

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

330 Emig Road  
York, PA 17406



Monthly Meeting  
3<sup>rd</sup> Monday

## Monthly Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2014

### **CALL TO ORDER (President Steve Buffington)**

President Steve Buffington called the monthly meeting of the York County Fire Chiefs and Firefighters Association to order at 19:05. The call to order was followed by a pledge to the flag and a moment of silence. 35 people were in attendance.

President Buffington thanked the members of Hellam Fire Co. for hosting the annual meeting and providing a delicious meal. Hellam Vice President Dave Cox welcomed everyone in attendance.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

Representatives for the Can-Am Games gave an update and requested support for competitors and volunteers. Merchandise was available for sale and on the website.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

President Buffington 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: \$9,888.10 with an Ending Balance: \$7,987.45. With no comments, President Buffington approved the Treasurer's Report as read.

#### **Elections (Steve Buffington)**

President Buffington reminded all in attendance that the Nominating Committee last month recommended the same slate of officers for the election ballot. President Buffington asked if anyone in attendance would be casting any write-in ballots. Receiving no response, he directed the Secretary to cast the single ballot re-electing the following officers:

President – Steve Buffington  
Vice President – Joe Madzellan  
Secretary – Bob Sells  
Treasurer – Bob Bowman  
Governors (2014-2016) – John Senft and John Sanford

**Board of Governors (John Senft):** The Board met this evening prior to this meeting and discussed the following: Bonus compensation, modular building progress, and policy changes.

John reported that the County Commissioners have approved a \$274,500 allocation for the Fire School for 2014. This is the same amount as last year. The County Commissioners have funded the Fire School every year since 1978.

**Fire School Administrator (Richard Halpin):**

December Fire School Training: 108 hours.

New classes are being posted on the website.

The Association's flag was torn at Corey Haley's memorial and is in the process of being replaced using a \$600 donation. A \$500 donation was received and forwarded for Corey's headstone.

The new Essentials books are now available for \$60.

An emergency services memorial is being planned for Prospect Hill Cemetery.

VFIS classes are being added to the Fire School calendar. They start in February and will be offered every other month.

**OTHER AGENCY REPORTS**

**911 Center/YCDES:**

Scott Keener handed out a summary of the new LID configuration system.

**PA State Police:**

On behalf of Brad Dunham, Joe Madzellan reminded the group that red/blue light lists are due February 15<sup>th</sup>. Brad asked him to pass along that there will be no more reminders after that date.

**ATR (John Sanford):**

The ATR team had 1 call for the month, a water rescue; and 47 calls for the year.

There was a miscommunication on a recent structural collapse call. John reminded everyone that you can request just an ATR duty officer to respond to assess a structural collapse situation.

**Haz-Mat (Tom Graybill):**

Not present

**Fire Police (Jim Robertson):**

Rosters and dues notices were sent out and are due in March or the company will lose voting rights.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Radio/Communications (Joe Madzellan):**

Unit designation requirements were approved by the radio committee. Copies of the requirements were handed out (see attachment) and Joe addressed questions. He asked that additional comments be sent to him for consideration. The hope is to approve the requirements at next month's meeting and then get YCDES's backing for enforcement.

ATV radio designations have been approved. They must be owned by the organization requesting the designation and be available year-round for response. The unit and its prime mover must report responding together. Companies should submit a unit designation request to be added as a resource.

John McDonald asked about the RIT designation and knowing that qualified personnel with appropriate equipment are being dispatched. Joe noted that stations who do have qualified personnel or equipment are to contact YCDES to be removed from that resource list. Some companies have done this already.

The Public Safety Advisory Board has approved standard verbiage for placing units available. Joe will email the policy to the Association members. Discussion followed on what happens if a unit does not report Station Available. Tony Myers suggested an "Available" status check over the radio after 1 hour. If the unit does not respond, then the station duty officer should be paged to follow up. This suggestion received approval from the group. Joe Madzellan will carry this idea forward.

Remember to submit trouble tickets for dispatch issues – YCDES does follow up on these. A lot of times these items go to improve dispatcher training. “If you don’t report it, it didn’t happen.”

There was discussion on dispatchers asking Incident Commanders about replacing failed units before automatically replacing them. Joe noted that this is done sometimes based on initial size-up reports that the dispatcher hears, but that this is inconsistent. Joe will take this concern to YCDES.

A question was asked on the status of removing PD units from pages. Joe reported that the New World fix that was put in at the end of the year did not work and they are still working on this and other items.

There was discussion on when cancel pages are supposed to be sent out. Joe noted that current policy is to send cancel pages only when dispatched units are still enroute and not after all units have reported on scene. If this is not happening, submit a trouble ticket.

