

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

**330 Emig Road
York, PA 17406**



**Monthly Meeting
3rd Monday**

November 16th, 2009

President Richard 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. Forty-two people were in attendance.

President Richard Shank asked for a motion to approve the minutes as published. 1st: Tony Myers 2nd: John Fornadel Motion Passed

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

BOARD OF GOVERNORS: Chief Senft: Met in a working session in Hanover with the Fire School Committee. We discussed about a possible fee schedule for next year. We met this evening prior to this meeting. We approved to charge for No-Shows

COMMUNICATIONS: Phil: Things are moving with Hanover area. Loaded new program codes. We are addressing the no transmission errors. Has helped, but not solved the issue. Once it is approved, all the radios will need to be reprogrammed. 33.88, issues in Hanover, did not work this evening. Life Lion & Stat are going through the process. Installation: moving right along. Still have mobiles done by the end of the year. Three crews working. Mobile command is out of service. Hopefully back in service by the end of the week. Started downloading individual pager numbers on the web. Send in your paperwork.

Cumberland equip has been ordered. 3-4 weeks yet. License 3 new low bands. Hartford – moving forward in the near future. Carrol – will come up with a solution. Baltimore – removed objections.

Information on indiv. Paging: Chief 6

Having paging update issues –

Hanover area: Veteran's day, site visit was made at Hospital. Back-up power in Penthouse. No weight issues. Looking at 6 months.

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

Activity:

- ☛ During the month of October, the Fire School hosted **55** events, which accounted for **252** hours of activity. This resulted in an outstanding **2656** student hours. So far this year, your Fire School has provided over **2,734** hour of use for classes, meetings, drills and practice. We have also been the site responsible for More than **39,000** student hours of training since January, currently averaging over 3,900 student hours a month.

Successful Seminar

- ☛ Your Fire School, working together with Paradise Fire Equipment, presented "Captain" Dave P. Fornell, author of the "Fire Stream management handbook", Seminar on *Commanding the Initial Attack*
- ☛ Our Attendance Exceeded 50 Students, mostly from York County, but some coming from as far away as Potter County and Upstate New York.

Fall Technical Rescue Classes wrapping up

- ☛ **Confined Space Rescue - Operations – November 21 & 22** <- This is a Date Change
THIS CLASS NEEDS STUDENTS PLEASE SIGN UP TODAY!

The ENTRY LEVEL Program:

- ☛ Our Entry Level Programs have concluded for this year. Our next 4 part Series begins in January: 1- ELIS January 9th, 2- ELFG January 23rd, 3- ELEF March 13th, 4- ELIF May 8th. This Series of classes will conclude in time for the student to be eligible to sit for The Firefighter I test we are scheduling in August. To be a candidate for the Firefighter I test personnel must complete the application, have completed a Haz-Mat Operations Class or Haz-Mat Ops refresher within a year and take part in a Live Fire training (This would include SBS or the ELIF (only if the training certificate indicates that the student participated in a Live Fire training as part of the course)). * **PLEASE NOTE – This is a very brief description of the Firefighter I Certification process. Candidates for Certification and their Chief and/or Training Officers are strongly urged to start planning NOW for this test in August. For more information you can contact your fire school or check out this website:**
www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt?open=512&objID=11302&PageID=574048&mode=2&contentid=html://pubcontent.state.pa.us/publishedcontent/publish/cop_public_safety/state_fire_commissioner/certification/certification_levels_presently_offered/firefighter_i/firefighter_i.html

Firefighter I Certification:

- ☛ Please refer to the information posted above with **The ENTRY LEVEL Program**. The test will be scheduled for August 7th & 8th. A fee of \$200.00 per candidate is anticipated. The test will be conducted here at YCFS and will be administered by HACC. Please anticipate that we may be contacting area Fire Companies to assist us in the logistical support of this opportunity.

