

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

330 Emig Road
York, PA 17406



Monthly Meeting
3rd Monday

Monthly Meeting Minutes

November 16, 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 19:00. The call to order was followed by a pledge to the flag and a moment of silence. 37 people were in attendance.

PRESENTATIONS

Keith Doepp from Emergency Reporting: His software is the new PENNFIRS system. It is web-based and links can be built into dispatch information.

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: \$4,643.41 with an Ending Balance: \$6,836.40. 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:

Funds in Susquehanna Bank are now part of BB&T / policy discussions / bids were awarded for the copier and Ford Engine / no bids were received for the dump truck

Fire School Administrator (Richard Halpin):

October Fire School Training: 144 hours / 112 for fire school classes.

The start of the 2016 calendar will be on the website before Thanksgiving.

A no-cost 8-hour TRIPR class will be held at the fire school on January 31, 2016.

Firefighter I testing is scheduled for October 14th/15th, 2016.

Skill sheets for the new Basic Fire Police class are part of the new textbook.

Burn dates for 2016 are being scheduled.

OTHER AGENCY REPORTS

911 Center/YCDES (Nick Coby):

The CAD upgrade will not be scheduled until next year.

Use the online complaint form on the website for complaints about dispatches.

The Web Viewer issues are being worked on.

PA State Police (Brad Dunham & Matt Eicher):

The 3rd trooper that he thought he was going to have, quit.

Any fires in food preparation establishments must be reported to the Dept of Health for reinspection before they can reopen.

An Arson Awareness class will be scheduled again in March in conjunction with the ATF.

ATR (John Sanford):

The ATR team had 3 calls for the month, an MVA into a structure in Adams County and 2 water rescues; 34 calls for the year.

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

Not present

Fire Police (Jim Robertson):

34 members from 20 companies attended last month's meeting. Nominations were held and elections will be next week.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Radio/Communications (Joe Madzellan):

The committee met at the end of October. There was discussion on numbering for a Jackson Twp. municipal chief since "10s" are limited. Ideas are being discussed with 9-1-1. Only mergers may be considered for station re-numbering.

Fire School Committee (Bob Sells):

No report

Fire Prevention (XXX):

XXX

Fundraising (John McDonald):

Not present

Rescue Inspection (Tony Myers):

Progress is being made on re-inspections.

RIT Committee (Brian Widmayer)

Good to go.

Accountability Committee (John Livingston)

Not present

Public Safety Policy Board (Steve Buffington):

No report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

The Nominations Committee submitted their list of nominations (attached). The nominations will be open again at the January meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

Darryl Ehrhart (Chief 35) questioned the air cascade capacity for cross-staffed units, noting that some units do not carry enough air to serve an entire incident. Joe Madzellan responded that the committee missed typing that kind of unit and will address it.

Tony Myers reiterated that the 9-1-1 online complaint form must be used to report dispatch problems. The radio committee can't help if the process isn't followed. Brian Widmayer noted that some complaints aren't accepted if not submitted by a company chief. Tony Myers responded that that is not true.

The next meeting will be December 21, 2015 at 19:00 at the Fire School.

ADJOURNMENT

President Buffington adjourned the meeting at 19:32.

Respectfully Recorded,

Robert Sells

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Board Secretary