

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

330 Emig Road
York, PA 17406



Monthly Meeting
3rd Monday

Monthly Meeting Minutes

August 16, 2021

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. 21 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 \$12,860.72 with an ending balance of \$13,104.62. President Deardorff asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Clif Laughman made a motion, Scott Gingerich 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; noting that we are financially sound. The Board will be contacting Keystruct to coordinate masonry repairs and renovations for the burn building.

Fire School Administrator (Richard Halpin – richard@ycfs.us):

Gave the July Fire School Training Report.

He is working on preparing the 2022 subscriptions.

There are 12 students registered in Saturday's basement fires class.

Attic fires in September has only 1 student registered as does the October Residential Fires class.

The air cart will be sent out for hydrostatic testing on Aug 23rd.

This Saturday is First Responders night at the York Revolution.

For the Safekeepers Shrine service, Station 89 is providing a truck for a flag arch and one engine for a landing zone. A second truck is still needed for the flag arch.

OTHER AGENCY REPORTS

911 Center/YCDES (Matt Hobson/Scott Keener):

Not present

Chad Deardorff reported on a 9-1-1 update from the commissioners. An RFP has been put out asking for supplemental 9-1-1 part-time staffing. Bids are due Aug 27th with recommendations expected Sept 10th.

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

The ATR team had 3 calls for the month; 17 calls for the year.

An August 30th team training is scheduled at the fire school to review equipment.

The team is looking to recruit younger members from any York County department. You do not need to be trained in all of the technical rescue disciplines. John will send a recruitment flyer to the Association.

OEM (Dan Santoemma):

No items.

Haz-Mat (Dan Santoemma):

The Haz-Mat team had 11 calls for the month; 72 calls for the year.

Fire Police (Ron Green):

Station 19 is getting their traffic unit certified this month.

Station 89 has a new unit going into service.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

The last training class at YCDES 911 was down to 6 personnel. A pay raise was approved. And more interest has been seen.

The committee met July 29 and talked about Crew force. A lot of improvement is still needed.

The committee also discussed and approved three (3) unit designations. They also discussed boat requirements and will defer that to the apparatus committee to determine minimum standards.

There was a suggestion from NYRPD to create a central open burn permit database.

Noted that the EFD learning curve has caused delayed dispatch issues.

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

Reported that the Fire School and instructors have started working on the 2022 course schedule. He asked that if there are any suggestions for new classes in 2022 at the fire school to contact him.

Apparatus Inspection (Brad Dunham/Tony Myers – rescue@ycfs.us):

Brad reported that there are no items pending.

Public Safety Policy Board (Matt Shields):

Reported that 911 dispatcher applications for the next training class are due in September. There have been more applications coming in, including some former staff, due to the pay increase. The number of applicants for the November training may create a need for a second class at end of September.

Chad Deardorff reported that York County has issued an RFP for temporary staffing.

Ron Green noted that retired dispatchers could be hired and work up to 1000 hours per year and maintain their retirement benefits.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Joe Madzellan noted that he has received comments from some people regarding the current understanding on calling out staffing on mutual aid responses. He suggested reporting the number of people who are qualified for the call type that was dispatched. (i.e. number of rescue techs for an MVA). Chad Deardorff suggested creating a policy committee to review this proposed policy. Brad Dunam agreed to chair the committee. Joe Madzellan, Dan Santoemma, and Adam Smith agreed to assist Brad in creating a policy to present next month.

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

Chad Deardorff announced that if anyone has received a No-Show Bill from the Fire School, but their members were in the class, to contact Richard at the school email address.

John Senft reported that PA Weekend 2022 at the NFA will be July 30-31. John also reported that the NFA and PSFA are offering a leadership and supervision series. Information will be emailed.

Chad Deardorff will be reaching out to fire companies who respond on highway incidents to get some insight on a national initiative regarding responder safety. He will be representing the IAFC on the committee.

The next meeting will be September 20, 2021 at 19:00 at the Fire School. The October meeting will be at West Manchester Twp. Station 502.

ADJOURNMENT

President Deardorff adjourned the meeting at 19:40.

Respectfully Recorded,

Robert Sells

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Board Secretary