

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

**330 Emig Road
York, PA 17406**



**Monthly Meeting
3rd Monday**

November 15th, 2010

President Rick Shank called the monthly 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 Shank asked for a motion to approve the minutes as published. 1st: Tony Myers
2nd: Commissioner Roth Motion Passed

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

BOARD OF GOVERNORS: John Senft: The Board met this evening. We received a letter of resignation from Jan Cromer from the BOG. The Board recommended that Tony Myers be appointed to finish out Jan's term as a Board member. The Board did receive the policies formulated by the Fire School. The documents for the drawdown of the State grant will be reviewed next week. We would also like to announce Richard W. Halpin as the new Fire School Manager.

RADIO: Chris Krichten: We will be doing a trial period. It should be a seamless test, and you should not notice any changes in your pager dispatches. There will be no change in how your pagers will be dispatched. However, there will be a change in the way the dispatcher dispatches over the radio. The dispatcher will dispatch the Sta., and not the multiple individual pieces that are due on the call. If only one piece is due from the station, that individual will be stated. This change is to help shorten the dispatcher talking on the radio. The trial period will be from Dec. 1st, - Dec. 8th. We are going to be looking at the feedback we receive. The Pager dispatches will not change, just the radio dispatches.

The following designations have been approved: Battalion Chief 89-1, 89-2, & 89-3.

Chief Buffington: There was an issue with the 10 codes recently. The Police Dept. is asking that the Policy Board review the use of Common English, and they are asking that we go back to using the 10 codes. The Policy Board will not change anything until it is for the good of the County, not just for one organization. That includes Fire, Police, EMS, & 911. As a Board, things will be examined and reviewed. A decision will then be made for what is best for everyone.

The request form for Approved designation is no longer on the website. If you need a copy of the request form, contact Chris. The form is currently being updated. We are asking you to give us 90 days notice for your request, so we may contact your neighboring depts., informing them what your plans are.

Eric: There was an issue over the week-end involving the old 10 code system. It is a serious matter, as it is a life safety issue. In 2004, we went from having 100 codes, down to about 12 codes. The Police depts. did not stick to using just the 12 approved 10 codes. In 2006, NIMS changed the 10 codes, and restricted on how

they could be used. If they were not used properly, the County could stand to lose grant money we receive every year. It was then decided in 2006, that the County would stop using the 10 codes, and use only plain English to talk on the radios.

Julio: Nothing to add. Eric covered everything.

FIRE SCHOOL: Heather Grove: The Structural Burn Session for December is full. I am working on the schedule for next year. If you are looking for specific courses, please let me know, so we can try to get them scheduled. The Annual Training Memberships need to be paid by December 31st, for your station to be covered.

OEM: Tom Graybill: Nothing to Report.

HAZ-MAT TEAM: Tom Graybill: There were 5 calls for the month, and a total 47 for the year. There are a bunch of people taking the 10 car.

YORK COUNTY ATR: John Sanford: There were 0 calls for the month. The Confined space class went well.

FIRE POLICE: James Robertson: We had a good turnout for the York City Halloween parade. We recently lost a Fire Police member from Sta. 34.

RESCUE INSPECTION: Tony Myers: He advised Red Lion has passed Heavy Rescue inspection. We are waiting for the other rescue companies to contact Tim Mooney and arrange their inspection. This needs to be done quickly.

RIT: Joe Yahnke: Nothing to Report.

FIRE SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Tony Myers: As earlier reported, we have several proposed policies that are being reviewed by the Board of Governors. We are also Working on updating the two engines, and getting them equipped.

FIRE PREVENTION: Steve Tawney: Nothing to Report.

FUND RAISING: John McDonald: No Report was given.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: No Business

NOMINATION COMMITTEE: Commission Roth: I would like to meet with the members of the committee after the meeting. Anyone who wants to hold an office for next year, please contact Comm. Roth, or one of the other committee members.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made to pay the bills. 1st: Bob Sells 2nd: Chief Buffington. Motion Passed

The Board of Governors reported the resignation of Jan Cromer. There needs to be an approved replacement member for the remainder of Jan's term, through Jan of 2012. The Board of Governors recommended Tony Myers to fill Jan Cromer's seat on the Board of Governors, for the remainder of his term. The motion was made to approve Tony Myers as a Board of Governor. 1st: John Senft 2nd: Chris Krichten Motion Passed

A motion was made that the Fire Chiefs' and Firefighters' Association do not support the approval of the 10 codes. 1st: Tony Myers 2nd: Chris Krichten Motion Passed

Chris Krichten stated that he wanted to remind those on the radio, that Fire Police calling on the radio, only the Chief Fire Police Officer calls responding, not everyone. There has been a lot of chatter on the radios. We need to Police ourselves on the radio.

It was stated that a brick placed in the memorial walk at the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial costs \$100 for 3 lines.

Our contribution thanks to Chief Senft's retirement party is approaching nearly \$3,000. On behalf of everyone in the county, Chief Senft will ask the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation if the Fire Chiefs' and Firefighters' Association could be recognized with a county association brick (a double brick). Chief Senft's contribution should more than cover the cost of the brick.

Bob Sells stated his station will be hosting the program "Courage to be Safe" tomorrow night at 7:00. If anyone would like to come, there is plenty room for your attendance.

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

Next monthly meeting is scheduled for 7:30 pm on Monday, December 20th, 2010, at the York County Fire School.

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

Sincerely,

Heather Grove

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Recording Secretary