

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

330 Emig Road
York, PA 17406



Monthly Meeting
3rd Monday

Monthly Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2020

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 19:00. The call to order was followed by a pledge to the flag and a moment of silence. 25 people were in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Deardorff 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 \$9,220.05 with an ending balance of \$1,538.68. President Deardorff asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Tim Knepp made a motion, Frosty Wertz seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

Board of Governors (Chad Deardorff – BOG@ycfs.us):

The Board met this evening prior to this meeting. Financials are going well.

Fire School Administrator (John Livingston – john@ycfs.us):

Gave the August Fire School Training Report.

Working on the 2021 schedule. It will be on the website in a few weeks.

The 2021 subscriptions have been mailed out and are available on the website.

OTHER AGENCY REPORTS

911 Center/YCDES (Matt Hobson):

Staffing is still a challenge and will be for a while.

An email was sent out Friday regarding limiting non-emergency communications. Reminder that the list of utility and agency contacts is a non-public list. Requested contacts will be added. Discussion followed on limited cell-phone coverage to make direct contacts to utilities.

Updates to CrewForce were discussed.

Chad Deardorff asked about the status of a backup paging system. Matt replied that he has money budgeted for next year to look into it again. He noted that 2-tone paging would have to be a total switchover – not maintaining two systems. Discussion followed on the paging system failure history, past measures, and how to proceed with next steps.

Joe Madzellan brought up call processing times and options for pre-alerting; suggesting that a system be developed that benefits everyone. Pulse-Point was mentioned as an option. Tony Myers noted that YCC looked at Pulse-Point a few years ago. Comments were shared about PD getting earlier and more-detailed information than FD is given.

PA State Police (Tpr Sean Simmers – sesimmers@pa.gov):

Not present.

ATR (John Sanford - yc.ATR@comcast.net):

The ATR team had 12 calls for the month; 43 calls for the year.

OEM (Dan Santoemma):

No report.

Haz-Mat (Ray Kinsey):

The Haz-Mat team had 7 calls for the month; 62 calls for the year.

Fire Police (Bud Yoe/Steve Woerman):

14 of 15 traffic units have been inspected and approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Radio/Communications (Joe Madzellan – radio@ycfs.us):

Asked Brad Dunham to comment on the Attack resource type in CAD. The Apparatus Inspection Committee will be going back and reviewing all of the specialty resource types.

Fire School Committee (Bob Sells – solver418@gmail.com):

No report.

Apparatus Inspection Committee (Brad Dunham – apparatus@ycfs.us):

See above.

6 rescues still need to be inspected this year. 3 companies have not responded to inspection requests.

Public Safety Policy Board (Chad Deardorff):

No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

Tony Myers suggested that some of the problems with 9-1-1 are caused by the first responders (i.e. using non-standard/slang terminology, arguing with dispatchers, etc.). We could help them by using proper language, following the communication rules, using WebView, etc.

The next meeting will be October 19, 2020 at 19:00 at the Fire School.

ADJOURNMENT

President Deardorff adjourned the meeting at 20:10.

Respectfully Recorded,

Robert Sells

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Board Secretary