

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

330 Emig Road
York, PA 17406



Monthly Meeting
3rd Monday

Monthly Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2022

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 19:04. The call to order was followed by a pledge to the flag and a moment of silence. 36 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 \$14,297.24 with an ending balance of \$10,979.59. President Deardorff asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Tony Myers made a motion, Clif Laughman 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. They discussed capital improvements, grants and some board committee assignments.

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

Gave the March Fire School Training Report.

Added pavement markings for cones at the bottom of the driveway to secure the training ground during company burns and SBB use.

A new cancer prevention policy has been passed down from PSFA for live fire training. Dry decon after each entry and wet decon at the end of the day – while using SCBA will be required. The fans and water supply appliances are being provided by the school for decon.

FF1 test dates and directions for applying are on the website.

Instructors are now being asked to confirm attendance at classes and remind students to sign in on the classroom sign-in sheet.

Starting May 1st, the fire school will no longer be sending out paper invoices.

President Deardorff reported on a recent instructor-fire company chief issue on providing proof of prior certifications when requested. This is a PSFA policy and not the fire school's or HACC's.

Starting July 1st, the 7th edition of the IFSTA Essentials program will be used for the Entry Level Program. The 6th books will no longer be used.

OTHER AGENCY REPORTS

911 Center/YCDES (Scott Keener):

Harris demo radios are still being passed around. He is still waiting to get Motorola demos.

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

The ATR team had 5 calls for the month; 16 calls for the year.

The team will be hosting a line gun train-the-trainer for this weekend at YCFS.

OEM (Dan Santoemma):

The County Commissioners have appointed Cody Santiago to the Director of Emergency Management.

Haz-Mat (Dan Santoemma):

The Haz-Mat team had 27 calls for the year.

Fire Police (Robb Green):

Progress. Station 66 now has a traffic unit approved.

Fire Fighter's Association (Bill Newbould):

Not present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Eric Strittmatter reported that the Attack radio designations has been removed. Current units have been changed to brush units or engines.

Joe Madzellan reported that he is still getting complaints about ProQA/EFD dispatch times. 2.5 to 4.8 minutes to currently exceeding 5+ minutes in call processing times for Station 89 calls over the past 3 years. He plans to discuss that at the next committee meeting. This is the time it is entered into CAD until the first unit is alerted. Joe reported that one of the national standards is 60-90 seconds depending on the call type (high-risk vs. low-risk) and that the PEMA standard is 2 minutes for rural areas. Chris Krichten suggested that the Association approach the County Commissioners about these real-time delays. John Senft noted that these times are well outside the NFPA 1221 standards. President Deardorff asked some other companies to look back on trends to get a comparison (first quarters of past 3-4 years) for the BOG to review and send a letter.

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

The next committee meeting is scheduled for May 10th.

The updated SBB Usage Manual has been updated and posted on the website.

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

Tony Myers reported the Rescue Committee met about weights and flares vs. battery operated devices. The 2022 recert notifications have been mailed out.

All companies with Attack designation have been contacted and redesignated.

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

There was no quorum to hold the last meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Scott Gingerich asked about 2nd paging system. Scott Keener noted that they are making slow progress and working with a second vendor.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Deardorff is assembling a new Bylaws Committee to review and update. Dan Hoff will be the chairperson. Brad Dunham, Clif Laughman, and Scott Gingerich will be members from the BOG. Chad requested two volunteer members at large. Larry Anderson and John Sanford agreed to assist with the committee.

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

None.

The next meeting will be May 16, 2022, at 19:00 at the Fire School.

ADJOURNMENT

President Deardorff adjourned the meeting at 19:38.

Respectfully Recorded,

Robert Sells

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Board Secretary