

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

**330 Emig Road
York, PA 17406**



**Monthly Meeting
3rd Monday**

October 20th, 2008

President Joseph Yahnke 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. Forty three people were in attendance.

President Yahnke wanted to thank Station 35 for hosting the Association meeting at their station. The station provided an excellent meal prior to tonight's meeting. President Joe Yahnke asked for a motion to accept the minutes as published. 1st: Tony Myers 2nd: Bob Bowman. The minutes were approved.

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

BOARD OF GOVERNORS: Chief Senft: The Board met this evening. This morning the burn building passed inspection with Manchester Twp. Wednesday, cure burns are scheduled to take place.

911: Eric Bistline: We now have the pro roam feature. All of the portables will need to be reprogrammed. It was suggested that departments not issue the portable radios to the officers. Instead, when scheduled with 911, drop the radios off at the 911 Center to be reprogrammed or schedule with them a date and time to reprogram them at your station. The programming done in your station can be done by leaving the portables turned on somewhere in your departments to receive the upgrade to the radios by 911. They have discovered the over the air emergency will move to the main channel on the portables.

Jeremy Sparks, a 911 dispatcher, spoke about the new policy, the Emergency Contact Directory, and notification form. Various questions and comments were discussed.

RADIO COMMUNICATIONS: Rick Shank: No Report

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

Activity:

📢 For the month of September the Fire School hosted 59 events which accounted for 274 hours of activity. This resulted in 3788 Student hours. For the year 2008 to October 19th, the fire school has accumulated 2335 hours of use and approximately 32,033.5 student hours. We are averaging over 3200 Student hours per month.

The ENTRY LEVEL Program:

📢 The Exterior Firefighter class that was postponed due to construction issues IS RESCHEDULED! The Exterior Firefighter (ELEF) is scheduled to begin November 11th. The lead instructor for this program will be Rhonda Weaver. **STUDENTS MUST SUBMIT NEW PRE-REGISTRATIONS FOR THIS COURSE. DO NOT HESITATE TO SIGN UP AS SOON AS YOU CAN.** If we do not reach our minimums we will have to cancel this class. Cut off day will be NOVEMBER 4th – ACT NOW! To be eligible for this class the student must have successfully completed the Entry Level Fire Ground Support Course or the HACC Fireground Operations "Module B" course. The Student MUST be able to produce documentation of successful completion on the First day of the class.

- 📣 **REMEMBER the ENTRY LEVEL PROGRAM is a series of 4 courses, the ELIS (Introduction to the Fire Service) course is a prerequisite for Fire Ground Support which is a pre-requisite for Exterior fire fighter which is prerequisite for Interior Fire Fighter**

New Classes Scheduled:

- 📣 We are working with PAg (Penn State) Rescue training to bring you the following courses:
 - (presented on April 19th) Intro to Farm Emergencies (This is a prerequisite for other courses in the series).
 - (presented on April 20th) Managing Tractor Emergencies,
 - (PRESENTED ON October 11th) Managing Farm Machinery Entanglements,
 - (PRESENTED ON October 12th) Farm Chemical Emergencies
 - (TO BE PRESENTED ON OCTOBER 25th) Farm Confined Space Awareness
 - (TO BE PRESENTED ON OCTOBER 26th) Farm Confined Space Operations.
- 📣 These classes ARE NOT funded like most Firefighter training is here in Pennsylvania. **Linda Spahr of Cooperative Extension has helped immensely with this by securing grants from various sources.**
- 📣 A **Pump Operator II** class has been added to our schedule with the dates of **November 30th and December 7th**
- 📣 An **Engine Company Operations** has been schedule on for **December 15th, 18th, & 21st**
- 📣 **ALSO IN THE WORKS:**
 - **An 8 hour class on Railroad Emergencies (Maybe this fall or in 2009)**
 - **Academy on the Road, Fire Officer 1 (March and / or February of 2009)**

Current and Future Schedule:

