

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

330 Emig Road
York, PA 17406



Monthly Meeting
3rd Monday

Monthly Meeting Minutes

October 21, 2013

CALL TO ORDER (President Steve Buffington)

President Steve Buffington called the monthly meeting of the York County Fire Chiefs and Firefighters Association to order at 19:08. The call to order was followed by a pledge to the flag and a moment of silence. 39 people were in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Buffington asked if there were any corrections to last month's minutes. With no corrections, the minutes were approved as issued.

REPORTS

Treasurer (Bob Bowman):

Treasurer Bob Bowman presented the following report: Beginning Balance: \$9,626.17 with an Ending Balance: \$15,297.96. With no comments, President Buffington approved the Treasurer's Report as read.

Board of Governors (John Senft): The Board met this evening prior to this meeting and discussed the following:

There have been cash flow peaks and valleys, but the Association is still financially solvent.

There are only 4 outstanding items on the RACP grant.

The board was in executive session to discuss personnel items.

Fire School Administrator (Richard Halpin):

September Fire School Training: 210 hours / 92 for fire school classes.

The 2014 Entry Level Fire Fighter program will be 5 modules: 1-4 for Basic Fire Fighter, and an Advanced Firefighter module that will prepare for FF2 testing. The first series will start in January. The text book will be 6th Edition IFSTA and cost \$60 each. The State Fire Academy will be providing the student skills books at no charge.

The Worker's Comp class scheduled for next Wednesday will go.

FF1 testing is scheduled for next month. There are 5 registered at HACC with a minimum of 12 needed to move forward with the class.

The pavilion on the lower training grounds is done and used the first time last weekend for the Interior FF class. Vehicle parking is not allowed on the macadam.

The modular classroom building will be installed in the next week or two.

OTHER AGENCY REPORTS

911 Center (Julio Mendez/Cindy Deitz):

The CAD-build is ongoing and will go live on Tuesday, October 29 at 04:00. Training is ongoing.

There has been little response for cross-manning and mutual-aid limitations.

To track locations for proximity dispatching, units will now need to call in "Station Available" when they are returning from calls.

The trouble ticket system will launch Wednesday. It will send an email with the information.

PA State Police (Brad Dunham):

Not present

ATR (Bob Sells):

The ATR team had 3 calls for the month; 20 calls for the year.

Haz-Mat (Tom Graybill):

The Haz-Mat team had 5 calls for the month; and 45 calls for the year.

Fire Police (Jim Robertson):

No report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Radio/Communications (Joe Madzellan):

The committee met last month and discussed unit typing, auxiliary unit typing and how they may be different from radio designations. Minimum requirements from NFPA and NIMS are attached for discussion at next month's meeting. Joe Yahnke asked who the governing body is for enforcement of minimum requirements? Joe Madzellan replied that there could be an agreement with County for the Association to enforce the requirements. If there are other suggestions for unit types, send them to Joe.

Fire School Committee (Bob Sells):

The committee will meet before the end of the year to discuss the new Entry Level Fire Fighter program and class schedules.

Fire Prevention (Steve Tawney):

Not present

Fundraising (John McDonald):

No report

Rescue Inspection (Glenn Jansen):

There are no companies waiting for inspection

RIT (Brian Widmayer):

Asked if everyone is going to run RIT calls based on the page that went out from County last week. There are no requirements to be RIT-qualified, just report that you want to respond. There was discussion on where the RIT response is placed on the Working Fire upgrade versus a 2nd alarm request.

By-Laws (Bob Sells):

The committee met earlier this month and reviewed half of the bylaws. The next meeting will be in November to finish the initial review.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

President Buffington asked for a motion to pay the bills. Joe Yahnke made a motion. John McDonald seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Steve Buffington reported that he met with the Association solicitor to discuss the I Am Responding paging issues. The solicitor agreed to meet with multiple members of the Association to discuss. Brian Bastinelli and Tim Mooney were asked to be lead on this meeting and then to follow up with a meeting with County. It was noted, however, that the new CAD software may only be able to send out the same information that is going to the pagers.

Steve Buffington asked if anyone is interesting in taking Tony Myers' place on the Rescue and LODD committees.

Steve Buffington noted that the RIT committee is not currently active at this time, but will not be replaced at this time.

Scott Gingrich noted that the Water Supply Group request for information received only a handful of responses. Steve Buffington suggested that a second email request be sent out.

NEW BUSINESS:

Greg Halpin noted that the on the Friday of Fire Prevention Week, the York City FD held a memorial service at Prospect Hill Cemetery to remember the 11 YFD LODDs. Jack Sommers, CEO of Prospect Hill, suggested opening the ceremony to recognize all county LODD in the future. A suggestion was made to schedule the ceremony for a weekend.

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

None.

The next meeting will be November 18, 2013 at 19:00 at the fire school.

ADJOURNMENT

President Buffington adjourned the meeting at 20:04.

Respectfully Recorded,

Robert Sells

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Board Secretary