

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

330 Emig Road
York, PA 17406



Monthly Meeting
3rd Monday

Monthly Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2016

CALL TO ORDER (President Chad Deardorff)

President Chad Deardorff called the monthly meeting of the York County Fire Chiefs and Firefighters Association to order at 19:06. The call to order was followed by a pledge to the flag and a moment of silence. 39 people were in attendance.

PRESENTATIONS

Joan Stremmel (Community Aide): Community Aide (CA) takes clothing donations and sells them in thrift stores. They can help fire departments with funding by allowing them to place a collection bin on your property. Pick-ups are weekly or more frequently if necessary. CA pays 4 cents per pound of clothing, or about \$32 per bin. They also offer annual grants up to \$5,000. Brad Dunham noted that Station 11 has been associated with CA for a few years and has seen a steady stream of income and has received multiple grants. Joan can be reached at jstremmel@communityaid.net.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Deardorff noted that there was no February meeting due to weather and asked if there were any corrections to the January meeting minutes. With no corrections, the minutes were approved as issued.

REPORTS

Treasurer (Bob Bowman):

Treasurer Bob Bowman presented the following report: January Beginning Balance: \$3,086.93 with a February Ending Balance: \$12,434.48. With no comments, President Deardorff 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:

Transfer of CD funds / operational issues / facility improvements and review of conceptual illustrations

Fire School Administrator (Richard Halpin):

February Fire School Training: 81 hours / 44 for fire school classes.

Attack at Attic Fires and Attack at Basement Fires classes have been added to the schedule.

BVR books have been purchased and are available from the fire school for \$85 each.

A 1403 class will be held at Dallastown FC on April 5th at 19:00.

OTHER AGENCY REPORTS

911 Center/YCDES (XXX):

No on present

PA State Police (Brad Dunham):

DCNR is issuing weather advisories later this week for wildland fire potential. Brad reminded all officers that DCNR is supposed to be notified of all wildland fires, especially if they involve a structure.

ATR (John Sanford):

The ATR team had 10 calls in January and 8 in February.

30 students attended the ice rescue class in February.

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

The Haz-Mat team has had 9 calls for the year.

Thanks to the Cumberland Co. team with the overturned milk tanker incident.

The team has been recertified by the state for another 4 years.

Fire Police (Jim Robertson):

51 members from 25 companies attended the last meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Radio/Communications (Brad Dunham):

The April 7th meeting was rescheduled. Brad reminded all that the voicing dispatch changes were approved by the Association at the July meeting in Stewartstown. This will be re-visited by the committee.

Fire School Committee (Bob Sells):

The committee will be looking at ways to build maze and search/rescue props and rooms in the new building. Any ideas or suggestions are welcome.

Fire Prevention (XXX):

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Fundraising (John McDonald):

XXX

Rescue Inspection (Glenn Jansen):

All inspections are up to date.

RIT Committee (Chad Livelsberger/Brian Widmayer)

Not present

Accountability Committee (John Livingston)

Thanks to all of those companies who have responded to the apparatus inventory and number of members inquiry email. He is still waiting to hear from 18 companies. The committee will meet soon to review systems pricing.

Public Safety Policy Board (Chad Deardorff):

The last meeting was cancelled.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

President Deardorff asked for a motion to pay the bills. John Livingston made a motion. Glenn Jansen seconded the motion and the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chief Jan Cromer thanked the standby companies and those who attended the recent LODD service; and specifically Chad Deardorff and Joe Madzellan for their assistance.

Chad Deardorff solicited members to serve on a LODD committee to prepare guidelines on dealing with the death of a member.

Chad Deardorff noted that new members are needed for multiple committees. Please contact him if you are interested in helping.

Ray Kinsey asked if HazMat is a member of the organization. John Senft confirmed that by the current bylaws, they are.

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

John Senft reported that the Firefighter's Association of York County is offering Line Officer of the Year and Administrative Officer of the Year awards this year and are looking for input on criteria for these awards.

John Senft reported that a Saving Our Own cancer prevention presentation is available from PFESI.

Chad Deardorff reported that Wills for Heroes will be at PennState-York on Sept. 10th from 10:00-17:00. They offer free will writing services for first responders and their spouses. More details will follow.

The next meeting will be April 18, 2016 at 19:00 at Nashville Fire Co. (Sta 11) with dinner before the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

President Deardorff adjourned the meeting at 19:45.

Respectfully Recorded,

Robert Sells

Robert Sells
Board Secretary