

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

330 Emig Road
York, PA 17406



Monthly Meeting
3rd Monday

Monthly Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2015

PRESENTATIONS

Prospect Hill Cemetery / Jack Sommers – The Safekeepers Shrine is in the process of being built. Spread the word about the shrine, fundraising needs, and the dedication on September 13th. Contact Jane at the Prospect Hill Cemetery office (717-843-8006) if you are willing to post fundraising displays at your fire station.

Old Fire Farts / Bob Straw – Upcoming events, activities and membership benefits were reviewed. Information is available on their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/oldfirefarts/>

The Art of Firemanship Days / Brian Bastinelli – 2 days of training sponsored by the Harrisburg Bureau of Fire at the PA Farm Show Complex on May 15th & 16th. Information is available at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Art-of-Firemanship-Days/316256885251971>

Verizon / Daniel Barker & Andrew Fusco – Gave presentation on tablets and hot spot capabilities for fire departments

American Lung Association / Bob Sells on behalf of Monica Helt – The Fight for Air Climb/Battle of the Badges is scheduled for April 26th at Hersheypark Stadium. Fire companies are invited to compete. Information is available at www.lunginfo.org/stadiumclimb.

Food was provided by Mission BBQ.

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 19:37. The call to order was followed by a pledge to the flag and a moment of silence. 29 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: \$26,085.69 with an Ending Balance: \$6,619.71. With no comments, President Buffington approved the Treasurer's Report as read.

Board of Governors (John Senft):

A work session was held on March 3rd to discuss the RACP grant and capital improvements.

The Board met this evening prior to this meeting and discussed the following: capital projects funding / line of credit / bylaws revisions.

Fire School Administrator (Richard Halpin):

February Fire School Training: 138 hours / 52 for fire school classes.

Only 2 classes were canceled due to snow.

Get your date requests in for use of the burn building. Remember that the school must have your insurance information.

New projects are being looked at.

OTHER AGENCY REPORTS

911 Center/YCDES (Tim XXX):

A system upgrade is being planned for March 29th and 9-1-1 will be operating under Phase 1 Emergency Condition from the backup site. Announcements will be sent out in advance.

Factory-acceptance testing of the new radio system is starting.

PA State Police (Brad Dunham):

The last scheduled red light/blue light presentation is Tuesday night. One more will be scheduled for Adams County.

Interstate closure meetings will be scheduled.

ATR (John Sanford):

The ATR team had 4 calls for the month, all structural collapse. 6 calls for the year.

Trench Weekend is scheduled for May 1-3.

EMA/Haz-Mat (Tom Graybill/Ray Kinsey):

The Haz-Mat team had 5 calls for the month; and 24 calls for the year.

A TMI drill is scheduled for April 14th.

Fire Police (Jim Robertson):

The new officers were sworn in and the association is financially sound.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Radio/Communications (Joe Madzellan):

The 9-1-1 Director position was advertised and only 1 application was received. A wider advertisement net will be cast.

Fire School Committee (Bob Sells):

No report.

Fundraising (John McDonald):

Not present.

Rescue Inspection (Tony Myers):

Inspections are just about done. 3 more rescues will be inspected this week. 2 of the rescues will be state-certified.

RIT Committee (Chad Livelsberger/Brian Widmayer)

Not present.

Accountability Committee (John Livingston)

A meeting was held last month. Any recommendations will be held off until available systems are reviewed at FDIC.

Public Safety Policy Board (Steve Buffington):

Nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

President Buffington asked for a motion to pay the bills. John Sanford made a motion. Rick Witten seconded the motion and the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tony Myers made a motion for the Association to purchase an engraved paver for the Safekeepers Shrine. Joe Madzellan seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Joe Hammers asked for chief's to bring their opinions to next month's meeting on certifying traffic units. Steve Buffington noted that the fire police association should propose a policy for the Chief's Association to consider.

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

The next meeting will be April 20, 2015 at 19:00 at **Fairview Fire Station #1, 340 Lewisberry Road, New Cumberland, PA, 17070 (off exit 39, at end of ramp turn right).**

ADJOURNMENT

President Buffington adjourned the meeting at 19:52.

Respectfully Recorded,

Robert Sells

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Board Secretary