

Fire Chiefs' & Fire Fighters' Association of York County, Inc.

**330 Emig Road
York, PA 17406**



**Monthly Meeting
3rd Monday**

September 20th, 2010

President Rick Shank 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 - three people were in attendance.

President asked for a motion to approve the minutes as published. 1. Tony Myers 2nd: Bill Carlisle

Treasurer Bob Bowman presented the balances of the treasurer's report.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS: John Senft: Shank and Senft represented the Fire School at Doug Farrington's funeral.

The Board met this evening. We have agreed to sell the Ward LaFrance as is, where is, with a minimum bid of \$1,000. We are offering it to anyone locally in the county. Bids are to be presented by October 15th. The Fire School also has a Manager's position available. To date, we have received 5 resumes. The last date resumes will be accepted is September 30th. We also discussed our ongoing financial situation.

RADIO: Eric Brown: There is a Meeting on Thursday. We are starting to work on a committee for dispatch protocols. Things can be frustrating on the radio. There has been a lot of snotty comments made recently by those on both sides of the radios. Don't take frustration out on dispatchers. If you experience an issue, call in and ask for a supervisor.

Phil: An update on the two new sites: On the southwest site, the microwave installation has been completed and will begin testing on Wednesday. We will test for five days. Once that is complete, we will start optimizing and paging installation will start at end of month. Then signal strength will be tested. Circuit merit testing will then follow. We are looking at a test date by the middle of October at this point in time. Kenwood Radios have been approved. Motorola still has some work before they can be approved. They will make the required changes by the end of the year.

FIRE SCHOOL: We have a Basic Fire Police class starting next month. We are working on scheduling a Structural Burn before the end of the year. Watch the website for the latest information.

OEM: Tom Graybill: Nothing to report.

HAZ-MAT TEAM: Tom Graybill: There have been 41 calls for the month. Any fire chiefs looking at the possibility of putting fire ban in effect, get your municipalities to issue one. They can revoke the ban, or extend as necessary. If the county puts one in effect, it will stay in place for 30 days.

YORK COUNTY ATR: Heather Grove: There were two calls for the month. The first was a confined space / silo with Airville. The second was a structural collapse with Dover Boro. There is a wide vigilante's at Fort Indian Town Gap with the South Central Task Force / Regional training this Friday. The York County team will be out of service

from 17:00 – 24:00. Lancaster and Cumberland Counties will be on stand-by for them in case an emergency occurs. There is confined space training coming up in October.

FIRE POLICE: James Robertson: Nothing to report

RESCUE INSPECTION: Tim Mooney: No Report

RIT: Joe Yahnke: Nothing to Report

FIRE SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Tony Myers: The committee is working on a Local level burn policy. We hope to have it, so departments can burn sometime next year. The committee is also working on outfitting the new engine.

FIRE PREVENTION: Steve Tawney: Posters are in. See Heather if your department reserved one. She may have extras, but available only on a first come, first serve basis.

FUND RAISING: John McDonald: Nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: No business

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made to pay the bills. 1st: Chad Hess 2nd: John McDonald Motion Passed

Jan Cromer announced that his department responded to a fire, started by cable wire. The Cable wire was not bonded. It is to be bonded when it is installed, but at this location, the wire was not bonded.

The National Fallen Firefighter Memorial Ceremony will be held on October 3rd. If you have the opportunity, go.

John Senft stated he will be traveling to Harrisburg to support House bill 2379. The bill is a modification to small games of chance. Fire Departments have the potential to gain 20% of the profits. The money would go to non-profit organizations. It would be nice to have uniform representation.

Bob Bowman stated that the Christmas ornaments that York City Fire Department makes each year are in. This year's ornament is Goodwill Fire Company.

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

Jeff Griffith (Chief) thanked everyone that extended their sympathy and support towards Delta Cardiff during the passing of Doug Farrington.

Marlin Grove from York City, announced on November 5th, at Sta. 24 (George Street Station), there will be a Retirement bash for Chief John Senft. The admission will be \$25 a person. \$10 – \$12 of the admission fee will go towards the National Fallen Firefighters foundation. There will be 50/50 raffles, live band and dancing. Come for All-You-Can-Eat-and-Drink. Doors open at 5:15.

Kay Karman is retiring from 911 on October 31st. Chief Shank will work on inviting her to next Month's meeting.

On November 26th – Black Friday, there is going to be a Blood Drive in memory of Zach Sweitzer, a Firefighter killed in a car accident two years ago, and in memory of a fellow teacher. The blood drive is going to be held either at a Dallastown school or Grace Fellowship Church, in York New Salem from 11-6 pm. Blood banks have a shortage of donation, and it would be a way to remember two people from our communities. If anyone can donate, please do. More details will follow.

Next monthly meeting is scheduled for 7:30 pm on Monday, October 18th, 2010, at Hanover Fire Dept.

Motion was made by Bob Bowman to adjourn the meeting. 2nd: Commissioner Roth Motion Passed

Sincerely,

Heather Grove

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Recording Secretary