

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

330 Emig Road
York, PA 17406



Monthly Meeting
3rd Monday

Monthly Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2016

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 19:05. The call to order was followed by a pledge to the flag and a moment of silence. 52 people were in attendance.

Eric Strittmatter of Hellam Fire Co. welcomed the Association to their station. President Buffington thanked the fire company for their hospitality and the meal.

Election nominations were opened and closed per procedure and ballots were passed out for the contested position of Vice President.

PRESENTATIONS

Brian Bastinelli – The Art of Firemanship Days: Brian gave a presentation on the hands-on training and technical sessions to be held in Harrisburg on May 20, 21, 22. There will also be social events on Friday and Saturday night. Go to www.firemanshipdays.com for information and registration.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice President Joe 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: \$9,536.72 with an Ending Balance: \$3,086.93. 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:

The fiscal year closed out with solvent finances / investments were reviewed / a design approval for the RACP projects was reviewed and approved / we received written notification that York County will provide funding for the fire school for the 38th straight year.

Fire School Administrator (Richard Halpin):

December Fire School Training: 111 hours / 16 for fire school classes.

When borrowing the ceremony flag from the fire school, please return it as soon as possible so that Richard can dry it properly and have it available for the next user.

The TRPPR class is still accepting registrations.

The Firefighter 1 exam is scheduled for October 14th and 15th.

Some course registration forms have been faxed in upside-down and they cannot figure out who sent them in. If you do not hear back from the fire school within 48 hours of sending in registrations, call to check on them.

The 9/11 service at Prospect Hill Cemetery will be on 9/11 this year; the 15th anniversary.

The new BVR series will be Awareness and Operations classes only. You cannot transfer from the old BVR Awareness course to the new Operations course. Tony Myers gave a overview of the new curriculum. Richard noted that textbooks for the course cost \$97 and he is still working with HACC on how to handle the textbooks.

Design for the RACP projects has started with a hopeful groundbreaking in April. The projects will include a 5-story drill tower to replace the existing one; a 3-phase electrical service upgrade to support a new air compressor capable of filling 4500 psi cylinders; a new 2-story maze building for separate confidence and search & rescue courses; parking lot paving; a replacement roof on the modular classroom building; and a stair addition to the structural burn building.

22 burns are already scheduled for 2016.

Liberty Tax Service is offering free tax returns for first responders filing with them for the first time.

OTHER AGENCY REPORTS

911 Center/YCDES (Nick Coby):

Eric Bistline will try to attend more Association meetings for radio system upgrade updates.

See the attached radio project update.

PA State Police (Brad Dunham):

The Arson Awareness course is scheduled for March. The ATF is assisting with electrical fire props.

About 1/3 of the blue light lists have been submitted. Please send in by the end of February. Plans are being made for more blue light regulation classes.

ATR (Tony Myers):

No report on monthly calls.

The ice rescue class is scheduled for Feb. 20th and 21st.

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

There were 75 calls in 2016. So far, there have been 2 in January.

Fire Police (Jim Robertson):

The next meeting is next Monday.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Radio/Communications (Joe Madzelan):

Changes are being made in how the radio committee does things to streamline the process. On odd months, the meetings will be with the 9-1-1 staff at YCDES. On even months, there will be open meetings of the Fire/Fire Police/EMS Work Group will meet at the fire school.

Fire School Committee (Bob Sells):

No report

Fire Prevention (XXX):

XXX

Fundraising (John McDonald):

Not present

Rescue Inspection (Tony Myers):

31 rescues have been inspected: 19 rescues and 12 heavy rescues. The committee is caught up on inspections until 2017.

RIT Committee (Chad Livelsberger/Brian Widmayer)

Not present

Accountability Committee (John Livingston)

Not present

Public Safety Policy Board (Steve Buffington):

Not present

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Vice President Hildebrand asked for a motion to pay the bills. Tony Myers made a motion. Chad Deardorff seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The election results were read by the election committee:

- President – Chad Deardorff
- Vice President – Brad Dunham
- Secretary – Bob Sells
- Treasurer – Bob Bowman
- Governor (2016-2018) – Tony Myers & Joe Madzellan

NEW BUSINESS:

Tony Myers reported that an Association Facebook page is being set up. Anyone interested in helping to manage the page is requested to contact Tony.

