

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

330 Emig Road  
York, PA 17406



Monthly Meeting  
3<sup>rd</sup> Monday

## Monthly Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2021

### **CALL TO ORDER (Vice President Brad Dunham)**

Vice President Brad Dunham called the monthly meeting of the York County Fire Chiefs and Firefighters Association to order at 19:07. The call to order was followed by a pledge to the flag and a moment of silence. 31 people were in attendance.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Vice President Dunham 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 \$23,104.62. Vice President Dunham asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Roger Flohr made a motion to approve the report. Frosty Wertz seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

#### **Board of Governors (Chad Deardorff – [BOG@ycfs.us](mailto:BOG@ycfs.us)):**

Vice President Dunham reported that the Board met this evening prior to this meeting and discussed financial and personnel items.

#### **Fire School Administrator (Richard Halpin – [john@ycfs.us](mailto:john@ycfs.us)):**

Gave the August Fire School Training Report.

There is an SBS scheduled for Oct 30<sup>th</sup> with only 1 student registered. The class will be cancelled if 12 students are not signed up by October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Please be careful when filling out email addresses on registration forms as that is how students are notified of any class changes.

Classes for 2022 are being planned.

The 2022 subscription packets will be available soon.

### **OTHER AGENCY REPORTS**

#### **911 Center/YCDES (Scott Keener):**

Gave a update on 2-tone paging; Locution is dragging their feet and may affect the 2022 budget request.

Tony Myers asked about 9-1-1 center dispatcher staffing and the need to get some radio programming corrected. Scott had no comment on the staffing question and will get with Tony on the radio programming.

**ATR (John Sanford - [yc.atr@comcast.net](mailto:yc.atr@comcast.net)):**

The ATR team had 45 calls for the month; 59 calls for the year.

**OEM (Dan Santoemma):**

Not present.

**Haz-Mat (Dan Santoemma):**

Not present.

**Fire Police (Ron Green):**

Traffic Unit 19 will be dedicated at 14:00 on October 2<sup>nd</sup> at Station 19.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Radio/Communications (Joe Madzellan – [radio@ycfs.us](mailto:radio@ycfs.us)):**

County is working of EFD issues but may not fully correct them until the end of the year (i.e. number of vehicles for Pileup definition).

The work group will be meeting next week.

**Fire School Committee (Bob Sells – [solver418@gmail.com](mailto:solver418@gmail.com)):**

Reported that he and Richard are working on getting some repairs done in the burn building over the wintertime.

**Policy Committee: (Brad Dunham)-**

Items will be addressed under new business.

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

Items will be addressed under new business

Tony Myers reported that rescue inspections are ongoing.

**Public Safety Policy Board (Matt Shields/Tony Clousher):**

Not present.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Brad Dunham presented Proposed Policy Change for the YC 911 Communications Manual 4.3 Radio Transmissions (draft sent out Sep 19). No comments were brought up. Brad noted that it will be written up final and voted on next month.

Brad Dunham discussed the proposed Boat Minimum Standards (draft sent out Sep 19) noting that the Apparatus Committee discussed the boat only and not the personnel qualifications. Dan Hoff asked about evaluation standards and the need to list the standard and life span. Suggestions for oars, anchors, and lights were also discussed and will be addressed in the final version. A New Cumberland River Rescue Boat 100 representative in attendance reported how they use the Coast Guard Auxiliary checklist and also include PFDs and other personnel and safety equipment in their SOGs. Brad Dunham asked for any other

input from the group. A suggestion was made to have separate standards for hard-bottom boats vs. inflatable boats. Brad Dunham noted that the committee will take back the suggestions and update the draft.

**REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:**

Tony Myers commented on YCDES staffing shortages during the storm and how well they worked it, but also noted how the FDs are not helping by using their own language and procedures on the radio. Please follow established guidelines and language. Brad Dunham further noted that any communications issues should be addressed through the proper complaint procedures.

The next meeting will be October 18, 2021, at 19:00 at West Manchester Twp. FD Station 502 with dinner being served at 18:15.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Vice President Dunham adjourned the meeting at 19:35.

Respectfully Recorded,

*Robert Sells*

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Board Secretary