

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

330 Emig Road
York, PA 17406



Monthly Meeting
3rd Monday

Monthly Meeting Minutes

July 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 19:00. The call to order was followed by a pledge to the flag and a moment of silence. 26 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 \$9,514.28 with an ending balance of \$6,501.41 President Deardorff asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Clif Laughman made a motion, TS 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. Discussed budget items for next year. Financially we are good.

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

Gave the June Fire School Training Report.

The Firefighter's Association annual convention is August 20th at the Fire School

The SBB is still waiting to get the FE prop doors installed.

The ELFF starts August 2nd. There have been some date changes for the Exterior and Interior mods due to PSFA program changes.

New Pro Board certification classes are being added for next year: Advanced Firefighter/Firefighter II, confined space, fire safety officer, fire service instructor.

Pumps classes by quadrant around the county next year are being planned to increase attendance and flexibility.

OTHER AGENCY REPORTS

911 Center/YCDES (Chris Lorenzen):

The protocol process is being updated.

The MCU will be at the York State Fair every evening.

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

The ATR team had 4 calls for the month; 23 calls for the year.

OEM (Cody Santiago):

Reminded all about the survey that was sent out.

Haz-Mat (Dan Santoemma):

The Haz-Mat team had 9 calls for the month; 60 calls for the year.

Fire Police (Bud Yohe):

Robb Green has resigned as the Association President. Bud will be the rep for now.

Fire Fighter's Association (Bill Newbould):

Bud Yohe for Bob Straw asked if there are any recommendations for Fire Police Officer of the Year to send them to him at nysolutions@comcast.net

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Reviewed radio designation reviews and updates.

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

The Facility Usage Manual is being reviewed.

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

One rescue is scheduled for inspection next month.

Policy Committee (Brad Dunham)

Will have the transfer policy to vote on later.

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

Not present.

Bylaws Committee (Dan Hoff)

Meeting next Tuesday and making progress.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Joe Madzellan asked about adding a fire police All Call on 3rd party apps noting that many departments would not allow members to respond to an All Cal dispatch. Bud Yohe noted that the Fire Police Association is against it. Joe Madzellan made a motion to remove the All Call protocol. Troy Dettinger seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Erik Strittmatter read the proposed Transfer Policy:

Purpose: Reduce excess workload and unnecessary apparatus movement in the County.

It shall be the policy of the York County Fire Chiefs and Firefighters Association that a transfer unit will not be dispatched to cover a station whose only call is for a transfer. If a Station is unable to cover their area while fulfilling a transfer request, the transfer shall be declined.

Example 1: Station X is dispatched for an Engine transfer. Engine X requests Station Y to transfer to cover Station X. This transfer request would not be granted.

Example 2: Station X transfers an Engine to Station Y. While on the transfer, another call is received in the first due of Station X. A transfer is requested to Station X. This transfer request would be granted.

Erik made a motion to approve the policy. Cliff Laughman seconded the motion and the motion carried.

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

James Pierce reported that he has been asked to serve on an advisory board for retention by the State Fire Commissioner's Office (OSFC). He further noted that there are also municipal opportunities to offer tax relief to active first responders. The OSFC has offered help and resources to get these programs presented and approved.

James Pierce reported that he is working on a revised junior program called Cadet 21 to bring juniors together around the county with meetings every other month. Some schools are giving extra credits for volunteer fire training and service. He reported that he is also trying to get a program together at York Tech. The Cadet 21 program will kick off with a meeting on August 6th at York New Salem FC.

James Pierce reported that his station still has 6 seats available for the BVR class they are hosting. that starts August 14th.

The next meeting will be August 15, 2022 at 19:00 at the Fire School.

ADJOURNMENT

President Deardorff adjourned the meeting at 19:24.

Respectfully Recorded,

Robert Sells

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Board Secretary