

October 20, 2003

The quarterly meeting of the York County Fire Chiefs and Firefighters Association was called to order by President Skip Rupert. Fifty-eight members were in attendance. The meeting was held at Station 24, Alert Fire Company. Chief Ameritus Paul Schaffer gave the address of welcome. President Skip Rupert gave the response. President Rupert introduced Carl Avery as the new Fire School Coordinator. He said Carl comes to us from Cleveland, New York bringing with him a lot of knowledge about the fire service.

**Roll call was taken.**

Minutes of the previous meeting were then approved as posted. Bob Bowman presented the treasurer's report. There was a motion by Gordie Wisnom seconded by John Fornadel to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS:** Chairman Kevin Lain reported their main discussion prior to the meeting involved Hazmat in York County. Kay Carman was present and they spoke on different options for the teams. Kevin said that the Board would decide the future of Hazmat. On Friday the LEPC and EMA will be sending a letter with options. They will be looking for an agreement to minimize liability and to go forward in a positive sense. He added that training of fire departments is important so Hazmat is not dispatched unnecessarily.

- President Rupert advised the body that CentralPAFire.com is not the place to discuss issues regarding the Association. If you have questions you should direct them to the Board of Governors or an elected officer for an answer.
- Chairman Lain offered his seat at the PFESI Dinner on November 24<sup>th</sup> to anyone who would like to go in his place, since he will be unable to attend.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Received and read one thank-you letter from the IAFF acknowledging receipt of the \$60,641.75 donation the Association had sent for the New York September 11 Firefighters Counseling Support Foundation.

**RADIO COMMITTEE:** Chairman Rob Bissey reported that the committee had met on September 25<sup>th</sup> with members from EMSA to discuss the Incident Command System and EMS Chief Identifier. Steve Lyle from the Federation was also there lending support to both groups. Those from EMSA had agreed there were problems and said they would take them back to their meeting. Their group will meet on November 18<sup>th</sup>. It was discussed that EMS Command was not an option but EMS Sector was and they should have a representative present at the Command Post on all incidents. Steve Lyle stated there were funds available for training thru the Federation for Command Classes for EMS providers.

- Chief Bissey stated that 911 Quality Assurance asked when landing a helicopter that you use north, south, east, and west as directionals, versus left and right as the helicopter will have some difficulty figuring out your left and right from the air.

**911:** Cindy Dietz reported:

- Duty Officer tones for each department are already programmed at the 911 Center all you need to do is call and get the tones and have them programmed into your pagers.
- Send an email to [jonna.cal@juno.com](mailto:jonna.cal@juno.com) (Jonna Calaman) if your department is in need of an AED and unable to purchase one at this time. Jonna donates 2 per year to emergency service agencies in York County.
- Volunteers are need to host CAD discussions at their stations. One meeting per zone will be held in the evening hours. This meeting will be used to get your input on what you would like the CAD system to do for the fire service.
- Reviewing and updating the Emergency Conditions SOG. Any input you may have please submit to Cindy or any member of the Radio Committee for consideration.
- If you would like any updates made to your apparatus in the Resource Manual for 2004 please get the information to 911 now.
- New SOG – White Power Calls and Suspicious Packages. Explained that Law Enforcement will be dispatched non emergency, Hazmat Chief or Duty Officer will be notified and possibly respond, First due area Fire Chief or Duty Officer will be notified only – no response unless requested.

Audrey Rychalsky reported:

- Hiring 911 Dispatchers and 911 Data Entry Specialists. Please post the information that was sent out in your stations.
- 911 Fire and EMS dispatchers will be dispatching by incident type. Clarification of the actual incident types for Fire is under discussion and Chiefs were encouraged to email information to Cindy or Audrey on their thoughts.

Bob Fasick reported:

- The equipment at the Delta Tower will be moved from the old building to the new building over the next 2 weeks.
- An agreement has been signed with the York Water Company allowing 911 to move the antenna located on the old West Manchester Township building to the new standpipe on Greenwood Road. This should be completed in 1 week.
- Modifications are being made in Wrightsville.
- Departments will be receiving a radio survey in the mail, presented by Ralph Haller (County Radio Consultant); the form will be on paper as well as on a disk. Please complete and return to Mr. Fasick.
- Reesers Tower will be the first to be replaced.
- Pleasureville Tower will be the second to be replaced.

