

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

**330 Emig Road
York, PA 17406**



**Monthly Meeting
3rd Monday**

November 21, 2006

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-two people in attendance. President Rupert introduced Forrest Nace from Firehouse Software. Forrest answered questions and gave a brief overview of how the Firehouse Software Utility for CAD works. Forrest said that successful interfaces to the New World CAD System are currently running in Cleveland, Cayuga Falls, and Kent Ohio. Each department must make their own arrangements through Firehouse, to purchase the utility and have it installed. They must also have a way to connect to the internet. The County has provided the Firehouse Interface to CAD.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as published.

President Rupert asked for a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report Chief Shank made the motion, seconded by Chief Joe Stevens. Motion carried.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS: Barry Myers reported on the following items:

- Purchasing bleachers (with an alternate funding source)
- Burn Building – met with the Township and received the go ahead. Still need to follow up with a few people yet.
 - Chief Senft reported that the Board is still working on funding sources such as Senator Wahl, County Commissioners, and Art Gladfelter. He will also be meeting with the County Commissioners on Monday to discuss the Fire School operating budget.
- Departments may be solicited by the Boy Scouts regarding the Memorial Project.

RADIO COMMITTEE: Chief Shank reported that Fire Marshall 1 (PSP Fire Marshall), Duty Officer 5 & Duty Officer 2, and Boat 63 were approved.

- The follow up email on the radio purchases will not be occurring per an email from Eric Bistline. Most departments have met with Bob Fasick and signed off on their totals recently.
- Base stations on the new radio system – each department will be responsible to license them.
 - Rob Bissey stated it may behoove us to license all stations in the County on one license – even those who have no base station at this time. Who will cover the Municipal EOC's licenses?
- Go live was a decent turnover, bear with the changes, If you need something changed contact Cindy or Brandy at 911.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

911: Audrey Rychalsky reported that CAD was up and running. The staff is working through some errors at this time. If there is a problem with your responses make someone aware.

- Radio – there are 14 tower sites under lease agreements, with 9 remaining to be signed. Rob Sterner will be at the December meeting to give a full report.

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

Hours of use:

- ☛ From October 10 through November 14th the School's facilities were in use for 268.5 Hours.
 - The uses included EMT Classes, Entry Level program classes, Classes for 9-1-1, Pump Operations, Juvenile probation, Sheriff's Dept, York County DES/Texas A & M, Vehicle Rescue technician and others

Combustible (Flammable) Liquids Pit:

- ☛ The Pit is now reopened and awaiting its first use, please schedule this with the Fire School Coordinator – also be advise we have a **NEW** set of guides that must be followed when using the Combustible Liquids Pit

The ENTRY LEVEL (New Essentials) Program:

- ☛ The Fire School is pleased to announce that we will be running the fourth installment of the Entry Level program in Beginning in February of 2007 (Primarily on Monday and Wednesday evenings). The lead instructor for ELIF program will be David Nichols. Due to some scheduling issues with preexisting classes and the instructor's availability, some classes will be held at Station 24. These will be evening classes and will meet during the week.

- ☛ Our next Entry Level Series will begin in January, with the Introduction course (ELIF) being held on Sunday January 14 and 21, 2007, between 0800 and 1700
 - Application packages for the Entry Level program have been sent to every station
 - If you have any questions about the new **ENTRY LEVEL (Essentials) Program** (Series of Classes) please feel free to E-mail or call the Office at 717-767-4097

Mason-Dixon Extrication Challenge:

- ☛ Next meeting of the organizing committee is December 11th @ 18:30 Hours at Station 23, If you are interested in participating in this work group please contact Tim Stevens @ tstevens@waltonco.com or Carl Avery @ YorkCoFireSchool@aol.com

1. We already have members from Union Fire Company, Glen Rock Hose and Ladder and Volunteers from York City Fire and Rescue Services who are participating
 - ☛ The amateur radio group R A C E S has join our project
 - ☛ We can use more – Hope to see you there!
 - ☛ Our goal is to expand and enhance this years event

Structural Burn Sessions:

- ☛ The Last SBS for 2006 was canceled.
- ☛ The repair work for the existing burn building is reportedly going out to bid soon. Further SBS Classes will be on hold till we have a facility that we can burn in

Firefighter I Testing:

- ☛ The Fire School is working with Instructor Dan Hoff, Dover Twp Fire Department and West Manchester Twp. FD. and Bucks Public Safety Training Center to bring a Firefighter I test to York the County Fire School.