Flammable Liquids Class CANCELLED:

- ☛ Unfortunately, due to the Lead Instructor's difficulty in securing enough qualified adjunct instructors to conduct the live fire training portion of this class and the time frames for notification etc., this class had to be cancelled. Your Fire School did work with the instructor to assist in remedying these problems but they could not be worked out in a reasonable time frame to comply with our winter hold on live fire training. It is anticipated that all such road blocks will be addressed so the **Flammable Liquids Class, Scheduled in April of 2010, should run successfully.**

Current and Future Schedule:

- ☛ Our Course Catalogue is updated on an ongoing basis, please be sure to check out our web site. Be sure to check it often.
- ☛ The 2009 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

Courses coming up over the next month:

Course	Start Date	Pre-registration	Low	Minimum(+)	FULL
Legal Aspects of the Fire Service	11/24	2	X		
Emergency Vehicle Drivers Training (EVOC)	11/30	19		X	
Haz-Mat Ops (NFPA 472)	12/7	4	X		
Structural Burn Session	12/14	20		X	

- ☛ **THERE STILL IS TIME TO SIGN UP FOR THE CLASSES THAT ARE BELOW MINIMUM, BUT DO IT SOON or they may have to be CANCELED**
- ☛ For more information on these classes and a pre-registration form please go to our web-site: www.YorkCountyFireSchool.org
- ☛ **EVOC REMINDER:**
 - Sponsoring organizations are RESPONSIBLE to provide vehicles and if need be, authorized Drivers, for the students they send to our EVOC classes. Please remember when you sign off on a student pre-registering for the EVOC class – *IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY – NOT THE FIRE SCHOOL'S*
- ☛ We are working on the 2010 Schedule at this time, any input is welcome. Please contact your fire school with your suggestions and constructive comments.

Burn Building:

- ☛ **SCHEDULING THE NEW BUILDING:** as was stated above, the Fire School is extremely busy this year. Planning for use of the SBB needs to be long range, please plan ahead accordingly and please include us in your plans at the earliest phases.
- ☛ We are working on putting the finishing touches on a course for York County Fire School *Structure Burn Building Facilitator Program* and hope to be offering it soon. This program will be presented to those who are selected to be a SBB Facilitators. More details will soon follow on this.

YORK COUNTY ATR: John Sanford: No calls for the month. 1006 series, first quarter of next year.

OEM: Tom Graybill: No Report

HAZ-MAT TEAM: Tom Graybill: No Report

FIRE POLICE: James Robertson: Letter was sent out to the Fire Chiefs Assoc. to be judged in the County Parade. Election officers will be held next week. 2 members lost last month. 1 from Sta. 23 & 34.

Propose on behalf the Fire Police Assoc. to set up a task force for Fire Police to be dispatched separately.

FIRE SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Tony Myers:

FIRE PREVENTION: Had some meetings, but no was here to report.

FUNDRAISING: Chairman resigned this week.

RESCUE INSPECTION COMMITTEE: Next month, appointment.

RIT COMMITTEE: Joe Yahnke: Letter went out. A few concerns: Have chief or training send in the qualifications. Written as a guideline, not a requirement on how to be dispatched. If you want a tanker to be the RIT vehicle, than that is the Chief's choice. It is to be done by June. Inform the departments that you are going to use them as your RIT team, and are putting them on your boxes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: No Business to Report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nomination Committee: Kerry Herman, Roger Flohr & Curvin Wolfgang.

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

Fire Police being dispatched: what channel are they to be responding on? Capt or Lt. can call responding anytime, then to go over to their Fire Police ops channel. In service with exception of the Fire Police.

John Senft: Fire Team USA is having 2 day training Nov. 18 & 19 in area of Philly, 2 nights lodging, parking at the hotel, all materials and instruction of the program, pay for meals & transportation.

Can Am games: 2014 Police & Fire Games. For the summer. Held every other year. 2010, Dublin Ohio.

Joe Yahnke has tickets for Billy Goldfeder.

Box alarms will have to be changed in order for the Fire Police Task Force together. It is up to the Fire Chiefs.

Happy Thanksgiving.

The next monthly meeting is scheduled for 7:30 pm on Monday, December 21st, 2009 at the York County Fire School.

Motion was made by Bob Bowman to adjourn the meeting. 2nd: John McDonald. Motion Passed

Sincerely,

Heather Marsteller

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Recording Secretary