

December 16, 2002

President Skip Rupert called the regular meeting of the York County Fire Chiefs and Firefighters Association to order. Forty-seven members were in attendance. Following the pledge to the flag, President Rupert approved the minutes as posted. Bob Bowman presented the Financial Report for December. There was a motion by Chief Dietz and a second by Chief Stevens to accept the December report.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS: Barry Myers reported that the County cut the Fire School's budget by 50%. We are budgeted to receive \$112, 500.00 for 2003. Barry said they are looking into selling the LaFrance to get money to finish buying items for the new addition.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

RADIO COMMITTEE: Chairman Bissey reported Radio Committee members met with members from the Police Chiefs Association to compare notes and listen to each other's concerns regarding the current radio system. Following that meeting the Radio Committee met again to draft a list of problems. A second meeting was set up with the Police Chiefs to compare notes. Police Chief Lippy was to set up a meeting with Pat McFadden for both groups to meet and discuss these concerns with him. Members from the Radio Committee showed up a week early by accident for the meeting, Director McFadden met with them that day anyway. The Chief's statement to the Commissioners and Director McFadden was put together by Nate Kirshman it outlined the following:

1. Lack of adequate geographic coverage
2. Different frequencies between agencies
3. Age and disrepair of base stations and sites

Problems: Insufficient channels available at this time
Expense of 30 – 50 million

Rob said the Radio Committee along with the Police Chiefs would be meeting again on Friday December 20, 2002 with Director McFadden. Discussion followed with Chief Bissey and Chief Shank fielding questions from the body.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Chief Yingling announced the following nominations for office for 2003:

President	Skip Rupert
Vice President	Steve Dietz
Secretary	Cindy Dietz
Treasurer	Bob Bowman
Board of Governors:	
	John Fornadel
	John Senft
	Mike Miller
	Kraig Herman
	Bern Anthony

Nominations are still open and anyone interested in running should contact a member of the nominating committee. Elections will be held next month.

911: Cindy Dietz advised updated officers lists and equipment list changes should be sent in as soon as possible so information can be updated and passed back out. Those who have not sent in boxes and maps need to do so now. The Hazmat Dispatch has been modified slightly; a voice will no longer be given on city fire.

FIRE SCHOOL: President Rupert thanked Paul for the food he provided for the evenings meeting. Director Paul Schaefer stated that he asked the County for \$234,000.00 for his budget for next year but only received 50% of that amount. Six pumps were tested for the month and twenty-seven for the year. Total students for the year were 1355. There will be a Highway Safety program held on January 18th and 19th – very good class Chief's should push members to attend. January 14th the 88 hour Essentials Program begins. Paul said the water situation has improved. The new addition has been completed only needing a few odds and ends yet. They will be settling on the last payment this month. There will be a Structural Burn class held in March or April. There are Classes on the back table to be picked up. Due to the budget constrictions we may be forced to start charging a minimum charge for classes. Anyone can volunteer to help at the Fire School many different types of jobs need done.

HAZMAT: Director Schaeffer reported seven calls for the month and fifty-four for the year. There will be a Hazmat Operations Refresher on February 1st. Hazmat Operations Class (full course) on February 3rd, 5th, 10th & 19th. Hazmat Awareness Course on February 19th. Grangeville Hazmat no report.

SPECIAL RESCUE TASK FORCE: Reported no calls for the month. They are meeting with PA Task Force 1 for discussion on a state team.

EMA: No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Bob Bowman presented the treasurer's report. Chief Shank made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Chief Stevens. Motion carried. Chief Nichols brought up for discussion the problems surrounding York City's Paid Firefighters solicitation, he thinks a letter to the editor of the newspapers should be written explaining that the solicitation is deceptive and immoral and that the while those solicited may feel free to give, explain that their area is covered by another municipal fire department. Chief Dietz suggested filing another complaint with the Attorney General's Office. Chief Senft stated that while he cannot speak for the City Association he thinks they would like to know about the problems and suggested someone make contact with the Local President Mr. Sleeper. President Rupert said he would attempt to contact Mr. Sleeper.

NEW BUSINESS: None

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION: Tom Graybill said that Kay Carman wanted to extend her thanks to those that helped out and opened their doors to the general public during the last winter storm. EMS volunteers are needed for a Strike Team on the Terrorism Task Force. A meeting will be held on January 9th at the Annex. Tom also wished everyone on behalf of the EMA office Happy Holidays and a Prosperous New Year.

Chief Senft reported that HACC is gearing up its five area locations to begin classes starting in January. Fire Science classes will be held at York City Station 2. To check on information, dates, and times go to www.hacc.edu. John also spoke about inner governmental agreements and using them to save money on bulk supplies, towels, toilet paper etc. Anyone interested in possibly joining into such an agreement with York City contact Chief Senft.

Chief Senft said that the Mayor of York City met with the County Commissioners and explained a plan he had. He stated that county residents use services offered in York City and he was asking each county resident to donate \$3.32 (the price of a Happy Meal) to help the City maintain their public safety services.

Bob Bowman commented on Airville Fire Department's Christmas at the River Fundraiser stating it was a very nice ride in the country and worth checking out.

Chief Dave Nichols thanked those departments who assisted at the Lincoln Ridge Apartments fire.

Chief Bruce Yingling said he had brought calendars to the meeting on behalf of Kirk Woods from Glick. They are on the back table.

Chief Gemmill said there is funding available through the state if municipalities work together to obtain it. Chief Senft said that about \$900,000.00 per year is allocated by the state for municipalities who go together and enter into inner governmental agreements.

John Landis thanked those he has worked with over the past ten years and announced he will not be running for another term on the Board of Governors.

President Rupert asked for a motion to adjourn. Chief McAnnaney made the motion seconded by Bob Bowman.

Next months quarterly meeting will be held on Monday January 20, 2003 at 7:30 pm sponsored by VFIS at Gladfelters Insurance on Leader Heights Road. Light Refreshments will be served.

Sincerely,

Cindy A. Dietz
Secretary