

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

**330 Emig Road  
York, PA 17406**



**Monthly Meeting  
3<sup>rd</sup> Monday**

November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012

President Steve Buffington called the monthly meeting of the York County Fire Chiefs and Firefighters Association to order.

President Steve Buffington led the pledge to the flag and a moment of silence. Fifty seven people were in attendance.

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

Treasurer Bob Bowman presented the following report: Beginning Balance: \$10,246.12 with and Ending Balance: \$2,854.38 President Steve Buffington approved the Treasurer's Report as read.

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS:** John Senft: The Board met this evening prior to this meeting. We discussed the RACP grant. We will need approval to reconstruct the pavilion at a cost not to exceed \$18,800 and to spend up to \$27,100 for the removal, transport, and set up of the modular building the County has donated to us. This will be brought up during new Business for a vote.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Jim Forsyth & Ryan Renninger: There was no report from the 911 Center.

Tim Mooney asked about the "I am Responding" issue. Previously, Tim stated that he used to get additional information of calls including important information regarding the call. The "Additional Information" section had recently been removed from "I am Responding" because Julio stated it violated HIPPA. Tim stated that on a recent call in Dallastown, private information was given over the radio. This information included: The victim's name, age, mother's name, phone number, what they were wearing and other information. Tim wanted to know why it is okay to say this information over the radio for the public to hear (including those that listen online anywhere in the US), but we can't receive this information on our pagers? Ryan stated he will follow up on this issue with Julio.

**FIRE SCHOOL:** Richard Halpin:

The Delmar program will be changing for next year. Students will need to have NIMS 700 and ICS 100 as pre-requisites for registration. To help those students that may not be able to get these classes online, we now have a computer bank in the back of this classroom, that students can come here and take the lessons and complete the exam online.

We had several companies complete their Company Level Burns this month.

We received a thank you letter from the Pennsylvania State Police, thanking us for the use of one of our manikins to reconstruct a scene.

We also received a thank you letter from the Prospect Hill Cemetery for our role in the 9/11 Ceremony this year.

Our upcoming Haz-Mat classes are filling up. We have an Awareness and Operations class coming up in the near future.

Our upcoming Fire Police classes are struggling.

We also rescheduled the ventilation class that was scheduled during Hurricane Sandy. The new dates are December 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 9:30pm or December 15<sup>th</sup> from 9 – noon.

We also have a Solar Energy class coming up.

We are working on next year's schedule. We hope to bring some new classes to the school. This includes UL classes, Rope 1, and RIT. Keep watching the website for updates.

**OEM:** Tom Graybill: We would like to say thank you to everyone that helped during the recent storm. We still have some copies of the 2012 Emergency Response Guide books if anyone still needs books.

**HAZ-MAT TEAM:** Tom Graybill: We had 1 call for the month. We had 50 calls for the year.

**YORK COUNTY ATR:** John Sanford: There were 7 calls for the month. 6 of them involved water, and one was for a trench rescue. For the year, there have been 26 calls. We have a Surface Ice Rescue Level 1 class scheduled for February 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> of next year. We also have a Trench Rescue Awareness, Operations & Technician class scheduled for May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>.

**FIRE POLICE:** Jim Robertson: We have our elections coming up.

**NOMINATION COMMITTEE:** John McDonald: We have the following people that have confirmed their nominations for 2013.

- President: Steve Buffington
- Vice President: Joe Madzellan
- Secretary: Bob Sells
- Treasurer: Bob Bowman
- Board of Governor (2): Tony Myers and Joe Madzellan

If you are interested in running for an office, contact: **Rick Witten** - [ffsgtfd@yahoo.com](mailto:ffsgtfd@yahoo.com), **Tony Myers** - [shrewsburyfire@comcast.net](mailto:shrewsburyfire@comcast.net) or **John McDonald** - [mcdonaldja@comcast.net](mailto:mcdonaldja@comcast.net)

**RESCUE INSPECTION:** Tim Mooney: We have two new Rescues to our list. They include Station 9 Dover Twp. and 36 Yoe, and one upgrade, Station 26 Strinestown.