Tony Myers suggested that the Association take a lead in recruiting volunteers for county fire companies establishing a committee to focus on this. If you know of anyone that may be interesting in helping with this, have them contact him or the Association President.

John Senft requested that to increase attendance at future meetings, those who regularly attend invite their neighboring companies to attend. Important information on the building projects and radio system upgrades will be reported at future meetings.

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

Bob Bowman thanked Joe Hildebrand for his service as Association Vice President.

The next meeting will be February 15th, 2016 at 19:00 at the Fire School.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Hildebrand adjourned the meeting at 08:05.

Respectfully Recorded,

Robert Sells

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Board Secretary

Fire Chief's Meeting

1/18/2016

Radio Project End User Radios

Under the current schedule, the end user radios are scheduled to be ordered from Harris Corporation the latter part of May 2016 with scheduled delivery to the county on or about July 31, 2016. In preparation of putting together this order, staff from our consulting firm, SSC (i.e. Mike Browne and Kevin Desmond and staff) will begin the process of contacting each of the fire department chiefs either by telephone and/or email for the purposes of setting up a convenient date and time to meet with the chiefs, or their designee, at their respective fire stations in order to take inventory of their current T-Band equipment so that we can match up these numbers against our equipment inventory spreadsheet from December 31, 2013. Keeping in mind, the county is replacing, one-for-one, end user radio equipment, to include portables, Li batteries, speaker microphone, single unit desktop chargers leather carry cases with strap, mobiles and control (base) stations based on our 12/2013 spreadsheet inventory. Mike and his team will also be collecting information as to what types of equipment the new mobiles will be going into in order to ensure we order the proper installation accessories (cables, speakers, headset cables, etc.)

Unlike the T-Band project ALL portables will be the one model (XG-75) rather than the different models with different feature-sets we ordered the first time. You may also advise the chiefs that I am working with Harris on trying to be able to offer a no upgrade charge for a 6 for 1 swap of chargers. This means that agencies may opt. to receive one (1) six (6 unit) gang charger in lieu of six (6) individual desktop chargers. Also, they will need to specify to the consultant whether they want all desktop (120volt AC) single unit chargers or all in-vehicle (12volt DC) chargers or a combination of these for the portable radios they receive.

a summary of this information in the near future in a county-wide email distribution as well so we are sure that we get this information out to every agency and further, if anyone has any follow-up questions, that they can contact me either by phone or email. Email is probably the best way to get on contact with Director Bistline

Eabistline@ycdes.org

Under the recently revised schedule, we will be conducting the county-wide testing (Can You Hear Me Now) in the August timeframe and will be looking for volunteers from each agency when we are in their area to be a part of the field testing if they are interested in doing so.

Portable distribution is tentatively slated for the fall of 2016 and mobile and control (base) station installations are slated for 1/1/17 – 12/31/17 with system acceptance slated for the end of 2017.

CAD software upgrade

The Test side will be updated this month. After all testing is completed we will be looking to upgrade the Live side of CAD tentatively the first week in March.

Paging Upgrade

Will be finished up this week Wednesday morning at 10:00 am we will failover to the backup facility to ensure full functionality there.

3rd Party Applications for alerting

We have been working on establishing a much more efficient network path for Applications like "I am Responding" and "Active 911." Active 911 is already on the new path and issues with that should all be resolved at this point. "I am responding" will be moving over to the paging terminals later this week should the Paging Upgrade be completed this Wednesday as anticipated. At that point "I am Responding" users will also be on the new path and issues with that should be resolved at that point.

Please keep in mind that both of these 3rd party applications warn against using them as a primary alerting system. Both have verbiage in their disclaimers and on their websites that are very clear about doing so. Paging is our primary alerting and should issues arise with paging please submit a Trouble Ticket with as much detailed information as possible.