

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

**330 Emig Road
York, PA 17406**



**Monthly Meeting
3rd Monday**

December 17, 2012

Vice President Joe Madzelan called the monthly meeting of the York County Fire Chiefs and Firefighters Association to order. 40 people were in attendance.

Vice President Joe Madzelan led the pledge to the flag and a moment of silence.

Jason Plotkin from the York Daily Record addressed the group about the use of social media (Twitter, Facebook, Instagram) to quickly get information such as road closings, evacuations, missing persons, and other official announcements out to the public. It can also be used to send out information on fund raising events and fire safety tips. This information can then be picked up by media outlets and relayed to their contact lists to spread the information. Jason offered to come out to different parts of the county to provide 1-2 hours training sessions to groups of fire companies on how to use social media, suggesting that social-media-savvy members attend. Currently, York City, West York Fire Dept., and York Area United Fire & Rescue are using some form of social media.

Vice President Joe Madzelan asked if there were any corrections needed to last month's minutes. Tony Myers made a motion to approve the minutes, John McDonald seconded the motion and the motion carried.

TREASURER: Bob Bowman presented the following report: Beginning Balance: \$2,854.38 with and Ending Balance: \$3,929.61 President Steve Buffington approved the Treasurer's Report as read.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS: John Senft:

The Board met this evening prior to this meeting.

The Board was notified that the funding from the county comes from a discretionary fund that will be reduced across the board in 2013. John noted that the Board has no great concerns about our operating budget for 2013 even with these reductions.

The information for the RACP funding from the state is nearly complete.

The Board also reviewed staff compensation packages for 2013.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Julio Mendez: Thanked all of the fire companies for manning stations during the paging system outage on November 28th.

Erik Brown:

The radio committee approved a designation for Chief/Duty Officer 10 for Stations 22 and 23.

Old Truck 34 will be designated as TK34-2 until it is sold.

Policies for equipment staging are being reviewed.

The dispatch protocols are being put on a back burner until a new radio template is completed and approved. This may happen as early as April.

Joe Madzellan: Joe asked Julio and Erik to look into Rodney Miller's concerns from last month about fire departments not being dispatched to non-injury mass-transit incidents. Julio asked if PSP was on those incidents and agreed to look in to them.

FIRE SCHOOL: Richard Halpin:

49 hours of training last month. For the year, there were 88 classes held with 1264 students attending for a total of 27,588 hours of training.

The Delmar Entry Level transition classes for students continuing the series next year are causing some confusion. Call the fire school if you have any questions. The fire school has computer stations available so that students can take the NIMS 100 and 700 level courses that will be pre-requisites in 2013.

Classes are still being added for 2013, so keep checking the website.

OEM: Tom Graybill: Apparently some of the new ERGs are missing some pages. Please check yours and let him know if you find this in your copies.

HAZ-MAT TEAM: Tom Graybill: We had 5 calls for the month; 55 calls for the year.

YORK COUNTY ATR: John Sanford:

There were 1 call for the month; 27 for the year.

There is a Surface Ice Rescue Level 1 class scheduled for February 9th & 10th of next year and Trench Rescue Awareness, Operations & Technician classes scheduled for May 3rd, 4th & 5th.

FIRE POLICE: Jim Robertson: No report.

RESCUE INSPECTION: Tim Mooney: There are no current inspection requests. There were multiple inspections this year and some companies are coming up on re-inspections next year. Tim asked if anyone has any ideas on revising the rescue specs (add or drop any requirements) to send information to him.

RIT: Joe Madzellan reported that there has been no activity with this committee and a new chairman is needed. If there is no interest, the committee will be disbanded.

FIRE SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Bob Sells: The committee members will be meeting in January.

FIRE PREVENTION: No report.

FUND RAISING: John McDonald: No report and no check from Hoss's yet.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE: Rick Witten: The list that was turned in last month has not changed.

- President: Steve Buffington
- Vice President: Joe Madzellan
- Secretary: Bob Sells
- Treasurer: Bob Bowman
- Board of Governor (2): Tony Myers and Joe Madzellan

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Vice President Joe Madzellan requested a motion to pay the bills. John McDonald made a motion. Richard Halpin seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Joe Madzelan reminded everyone to contact Kim Holtzapple at KLHoltzapple@ycdes.org or 717-840-2941 for information to update CAD boxes.

Joe Madzelan discussed again the dispatch-by-proximity plans. The standards committee is asking each company to identify 5-6 resources for each category and to let CAD pick the remaining units based on availability and location. Tim Mooney asked if the system will pick multiple resources from a single station - noting a staffing concern. Joe responded that he would look into this. Tim requested a presentation from 911 staff to show how the system will work before the Association makes a decision on how to support it.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business.

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

Next month will be the annual meeting dinner at Hellam Fire Company on January 21st starting at 6:15 pm. The meeting will start at 7:00 pm.

Vice President Joe Madzelan adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Recorded,

Robert Sells

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Board Secretary