

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

**330 Emig Road
York, PA 17406**



**Monthly Meeting
3rd Monday**

December 17, 2006

President Skip Rupert called the regular monthly meeting of the York County Fire Chiefs and Firefighters Association to order and led the pledge to the flag. There were thirty-one people in attendance.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as published.

President Rupert asked for a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report Chief Shank made the motion, seconded by John Fornadel. Motion carried.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS: No Report

COMMUNICATIONS: Two Christmas donations were made by Dave Hoffnagle "The Radio Man" in lieu of sending Christmas cards, one to the Association and one to the Fire School. Each received a check for \$50.00 and five tickets for St. Patrick's Church Holiday Cash drawing to be held on December 24th.

RADIO COMMITTEE: No Report

911: Rob Sterner offered to do a 15 minute Power Point presentation at the January Association meeting to give a visual overview of the Emergency Services Center project. He then gave an update on the following aspects of the project:

- Facility
 - 55% - 60% complete, on target for a September 24th completion date.
 - Structural steel work has been completed
 - Currently working on the interior walls, conduits, electrical work.
 - Building under roof January 2007
 - Building enclosed February 2007.
- Radio
 - Custom design review completed with Alcatel, M/ACom, and JG Construction.
 - Microwave acceptance was done in November in Plano, Texas.
 - Shelter acceptance was done in November in New Madrid, Missouri at Kontek Industries.
 - Subscriber equipment numbers have been finalized – getting ready to place the order.
 - Site visits are being conducted for base station installations.
 - FCC is saying that departments must license the base stations individually – the County is looking for a way to simplify the process by possibly doing a group application.
 - Site visits to be completed in the next 30-60 days.
 - Tower site acquisitions are going well, 19 out of 22 have been acquired.

- The 19 sites that have been acquired are the Emergency Services Center, the Long Term Back-up Facility, Ramsey Hill, Iron Ridge, Yocumtown, Spring Grove, Red Lion, Cross Roads, York 89, York 94, Lower Chanceford, Glen Rock, Queen Street, Wrightsville, East Manchester, Dillsburg, Pleasureville, the Judicial Center and Manchester.
 - The three sites remaining are Reesers Summit, Fulton (Drumore Twp Lancaster Co), and Stewartstown.
- CAD
 - Successful Go Live occurred on October 31st.
 - In the process of identifying operational issues which is not unusual with this type of transition.
 - Cindy is working with New World for solutions – many are anticipated for delivery in the early part of January.
 - 44,100 calls taken in CAD to date.
- Upcoming
 - Utilizing members of the radio subcommittee, subscriber fleet mapping will be started.
 - Transition plans for the radio system
 - Transition plans for CAD in the new facility and the back up center.
 - Transition plans for Telephony

Chief Randy Sharp asked when departments would be able to update their run cards in CAD. Cindy stated that Brandy would be writing a policy to break up the County by zone and establish specific time frames and criteria for submissions. Currently the data staff is doing quality assurance on the run cards that have been entered and fixing those errors first.

FIRE SCHOOL: Carl Avery, Program Coordinator, submitted the following report.

Hours of use:

- From November 14th through December 12 the Fire School's facilities were in use for 127.5 Hours
- The uses included EMT Classes, Entry Level program classes, Haz Mat Awareness, Fire Fighter I prep class, Station 23's ELEF class, Station 25 – pump pit, Mobile Interoperability communications demonstration and others

The ENTRY LEVEL (New Essentials) Program:

- The Fire School is pleased to announce that we will be running the fourth installment of the Entry Level program in Beginning in February of 2007 (Primarily on Monday and Wednesday evenings). The lead instructor for ELIF program will be David Nichols. Due to some scheduling issues with preexisting classes and the instructor's availability, some classes will be held at Station 24. These will be evening classes and will meet during the week. **(Tentative Start date is 2-26-06). We anticipate a fee of 25.00 (possibly more now that an ambulance is required on stand-by)**
- **Our next Entry Level Series will begin in January, with the Introduction course (ELIF) being held on Sunday January 14 and 21, 2007, between 0800 and 1700**
 - Application packages for the Entry Level program have been sent to every station
 - **As of Today we have 13 persons pre-registered!**
- If you have any questions about the new **ENTRY LEVEL (Essentials) Program** (Series of Classes) please feel free to E-mail or call the Office at 717-767-4097

Mason-Dixon Extrication Challenge:

- Next meeting of the organizing committee is January 22, 2007 @ 18:30 Hours at Station 23, If you are interested in participating in this work group please contact Tim Stevens @ tstevens@waltonco.com or Carl Avery @ YorkCoFireSchool@aol.com
- We already have members from Union Fire Company, Glen Rock Hose and Ladder and Volunteers from York City Fire and Rescue Services who are participating
- The amateur radio group R A C E S has join our project
- We can use more – Hope to see you there!
- Our goal is to expand and enhance this years event

Structural Burn Sessions:

- The repair work for the existing burn building is reportedly going out to bid soon. Further SBS Classes will be on hold till we have a facility that we can burn in

Firefighter I Testing:

