

November 19, 2002

President Skip Rupert called the regular meeting of the York County Fire Chiefs and Firefighters Association to order. Thirty-six members were in attendance. Following the pledge to the flag, a motion was made by Chief Bissey and seconded by Commissioner Roth to approve the minutes as posted. Bob Bowman presented the Financial Report for November. There was a motion by Chief Yingling and a second by Chief Gemmill to accept the November report.

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS:** Chairman Kevin Lane reported after a discussion with Treasurer Bowman that there is 1 schedule of a 990 form missing. Bob will be contacting the IRS. Ninety-eight percent of the school's addition is completed. The Board is looking at updating the audiovisual equipment (getting quotes). Kevin said the Board is making it a priority to fill the assistant director's position at the school. They have four people interested in the position. The Board received a copy of a proposal from Hazmat 51 regarding the consolidation of response with HAMER 20. Hazmat Leaders, Board of Governors, and Hazmat Committee members will meet and discuss further.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** President Rupert received a letter from the York Paid Firefighters Local thanking the Association for allowing them to speak at the meeting. They said they had published the newspaper ad as requested and also passed on the do not call list to the solicitors for those who requested they not be contacted. President Rupert also received notification from Dallastown that a member had been contacted and there had been misrepresentation from the solicitor with whom he had spoken. Members from Hellam, Felton and Spring Grove Fire Companies also spoke up and said they received similar calls. President Rupert to look into it further.

**RADIO COMMITTEE:** Chairman Bissey reported the Radio Committee met on November 14<sup>th</sup> and approved two applications Engine 3-1 (which replaces the old Engine 3-1 and Tanker 3) and Brush 6, which is a renaming of Attack 6. Rob reported that 911 Quality Assurance requested that when a chief asks for Hazmat to be dispatched he specify at that time whether the response is to be HOT or COLD. She also asked that command posts operate off mobile radios not portables. Regarding the 911 study Rob said the document has not been presented for review. There will be a meeting between the Radio Committee members and the Police Chiefs to compare notes and then to set up a meeting with the County Commissioners as a unified front. Next Radio Committee meeting will be January 9, 2003 at 7pm at the 911 Center.

**911:** Cindy Dietz advised there were equipment change updates in the back. Please take one and review your boxes. Box updates are being accepted now due to all the changes that need made. Chief Lain questioned the new Hazmat SOG and was advised nothing in the guideline had changed except the dispatch procedure; this was due to Hazmat 51 moving from 33.90 to the EMA radio for dispatch.

**FIRE SCHOOL:** Director Paul Schaefer said when he was up at the State Fire Academy they expressed they were pleased with the job Cindy Dietz has been doing. Paul said he is to meet with Commissioner Reilly regarding the budget. The Rescue Modules 1, 2, & 3 are finished everyone was pleased with the classroom and instruction however they were not happy with the test. Paul said there were problems and everyone should fill out an evaluation sheet. The Highway Safety Program is scheduled for January 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>. Fire Apparatus drivers may possibly be required in the future to get their CDL license to drive. Paul accepted a check on behalf of the Association from WGTY Radio and the Rutters Corporation for \$2526.03 from a recent fundraiser they had to raise funds for Emergency Services in York and Adams County.

**HAZMAT:** Chief Godfrey reported members attended the Tech Coarse last weekend. Grangeville Hazmat no report.

**SPECIAL RESCUE TASK FORCE:** John Sanford reported no calls for the month. Fourteen members attended a structure collapse in Williamsport.

**EMA:** No report.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** President Rupert suggested members take a look at the new addition and pointed out some of the improvements in the old classroom. Chief Sterner requested to know if there was any news on the accountability program. President Rupert said the committee had someone identified to do the training but now they are not sure if he will do it. The committee also expressed concerns about those refusing to adopt the guideline. Bob Bowman presented the treasurer's report. Chief Sterner made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Chief Stokes. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Director Schaefer said that Ed Mann was reappointed as State Fire Commissioner. He also said that the State was not pleased at the way the last 25 million dollars in grant funds were spent and were urging departments to spend future grants more wisely.

**GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:** Chief Senft said that HACC was expanding their programs in York. Beginning in January Fire Science classes will be held on Wednesday nights at one of the City Fire Stations. Students must be enrolled by December 1, 2002. Chief Yingling reminded the body that the nominating committee is still accepting names for all offices. If interested contact Chief Yingling, Chief Nichols, or Chief Wolfgang. Chief Snyder from Airville said their department would be hosting their annual fundraiser "Christmas on the River" in December (flyers available). They are looking to build a new Fire Station in the spring.

Commissioner Roth asked if a local Fire Chief could call whom he wants for a Hazmat Team to respond in his jurisdiction. He presented advertisements from PA Fireman and the Daily Record involving one of the County Hazmat Teams. He questioned problems with a county funded Hazmat Team responding to a situation and then turning around and becoming an environmental organization and doing clean up and disposal. Chief Barry Myers stated copies of both ads were given to Kay Carman and she said she would check into it. Tom Landis advised the Board would also look into it. Discussion followed.

Chief Lain addressed the body and went over parts of the proposal submitted by Hazmat 51. More discussion followed and it was decided more information was needed. Kevin said the Board would take a closer look and try to get more information until next months meeting.

President Rupert asked for a motion to adjourn. Bob Bowman made the motion seconded by Chief Wolfgang.

Next months meeting will be on Monday December 21, 2002 at 7:30 pm at the Fire School.

Sincerely,

Cindy A. Dietz  
Secretary