**FIRE SCHOOL:** Director Shaefer reported 1 pump tested for the month and 14 for the year. There were 1358 students to date. Paul thanked members for all the nice letters he has received since his retirement.

- Budget has been completed and turned in to the County. Nothing has been sent back yet however Chuck Noll seemed very receptive to what had been submitted.
- Grant has been received for the Engine.
- Toured York County School of Technology. They have 115 students enrolled in the Emergency Services Program.
- Essentials Class at the halfway point and going very well.
- October Seminar has been cancelled due to lack of interest and two instructors canceling out.

**HAZMAT:** Director Schaefer reported 4 calls for the month and 47 for the year.

- Two outstanding bills have been paid.
- One person attended the seminar at HACC at the beginning of the month.
- Chief Godfrey is inventorying and upgrading equipment.
- Chief Godfrey encouraged others to take a look at the training being offered from Tom Graybill (York EMA Office) for WMD. Bomb School – New Mexico, Radiological Training – Nevada, Live Agent Training – Alabama. Costs for these classes are covered by the Department of Justice.

Grangeville Hazmat no report.

**SPECIAL RESCUE TASK FORCE:** No Report. President Rupert inquired as to whether anyone had any information on a proposed name change for the group. Chief Nichols said unofficially he believed they were looking at ATR.

**EMA:** Tom Graybill reported they were still busy getting assessment information in anyone who brought their information to the meeting please see that he gets it after the meeting. Tom said Public Safety Day was held at Springettsbury Fire Company on October 18<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Rickenbaugh and Mr. Sanko from PEMA spoke on the Fire Service. He said there was a poor turnout from the fire departments with only two Chiefs attending.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Motion made by John Fornadel to pay the bills seconded by Chief Joe Stevens. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:** President Rupert said that Rescue 23 was inspected and is now certified as a Rescue Unit. Chief Bissey stated the Radio Committee was still holding an application for Rescue 56 pending certification.

**GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:** President Rupert said that he received a call from Chesapeake Surveys who were looking for fire service instructors to review their training manuals in Owings Mills, MD. on October 22, 2003. There were 2 openings for 1900 hrs. and 1 opening for 1600 hrs. The pay is \$200.00 plus expenses. Anyone interested should see Skip for the contact number.

- President Rupert said he would like to schedule an 8-hour session in January or February on the Collapse of the Towers at the Word Trade Center 9-11. Cost would be \$10.00 or \$15.00 per person. The fee goes to a scholarship fund for the child of a Lieutenant who lost his life that day.
- Cindy Dietz advised a host station was needed for the annual meeting in January. Chief Gemmill volunteered his station. The January meeting will be held at New Bridgeville Fire Company.
- Chief Nichols said their were brochures available that he brought from Summit Safety Inc. They detail a Firefighter Tracking System that the company engineered and designed. Chief Nichols has been trying their product out.
- President Rupert appointed Chiefs Shank, Stevens, and Senft to the Nominating Committee. Anyone wishing to run for office in 2004 contact one of these chiefs
- Chief Steve Dietz advised anyone who would like to see a short power point program on the Penndot Incident Response Vehicle Program should be at next months meeting at 6:30. The program will be shown prior to the start of meeting.
- Tom Graybill stated that Grangeville Hazmat will be recertified on November 24<sup>th</sup> and Hammer 20 will be recertified after January 1.

Chief Dietz motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Chief Stevens. Meeting adjourned by President Rupert.

**The following stations still owe dues for 2003/2004 – Pennville, Seven Valleys, DDSP-LF, Lake Aldred, and McSherrystown.**

Next meeting scheduled for 7:30 pm on Monday, November 17, 2003 at the Fire School.

Sincerely,

Cindy A. Dietz  
Secretary