

Fire Chiefs' & Fire Fighters' Association of York County, Inc.

330 Emig Road
York, PA 17406



Monthly Meeting
3rd Monday

Monthly Meeting Minutes

December 16, 2013

CALL TO ORDER (Vice President Joe Madzelan)

Vice President Joe Madzelan called the monthly meeting of the York County Fire Chiefs and Firefighters Association to order at 19:02. The call to order was followed by a pledge to the flag and a moment of silence. 32 people were in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice President Madzelan asked if there were any corrections to last month's minutes. With no corrections, the minutes were approved as issued.

REPORTS

Treasurer (Bob Bowman):

Treasurer Bob Bowman presented the following report: Beginning Balance: \$7,026.85 with an Ending Balance: \$8,543.10. With no comments, Vice President Madzelan approved the Treasurer's Report as read.

Board of Governors (John Senft): The Board met this evening prior to this meeting and discussed the following:

The Board was in executive session to discuss employee compensation and a service contract. The Board approved increased wages and moved funds between bank accounts.

Chief Senft noted that the appropriation from the County will remain the same in 2014.

Fire School Administrator (Richard Halpin):

November Fire School Training: 206 hours / 88 for fire school classes.

A 1403 class will be held at Station 34 on January 9, 2014 at 19:00 and will be open to anyone to attend.

Classes were cancelled last Tuesday due to weather conditions. Numerous means to announce the cancellations were used and there were no complaints received.

The Spring Intro, Fire Ground Support, Exterior FF, and Haz-mat Awareness classes are full. A second, concurrent set of these classes has been added and the registrations are on the website.

An Arson Awareness class is being planned for March.

OTHER AGENCY REPORTS

911 Center (Julio Mendez/Cindy/Tim):

Julio reported that a 'hot' fix is being planned for CAD paging before the end of the year. It will address RIT response group issues, Working Fire group units, and multiple resource units on pages.

Julio noted that some fire companies who do not want to be dispatched as RIT resources have asked to be removed from the list. Joe Madzellan reported that Chad Livelsberger offered to head up the RIT Committee and take that responsibility off the Radio Committee.

YCDES will build a Working Fire group specific for York City and will also build them for other companies if necessary. Joe Madzellan suggested holding off on addressing other companies until the next fix is completed and we see how it works.

Joe Madzellan reported that some of trouble ticket copies that he has received are not related to current paging issues, but rather policies that have been in place for years. He suggested that anyone with box assignment issues go see Brandon and Mel at YCDES to see how the system works. Brad Dunham noted that his sit-down with them revealed that his paperwork was right, but that it was misunderstood and had to be re-programmed.

Julio reported that they have created an in-house fix so that all stations should now be getting IAmResponding pages. Dave Nichols reported that fire-police-only and duty officer pages do not seem to be showing up.

Julio noted that the reported radio system failure on Nov. 7th was not an actual failure of the system. There was an internal communication failure, but the radios never stopped working.

Bill Carlisle asked about the terminology/policy for "station available" reporting. Joe Madzellan responded that the Radio Workgroup is looking at this and, with YCDES, trying to decide which policy to put it in. Joe noted that it's pretty much each company's decision on when to report "station available", so a single policy may not apply to everyone. Hopefully they will have something in January.

Troy Dettinger asked about the radio LID renumbering notification that recently came out. Tim replied that they are doing this to clean up their database. Joe Madzellan noted that the Association was not really given a heads-up on this to inform our members and would like to collect ideas on consistent identification of radios and offer suggestions to the membership.

PA State Police (Brad Dunham):

Joe Madzellan reminded the group for Brad that red/blue light lists are due in January.

John Senft reported that the PA State House has sent an inquiry to the Federal agency regarding the CDL medical clearance requirement. So far, no response.

ATR (John Sanford):

The ATR team had 3 calls for the month, 1 confined space, 1 structural collapse with a truck into a house, and a water rescue involving a car in the water; 46 total calls for the year.

Spots are still available for the ice rescue class scheduled for February 15/16 near Shrewsbury.

Haz-Mat (Tom Graybill):

The Haz-Mat team had 4 calls for the month; 50 total calls for the year.

Fire Police (Jim Robertson):

New officers were elected at the meeting last month. A list will be sent.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Radio/Communications (Joe Madzelan):

See 911 Center report.

Fire School Committee (Bob Sells):

Structural Burn Building Usage Policy changes were reviewed and approved among the committee members and forwarded for approval to the Board. Proposed changes address allowing multiple tasks during evolutions and RIT team staffing.

Fire Prevention (Steve Tawney):

Not present

Fundraising (John McDonald):

Not present

Rescue Inspection (Glenn Jansen via email report):

R61 and R34 have been reinspected and both passed this past Friday. The committee is trying to get Yorkanna done on the 18th.

By-Laws (Bob Sells):

The committee will schedule to meet in January to review the first draft of the revised by-laws.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Vice President Madzelan asked for a motion to pay the bills. Tony Myers made a motion. Jeff Griffith seconded the motion and the motion carried.

John Senft reported for the Nominating Committee that they are proposing the same slate of officers for next year.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

Barry Myers announced that the doubling of the state loan amount from 2 to 4 percent has been passed by the state legislature and is now on the Governor's desk to be signed.

Bob Bowman announced that he has York City tree ornaments for sale.

Joe Madzelan reminded the group about the discussion last month on 911 Center management concerns and the request for a meeting. He reported that there were no specific items received in writing and, unless there are, there will not be a meeting.

The annual meeting will be January 20, 2014 at 19:00 at Hellam Fire Company, Sta. 21.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Madzelan adjourned the meeting at 20:46.

Respectfully Recorded,

Robert Sells

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Board Secretary