

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

330 Emig Road
York, PA 17406



Monthly Meeting
3rd Monday

Monthly Meeting Minutes

December 20, 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 19:13. The call to order was followed by a pledge to the flag and a moment of silence. 35 people were in attendance.

President Deardorff thanked York New Salem for hosting our meeting. Chief Pierce welcomed everyone in attendance and offered tours of the station after the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

Matt Kaiser & Matt Kern from PA Bureau of Forestry: Gave an overview of their purpose, function, and qualifications. They reviewed their authority, response parameters, and available resources. They also reviewed safety issues with wildland firefighting and tree felling. Reporting forms were left behind as handouts.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Deardorff asked if there were any corrections to last month's minutes. With no corrections noted, the minutes were approved as issued.

REPORTS

Treasurer (Bob Bowman):

Treasurer Bob Bowman presented the following report: Beginning balance \$12,434.79 with an ending balance of \$9,847.86. President Deardorff asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Dan Hoff made a motion. Tony Myers 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 good. An offer is being made for a new Administrative Assistant to start next year. President Deardorff introduced Jim Pritchard as the new Administrator.

Fire School Administrator (Jim Pritchard – james@ycfs.us):

Richard Halpin discussed a recent company level burn at the school that did not follow the SBB Usage Manual. The policy was reviewed with the Facilitators and they were given authority to shut down burns. If the policies are not followed, a company may be required to hire a fire school burn tech to assist with the burns.

Jim Pritchard reported that new classes will be added to fire school website including the flashover simulator from PSFA.

President Deardorff thanked Richard for serving as interim Administrator until the replacement was hired.

OTHER AGENCY REPORTS

911 Center/YCDES (Scott Keener):

Has heard that dispatcher staffing and retention is getting better.

Deadlines were not met so 2021 projects were moved to next year.

Reminded everyone that company side channels can still be heard outside of channels and the watch your language.

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

The ATR team had 1 call for the month; 108 calls for the year.

OEM (Dan Santoemma):

No items.

Haz-Mat (Dan Santoemma):

The Haz-Mat team had 8 calls for the month; 138 calls for the year.

Fire Police (Robb Green):

Reminded everyone about turning blue light sheets into the state.

Station Fire Police Officers are reminded to get their dues and rosters in early next year.

Firefighter's Association (Bill Newbould):

Not present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

The committee met on Dec 6th and discussed 911 center staffing improvements. The current concerns are call-offs due to COVID illnesses or exposures. Also discussed:

- Regarding the new staffing reporting policy when responding that was approved in October, the dispatcher will ask one time only if unit staffing is not initially reported.
- Incident milestones that should be reported in CAD notes. There will be a written policy put together.
- Recurrence of structure calls related to brush fires near buildings and vehicle entrapment calls. The parameters will be reviewed for clarification.

Scott Gingrich asked how to get the same information that PD is getting – especially with respect to hazardous conditions. Joe Madzelan responded that it depends on the dispatcher and they are repeatedly trying to get this to be more consistent for all dispatchers. Scott Keener reminded everyone to submit trouble tickets/complaints for all these types of issues.

Bill Sleeper reported on an incident with a dispatcher using incorrect terminology and operating outside his scope of authority and noting that he has followed-up with Director Hobson. Joe Madzelan again reminded everyone to use the trouble ticket/complaint system to report these issues.

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

Reported on repairs and upgrades to the SBB. They are expected to be completed by mid-March.

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

No items on Engine side.

All 2021 Rescue recertifications have been or are scheduled to be completed.

Rescue 55 is being brought back into service.

Policy Committee (Brad Dunham)

Joe Madzellan reported for Brad Dunham an improved definition in the Engine spec for supply lines (minimum sizes and lengths vs. min flow rqmts.)

Public Safety Policy Board (Matt Shields):

Was not able to make the meeting this month but the meetings are being held monthly.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Nominations Committee presented the following list of nominees for elections:

President – Chad Deardorff & Dan Hoff

Vice President – Brad Dunham

Secretary – Bob Sells

Treasurer – Bob Bowman

Assistant Treasurer – Richard Halpin

Governor (2024-2026) – Scott Gingerich, Chris Krichten, Joe Madzellan, & Clif Laughman

NEW BUSINESS:

President Deardorff requested volunteers to serve on the Audit Committee. Dan Hoff, CJ Thompson (via Tony Myers), and Clif Laughman (via text) volunteered to serve on the committee.

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

Tony Myers announced that he has 6 Hannay hose reels with hydraulic lines on them. Contact him if interested.

The next meeting will be January 17, 2022 at 19:00 at the Fire School.

ADJOURNMENT

President Deardorff adjourned the meeting at 20:15.

Respectfully Recorded,

Robert Sells

Robert Sells
Board Secretary