

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

**330 Emig Road
York, PA 17406**



**Monthly Meeting
3rd Monday**

September 18, 2006

Chief Jan Cromer, filling in for President Rupert who was out of town, called the regular monthly meeting of the York County Fire Chiefs and Firefighters Association to order and after moment of silence, led the pledge to the flag. There were twenty-nine people in attendance.

Chief Cromer introduced Roger Lebuff, who is an engineer from the firm working on the plans for a new burn building. Mr. Lebuff showed a short slide show outlining the burn building project. He reviewed the findings from the study on the existing building, which indicate damage to the concrete, damage to the masonry bearing walls, corroding doors, loose shutters, and damage to the thermal lining.

Conceptual Design for a New Burn Building

- 3-story burn building
- Attached 5-story tower
- 5,640 square feet
- 14 rooms ready for Class A fire
- Interior switchback, stairs and elevator shaft
- Residential layout (ability to simulate a 2-car garage and a basement)
- Commercial layout
- Pitched, flat, and tower roofs

Next Steps – September 2006

- Building design and site design
- Design development
- Construction documents
- Bidding
- Construction
- Project budget \$1.5 - \$1.8 million

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as published.

Chief Cromer asked for a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, Chief Snyder made the motion, seconded by Albert Shaffer. Motion carried.

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

- Representatives from the Boy Scouts met with the Board to present a proposal to construct a 9-11 Memorial and a Paul Schaeffer Memorial on the School grounds. The Memorials will consist of paver brick and some statues. Drawings and itemized cost sheets were submitted. Approximate cost \$2000.00.
- Station 24 will be testing the burn pit tomorrow (how much fuel to put in).
- Building proposal – to be discussed under new business.

RADIO COMMITTEE: Chief Shank reported that the committee meets this coming Thursday 9/21/06.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

911: Bob Bragg reported that he has obtained an in vehicle portable charger from M/A Comm. If the Association wants a special session to see the radios and have questions answered they are to let Eric Bistline know. Chief Cromer suggested representatives from 911 attend the quarterly meeting next month in Shrewsbury for that purpose. Bob will pass the request on to Eric and they will be present at the quarterly meeting. Bob also stated he has one of each type of radio on display in his office, if anyone wants to stop in and see them.

Audrey Rychalsky reported that CAD Go Live is scheduled for October 31st. The new buildings' curved wall has been completed, and other walls are taking shape.

Chief Barry Myers questioned why a 911 employees' retirement announcement was permitted to be aired last week on the fire radio, when he had been denied a "Last Call", for a member of his fire department. Discussion followed. Director Rychalsky said that she had made the decision to allow the announcement.

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

Hours of use:

☛ Between August 8 and September 12 the Fire School and if Facilities were in use for 327.5 hours

Computer upgrades:

- ☛ New Computer for Alarm system installed.
- ☛ 200 GB Memory back-up installed on Main Computer

Combustible (Flammable) Liquids Pit:

- ☛ The Pit will "re-open" for Instructional use on October 1st.
- ☛ We will conduct a test of the Pit on September 18th to evaluate upgrades and some aspects of our proposed operating guide
- ☛ The Board of Governors is reviewing the operating guides, these will be made available to Chiefs, Training Officers and Instructors as soon as they are approved

The Entry Level (New Essentials) Program:

- ☛ This falls Entry Level Series of Programs is doing well, the Introduction class is full and has several on stand-by; The Fire Ground Support Class has 7 opening and is also filling up fast; the Exterior Firefighter program has 12 opening. With the Pre-registrations we have in hand at this time ALL Three of the PROGRAMS are going to be held
- ☛ Tony Myers has accepted the lead instructor's position for the Introduction Class. At this time I am working with Bucks PSTC and my list of local area Instructors to pick lead instructors for the Fire Ground Support Program and Exterior Firefighter program.
- ☛ As these classes develop, we will examine the demographics. If there are enough candidates who meet the age requirements (18 Years of age at the start of the class) we will schedule the 4th Component (Interior Firefighter) of the series
- ☛ 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

Basic Vehicle Rescue Series:

- ☛ This is another Series of Classes I am very pleased with this fall. All three classes are at or near capacity (30 Students).
- ☛ Any additional (in excess of the class limit of 30) Pre-registrations are being put on stand-by

Mason-Dixon Extrication Challenge:

- ☛ Next meeting of the organizing committee is September 25th @ 18:30 Hours at Station 23, If you are interested in participating in this work group please contact Tim Stevens @ tstevens@waltonco.com or Carl Avery @ YorkCoFireSchool@aol.com
- ☛ We already have members from Union Fire Company, Glen Rock Hose and Ladder and Volunteers from York City Fire and Rescue Services who are participating
- ☛ We can use more – Hope to see you there!

