

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

**330 Emig Road
York, PA 17406**



**Monthly Meeting
3rd Monday**

October 18th, 2010

President Rick 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. Twenty-six people were in attendance.

President asked for a motion to approve the minutes as published. 1st: Tony Myers 2nd: Tim Mooney

Kay Carman is retiring, at the end of the month. Chief Senft and Chief Shank presented Kay with a Certificate of Appreciation for all of her hard work and dedication she has shown to the Fire Chiefs' and Firefighters' Association over the years.

Commissioner Roth welcomed the Chiefs' Association for visiting. The food was provided by Jerry Poland and VFIS.

Chief John Senft thanked Hanover for welcoming us with open arms, and for providing a great meal.

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

BOARD OF GOVERNORS: John Senft: The Board met this evening. Currently we have a building project underway for soil erosion. We have preliminary approval that the County will financially support the Fire School for the year 2011. We met in executive session to discuss the manager's position.

RADIO: Eric Brown: There was a meeting last Thursday. Some of the surrounding counties are coming on board. There are some issues that need to be addressed on their end. On the Hanover, they are having issues with helicopter communication. If you are experiencing issues, let 911 know. For Dispatcher protocols, we are looking at redoing some of the protocols.

A Chief asked what is the SOG for dispatching during Emergency Phase? His dept was dispatched for a smoke in a structure, and only one Engine was due on the box (that was protocol.) Why was it not a structural response?

Phil: At the last meeting, the inner op for Dauphin to York has already tested Dauphin radios.

The system went down for 8 minutes in the south west part of the county, but repairs were not successful. Two new sites are operating, but are not up and running "Officially".

A Dover Borough Assist Chief expressed several issues with dispatching. One issue involving a Dover Twp. address, but Sta. 26 is dispatched for the call. There was concern expressed with the delayed response for

a response on complaints that are directed to 911. Phil responded that everyone is to keep doing what you are already doing (reporting the issues.) The Radio Committee will continue working on the radios. The system is not broken, but it will not be fixed by tomorrow.

For the common name slot – some Examples include Walmart, Giant, Target, etc, The dispatcher can type in the name of the store on their computer, and the address automatically comes up on their screen. The information may have just been typed into the computer wrong.

A dept. asked for a specific unit on their incident. The unit was never dispatched, but rather skipped over. The Chief was asking as to why the unit was not dispatched, when the unit was directly asked for. The result – 911 said it was a mistake on the dispatcher's part.

It was asked that a confirmation email start to be sent out– stating that the trouble ticket has been submitted, and what the trouble ticket# is.

FIRE SCHOOL: Heather Grove: We have an Advanced Fire Police class coming up in November. The Structural Burn for December is almost full. We are working on the schedule for 2011.

OEM: Kay: I am hoping there will be a new director announced by the end of the month.

HAZ-MAT TEAM: Tom Graybill: There was 1 call for the month. So far there have been 42 calls for the year. There was a training with the regional teams, but they did not participate in World Vigilant drill.

YORK COUNTY ATR: John Sanford: There were 0 calls for the month. The team took part in the World Vigilant drill at Fort Indian town Gap. It was a good exercise.

FIRE POLICE: James Robertson: There was a meeting in September. We wanted to change some things in the By-Laws. It was voted down. There were too many bad things, and not enough good being changed, that they voted not to change the By-Laws. We are trying a family picnic. A family picnic and Banquet is planned next year. The next meeting will be at Sta. 68. We gave had a good attendance this year, verses a few years ago. The Election of Officers will be next week, to serve for the next year.

RESCUE INSPECTION: Tim Mooney: Give Tim or Tony a call.

RIT: Joe Yahnke: No Report

FIRE SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Tony Myers: We are continuing to work on the Burn policy. Everyone needs to be on the email list, so you can get the latest info concerning the burns. If you are not on the email list, see to it that Heather gets your info, to get you on the list.

FIRE PREVENTION: Steve Tawney: There are some Posters still at the fire school. See Heather if your dept. did not get their poster yet.

FUND RAISING: John McDonald: No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: No business

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made to pay the bills. 1st: Steve Tawney 2nd: Tim Mooney Motion Passed

Appoint of Committees: The following people have been appointed to the Nomination Committee:

Chairman – Comm. Roth
Tom Strine
Scott Gingrich

Since 1978, the York County Fire School has been funded by the County Commissioners. Currently, our annual operations fund is roughly \$303,000 roughly.

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

Chief Senft's Retirement Party is being held on Nov. 5th.

Monday Nov. 1st at Sta. 23 beginning at 18:30 There will be a meeting to discuss the CanAm games for 2014.
Details are to follow.

Next monthly meeting is scheduled for 7:30 pm on Monday, November 15th, 2010, at the York County Fire School.

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

Sincerely,

Heather Grove

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Recording Secretary