

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

330 Emig Road
York, PA 17406



Monthly Meeting
3rd Monday

Monthly Meeting Minutes

April Membership Meeting
April 17, 2023

Attendance

Members

Chief Brad Dunham	Station 11
Richard Halpin	Station 20
Chief Eric Strittmatter	Station 21
Rick Witten	Station 31
Chief Clifton Laughman	Station 50
Chad Deardorff	Station 50
Chief Phil Golden	Station 55
Chief Larry Anderson	Station 66
Chief Dan Hoff	Station 89
Chief Joe Madzellan	Station 89
Chief Daniel Santoemma	Station 91
Chief John Sanford	Station 92
Chief Adam Smith	Station 99
John Senft	Station 99
Bob Bowman	Station 99
Joan Yohe	YCFP
Hortiz Yere Jr.	YCFP

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 19:02 hours. The call to order was followed by a pledge to the flag and a moment of silence. 17 people were in attendance.

PRESENTATIONS

Scott Paleramo with Let's Talk Safety provided a presentation on Child Abuse Awareness. He offered to come out to the stations to teach the community. He provided his contact to everyone who was in attendance.

spalermo@letstalksafety.net

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Deardorff asked if there were any corrections to last month's minutes. With no corrections, Chief Hoff made a motion to accept the minutes, Chief Smith 2nd the motion and the motion carried.

REPORTS

Treasurer (Bob Bowman):

Treasurer Bob Bowman presented the following report: Beginning balance \$9,281.99 with an ending balance of \$7,540.74. President Deardorff asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Chief Dunham made a motion, Chief Strittmatter seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Board of Governors (Chad Deardorff – BOG@ycfs.us):

The Board met this evening prior to this meeting and discussed looking at options to repair the apparatus garage. Options are to either repair the garage or rebuild. The board will keep everyone updated as we continue to collect information.

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

Gave the March Fire School Training Report.

Went over some Act 155 changes.

- 17 y/o can now attend an SBS class as long as it is directly linked to the Essentials course they just took.
- 17 y/o may now test for Firefighter I

Added some classes to the calendar.

- Summer Interior Class June 5th – 9 Enrolled
- 1403 Class held at WMTFD Station 502 May 1st
- Water Rescue Awareness May 1st
- Pump Operations 1 June 12th – 7 Enrolled
- Firefighter I Test June 1st
- Firefighter II Test July 8th

Chief Deardorff wanted to mention that he recently finished up an interior class and some of the students either misunderstood what Chief Deardorff told them or were not paying attention and wanted to make everyone aware that the students were told they are not considered interior qualified until their individual departments clear them. Its up to each individual departments policy as to how or what qualifies someone as interior qualified. Chief Deardorff also stressed that this is the first class that had 17 y/o in it and that 17 y/o CAN NOT go into a burning building until they turn 18.

OTHER AGENCY REPORTS

911 Center/YCDES (Chris Lorenzen/Scott Keener):

No Report

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

The ATR team had 4 calls for the month; 8 calls for the year.

OEM (Cody Santiago):

No Report

Haz-Mat (Dan Santoemma):

The Haz-Mat team had 9 calls for the month; 66 calls for the year.

Fire Police (Bud Yohe):

Four traffic units were inspected and all four passed.

Fire Fighter's Association (Clifton Laughman):

Department information requests were sent out to have the convention books updated. Encouraged everyone to fill them out as books have been getting printed with incorrect information as stations are not updating their information.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Received application for radio designation for Washington Township Fire Company. Application was approved and designation of Chief 73 was given.

Application for Station 65 for UTV was received and approved.

Discussion regarding ATV & UTV's. All ATV's will now have a UTV designation.

Application for Engine 11-2 was received and approved.

Chief Madzellan asked for some discussion on how Transfer Assignments should be handled at the County Level. When transfer assignments are requested and fail, what would we like county to do as far as replacement? Do we care if County just chooses who to replace instead of keeping asking the IC? Also wanted to know if we should utilize EMA for handling transfers for larger scale incidents so the IC doesn't have to worry about it? Chief Dunham made a motion that if transfers are not built into a departments box assignment to allow County to choose the transfers. Chief Hoff second the motion and the motion carried.

Fire School Committee (Will Shaver):

No Report

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

Chief Dunham asked if we should revisit other resource types. Ie: Rescue/squad, Rescue Engine Dry vs. Wet. No decision was made to or not to revisit at this time.

Policy Committee (Brad Dunham)

No Report

Bylaws Committee (Dan Hoff)

Chief Hoff advised the committee is making progress. Chief Strittmatter asked if we go to every other month meetings, how many would a Fire Department need to attend to be considered active? As of right now it says 6 but there will only be 6 meetings if we go every other month. Chief Hoff advised the committee to look at that, as it was an oversight originally.

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

32 of 72 municipalities have completed the mapping requests for next gen. The go live date for next gen is scheduled for November.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Jim Prichard advised that some departments are advising them they are not getting follow-up emails for registrations. He advised changed email servers and now finding that replies have been going to people's spam folders so please check your spam if you don't get a response email from registrations.

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

Chief Laughman advised that he met with the Lt. Governor and one of the things that was mentioned during the meeting is the state is looking for ways to get rid of the PFAS foam at no cost to departments. Chief Laughman will keep everyone updated as he hears more.

The next meeting will be May 15, 2023, at 19:00 the Fire School

ADJOURNMENT

Chief Dunham made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Chief Anderson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Respectfully Recorded,

Clifton Laughman

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Board Member