

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

**330 Emig Road
York, PA 17406**



**Monthly Meeting
3rd Monday**

November 20, 2007

President Skip Rupert called the regular monthly meeting of the York County Fire Chiefs and Firefighters Association to order and led the pledge to the flag. There were twenty-nine people in attendance.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as published.

President Rupert asked for a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, Chief Krichten made the motion, second by Chief Herman. Motion carried.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS: Chief John Senft reported the following items were discussed in the Board of Governors meeting prior to this meeting:

- Financial Issues for 2008.
- School Operation including personnel and compensation issues.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

RADIO COMMITTEE: Chief Shank reported there was no meeting this month. He encouraged departments to call 911 to report radio issues and obtain a trouble ticket number.

911: Cindy Dietz reported the staff will be testing paging and knox tones beginning on Wednesday, November 28th at 0900, to test the new consoles at the new building.

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

Hours of use:

- ☛ From 10/15/07 to 11/20/07 there were 60 events held through your Fire School, totaling 290 hours of Training / Use. Our Facility continues to averages 8.14 hours of use a day, every day of the year to date. As of close of business on Sunday November 18, 2007 the annual total of hours is 2774

The ENTRY LEVEL Program:

- ☛ Our next ELIS class, to be followed by the next two classes of the Entry Level Series, is set for the beginning in January of 2008. The date for this course to begin is January 13, 2008. This will be a Weekend Series of Classes, Typically meeting 08:00 – 17:00 on Sundays
- ☛ The Interior Firefighter class (EFLIF) began October 23 (an evening class). Instructor Rick Witten is the lead instructor for this class, It will culminate with a Live Burn at Lancaster Public Safety Training Center on December 1st

Firefighter I Testing

- ☛ **Nineteen Firefighter Candidates met the cut off date of September 29th, for the exam.** The testing process began with a written exam on Friday October 12, 2007 and concluded with the Skills test on November 3rd, 2007
- ☛ It is anticipated we will be switching over to the PA State Pro-Board in 2008, rather than working with BUCKS County Public Safety Training Center. As the PA State Pro-board system requires documented participation in SBS Class, we will wait until we can have a reasonable prediction of completion of the burn building before we schedule the next test

NFPA 1006, Standard for Professional Rescue Technician, Core Competencies Machinery/Vehicle Review Course and Test:

Fire Officer I:

- ☛ **THIS OPPORTUNITY HAS BEEN CANCELED** Several factors play into this including a displayed lack of interest as the pre-requisite courses and a general lack of interest as the test approached and several other factors revolving around test site status.

New Classes Scheduled:

- ☛ A one day Class on New Car technology and Hybrid Vehicles has been scheduled for 3 consecutive days in December **NEW DATES: (12/7, 12/8 and 12/9/2007)**. This class is being brought to our area through cooperation between the Fire School and Several area Fire Departments. Offering the same class on three days should enable us to reach as many Fire/Rescue Personnel as possible
- ☛ **Coming in 2008, We are working with PAg (Penn State) Rescue training to bring you the following courses:** Intro to Farm Emergencies, Managing Tractor Emergencies, Managing Farm Machinery Entanglements, Farm Chemical Emergencies, Farm Confined Space Awareness, Farm Confined Space Operations
- ☛ The Fire School Supports Fire training both here and in your station. We can assist you with course applications and will post your classes on our web site. Please Check Added courses for General Fire Service courses and check the Fire police link for Fire Police Classes

Current and Future Schedule:

- ☛ The 2007 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.
- ☛ End of year course listing are available at the meeting. **(ALL CLASSES SUBJECT TO CHANGE-DUE TO CONSTRUCTION – WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO KEEP ON SCHEDULE AND ON TARGET FOR THESE CLASSES)**
- ☛ **Be sure to check out the website for the latest Updates** www.YorkCountyFireSchool.org
- ☛ **The 2008 Schedule is in the works, it will be a bit limited until we see what progress is being made with the new burn building and how that effects the use of our training grounds. Lobar Construction has assured us their willingness to work with us and we have assured them of our desire to eliminate or minimize any impact we could have on their progress with the new facility**

Burn Building and Scheduling:

- ☛ We are moving forward on the NEW Building. Demolition of the Old Burn Building has been completed and construction on our new live fire training facility has begun. The footers for the foundation were formed today and hopefully will be poured on November 21, 2007. The Board of Governors intends for us to stay open and continue to offer classes throughout construction.

This may require some flexibility to meet everyone's needs

Yours' and the Instructors' Cooperation will help us meet this goal

Chris Krichten led a discussion on FF I Testing. He believes it should be offered immediately following the Essentials classes. The Association needs to promote it. Carl replied that he probably will not be scheduling a class before the new burn building is completed.

YORK COUNTY ATR: John Sanford reported 1 response and 2 duty officer calls for the month. Reminder - Ice Training is coming up and the team will assist with ice rescues.

OEM: Tom Graybill handed out copies of the Clean up Contractor list and explained how the list was laid out. The list is good through the end of the year. A new list will be distributed in 2008.

FIRE POLICE: No Report

RESCUE SPEC: No report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- President Rupert asked for a motion to pay the bills. Motion to pay the bills by John Fornadel second by Chief Shank. Motion carried.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Rob Bissey reported the following people running for office in 2008.

- President – Skip Rupert
- Vice President – Joe Yahnke
- Secretary – open
- Treasurer – Bob Bowman
- Board of Governors (2) – John Senft
John Fornadel
Kerry Herman

Anyone wishing to run for and office please submit your name to Chief Shank, Rob Bissey, or Chief Buffington.

NEW BUSINESS: None

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

- Chief Stine inquired about the new radios and the distribution/payment schedule. Chief Shank advised him to contact Bob Fasick at the County and request to be billed earlier if he wants billed in this budget year.
- President Rupert announced the annual meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held at Hellam Fire Company – waiting on confirmation from the Chief.

Motion to adjourn by Bob Bowman. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Next quarterly meeting is scheduled for 7:30 pm on Monday, December 17, 2007, at the Fire School.

Sincerely,

Cindy A. Dietz

Cindy A. Dietz, Secretary