

December 15, 2003

President Skip Rupert called the regular monthly meeting of the York County Fire Chiefs and Firefighters Association to order. Forty-seven members were in attendance. President Rupert thanked K&C Communications for providing food for the meeting. Trever Rentzel introduced Sonia and Duke who are both on staff at K&C. President Rupert also thanked Chief Steve Dietz for giving a presentation prior to the meeting on PennDOT's Incident Response Vehicle.

Minutes of the previous meeting were then approved as posted. Bob Bowman presented the treasurer's report. There was a motion by Chief Shank seconded by Chief Gemmill to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

RADIO COMMITTEE: Chairman Rob Bissey reported that the committee had not met this month.

- On November 18th committee members went to an EMSA meeting and listened to a 10-15 minute dissertation on communications from one of their members. No real discussion or decision occurred regarding the EMS Chief - EMS Command issue. EMSA members are to meet with the committee again on January 8th at 7pm. Rob encouraged the body to let radio committee members know their feelings on the subject and how they would like the committee to proceed at the meeting.
- Chief Bissey reported that 9-1-1 Operations Manager Audrey Rychalsky, took Radio Committee members to a Lancaster Co. Fire Radio Advisory Board Meeting. He said their meetings were very similar to York's just on a larger scale.

911: Asst. Operations Manager Cindy Dietz reported:

- On your ISO questionnaire the answer to the number of emergency lines going into the 9-1-1 Center is 18. The average number of dispatchers working at any given time is 15.
- An attempt was made to start a discussion on changing verbiage when CAD is implemented. This was specifically regarding the incident type "Structure Fire". It was asked what the body thought of using Dwelling Fire (for all residential type structures) and Building Fire (for all commercial properties). Little discussion followed and those who spoke preferred to keep it all "Structure Fire".

FIRE SCHOOL: Director Shaefer reported:

- Budget should be approved as submitted.
- Bus Program scheduled for December 27th and 28th still has openings.
- Essentials Class will start January 15th.
- Firefighter I testing is scheduled for May 7th and 8th 2004. You must have all the prerequisites completed to test.
- Paul said that as of the end of the year he is done. He thanked everyone who has worked with him.

Project Coordinator Carl Avery reported on the following:

- Carl continues to meet with officers and firefighters at their stations. This is to promote familiarization with the departments and the resources available in the county. He has most recently met with firefighters in Porters Sidling and Shrewsbury.
- On Tuesday December 9, 2003 the York County School of Technology, Protective Services Class made a field trip to the Fire School where they witnessed a demonstration of firefighting techniques by the York City Fire Department. Members of D Platoon donated their time to provide this learning experience for the students.
- Reminder there is a Bus Rescue Class scheduled for the weekend between Christmas and New Years, December 27th & 28th, 2003. There are still openings.

- Met with a computer consultant on the topic of setting up a website for the school. This would be used to get classes out in a timelier manner and also to post class applications so they can be printed out and faxed in to the school.
- There will be a York County Fire School Instructors and Helpers Meeting on Wednesday, January 14, 2004 @1900. The 2004 schedule will be worked on at this meeting.
- There will be a Bucks County Community College Instructors Meeting at YCFS on Wednesday, January 21, 2004.
- Met with HACC and will be scheduling EMS and Con-Ed Classes (this will include classes required to take the Firefighter I Certification) at YCFS. A summer daytime EMT program is also anticipated.
- Working to schedule a Firefighter I Prep Class through HACC for April 20th and 22nd and a full day session to be held on April 24th at YCFS.
- An 88 hour Essentials Class is scheduled to start on Thursday, January 15, 2004 @1830, Lead Instructor, Bernie Anthony.
- Several Haz-Mat courses have been scheduled starting with a Hazardous Materials Operations Refresher course on February 7th, 2004.
- Lincolnway Fire Company will be using the burn building for Thermal Imager Training on January 18, 2004.
- The 9-1-1 Center will be using the School on January 26th and 27th 2004 for a Customer Service Class.

HAZMAT: Director Schaefer reported 4 calls for the month and 62 for the year.

- Hazmat Team will be taken over by the County.
- Team members are in the process of getting physicals and taking their Technician Recertification Training.
- \$12,000.00 in outstanding bills.

Grangeville Hazmat no report.

SPECIAL RESCUE TASK FORCE: Chief Tony Myers reported that on January 1st 2004 the York County ATR designation becomes effective.

- Ice Rescue Class scheduled for January 10th and 11th at Adams County Co. 26.
- Building Collapse Class coming up.
- Tony Myers is the new Coordinator for the ATR Team.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Chief Shank reported they now have nominees for each office. Anyone who would like to run for an office should see Chief Shank, Chief Stevens, or Chief Senft.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS: Chief Lane reported on the following discussions from the Board of Governors meeting:

- Discussed Carl Avery's agenda and his wishes for a website.
- Discussed Hazmat issues and trying to marry two teams into one.
- January 7th, 2004 a meeting is scheduled to discuss Haz-Mat, and an Administrator Position for the school to handle finances.

EMA: Tom Graybill passed out handouts on Critical Incident Infrastructure and one on Hepatitis.

- Water Supply Security and Incident Response Training Workshop January 13th & 14th.
- EPA Water Training in Baltimore.
- River Ice Class on December 19th.

For additional information on the above classes contact Tom in the EMA Office.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: President Rupert advised that Rescue 56 has passed their inspection. Bob Bowman presented the bills. Motion made by Chief Rob Bissey to pay the bills seconded by Chief Trever Rentzel. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: President Rupert stated that the Vehicle Rescue Specs are five years old and need an update. Chief Joe Stevens will do the medical side. If you are interested on being on the committee to complete the update let Skip know.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

- Chief Shank introduced his new assistant, Chief Joe Madzellan.
- Bern Anthony asked that departments who have students currently enrolled at Vo-Tech in the Protective Services program to hold off enrolling until the next Essentials Class. He feels, as it would be too much for the student with what is in the planned curriculum for the beginning of the year.
- Annual meeting next month will be held at New Bridgeville Fire Company.
- Trevor Rentzel gave away a Minitor IV, compliments of K&C Communications – lucky winner Chief Ira Walker from Stewartstown.
- Lori Gillon from VFIS said she had 2004 calendars with her if anyone would like one.
- President Rupert wished everyone a Safe and Happy Holiday.
- Bern Anthony said that while there is a verbal agreement between the York County School of Technology and the Fire School he is looking into putting together a letter for an exchange of services. He said the students can provide carpentry and masonry work in addition to other things.

Chief Steve Dietz motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Bob Bowman. Meeting adjourned by President Rupert.

The following stations still owe dues for 2003/2004 –Seven Valleys, DDSP-LF, Lake Aldred, and McSherrystown.

Next meeting scheduled for 7:30 pm on Monday, January 19, 2004 at the New Bridgeville Fire Company – Station 39. Light refreshments will be served prior to the meeting.

Sincerely,

Cindy A. Dietz
Secretary