Structural Burn Sessions:

- ☛ There is one more Structural Burn Sessions scheduled for this year (2006).
- ☛ The class that was set for September 11, 14 and 17 with lead instructor Jeff Snyder had to be canceled due to low enrollment.
- ☛ The Last SBS for 2006 will be November 25 & December 2 with lead instructor Gary Carpenter.
- ☛ This Class will be held (As long as we have sufficient enrollment). Class room session will take place at the York County Fire School and the Burn Session will either take place at HACC or our own facility depending where we stand with repairs to our current structure.

☛ **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 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.
- ☛ Details are as of yet to be worked out with the Community College for exact time and dates of this program.

Program Support and Maintenance:

- ☛ Routine trash removal and clean up Administration/Classroom building, **Routine Clean up/Policing of the Grounds**, Sampling collecting pond for NPDES reports, **worked on Combustible liquids pit**, worked on stone roadway, **Check Smoke Maze trailer after use**, Purchased New Vacuum cleaner, **Cleaned Smoke Machine**, Picked up new traffic cones from YCEMSTI, **Meet with Eagle Scout regarding a proposed project for the fire school**, removed "Burn Van" replace with school buss, **Coordinated with Barry Myers regarding some back-hoe work to be done at the school**, Got supplies from Quaker Paper, **worked with Tee to Green on seeding the bank**, Put water in Combustible (Flammable) Liquids Pit, **Cut weeds**, Worked with G. Sheffer on installation of new alarm system computer, **Worked on Extrication Area after Bus Rescue Class**, Picked up new tool strap to replace one that was cut during clean up and movement of Buses after Bus Rescue Class, **Assisted contractor J. Miller with work space improvements for Administrative Assistant.**

Current Schedule:

- ☛ The 2006 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.

- ☛ **RECENTLY ADDED COURSES** Legal aspect of the Fire Service, starting on October 11, and again on November 6; Highway Incident Safety and Traffic Control (**"It ain't just for fire police any more"**) starting on October 14; Pump Ops I, starting on October 22; Emergency Response to Terror, Strategic Considerations for Company Officers, Starting on November 4. See our Web site or call for more details

Upcoming Courses:

- ☛ 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)
- ☛ Basic Vehicle Rescue Awareness September 20 and October 1 (08:00 to 17:00)
- ☛ Building Construction – Wood Frame, October 3 & 4 (18:30 – 22:30) and October 7 (08:00 to 17:00)
- ☛ Fire Ground Support, October 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26, 31, November 2, 7, 9, 14, 16 (18:30 to 22:30)
- ☛ Legal Aspects of the Fire Service, October 11, 23, 24 and 30 (18:30 to 22:30)
- ☛ Highway Incident Safety & Traffic Control October 14 & 15 (08:00 to 17:00)

YORK COUNTY ATR: No report.

OEM: Tom Graybill reported that September is National Preparedness Month – the OEM will be holding Preparedness Seminars on September 27th from 1pm -3pm and 7pm -9pm. These are open to the public.

Tom said that Kay Carman wanted to thank everyone for the CDAP applications; they are being passed on to the State with County approval.

Chief Shank reported that on October 14th the Fire Decon Strike team will be participating in the WMD Drill. Tom said that Hazmat as well as EMS will also be participating. This is an eight County Regional Drill.

FIRE POLICE: Jim Robertson reported that the Fire Police Association met in Seven Valleys last month. Two members passed away since their last meeting. They will be holding trainings at various stations throughout the County. Sixty-nine members were present, thirty-four companies represented, and eight guests. Jim said the Fire Police Association is looking for a bell to purchase or to have donated, to be used for their memorial services.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Chief Cromer asked for a motion to pay the bills. Motion to pay the bills by John Fornadel second by Chief Shank. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Chief Shank made a motion to approve the Scout Memorial Project and supplement whatever funding is necessary to complete it. John Fornadel seconded the motion. M/C.
- Chief Shank made a motion to proceed with the building design phase of the new burn building. Bob Bowman seconded the motion. M/C.
- Chief Shank made a motion to order posters for Fire Prevention Week. Chief Lloyd seconded the motion. M/C.
 - Recommendation that President Rupert appoint a Fire Prevention Committee to oversee these details. Carl will order the posters for this year.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

- Commissioner Roth introduced Joanna Kitz who is a visiting firefighter from Warsaw, Poland.
- Chief Shank asked that a committee be appointed, to organize a 9-11 Memorial Service to be held at the Fire School next year.
 - President Rupert to appoint the committee next month.
- Chief Shank encouraged the Chiefs that were present to contact their neighboring Chiefs and get them to look at the radio surveys and show up at next months meeting, where Rob Sterner and Eric Bistline from 911, will be in attendance to answer questions.

Motion to adjourn by Bob Bowman, second by Chief Lloyd. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for 7:30 pm on Monday, October 16, 2006 at the Shrewsbury Fire Company. Light refreshments will be served prior to the meeting.

Sincerely,

Cindy A. Dietz

Cindy A. Dietz, Secretary