

# 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

February 17, 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 19:00. The call to order was followed by a pledge to the flag and a moment of silence. 33 people were in attendance.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

None requested

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

President Buffington asked if there were any corrections to last month's minutes. Bob Sells noted that a word was missed in the discussion on RIT qualifications. The statement should have read: "John McDonald asked about the RIT designation and knowing that qualified personnel with appropriate equipment are being dispatched. Joe noted that stations who do **not** have qualified personnel or equipment are to contact YCDES to be removed from that resource list. Some companies have done this already."

### **REPORTS**

#### **Treasurer (Bob Bowman):**

Treasurer Bob Bowman presented the following report: Beginning Balance: \$7,987.45 with an Ending Balance: \$16,875.00. With no comments, President Buffington approved the Treasurer's Report as read.

**Board of Governors (John Senft):** The Board met this evening prior to this meeting and discussed the following:

- Design and installation of the modular building.
- Approval to request a schematic design proposal for an addition to the burn building.
- Request to develop a fire school closing policy for employees.

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

January Fire School Training: 140 hours. February will be busier.

The canceled VFIS class is rescheduled for March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **OTHER AGENCY REPORTS**

#### **911 Center/YCDES (Julio Mendez):**

Recent CAD fixes include adding special units into response plans and adding additional units.

CAD message searches have been improved by adding RAM to the system to address memory problems.

There was a paging failure on January 24<sup>th</sup> due to both the main and backup servers going down. The main server has been repaired, but the backup is still not fixed. They are working on it.

**PA State Police (Brad Dunham):**

Not present

**ATR (John Sanford):**

The ATR team had 7 calls for the month, vehicle into a structure, water/ice, and confined space.

The ice rescue class was held over the past weekend.

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

The Haz-Mat team had 5 calls for the month; 8 calls for the year.

**Fire Police (Jim Robertson):**

New officers have been elected and the list will be sent out soon.

The group is trying to get speakers to come to meetings.

March is the due date for membership dues and rosters.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Reminder that ATVs are now approved for radio designations.

This month's meeting was postponed due to a snow storm.

Joe, Steve Buffington, and Rick Shank attended a County Commissioner's meeting on the radio system upgrades. The Commissioners are still supporting the project.

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

No report

**Fire Prevention (Steve Tawney):**

Not present

**Fundraising (John McDonald):**

Not present

**Rescue Inspection (Tim Mooney):**

Not present

**RIT Committee (Chad Livelsberger):**

Not present

**By-Laws (Bob Sells):**

The last scheduled meeting to review and approve the draft bylaws was rescheduled to March 6<sup>th</sup> due to a snow storm.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

President Buffington asked for a motion to pay the bills. Joe Yahnke made a motion. Jim Robertson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

There was a unit designation and requirements policy presented last month for consideration and vote this month. Joe Madzelan reviewed the requirements again. There were concerns about the requirements to carry and SCBA for every seat in the units, particularly for units with flip-down seats without mounted SCBA. There was also some discussion on the next step of inspection, enforcement of the policy, and YCDES resource list updates (should the Chief's Association take this over to update and maintain?). Joe Madzelan made a motion to approve the policy with an amendment to remove the hand tools and SCBA (loose equipment) requirements. John Senft seconded the motion. The motion was put to a vote and approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Joe Madzelan noted that Steve Tawney, chairman of the Fire Prevention Committee, is no longer Fire Chief or coming to Association meetings. The BOG will need to address committees at their next meeting.

Joe Yahnke asked in York 911's 20 minute timer on structure fire call could be changed to 10 minutes. Discussion followed on when to start the timer. The consensus of the group agreed that an announcement should be made to Command 20 minutes after the time the call was received and also every 10 minutes after the first fire apparatus arrives on scene. Joe Madzelan will investigate with YCDES and see what the options are for doing this.

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

Barry Myers reported that there was a mistake in the 2% loan program legislation. The \$200K limit for rescues was supposed to be \$300K. The legislature is looking to correct this.

The next meeting will be March 17, 2014 at 19:00 at the Fire School. Yorkana had offered to host the April meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Buffington adjourned the meeting at 19:55.

Respectfully Recorded,

*Robert Sells*

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Board Secretary