

# 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

October 18, 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 19:01. The call to order was followed by a pledge to the flag and a moment of silence. 31 people were in attendance. The meeting was hosted at West Manchester Township Fire Department Station 502.

Chief Clif Laughman gave a welcome to the Association members in attendance and invited them to tour the station afterwards. President Deardorff thanked Chief Laughman for hosting the meeting and noted that was nice to have everyone together outside of the fire school.

### **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 \$10,206.24 with an ending balance of \$16,008.91. President Deardorff asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Rick Witten made a motion to approve. Rob Green seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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

The Board met this evening prior to this meeting and discussed replacement of the Fire School Administrator and the Administrative Assistant.

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

Gave the September Fire School Training Report.

Requested the those in attendance pick up their subscription packets before they leave. Remaining packets will be mailed out.

Apologized for the Basic Vehicle Rescue Ops and Pump Ops II scheduling foul-ups. He thanked Station 61 and 50 for providing rescues and equipment for the BVRO class.

### **OTHER AGENCY REPORTS**

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

Brad Dunham reported for Scott that there is no update on Locution.

Still working on radio demo kits (Harris and Motorola).

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

The ATR team had 45 calls for the month; 104 calls for the year.

**OEM (Dan Santoemma):**

No items.

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

The Haz-Mat team had 22 calls in August and 13 calls in September; 107 calls for the year.

**Fire Police (Ron Green):**

Progress.

**Firefighter's Association of York County (Bill Newbould)**

Reported that they need help and members for the Association.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

The committee met last month and approved some radio designation requests.

Some Call For Service (CFS) types may be changed in November. Some types are changing and he is keeping an eye on them.

Had discussion on EMS being dispatched for CO calls with no illness.

A CAD update is scheduled for Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>.

Talked to Scott Keener about bulk purchasing of replacement portable radios to get a better price. Scott will follow up with the vendors.

Roger Flohr asked about a box being placed available and the dispatcher noting "no acknowledgement needed". Joe surmised that is may have been a dispatcher preference.

Chris Krichten asked if there are any updates on the dispatch center staffing. Joe replied that there are two concurrent classes going on right now and attrition is slowing. They are hoping that staffing will be up by the end of the year.

Chris also noted the dispatchers are not being consistent with language use and asked they be asked to do the same thing that they are asking of the responders. Joe asked that any specific first-person issues be followed with a complaint.

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

No report.

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

No pending unit designation changes.

Progress is being made on the rescue inspections.

**Policy Committee (Brad Dunham)**

Second reading of the Proposed Policy Change for the YC 911 Communications Manual 4.3 Radio Transmissions will be tonight under Old Business.

There is no update on the Boat Minimum Standards.

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

Not present.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Brad Dunham gave an overview of the YC 911 Communications Manual 4.3 Radio Transmissions policy change. President Deardorff asked if there were any questions. Tony Myers wanted to clarify that Interior means someone who has received formal training as an interior firefighter and not just in-house training. Brad made a motion to approve the policy change. Dan Hoff seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Rob Bissey reported that York Water has been using rubber adhesive to attach chlorine tablets to the inside of replacement pipe. These rubberized pieces have been peeling off and flowing through the system into hydrant valves and other strainers. They have since switched to chlorine crystals.

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

Bryan Ream asked how you can have another station showing up on a scene not having been dispatched to it. Joe Madzellan responded that he does not think this is a 9-1-1 issue, but a local issue. Bryan noted that these companies are being pre-alerted from the 9-1-1 center. Joe responded that he thought the pre-alerting issue had been addressed before and reminded everyone the desire to pre-alert for all stations. Chad Deardorff suggested that a formal complaint be submitted to the 9-1-1 center and maybe even addressing it through the fire company's municipality. Joe added that he is hoping that the new EFD protocols will shorten dispatch times.

Tony Myers asked if anyone knows of anyone looking to purchase hydraulic rescue tools. He has a whole package that he is trying to sell.

The next meeting will be November 15, 2021, at 19:00 at the Fire School.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Deardorff adjourned the meeting at 19:53.

Respectfully Recorded,

*Robert Sells*

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Board Secretary