The Emergency Services Center is 98% complete. The occupancy inspection is scheduled to occur on September 27th, with completion anticipated at the end of the month.
- Working on transition plans for all systems. Late November is the time slated to transition.

Radio Project

- System should be complete by the end of November.
 - At this time 21 out of 22 sites are complete.

- Work is still being done on the Judicial Center and should be complete by the beginning of October.
- Nine sites currently have all the lines and antennas installed.
- Coverage testing will occur in two parts. In the Winter and then again Spring.
 - Dave Hahn has been working with the group to hammer out the fleet mapping.
- Equipment distribution will be early in 2008.
 - If you need invoiced earlier than that for budgetary reasons contact Bob Fasick at the 911 Center.
- Mobile CAD for fire will be available in late 2008.
 - It is expensive with ongoing costs.

Dave Hahn reported on the Mobile Command Unit and then explained a little about the fleet mapping and how it was set up for fire. He said there are 60 talk groups for fire that will work off of 5 systems. The areas are North, South, West, Central, and Fulton.

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

Hours of use:

- ☛ From 8/20/07 to 9/16/07 there were 60 events held through your Fire School, totaling 251 hours of Training / use. Our Facility now averages 9.2 hours of use a day, **every day** of 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, All county Fire Companies are invited to attend. Class B or Greater uniform is requested but not mandatory. Please let the Fire School know if you plan on attending by September 19, 2007 so we can plan on the light refreshments we will offer

The ENTRY LEVEL Program:

- ☛ 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
- ☛ Both of our ELFG (*Fire Ground Support [part 2 of the 4 part Entry Level series]*) classes have concluded (*Day Time and Evening Programs*)
- ☛ 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

- ☛ As of today, your County Fire School has **not received any applications for the Firefighter I test** we are scheduled to be hosting this fall. The Written test is scheduled to be October 12 and the Practical exam is scheduled to be on November 3, 2007. **A cut off date of September 29th has been established** and all monies for the test must be submitted PRIOR to the cut off date.
- ☛ Applications for this test were in your July Mailings and available on our website
- ☛ A prep class for this test will be September 29th (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 8th, 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**

Fire Officer I:

- 🔊 **THIS COURSE OPPORTUNITY MAY BE CANCELED, if there is not Prompt ACTIONS**
 - **As of today (9/17/2007) the state Fire Academy has only received ONE application. The Cut off date for this is Thursday, September 20, 2007**
- 🔊 The State Fire Academy is / was scheduled to bring 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 have been included in our monthly mailings to the County Departments**
- 🔊 **The APPLICATIONS must be submitted to the STATE FIRE ACADEMY**
- 🔊 **WE NEED A MINIMUM OF 12 STUDENT FOR THIS PROGRAM**
- 🔊 **If you really want this course you must SIGN UP TODAY**
- 🔊 Candidates for this program must have the following certification
 - Firefighter I
 - Firefighter II
 - Fire Instructor I

New Classes Scheduled:

- 🔊 A one day Class on New Car technology and Hybrid Vehicle has been scheduled for 3 consecutive days in December **NEW DATES: (12/7, 12/8 and 12/9/2007)**. 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
- 🔊 **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, 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**

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: John Sanford reported 0 calls for the month. Team members assisted with confined space training at the Fire School. A hard wire communications system has been added to the inventory to be used for trench rescues.

OEM: Tom Graybill reported Bernadette Lauer is leaving at the end of the week – OEM is interviewing for a new PIO.

FIRE POLICE: Jim Robertson reported that Franklinton Fire Department still owes dues.

- State Fire Police Meeting will be held on November 18th at the Seven Valleys Fire Company
- The next York County Fire Police Meeting will be held at Victory Fire Company.
- 56 members present at this months meeting. 31 stations represented. 4 deaths.

RESCUE SPEC: No report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

RIT: No report

NEW BUSINESS: President Rupert said that the PFESI Dinner falls on Monday November 19th and asked for a motion to move the monthly meeting to Tuesday, November 20th.

- Commissioner Roth made a motion to move the November meeting from Monday November 19th to Tuesday November 20th. John Fornadel seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
- President Rupert said that no one has volunteered to host the October, if anyone is interested in hosting contact Cindy. If no one volunteers the meeting will be held at the Fire School.
- Commissioner Roth made a motion to authorize the Board of governors to enter into such contracts as necessary for capital improvements to the Fire School, including, but not limited to the live fire training prop and all work associated with the project. Chief Shank seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION: None

Motion to adjourn by Chief Herman. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Next quarterly meeting is scheduled for 7:30 pm on Monday, October 15, 2007, at the Fire School.

Sincerely,

Cindy A. Dietz

Cindy A. Dietz, Secretary