

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

330 Emig Road
York, PA 17406



Monthly Meeting
3rd Monday

Monthly Meeting Minutes

July 20, 2015

CALL TO ORDER (Vice President Joe Hildebrand)

Vice President Joe Hildebrand called the monthly meeting of the York County Fire Chiefs and Firefighters Association to order at 19:07. The call to order was followed by a pledge to the flag and a moment of silence. 23 people were in attendance.

Chief Walker of Stewartstown Fire Co. welcomed the Association to their station. Vice President Hildebrand thanked the fire company for their hospitality and the meal.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice President Hildebrand 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: \$5,947.67 with an Ending Balance: \$5,548.60. With no comments, Vice President Hildebrand 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:

Facility improvements / financials / possible revenue sources

Fire School Administrator (Richard Halpin):

June Fire School Training: 195.5 hours / 120 for fire school classes.

The Fire Fighter 1 test is August 28th and 29th.

The signup sheets for Fire Prevention Posters (15 per tube) will be available at the August meeting. If you prefer, call or email us and will add it to the sheet. They will be available for distribution at the September meeting.

August 20th meeting is New Apparatus Night. Please let us know if you will be bringing your new equipment. Ice Cream Truck will be available that night.

September 13th is the 9-11 ceremony at Prospect Hill Cemetery. The Safekeepers Shrine will be unveiled that day. We need apparatus to line the entrance and two trucks to display the flag at the entrance to the cemetery. If you can help with this please let me know.

OTHER AGENCY REPORTS

9-1-1 Center/YCDES (Cindy Deitz):

See attached report.

A motion to amend voice dispatching announcements was approved.

PA State Police (Brad Dunham):

Not present. The new sergeant was not able to attend.

ATR (John Sanford):

Not present.

OEM/Haz-Mat (Tom Graybill):

The Haz-Mat team had 2 calls for the month; and 50 calls for the year.

Fire Police (Jim Robertson):

Several departments have not paid their dues or submitted their rosters. We need departments to do this.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Radio/Communications (Joe Madzellan):

The committee met last week.

Fire School Committee (Bob Sells):

Not present.

Fire Prevention (XXX):

A sign-up list will be posted for posters.

Fundraising (John McDonald):

No report.

Rescue Inspection (Tony Myers):

There is continuing discussion on out-of-county rescues.

RIT Committee (Chad Livelsberger/Brian Widmayer)

No report.

Accountability Committee (John Livingston)

No report.

Public Safety Policy Board (Steve Buffington):

Not present.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

None

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

Jim Robertson asked if anyone knows if Station 34 has any fire police.
The next meeting will be August 17, 2015 at 19:00 at the Fire School.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Hildebrand adjourned the meeting at 19:37.

Respectfully Recorded,

Joseph Madzellan

Joseph Madzellan, Board Member

911 Center Report - Quarterly Fire Chiefs Meeting – July 20, 2015

1. The last batch of Firehouse Software reports were exported by me to the State on July 16th. This included any reports you sent to me up to and including that day. Kraig Herman is requesting all reports that are not being done online through Emergency Reporting be emailed to him at RA-Pennfirs@pa.gov or krherman@pa.gov from here on out. 911 IT will be disabling our FTP site later this week.

Kraig asked that I let you those of you who are switching to Emergency Reporting, later this week you will probably receive your login information from him. Other than that, if anyone has any other questions on state reporting you should email him directly.

2. On September 8th our Active Threat Policy (formerly the Active Shooter Policy) is set for implementation once it is approved by the Public Safety Advisory Board. A copy of the policy should be forwarded to you through your Association after the approval. This policy is primarily a response policy for 911 and Police.
 - a. The Fire Response requested in this policy is an initial single station response, while scene safety is being established. To be upgraded as the situation warrants.
 - b. The EMS Response will be an initial Level IV MCI (Mass Casualty Incident) dispatch - this response per the MCI policy will receive 10 BLS and 4 ALS.
3. On October 8th we anticipate going live with Text to 911. We have made application and tested with the 4 major wireless carriers, Verizon, Sprint, AT&T and T-Mobile as well as Comcast and all tested fine. We have opted to go with TCS GEMClient, which is an online application that allows continual 2-way texting back and forth with 911. Our message to the public will be to always call 911 if you are able, before trying to text.
4. Melony Grove and I will be attending the September meeting and if permitted are requesting to do a very short presentation/overview of our newly acquired CAD Web viewer Software. This software opens up a lot of possibilities. For the time being we would like to roll it out giving each department access to their 911 CAD calls. This is for the purpose of running reports and obtaining call times. Once enabled you will be able to search our CAD database for all of your department's CAD calls since October 2013.
5. December 2nd we will be doing a major CAD upgrade when we move to Aegis Enterprise version 11. The enhancements in moving to this version will be mostly transparent to the field; however this upgrade will allow us at 911 to upgrade to the latest ESRI mapping software which we need to do. In the field end users who have mobile devices in their vehicle will now enjoy the same maps the dispatchers currently see on the dispatch floor which are greatly improved over what is currently being displayed. CAD will be down for maintenance that day for an unspecified period of time. Notification will be made that day prior to taking the system offline.
6. Over the next few weeks I will be entering all York County Police, Fire and EMS agencies into our new interpreter service's database. We are switching from Language Line interpreter service to Propio. We have been using Propio on a trial basis for the last 6 weeks with good results.

7. Propio allows for every provider to be listed with them under York County 911. What this means is that in the event you would need such a service you could call the interpreting service, give your assigned ID and they will bill your agency directly for the minutes used. Their prices are very reasonable. Spanish is .50 per minute and other languages are .70 per minute. No other fees are assessed. This service will never cost you any money unless you actually use it. Additional information will follow in September. If you do not want to be included please let me know.
8. For those that may not be aware we have 3 EMS Stations regionalizing to form Southern York County EMS. This includes EMS Stations 39, 56 and 57 as well as M95. They will be using the 95 designation.
9. Would like any feedback from the membership on how you would prefer to voice units / box areas. Either by utilizing a dash or making the number a 3-digit number.
Example: Box 50-01 - voiced box 50 dash 1 or Box 501 voiced - box five-zero-one. We would then apply the same standard to apparatus to keep it consistent. Please think about this and send your thoughts to Joe and myself. We will then have a discussion during our Radio Board Meeting on how to proceed.

Currently we are experiencing some confusion in the field with departments thinking their station was dispatched because the number sounds the same.

Example: Box 50-1 is being voiced as Box Fifty- One and the Engine would be Engine Fifty- One by today's standard.