

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

330 Emig Road
York, PA 17406



Monthly Meeting
3rd Monday

Monthly Meeting Minutes

August 15, 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 19:10. The call to order was followed by a pledge to the flag and a moment of silence. 35 people were in attendance.

PRESENTATIONS

County Commissioner Julie Wheeler stopped by to talk about county tax credits to emergency responders and reported that the commissioners are all on board for approving it as long as the local municipality has also approved it. They will be starting the ordinance amendment process. President Deardorff thanked the Shrewsbury FC volunteers for getting this idea moving county-wide.

Rudy Huggins and Bob Bracken, representatives from PennDOT, talked about roadway closure changes and now trying to get the utilities to take care of that on non-interstate roads. They will still respond on all interstate closures and if the issue sits for a while.

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 \$6,561.81 with an ending balance of \$8,645.37. President Deardorff asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Tim Stevens made a motion, Dan Santoemma 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 and 2023 fire school classes. We are good financially.

Regarding the previous Administrator, the matter has been resolved financially and legally. Bylaws are being reviewed and updated to prevent a reoccurrence. President Deardorff thanked Bob Bowman and Richard Halpin for reviewing financial records to determine what was taken.

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

Gave the July Fire School Training Report.

Reminder that the Firefighter's Association Annual Convention meeting and Show and Shine are this weekend at the fire school.

Forcible entry doors and braces are installed on the SBB and just need to be welded before the FE props can be installed.

Questions regarding ELFF students moving ahead with the new series were answered by the fire commissioner's office. Any student who has completed modules under the EL14 program may continue through with the EL22 program. Jim thanked Bob Sells and Will Shaver who have been working on updating the EL22/IFSTA 7th edition PowerPoint program.

Noted that the fire school calendar now shows all scheduled events at the fire school to see what facilities are being used. The icon is on the upper right corner of the home page. Check this before submitting Facility Usage requests.

The air truck parts are now here to build the cascade on the back of the pickup truck.

Hopes to have the 2023 training calendar posted by the middle of next month. Please let Jim know if you looking for any specific classes.

OTHER AGENCY REPORTS

911 Center/YCDES (Chris Lorenzen):

Had the MCU at the Fair and attend tree National Night Out events.

Reported on new dispatcher training and hires. The center as improved from 32 FT staff last year to now in the upper 40's.

Eric Strittmatter asked about status of voice paging. Scott Keener noted that the solicitor has had the paperwork for it since June.

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

ATR team had 6 calls for the month; 29 calls for the year.

OEM (Dan Santoemma):

There will be a county meet and greet at the Fairgrounds on August 17th from 4-8

Haz-Mat (Dan Santoemma):

The Haz-Mat team had 15 calls for the month; 75 calls for the year.

The commodity flow study was sent out to the Association.

Fire Police (Bud Yohe):

The association is planning their first post-summer meeting. George Sheffer will be the interim president.

Fire Fighter's Association (Bill Newbould):

Not present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Discussed the Signal 13 policy and dispatcher knowledge. All agreed that it was necessary. Bob Sells noted that this communication protocol was reviewed in the Intro class last week and students were told to ask for copies of the County Communications Manual at their home stations for reference.

Talked about delays in dispatches for out of county mutual aid dispatches and are working on priorities.

Talked about assigning talk groups for call types and which ones are monitored (structure fire, MVA with entrapment, incidents in 83, etc.). Other talk groups can be requested but may not be monitored.

Troy Dettinger noticed that road closures are now limited to first due officers only.

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

2023 class costs and No-Show fees were discussed at a meeting last week.

ELFF-22 and IFSTA 7th edition updates are ongoing. All students starting in any module using the 7th edition will need to buy new textbooks.

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

Seven (7) rescues are still due for inspection this year. Some inspected units need to address some issues.

The committee is looking to update the rescue spec requirements again. Send any suggestions to the committee.

Brad Dunham reminded all to review the county minimum standards before ordering new apparatus so that there are no issues when getting their designations approved.

Policy Committee (Brad Dunham)

No items.

Bylaws (Dan Hoff):

Progress

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

President Deardorff reported for Tony that the August meeting was cancelled.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

Jim Pritchard reported that there is leftover food in the kitchen. Help yourselves.

Tony Myers thanked the fire school for supporting their recent youth camp.

Barry Myers noted that the county provides 90% plus of our annual operating budget. They have also supported us by giving a damaged pickup truck for the air truck and a used backhoe to the fire school for us to repair and use at minimal costs.

Shelly Miller Sept 11th.

Chad Deardorff reported for the Safekeepers Shrine service that they need a ladder truck and an engine on Sept 11th at 1:00. Also, Dover Borough is looking for reps from each company in the county at 2:00 on Sept. 11th for an emergency responder's event. Bob Sells noted that NFFF 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb in Lancaster is also that day.

The next meeting will be September 19th at 19:00 at West York Station 1 with dinner being served at 18:00.

ADJOURNMENT

President Deardorff adjourned the meeting at 2005.

Respectfully Recorded,

Robert Sells

Robert Sells
Board Secretary