

# 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

June 20, 2022

### **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 19:00 hours. The call to order was followed by a pledge to the flag and a moment of silence. 26 people were in attendance including President Commissioner Julie Wheeler.

Chief Joe Hildebrandt gave a welcome to the Association members in attendance and invited them to tour the station afterwards. Vice President Dunham thanked Jacobus Fire Company for hosting the meeting.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

None

### **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 \$16,524.22 with an ending balance of \$9,129.28. Vice President Dunham asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Barry Myers made a motion. Tony Myers seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

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

The Board met this evening prior to this meeting. Brad noted wrapping some minor issues with the burn building renovations.

#### **Fire School Administrator (Jim Pritchard – [james@ycfs.us](mailto:james@ycfs.us)):**

Gave the June Fire School Training Report.

Fire School is facilitating the County Convention this year. Looking for some companies to help give demonstrations for Vehicle Rescue and High Angle Rescue. If interested, please contact Jim.

Still wrapping up some minor items with the burn building project.

Starting to schedule classes for next year. Want to add more classes yet this year. Does have a Vehicle Rescue Tech Instructor lined up and will be working to get those classes on the calendar for this year.

## **OTHER AGENCY REPORTS**

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

Meeting with vendor tomorrow (June 21, 2022) to go over voice paging

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

Not present but reported via email that the ATR team had 1 call for the month; 19 calls for the year.

### **OEM (Dan Santoemma):**

Dan advised that Director Santiago sent out a stakeholder email regarding some upcoming meetings. Members advised they never received an email. Clif Laughman noted that from the email he got that only Emergency Managers got the email.

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

The Haz-Mat team had 9 calls for the month; 51 calls for the year.

### **Fire Police (Robb Green):**

The Fire Police Association would like to attend the July or August Chief's Meeting to field any complaints as it relates to Fire Police.

### **Fire Fighter's Association (Bill Newbould):**

No Report

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Advised still working on the new call for service types. Wanted the membership to know that these new types were never approved by the Radio Committee, and this was something that County just did as part of the PEMA requirement.

Chris Krichten asked if County is reviewing the current calls coming in and being dispatched under the new call for service types to use as a tool for further evaluation. Joe advised all calls dispatched per the Pro QA questions.

Scott Keener stated that ever since went to protocol 77 we have had issues. He feels that we should go back to protocol 29.

Chief 29 and Chief 29-1 were approved by the committee as radio designations and will be used by Newberry Township.

Still working on Fire Endangering a Structure dispatching protocols.

Vehicle Fire Dispatching protocols staying as-is with no changes being made.

The testing of combining North and South EMS has been completed. They are currently reviewing the test data and some different options based on the testing.

Should start seeing talk groups on pages now.

Questions have been getting asked what Class 1 does, 2 and 3 mean for Fire Departments. Joe advised those are mostly for EMS and its up to the Fire Departments to determine what their response will be based on the Classes.

Kris Krichten asked if 911 can start coming to the meetings again as they have in the past so we can ask questions directly to 911 when needed.

Joe stated still working on the call processing time data. Advised that the original data was off due to Fire Police Calls and thank Chief Laughman for catching the Fire Police Calls skewing the data. Joe is currently working on omitting the Fire Police Calls to get more concrete data.

Brad advised the association that the information on social media about the new protocols coming from the Association and the Radio Committee IS NOT TRUE. All of the new protocols are coming from PEMA mandates. He urged Chiefs to inform their departments of the correct information.

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

Not present.

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

Tony advised inspections in progress. Departments that are due this year need to start calling and getting their rescues scheduled and not wait until the end of the year.

Brad had nothing to add.

**Policy Committee (Brad Dunham)**

Brad stated working on a policy regarding transfer assignments. Specifically, when a department is requested for a transfer and then that department gets a transfer to backfill them. Eric Strittmatter read the proposed policy. Kris Krichten made a motion to have the policy brought up at the next meeting to vote on, Tony Myers seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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

No Report

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Brad stated he did follow up with 911 on the DCNR notifications. 911 is making notifications to DCNR when the call meets the DCNR criteria. Anything that doesn't meet the criteria doesn't go to DCNR.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Clif Laughman asked if we could change the policy on road closure notifications. He mentioned that his department gets 4-6 notifications a day plus information goes into Emergency Reporting and has to be removed. After some discussion it was suggested that Road Closures only go out to 1<sup>st</sup> due companies instead of the first 3 departments on the box cards. Tony Myers made a motion for notifications to only go to 1<sup>st</sup> due company, Tony Clouser 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and the motion carried. Brad stated he would take that back to the Radio Committee and 911.

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

Dan Hoff stated Bylaws Committee has had several meetings and things are progressing nicely. Asked the membership if they have any suggestions for the Bylaws to see the committee members.

Brad asked that the Bylaws Committee be added under the committee reports section since this will be an ongoing report.

The next meeting will be July 18, at 19:00 at the Fire School.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Bob Bowman made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Eric Strittmatter 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 19:42 hours.

Respectfully Recorded for the Secretary,

*Clifton Laughman*

Clifton Laughman, Board Member