

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

330 Emig Road
York, PA 17406



Monthly Meeting
3rd Monday

Monthly Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2015

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 19:23. The call to order was followed by a pledge to the flag and a moment of silence. 32 people were in attendance.

A representative of Hallam Fire Co. welcomed the Association to their station. President Buffington thanked the fire company for their hospitality and the meal.

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: \$4,465.30 with an Ending Balance: \$2,746.28. 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 in November recommended the same slate of officers plus Joe Hildebrand for Vice President for the election ballot.

President – Steve Buffington
Vice President – Joe Hildebrand
Secretary – Bob Sells
Treasurer – Bob Bowman
Governor (2015-2017) – Barry Myers

President Buffington asked office-by-office if there were any additional nominations. Hearing none, John McDonald made a motion to have the Secretary cast the ballot as listed for elections. The motion was approved.

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

Operating expenses / fire school projects

The Association received written confirmation of the County Commissioners allocation of \$300,000 for 2015. The Commissioners have provided funding to the Fire School every year since 1978.

Fire School Administrator (Richard Halpin):

December Fire School Training: 179 hours / 72 for fire school classes.

52 annual training subscriptions have been received. 6 are from Adams County, 2 from Cumberland, and 1 from Dauphin.

All company-level requests to use the facilities required that insurance certificates be on file. If not, the requests will be held until the certificates are received.

The Fall ELFF series will be a weekend-only series. Because of scheduling, the prerequisite haz-mat classes will be weekends in August; before the FF series starts.

A Facilitator class is scheduled for March 1 at 09:00. Information is on the website.

OTHER AGENCY REPORTS

911 Center/YCDES (Eric Bistline):

Not present

PA State Police (Brad Dunham):

February 15th is the deadline for the red-blue light lists. Presentations on the red-blue light requirements are being scheduled regionally; both day and evening classes.

ATR (Tony Myers):

The ATR team had 1 call for the month; and 35 calls for the year.

Be aware of the potential for ice rescues with the cold weather.

Trench Rescue Weekend is May 1, 2, 3.

Haz-Mat/EMA (Tom Graybill):

The Haz-Mat team had 51 calls for 2014 and 9 calls so far this year.

Fire Police (Jim Robertson):

No report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Radio/Communications (Joe Madzellan):

Julio Mendez has resigned from 9-1-1. Joe has requested a meeting with Eric Bistline to talk about how the vacancy will be filled.

Fire School Committee (Bob Sells):

The committee met this month and discussed the following projects: SBB addition / EMTs for SBS classes / use of modular building during burns / drill tower upgrades / ladder testing / training props / longer range projects. Some topics were presented to the Board for approval to move forward.

Fire Prevention (XXX):

Steve Buffington noted that we need to fill this standing committee as part of our bylaws and requested volunteers. He asked those in attendance if there are other members at their companies who may be interested in serving on the committee or offering ideas.

Brad Dunham commented that previous committee members have asked for direction from the Board on their expectations and were given none. Ideas for activities with costs were given to the Board and were shot down and not given funding. He requested that the next group of committee members be given direction and funding to do the job.

Fundraising (John McDonald):

The 50/50 winner donated the winnings back to the Association. John is working on a Buffalo Wild Wings fundraiser.

Rescue Inspection (Tony Myers):

36 rescues are listed with York. 16 have been certified, 8 are in process, 5 have requested to be renewed, and 7 units are still in limbo.

RIT Committee (Chad Levelsberger)

Not present

Public Safety Policy Board (Steve Buffington):

No report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Joe Hammers reported that the county fire police association has acquired traffic control equipment through the SCTF/DHS for use on I83 and Rte 30 through York County. Joe requested that chiefs whose companies respond for traffic control on these roads contact him so that he can distribute this equipment.

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

President Buffington noted his displeasure with the number of people attending the meetings. He asked that everyone in attendance be an ambassador and tell their neighboring companies that we need their attendance to be effective. He plans on sending a letter to companies explaining our needs and expectations.

John Senft noted that at 12:01 after the governor's inauguration, Tim Solobay will be the new PA State Fire Commissioner.

Tony Myers made a motion to have the Association order a plaque thanking Ed Mann for his service as PA State Fire Commissioner and focus on firefighter safety. John McDonald seconded the motion and the motion carried. Tony will offered to come up with a design for the plaque and get it made.

The next meeting will be February 16, 2015 at 19:00 at the Fire School.

ADJOURNMENT

President Buffington adjourned the meeting at 19:50.

Respectfully Recorded,

Robert Sells

Robert Sells
Board Secretary