

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

**330 Emig Road
York, PA 17406**



**Monthly Meeting
3rd Monday**

December 19th, 2011

President Richard Shank called the monthly meeting of the York County Fire Chiefs and Firefighters Association to order and led the pledge to the flag and a moment of silence. Thirty three people were in attendance.

Prior to the meeting, Perry Pierich from HACC spoke about the upcoming 2012 year, and HACC will begin charging for all of their Local Level Training classes. The prices vary from one class to another. A Haz-Mat class would cost \$80 whereas a Structural Burn class will cost \$500.

Tony Salonga from Motorola spoke about the Motorola radios options that are available and compatible to our P-25 system in the County. He can be reached at: 717-471-0477 or at: Tonysalonga@motorolasolutions.com

President Richard Shank approved the minutes as published.

Bob Bowman presented the balances of the treasurer's report.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS: Chief John Senft: The Board met this evening prior to this meeting. We discussed our current financial standings. We are still waiting to receive our written confirmation from the County that we will be receiving funding from the County through next year, with a small increase from last year. The Board met in an Executive Session to discuss staff and personnel matters.

COMMUNICATIONS: Erik Brown was not present, but presented the following report:

Contact Erik Brown at: ptfdbadge2@comcast.net if your department would like to sponsor a training involving the new radio protocols. They are looking for some department to participate.

We did not have a radio committee meeting in December because of the holiday and nothing on the agenda.

I'm pleased to announce that the new radio protocol received approval from the county policy board (today) with the exception of re-working some protocol stuff for the integration of the fire police. We hope to have that completely finished in the beginning of January. Please announce and ask at the meeting that we are looking for departments across the county to host training classes to roll out the new protocol. Any station that is willing to do that, please contact me (prefer email) and we'd like to start scheduling in February. They will be evening classes, run from approximately 7PM to 9PM. 9:30 at the latest. (I will be able to provide additional information at the January Chief's Meeting)

General reminders from the supervisors/dispatchers:

1. When command is established, please use the command name when calling county on the radio. Do not just say "Command to York" With other incidents going on in the county, it becomes confusing at time.
2. Only 1 Officer (duty officer) should be checking up on the radio responding. Not every Chief or officer should be calling responding on the radio. This is getting very bad again!

3. Each unit should be calling responding on their HOME ops channel. Even if you know a working ops channel is being assigned, you still need to call out on the HOME ops channel and let the dispatcher assign you to that channel. DO NOT just come up on the air on the working ops channel.

4. Remember after each call to return your radio back to your HOME ops channel or dispatch channel. (whichever you or your department uses) Some departments are missing information and calls because they forget to do that after the last call they were just on. (Radio discipline)

I received one complaint from Pleasant Hill (Station 52) regarding a radio issue where they had a call involving Carroll County units and Adams County units and the system locked up again. This happened last year for them as well and it was repaired and thoroughly tested. Apparently it happened again. I'm following up with Chief Clouser on the cause and the repair for that situation.

911: Julio: No Report

FIRE SCHOOL: Administrator Richard Halpin: We had 196 hours of training conducted at the school last month. We are working on scheduling classes for 2012. Check back often, as we are working on putting classes on the website often. We do have another Introduction the Fire Service class scheduled for January for any that may have missed out on the last one we just offered. In June, SAVER will be here doing an evaluation on rotary saws. There are two website from the Department of Homeland Security that offer some good information: www.rkb.us/saver/ and www.techsolutions.dhs.gov

OEM: Tom Graybill: Jim Welty said there is no over bridge test. We want to say thank you for all of your assistance during the recent months. We also want to wish everyone a Happy Holiday.

HAZ-MAT TEAM: Tom Graybill: We had 1 call for the month. We have had 34 calls total for the year.

YORK COUNTY ATR: Chief John Sanford: We had 2 calls for the month. For the year, we have had 64 calls. The first call was a vehicle into a structure. The second was an elevator rescue with Sta. 89. We got to tour the ES3 facility. We are in the preliminary stages of creating a Child Abduction Task Force.

FIRE POLICE: Jim Robertson We had our elections last month.

RESCUE INSPECTION: Deputy Tim Mooney: No Report

RIT: Chief Joe Yahnke: No Report

FIRE SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Bob Sells: No Report

NOMINATION COMMITTEE: Chairman: Joe Madzellan, Ron Witmer, Steve Tawney, and Brad Bunham. If anyone is interested in running for an office, please see one of the committee members to be put on the ballot. Currently, we have the following nominations: President: Steve Buffington, Vice President: Joe Madzellan, Secretary: Bill Carlisle (I) & Bob Sells, Treasurer: Bob Bowman, Board of Governor: Barry Meyers (I).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Motion was made to pay the bills. 1st: Tony Myers 2nd: Steve Buffington Motion Passed

A motion was made move the meeting start time from 7:30 to now 7:00. 1st: Steve Tawney 2nd: Joe Stevens

Brad Dunham stated that last month we heard from Dave MacVeigh about wanting to be called out during any suspected Arson case. Brad stated Dave is a good guy; he just wants to see and learn everything he can about fire.

NEW BUSINESS:

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

Chief Steve Buffington stated that he has numerous smoke detectors that were given to his department as part of the ABC 27 Smoke Detector grant. If some departments are interested in them, you can pick them up at the office. The catch, you must install them in your community, not just hand them out to the home owners. Ask for Chief Rose at: 717-854-3921 if you are interested.

Next month's monthly meeting is scheduled for 7:00 pm on Monday, January 16th, 2012, at Hellam Fire Co. Sta. 21. Dinner will be ready at 6:00.

Motion was made by Bob Bowman to adjourn the meeting. 2nd: Steve Buffington Motion Passed

Sincerely,

Heather Grove

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Recording Secretary