### **Fire School Committee (Bob Sells):**

The revised Structural Burn Building Usage Manual to allow multiple evolutions, smaller RIT crew sizes, and other minor changes was approved by the Board of Governors. The revised manual will be emailed to all Association members and posted on the Fire School website.

### **Fire Prevention (Steve Tawney):**

Not present

### **Fundraising (John McDonald):**

John reported that he is unable to contact his committee. President Buffington noted that help is needed for our committees to fulfill some of the things that we are expected to do and asked people to volunteer to help.

### **Rescue Inspection (Tim Mooney):**

Rescues 61, 38 and 34 have been re-certified. Tim noted that a unit does not have to be a rescue to be certified as a rescue resource – it could be a truck with the proper equipment. If you are interested in doing this, contact Tim at [tmooney4@comcast.net](mailto:tmooney4@comcast.net). Additional decals have been ordered.

The committee is looking to revise the equipment list. Send any comments on the current list to Tim.

### **Bylaws (Bob Sells):**

The committee is meeting next week to review the final draft of the revised bylaws.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

President Buffington asked for a motion to pay the bills. Tony Myers made a motion. Tim Mooney seconded the motion and the motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Joe Madzellan made a motion to issue the Minimum Unit Type Definitions and Minimum Requirements for review and vote for approval at the next Association meeting. Richard Halpin seconded the motion and the motion carried.

### **REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:**

Rick Shank reported that Chuck Noll is retiring this year and suggested that he be recognized with some sort of plaque for his support of the fire service in York County. John Senft responded that Chuck was invited to attend tonight’s meeting, but had a family engagement. Mike Waugh was also invited. John also reported that recognition gifts are in the works and we will try to get both gentlemen to the April meeting.

President Buffington noted that a host company is still needed for the April meeting. Contact him or Bob Sells if you are able to host.

Joe Madzellan gave an update on the radio equipment replacement noting that there is a lot of misinformation going around. He, Steve Buffington, and Rick Shank did meet with Eric Bistline recently to stay involved with the project.

The next meeting will be February 17, 2014 at 19:00 at the Fire School.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Buffington adjourned the meeting at 20:43.

Respectfully Recorded,

*Robert Sells*

Robert Sells  
Board Secretary

# York County Fire Chiefs & Firefighters Association

## **Minimum Unit Type Definitions and Minimum Requirements:**

### **Engine**

- Pump: ≥ 1000 gpm
- Water Tank: ≥ 300 gal
- Hose: minimum 800' of 2 1/2" or larger
- Hose: minimum 400' of 1 1/2", 1 3/4", or 2"
- Ladders: (1) Extension, (1) Roof, (1) Attic or Combination
- SCBA: (1) per seating position, with spare cylinders
- Tools: (1) Flathead axe, (1) pick head axe, (2) prying tools, (1) hooks

### **Truck**

- Aerial ladder or platform ≥ 75' or greater (must be certified)
- Ladders: minimum 115', including at least (2) extension, (2) roof, (1) Attic or Combination
- SCBA: (1) per seating position, with spare cylinders
- Tools: (2) Flathead axe, (2) pick head axe, (2) prying tools, (2) hooks, Powered saw (chain or demo)
- Ventilation Fan (positive or negative pressure)
- Ladder Belts: (4)

### **Tanker**

- Water Tank: ≥ 1500 gal
- Quick dump (gravity or jet-assist, direct discharge from tank)

### **Rescue**

- Must comply with the requirements for Rescue established by the Rescue Committee

### **Heavy Rescue – \*Unit Type designation only**

- Must comply with the requirements for Heavy Rescue established by the Rescue Committee
- Should check both Rescue **AND** Heavy Rescue Unit Types

### **Brush**

- Pump: ≥ 100 gpm (powered by a separate motor)
- Water Tank: ≥ 100 gallons

### **Attack – \*Unit Radio designation only**

- Pump: ≥ 300 gpm
- Pump: must be Apparatus-powered, i.e. PTO, mid-ship, etc.
- Make sure Unit Type "Brush" is also selected if desired to be requested as such
- If unit meets all requirements for Engine, consider requesting Radio designation "Engine" instead

### **Air**

- Mobile air supply/SCBA cylinder refill capability

### **Service or Utility – \*Unit Radio designation only**

- Any vehicle designed for fire ground support purposes, not otherwise classified

### **Car – \*Unit Radio designation only**

- Any vehicle designed primarily for personnel transport

### **Traffic**

- Meets requirements established for traffic control units by York County Fire Police Assn.