**RIT:** Joe Yahnke: I make the recommendation to find someone else, or disband the committee. President Buffington stated he will look into, and come back next month with ideas.

**FIRE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:** Bob Sells: Nothing to report.

**FIRE PREVENTION:** Steve Tawney: No Report Given.

**FUND RAISING:** John McDonald: I have not received any check. Heather has not received any check in the mail as well. John will look into it with Hoss's.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

A motion was made to pay the bills. 1<sup>st</sup>: John McDonald 2<sup>nd</sup>: Tim Mooney Motion Passed

Joe Madzellan discussed the upcoming changes to CAD. The project will probably take up to 11 months to complete all the updates to the system. Now is the time to do any changes to your box alarms if you were considering changing any. Maybe your department wants to reduce the number of box alarms. For each box alarm, there are 60 different types of calls for service. All of this information will need to be put in by hand. The more box alarms, the more time that will take to set up. It is just a recommendation / suggestion. Changing your box alarms is not mandatory. If you are interested in making any changes, contact Kim Holtzapple at: [KLHoltzapple@ycdes.org](mailto:KLHoltzapple@ycdes.org) or 717-840-2941.

Joe also stated that changes to the call for service types list was originally sidelined, but can now be reviewed and evaluated. There was talk about dispatching by proximity using the new CAD System. The recommendation was having a maximum of 5 or 6 pieces that your department wants dispatched to the scene. It would take into consideration units that are out of service. After your list has been met, then the

system would dispatch the next closest piece to the scene. It would not be able to detect a unit that is just down the street on driver training. It would dispatch the unit from the closest fire station. Ryan Renninger stated that this new system will require a lot of input from everyone. At first, the system will not be able to predict weight limits over bridge crossings or low overpasses. That is where input from your department would be needed, and passed along to Kim Holtzapple. There was a question as to during the testing of the new system, could Chiefs be brought in to see how the system operates, to build their confidence. Ryan stated that could be a possibility. It will take nearly a year to get through the process.

**AUDIT COMMITTEE:** Steve Buffington: I received the report from the committee consisting of Dave Michaels, Jan Cromer, and Bob Sells. The report says they met on November 7<sup>th</sup>. After review of the records including bank statements, receipts, and checks, the committee found no discrepancies.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A motion was made to spend \$45,900 for the reconstruction of the pavilion and the removal, transport, and setup of the modular classroom. 1<sup>st</sup>: John Senft 2<sup>nd</sup>: Bob Sells Motion Passed

Chief 63 Rodney Miller wanted to know if there were any recent policy changes made involving school bus accident dispatches. He stated there were two separate accidents involving a school bus, and his department was not dispatched for either incident. Tony Myers stated he was not aware of anything that had changed.

President Buffington suspended the meeting, so Sgt. Robert Krol from the Pennsylvania State Police could give his presentation on the Drive Medical Card Law.

During the presentation, Sgt. Krol stated that anyone driving a vehicle over 17,000 pounds and is not going to or from an emergency scene needs to have a medical card. He stated that the State is working to get some questions answered regarding the exemptions. Several questions were asked during the discussion. In order to obtain a medical card, drivers can go to the States website and find form **DL11CD** and take that form to their physician for a physical. Currently, any physician should be able to give you the exam. In the next few years, physicians will need to be certified to give DOT physicals, but that is not the case at the moment. For more information, you can visit the Bureau of Patrol Commercial Vehicle Safety Division at 717-346-7347 or [www.fmcsa.dot.gov](http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov) for more information.

After the presentation, Joe Madzellan stated that the two incidents in Chief 63's area may have involved the police being on scene, and using their discretion. There was a motion made by this Association that if the Police were on scene, and fire department services were not needed, they could use their discretion and not have the fire department dispatched. Heather will look for the motion, and have it for next month's meeting.

**REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:**

Next month, we will have dinner here for everyone starting at 6:00 pm, and the meeting is scheduled for 7:00 pm on Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, at York County Fire School. If your department could provide an approximate head count, it would be greatly appreciated.

President Steve Buffington adjourned the meeting.

Sincerely,

*Heather Grove*

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Recording Secretary