- ☛ The Primary sponsors of this would be Dover Township F.D.; they are willing to have members of other departments join them in this process.
 - Each Fire Department or individual would be responsible for the cost of having their candidate take the test

- ☛ Dates for the Review classes are as follows:
 - October 27, November 10, **17 and December 1, 2006**
 - Classes will be held out of the Dover Twp FD Station (Sta. 9) with some classes using the facilities here at the fire School
 - Contact Deputy Chief Glen Jansen of Station 9 at: gjansen@krec.com for more information about registering for these classes and the test
 - **YOU MUST BE REGISTERED WITH THIS GROUP TO TAKE THE TEST**

- ☛ The Test is Scheduled for December 15 and 16 at the York County Fire School.

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

- I am scheduled to meet with a Buck's representative to schedule this program in the next two days
- The targeted time frame will be Late Spring early summer
- Your Fire School has a copy of the skill Station evaluations that will be conducted during this test.
- Details are as of yet to be worked out with the Community College for exact time and dates of this program in 2007

Fire Officer I:

🔧 The Fire School is in the process of working the State Fire Academy to bring the Academy on the Road (AOTR) Fire Officer I class and certification to YCFS this Fall.

- Candidates for this program must have the following certification
 - Firefighter I
 - Firefighter II
 - Fire Instructor I
 - We will schedule a class for Fire Instructor I for this of you who could not take advantage of the recent Education Methodology classes held at the Fire School

Program Support and Maintenance:

🔧 **Routinely checked Class room building for trash and readiness for classes,** Routinely checked Grounds for debris, trash and general readiness of facilities, **Routine sampling of pond for DEP compliance,** meet with Railroad re: Inspection of drainage pipe, **got tires on Gator repaired,** Arranged for parking of Haz-Mat 91 A and the new 91 A, Got 19 Volt batter repaired, **Place new training Mannequin in service,** Plumber fixed toilet in Female restrooms, **Secured Crusher Waste (Stone) to surround "un-concreted " sides of Combustible Liquids Pit,** repaired downspouts, **Cut weeds along banking,** repaired loose hinges in smoke maze, **Upgrades to Burn Pit Finished,** Cleaned & Organized Extrication Area, **Secured Cars for Extrication Classes,** Corrected mislabel on lower level electrical panel, **secured donation of 5 – 10 lbs ABC Fire extinguishers,** Checked run-off from adjacent Properties and how it effects our operations, **Repaired radiator to blue Dump Truck,** repaired Battery Charger,

Current and Future Schedule:

🔧 The 2006 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.

🔧 The 2007 Schedule is currently being worked on. We have PROVISIONAL SCHEDULES FOR 2007 but there will be some additional classes that the date have yet to be confirmed

- These classes include but are not limited to:
 - Engine Company Ops
 - Ladder Company Ops
 - Fire Instructor I
 - The Fall BVR Series
 - The Fall Entry Level Series
 - 1006 Certification Prep Class
 - AOTR Fire Officer I

🔧 We hope to add classes supporting the NFPA 1006 Curriculum and Test as well as Fire Officer Training

Upcoming Courses:

- 🔧 Entry Level – Exterior Firefighter, November 28, 30, December 5, 7, 10, 12, 14, 17
- 🔧 EVOC, December 4, 7, 9
- 🔧 Haz- Mat First Responder Awareness, December 6

YORK COUNTY ATR: Chief Tony Myers reported 15 responses for the year. Several swift water rescues this past Thursday. 911 did a good job. The team is in the process of certifying for ice rescue. April 27, 28, 29, 2007 they will be sponsoring the Trench Weekend.

OEM: President Rupert reported he had received an email from Tom Murray it basically stated that we still are not permitted to call 2nd due Hazmat from out of state, this is the law. He is however still pursuing the issue.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Rick Whitten reported two Board of Governor positions and all Administrative positions are open for nominations.

FIRE POLICE: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- President Rupert reported no one willing to take on the Fire Prevention Committee or the 9-11 Memorial Committee. Still looking for people for both committees.
- President Rupert asked for a motion to pay the bills. Motion to pay the bills by Chief Tony Myers second by John Fornadel. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: None

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

- President Rupert gave a short report on the PFESI Dinner. He spoke about the Candle Program, and that some of the Representatives that we counted on in the past lost the election and are gone. SR60 will go back to square one. The recommendations will stand, but it will need to be reintroduced in 2007.
- Chief Senft said that York City Fire will be hosting classes for ICS 200. There will be four offerings of the class in January, breakfast and lunch is included. No charge for the class.
- Chief Shank stated he has 7000 gallons of AFFF Foam that has been donated. He is looking for skids. He is also looking to start up a foam taskforce and would be placing the skids at strategic locations throughout the County.

Motion to adjourn by Bob Bowman. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for 7:30 pm on Monday, December 18, 2006 at the Fire School.

Sincerely,

Cindy A. Dietz

Cindy A. Dietz, Secretary