

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

**330 Emig Road  
York, PA 17406**



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

November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011

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. Twenty three people were in attendance.

**FIRE SCHOOL:** Administrator Richard Halpin: We had 186 hours of training conducted at the school last month. We ask now that students sign up early for classes. We are going to begin to cancel classes a week prior to them starting. This will give the students additional time to make other plans, instead of us waiting to the last minute to cancel classes. We also will only register students that have completed and submitted their registration paperwork. We will no longer hold seats for students. The company level burns have been going well. We recently put a burn car inside the garage of the burn building. Everyone that has participated has really liked the idea. I am waiting to get photos back, so we can put them on our website.

Dave MacVeigh spoke briefly about the role the District Attorney's Office investigating Arson fires. He can be reached at: 717-324-2239 or [JDMacVeigh@york-county.org](mailto:JDMacVeigh@york-county.org)

Dave Nichols gave a presentation and showed a video of the South Central Task Force and what resources make up the South Central Task Force.

President Richard Shank approved the minutes as published.

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

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS:** Chief John Senft: The Board met this evening prior to this meeting. We approved the movement of assets from one account to another. We recently upgraded the tables in Classroom 1 and 2 and have new chairs in Classroom 2 as well. We are working on submitting necessary paperwork for the draw down grant. We have received a verbal confirm from the County that we will be receiving funding from the County through next year, with a small increase from last year.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Deputy Chief Joe Madzellan: I met with County recently and they asked me where the committee was that was set up to look at making standardized box alarms. Joe Madzellan is now the chairman of that committee. Tony Myers was the only member that resigned from the committee, but the committee has not met in a long time.

There was a change made recently to dispatching protocol. During an Emergency Phase, a structural dispatch / response will remain the same as if it were during normal operations. The response will not be downgraded to one Engine only like it used to be. There was a meeting on Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>. The ISO score rating has dropped. There is no idea as to what caused the drop. The 911 Center went from 9.7 in the 1990s with no automation to a 6.4 in 2011. With the new technology, you would think the number improved, but it did not.

Chief Ryan Brenneman stated that the Tech Committee recently met. They were discussing about looking at pager models that have voice activation to them. They already looked at one vender. Next month they should be

meeting with another vender. They will look at the hardware requirements, which they work with our system. Come Spring, a vender decision should be made, and hopefully set up a 120 days trial, and see how things work.

**911:** Ryan Renninger: Stated that the complaint form has been updated, and will be available December 1<sup>st</sup>. Everyone will now receive a confirmation that your complaint has been received, whereas before, no one would know if a complaint was sent/received. The form will be found at the same current location as the old one.

**YORK COUNTY ATR:** Chief John Sanford: We had 2 calls for the month. The first call was for a confined space with York City Sta. 99. The second call was for a structural collapse with York Township Sta. 19. For the year, we have had 62 calls.

**OEM:** Tom Graybill was not present, but had the following to report: Just a reminder, the deadline to apply for Individual Assistance (Homes) with FEMA for damages from Tropical Storm Lee is December 14<sup>th</sup>. They are to call (800) 621-3362 or register at: [www.DisasterAssistance.gov](http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov) December 14<sup>th</sup> is also the deadline for applying for Public Assistance (Fire Stations). Contact Chris Evans at PEMA at (800) 635-9692 or [chrevans@pa.gov](mailto:chrevans@pa.gov)

**HAZ-MAT TEAM:** Tom Graybill was not present, but had the following to report: We had 3 calls for the month. We have had 33 calls total for the year.

**FIRE POLICE:** The Fire Police are meeting tonight, and holding their elections, so no report was given.

**RESCUE INSPECTION:** Deputy Tim Mooney: No Report Given

**FIRE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:** Rick Witten: There is new safety equipment at the facility. The ladders have been repaired.

**RIT:** Chief Joe Yahnke: No Report Given

**FIRE PREVENTION:** Chief Steve Tawney: No Report

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion was made to pay the bills. 1<sup>st</sup>: Rick Witten 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ryan Brenneman Motion Passed

It was discussed about changing the start time for our meetings from 7:30 to 7:00 pm. There was no discussion or objection at that time. A motion was made to discuss it at next month's meeting and take a vote then. 1<sup>st</sup>: Joe Madzellan 2<sup>nd</sup>: Steve Tawney

Dave Nichols stated that it would be nice to have the white board and the chalk board switched here in classroom 1. During a power point presentation, the Instructor can't use 2/3rds of the white board, for the screen is blocking it. It was also stated that having lights on the boards themselves would also be nice. When the lights are out, no one can see what is written on the boards. Heather will pass the message along.

**NOMINATION COMMITTEE:** Chairman: Joe Madzellan, Ron Witmer, Steve Tawney, and Brad Bunham. If anyone is interested in running for an office, please see one of the committee members to be put on the ballot.

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

Next month's monthly meeting is scheduled for 7:30 pm on Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011, at the Fire School.

Motion was made by Bob Bowman to adjourn the meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ryan Brenneman Motion Passed

Sincerely,

*Heather Grove*

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Recording Secretary