

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

**330 Emig Road
York, PA 17406**



**Monthly Meeting
3rd Monday**

October 17th, 2011

President Richard Shank called the quarterly meeting of the York County Fire Chiefs and Firefighters Association to order and led the pledge to the flag and a moment of silence. Thirty one people were in attendance.

Chief Ron Witmer thanked and welcomed everyone for coming to the meeting and dinner. John Sanford wanted to thank Chief Witmer and New Bridgeville for inviting us, and for providing this evening's dinner.

President Richard Shank asked for a motion to approve the minutes as published. 1st: Hayden Mitchell 2nd: Steve Tawney Motion Passed

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

BOARD OF GOVERNORS: Chief John Senft: The Board met in a working session this evening just prior to the meeting. October 12th, I met with the York County Commissioners, who presented us with Certificates of Commendation for the prompt and courageous response during Tropical Storm Lee. There will be a copy available after the meeting to every department, so they may be displayed in your departments.

COMMUNICATIONS: Erik Brown was not present, but submitted the following report:

Radio Designations approved:
Collapse 9
Utility 9-1

** The committee met with New World (CAD vendor) to work on upgrades and discuss various issues (specifically with EMS and dual designation problems, and Ambulance vs. MICU).

** Information group met with the County's IT department to look at possibilities of sharing information (mapping, CAD, etc) with various vendors that some departments are currently using (such as Iron Compass, Fire tracker, Firehouse, etc). There will be more information to follow as things progress.

** A letter was sent denying the request for Station 73 designation. At the current time, the group does not meet the state standard as the other two existing teams in our county. Once they obtain the necessary training and equipment, they can re-apply.

911: Julio: There is a new complaint form on the website. It has a new look, but asks for the same information. Once you submit the complaint, you will receive a notification stating that your complaint has been received, and will be reviewed.

FIRE SCHOOL: Administrator Richard Halpin: We had 257 hours of training conducted at the school last month. The deadline for our Fire Fighter 1 certification academy is this Thursday. Currently we have one or two applications. There will be a 1403 class on November 9th beginning at 7:30 at the Fire School for anyone that may need the class. Information for our 2012 Training Subscription has been mailed out. We will again need a copy of

everyone's Insurance, and a copy of their Worker's Compensation. There are 2012 classes on the website. Some are through March; other classes go to the end of the year. We are still working on them, but they are there if you are interested. We do have some new classes scheduled like Attic and Basement Fires, as well as Arson and Hero to Zero.

YORK COUNTY ATR: Chief John Sanford: We had 39 calls for the month. The calls were located all over the county. Thirty three calls were water rescues. There were two calls involving structural collapse, and four for confined spaces. For the year, we have had 60 calls.

OEM: Tom Graybill: Mike is certifying tomorrow night at 7:00. We did get the Flood Declaration that we were hoping for. Applying for reimbursement does not seem that complicated.

HAZ-MAT TEAM: Tom Graybill: We had 1 call for the month. We have had 30 calls total for the year.

FIRE POLICE: Hayden Mitchell: We had 82 calls and more than 400 man hours in during the recent storms. Our next meeting is Monday, October 24th, at Jefferson Fire Company.

RESCUE INSPECTION: Deputy Tim Mooney: No Report Given

FIRE SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Bob Sells: No Report Given

RIT: Chief Joe Yahnke: No Report Given

FIRE PREVENTION: Chief Steve Tawney: We could use some volunteers for next year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion was made to pay the bills. 1st: Chief Steve Buffington 2nd: Chief Jerry Hanson Motion Passed

We currently have vehicles from County 1 (USAR) from Harrisburg stationed in York County. The agreement is that the county may use their resources that they provide, while they are being stationed here in the county, until things are straightened out. Shortly, the vehicles will all be moved to Station 9.

Deputy Chief Joe Madzellan stated that the Ever Bridge system is a great resource to use when the pagers are down. If you are currently not in the system, contact Cindy Dietz, and she can get you on the list. You can provide them with multiple phone numbers or email addresses, which you may be contacted at, when the paging system is down.

Tom Graybill stated that there is an Ammonia class that is free of charge being held on November 5th, at the Lancaster County Public Safety Center. Heather has the information, and will get it sent out to everyone.

The National Fallen Firefighter's Memorial went well this past week-end. A member from York County was remembered this year.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE: Chairman: Joe Madzellan, Ron Witmer, Steve Tawney, and Brad Bunham. If anyone is interested in running for an office, please see one of the committee members to be put on the ballot.

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

Next month's monthly meeting is scheduled for 7:30 pm on Monday November 28th, 2011, at the Fire School. It has been moved to the 4th Monday because numerous people will be attending the PFESI dinner in Harrisburg on the 21st.

Motion was made by Bob Bowman to adjourn the meeting. 2nd: Chief Steve Buffington Motion Passed

Sincerely,

Heather Grove

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Recording Secretary