- The Fire School worked with Dover Twp Fire Department and West Manchester Twp. FD. and BUCKS Public Safety Training Center to conduct a Firefighter I test at the York the County Fire School. It concluded this weekend with 16 candidates taking the Test.
- **The Fire School eagerly seeks another Fire Company (partner) to work with for a 2007 Firefighter I test.**

NFPA 1006, Standard for Professional Rescue Technician, Machinery/Vehicle Review Course and Test:

- At issue is Equipment needed to take the test and conduct review classes, We are looking at both HACC and BUCKS along with cooperation from the ATR team
- The targeted time frame will be this summer
- Your Fire School has a copy of the skill Station evaluations that will be conducted during this test.
- Details are as of yet to be worked out with the Community College for exact time and dates of this program in 2007

Fire Officer I:

- The Fire School is in the process of working the State Fire Academy to bring the Academy On The Road (AOTR) Fire Officer I class and certification to YCFS this Fall.
- Candidates for this program must have the following certification
 - Firefighter I
 - Firefighter II
 - Fire Instructor I
- We will schedule a class for Fire Instructor I for this of you who could not take advantage of the recent Education Methodology classes held at the Fire School

Program Support and Maintenance:

- **Routinely checked Class room building for trash and readiness for classes, Routinely checked Grounds for debris, trash and general readiness of facilities, Routine sampling of pond for DEP compliance, Winterized Bathroom at Ladder Shed, Replaced Light bulb at Entrance to property, Cleaned and Maintained Extrication Area, Assisted our Consumer group by facilitating communications from the Fire School while Coordinator Avery was at NFA, prepped building for floor maintenance, repaired roof simulator, worked with Ken Sheffer, made sure we had Cars for Evolutions Etc.**

Current and Future Schedule:

- The 2006 schedule is available online at our web site www.YorkCountyFireSchool.org just click on the [Click Here to See Available Classes](#) link on the home page.
- The 2007 Schedule is currently being worked on. We have PROVISIONAL SCHEDULES FOR 2007 but there will be some additional classes that the date have yet to be confirmed
 - These classes include but are not limited to:
 - Engine Company Ops
 - Ladder Company Ops
 - Fire Instructor I
 - The Fall BVR Series
 - The Fall Entry Level Series
 - 1006 Certification Prep Class
 - AOTR Fire Officer I
- We hope to add classes supporting the NFPA 1006 Curriculum and Test as well as Fire Officer Training

Upcoming Courses: - Please refer to the provisional calendars on the table. Courses are still being added for 2007, the Fire School will mail out completed calendars early in January. Be sure to check out the website for the latest Updates www.YorkCountyFireSchool.org

Chief Cadden asked why certain course offerings were always listed with one specific instructor. He said he believed that the members would like to see more of a variety when it came to instructors. Carl stated that it does not seem to make a difference who the instructors are – he has had to cancel classes regardless. He said his door is always open for suggestions on other presenters. Chief Cromer stated it was not the school's job to get instructors. Discussion followed.

YORK COUNTY ATR: Chief Cadden said the team is working on Ice Rescue Certifications for Surface Ice Rescues. He also reminded everyone to call for the team early if you think they will be needed.

OEM: Tom Graybill said that the dedication of the new Hazmat vehicle will be at the end of January

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Rob Bissey reports candidates on the ballot for all offices, but still looking for/taking additional nominations.

FIRE POLICE: Jim Robertson reported that new officers were elected and would be sworn in at the January meeting. A discussion took place at their meeting regarding reimbursing fire police officers two gallons of gas per call. They will be discussing this further in the future.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- President Rupert asked for a motion to pay the bills. Motion to pay the bills by Commissioner Roth second by John Fornadel. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Chief Shank reported tomorrow at noon he would be receiving 7000 gallons of foam. Kinsley Construction has agreed to store the foam for six months. The foam comes packaged in three fifty-five gallon drums on a skid. He said the Avian Task Force may assist in obtaining a trailer. Anyone with any ideas should contact Chief Shank.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

- President Rupert said that Long & Foster Realty left packets for anyone interested. They are offering a special program for Firefighters, Police, and EMT's.
- Carl said for those interested there is a Memorial Project update on the back table, provided by Eric Tome of Boy Scout Troop #9.
- President Rupert said he brought a mechanically deployed airbag found in the new 2007 Volvos for anyone interested to see.
- Chief Mellinger reported that Station 42 would be hosting training with a collapse trailer. He extended an open invitation for all to attend with the permission from their Department Chief. They will be using Power Hawk Rescue Tools. Pamphlets on the training are available on the back table.
 - January 13th and 14th from 0800-1700 there will be Fire Police Training at Station 42.
 - March 31st from 0800-1700 there will be Advanced Fire Police Training at Station 38.

Motion to adjourn by Bob Bowman, second by John Fornadel. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for 7:30 pm on Monday, January 15, 2007 at the Hellam Fire Company. This is the annual meeting, election of officers will be held, and dinner will be provided.

Sincerely,

Cindy A. Dietz

Cindy A. Dietz, Secretary