- 📣 The 2008 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.
- 📣 The 2008 Schedule has been published, **we are constantly updating it**, Watch your department / **company Mailings for Updates and New Classes**. We will also **update our Website with new additions as they come along.**
- 📣 **September has arrived and gone, Now it is October, We have done some work on next year's schedule. We still are yet to hear from most of you? Here is your opportunity to offer some direction and feedback to us for consideration as we continue to work on the 2009 Schedule. We cannot guarantee that all request will be filled, nor can we guarantee that a class (if scheduled) will run (We need your help in making sure we reach minimum attendance figures for ALL CLASSES) It is our hope and desire that with you guidance we can obtain the classes you want and need. Please e-mail us at: YorkCoFireSchool@aol.com with your requests and ideas as soon as conveniently possible Thank you for your assistance.**
 - One of the classes we are working on is a two day course from SafeIR. It is titled Tactical Thermal Imaging Training for Firefighters. This well respected company (they have presented at FDIC; some members from local departments have attended their presentations and speak highly of them). The class would be product specific to MSA Thermal Imaging Cameras (this company is recognized by MSA to present this training). The cost for this course is \$3000.00 your Fire School is working on grants to fund this program. – This Class and the efforts to bring it here to you in York County are the direct result of an e-mail requesting some additional training in Thermal Imaging.

Burn Building:

- 📣 The Burn Building is very close to completion and in the opinion of the project engineer ready to be used for the scheduled SBS class this weekend. Today Code Administrators inspected the building so a certificate of occupancy can be issued. Inspector Ken Campbell approved the buildings General Final Inspection. The cure burns, which are a prescribed burn from the tile manufacture, are scheduled to be conducted this week

5 years:

- 📣 Tonight is my fifth anniversary of working here at the York County Fire School and for the Fire Chiefs and Firefighters Association of York County. This time has been filled with unique challenges and opportunities. It is my truest hope that the Fire School has grown to meet the needs of the fire service in York County and that we continue to grow into the future. As always please feel free to contact the fire school with your thoughts and ideas on what you feel we need to do our job better and how we can improve our service to you.

ATR: Andrew Crouse: No calls, just 1 stand by.

Haz-Mat : Tom Graybill: No Report

FIRE POLICE: James Robertson: There was a meeting in Yoe on the 22nd of September. The State has lost 22 fire police members. The Nominating for 2009 officers has begun. They will nominate next Monday night at the meeting. November will be elections. The next meeting will be on October 22nd, at station 1, West York.

RESCUE SPECS COMMITTEE: Joe Yahnke: No Report

RIT COMMITTEES: Dan Hoff: No Report

FIRE SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Tony Myers: We are working with Board on developing a Burn Building Policy.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The bills were presented. A motion was made to pay the bills. 1st: Tony Myers 2nd: Rick Witten Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chief Shank brought up the question of why do we continue to take roll call, when that information is not usually reported during the quarterly meetings, and there is really no need for it with the new system. A motion was made to no longer take roll call anymore. 1st. Chief Shank 2nd. Chief Buffington

President Joe Yahnke appointed the Nominating committee. The members include: Rick Witten, Chief Shank, and Scott Henry. Please contact them if you are interested in running for an office or committee. Witten: ffsgtfd@yahoo.com , Shank: r.shank@mantwp.com , & Henry: chief35-1@firehousemail.com .

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

Tony Myers stated that the fleet maps for the radios are too limited. Chief Shank stated to Tony about his concerns with the fleet maps that the radio system could grow. Time will only tell.

York City is having its annual fire station ornaments again this year. This year it is the Union station. See Bob Bowman after the meeting to pre-order.

This Saturday and Sunday will be the structural burn class. Dan Hoff needs an ambulance to stand-by. If your department can help, please let him know.

York City's old Service truck has 4500 psi bottles, if anyone is interested in them.

The city of York is having their annual Halloween Parade on Sunday, October 26th. They need help from the Fire Police. If you can help, please do.

The next monthly meeting is scheduled for 7:30 pm on Monday, November 17th, 2008, at the York County Fire School.

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

Sincerely,

Heather Marsteller

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Recording Secretary