

# 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

September 15, 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 19:01. The call to order was followed by a pledge to the flag and a moment of silence. 27 people were in attendance.

### **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: \$7,952.85 with an Ending Balance: \$1,706.81. 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:

The Association is financially solvent with a positive cash flow.

We are in talks with the County Commissioners on the 2015 budget.

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

The 9-11 Memorial Ceremony was held yesterday at Prospect Hill Cemetery, They read the Court of Valor role call and unveiled the plans for the Safekeepers Shrine. Any firefighters buried at Prospect Hill or Greenmount cemeteries will be honored with flags on their graves during Fire Prevention Week.

There were 6 no-shows for the BVRA class so there are now openings in the BVRO and BVRT classes.

There are 18 firefighters registered for the FF1 test.

Fire Prevention Week posters are available for pickup.

Subscription letters for 2015 are available for pickup tonight or will be mailed. There are no fee changes for 2015.

### **OTHER AGENCY REPORTS**

#### **911 Center/YCDES (Tim Follinger):**

The radio project is ongoing. Detailed information is available on the YCDES website.

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

No report

**ATR (John Sanford):**

The ATR team had 1 call for the month; a structural collapse; 28 calls for the year.

**OEM (Tom Graybill):**

No report

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

The Haz-Mat team had 5 calls for the month; 2 standbys, 1 response, and 2 duty officer; 26 calls for the year.

**Fire Police (Jim Robertson):**

There 40 members from 39 companies at the last meeting. The next meeting is in Stewartstown.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Radio/Communications (Tony Myers):**

The committee met with New World and YCDES representatives last month. There is a meeting on Sept. 17 to discuss the status (including the multiple pages issues). The committee and YCDES are doing their best to get it fixed.

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

The committee is pretty well set and a meeting will be scheduled soon. The ELFF lead instructors are working on dates for the ELFF series next year.

**Fire Prevention (Steve Tawney):**

Not present.

**Fundraising (John McDonald):**

No report

**Rescue Inspection (Tony Myers):**

The rescue committee has revised the rescue specs. The updated specs are based on the revised PA-DOH specs with some modifications relevant to York County. The draft was sent out to the Association previously and Tony asked if there were any questions. Questions on the meaning of the numbers in parentheses and the numbers/types of spreaders, cutters and combi-tools were asked and answered. If a rescue is currently certified by the state for Operations, it will qualify for York Co. Standard Rescue with proof of certification (copy of certificate and letter). The same applies for state-certified Advanced being the same as York Co. Heavy Rescue. The proposed standard will be brought up for vote at the next Association meeting.

**RIT Committee (Brian Widmayer)**

A letter regarding participation in the RIT program designation has been sent to all Association members.

**Public Safety Policy Board (Steve Buffington):**

No report

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Brian Widmayer noted that he sent an email to Joe Madzellan regarding the "Station Available" requirement for safety and accountability. Specifically, if it is important for apparatus, why not Chiefs and Duty Officers to make sure that they have returned safely? Tony Myers responded that 911 does check on EMS and explained the CAD function and safety concerns. Chiefs and Duty Officers are not currently tracked the same way and the Association needs to decide if they want that done.

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

None

The next meeting will be October 20, 2104 at 19:00 at Shiloh Fire Co. Sta. 2. Dinner will be served at 18:15.

**Post-Meeting Note: Due to the Mike Waugh Memorial service scheduled for October 20th, the monthly Association meeting is re-scheduled for October 27th at Shiloh Fire Co. Sta. 2. Dinner will be served at 18:15.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Buffington adjourned the meeting at 19:54.

Respectfully Recorded,

*Robert Sells*

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Board Secretary