

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

330 Emig Road
York, PA 17406



Monthly Meeting
3rd Monday

Monthly Meeting Minutes

07/17/2023

Members in attendance

<u>NAME</u>	<u>STATION</u>
Brad Dunham	11
John Senft	99
Barry Myers	13
Dan Hoff	89
Scott Gingerich	77
Jim Pritchard	20
Clif Laughman	50
Chad Deardorff	50
Richard Halpin	20
Bob Bowman	99
Chris Krichten	63
Bob Bracken	13
Gwain McKeever	6
Taylor McKeever	6
Lee Lerew	6
Joan Yohe	89
Bud Yohe	89
Roy Brubaker	BOF
Mike Golden	55
Phil Golden	55
Tim Stevens	23
Mark Shroyer	23
Dan Sontoemma	91
Michelle Blevins	BOF
Mark Kaiser	BOF
Ron Witmer	39
Julie Wheeler	York County
Roger Flohr	6
Ken Arnold	39
Bryan Ream	63

Tammy Ream	63
Bob Sells	5
Chris Lorenzen	91
Bill Sleeper	99
Eric Strittmyer	32
Mett Kern	BOF
Eric Mitchell	BOF
Rick Witten	31

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 1900 hours. The call to order was followed by a pledge to the flag and a moment of silence. 40 people were in attendance.

PRESENTATIONS

Commissioner Wheeler here and spoke about the volunteer tax rebate and looking for feedback. She said she knows its not the answer but hoping it's a help.

Some feedback that it is helping local municipalities but the school boards still not willing to support. Julie willing to come out and support in person.

DCNR discussed about wildland fires and responding forest fires. Fire wardens have the power put out fire and assist any fire that is not involving a structure and to make a report and recording the expenses.

The role pf the DCNR staff would be to support with technical knowledge. They have specialized crews to support if needed.

Some resources available can be aircraft and / or heavy equipment.

If an outside brush and gets to a structure, it is DCNR. What is it's a structure fire that gets into the brush. DCNR can assist with resources while still supporting the structure portion.

How does it work since the local municipality is the authority having jurisdiction, they rely heavily of the request of the county / local fire chiefs, etc.

They are not here to take over but to support the local departments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Deardorff asked if there were any corrections to last month's minutes. With no corrections, motion by Tim Stevens and second by Roger Flohr to approve.

REPORTS

Treasurer (Bob Bowman):

Treasurer Bob Bowman presented the following report: Beginning balance \$ \$11,814.09 with an ending balance of \$12,618.15.

President Deardorff asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Gwain McKeever made a motion, Eric Strittmyer seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

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

The Board met this evening prior to this meeting and discussed several items, mostly by-laws. Also, discussed the options with Keystruct and the options of repair / replacement – more to come.

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

Gave the June Fire School Training Report.

Discussion around strategic planning committee data.

School usages hours for last two years.

July 2021 – June 2022


Fire	1918
EMS	983
PD	161
TOTAL	3062

July 2022 – June 2023

Fire	1742.5
EMS	1201
PD	435.5
TOTAL	3379

Questions about, at the state level, people coming out of the essentials class, why don't we finish with a FFI test. Jim said that at the state level, there is a concern regarding lack of volunteers in the western region of the state. That is what he has heard. Typically, we hold the essential program in the spring and then FFI review and then FFI test in the fall.

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Total
Bucks					
Hacc					
Sherriff Dept					
State Parole					
Adult Probation	20	23	20	10	73
Juvenile Probation	8		9		17
Company Burns					8
Combat Challenge		2			2
Fire School Classes					104
CERT					
York County Quick Response Team			12		12
Wellspring					
Police Departments	24				24
Company Training	16	20	7	16	59
York County Dist Atty Office					
Proctor Exams					
State Police					
Seminars					
PAFCO					
Community Life Team EMS	8		16		24
Misc				2	2
TOTAL HOURS:	76	45	64	28	325
June-23					



YORK COUNTY FIRE SCHOOL
Annual Report on Fire School Activity By Course

	Month	Date	Class / Course Name	Students	Students	Hrs	Stud. Hrs	Status
	JUNE	3	Firefighter I Testing			8		
		6	Haz-Mat Awareness	10		16	160	R
1		7	Intro to the Fire Service	10		16	160	R
2		10	Fire Attack in Attic Fires	10		8	80	R
3		12	Pump Ops I	13		16	208	R
4		13	Advanced Firefighter	9		24	216	R
5		22	Haz-Mat Awareness	14		8	112	R
6		24	CPR/AED First Aid	5		8	40	R
Totals				71		104	976	

OTHER AGENCY REPORTS

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

Next new hire class is 9/18/23.

Concern over pre-alert has been addressed and it is against policy and if it is brought to 911, they will address it.

Some more discussions about pre-alert and can we do it? Also concerns about the new pagers expressed. Also discussion about Macom radios and what to do about the aging radios and what to replace them with.

More concerns about pagers and the voice paging.

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

The ATR team had 1 call for may and 1 for June; 16 calls for the year.

OEM (Cody Santiago):

Standing order for special ops for MCU.

Video wall in EOC completed.

Haz-Mat (Dan Santoemma):

The Haz-Mat team had 10 calls for the month; 96 calls for the year.

Covering Adams County now.

Will be hosting an advanced meter use class.

If need hazmat DO, ask 911 to page.

Fire Police (Bud Yohe):

Fire Police Unit inspections coming up. Notices going out.

Recommending retraining in conjunction with the recertification.

Fire Fighter's Association (Clif Laughman):

County Convention coming up.

Need more signups for the convention, very few people going to be involved. Deadline July 31st.

When parade is over, lots of activities, including firefighter challenge, at the Fairgrounds after parade.

Working hard to get convention book updated.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

June meeting there was continued discussion about transfer assignments. Nothing yet to bring for presentations. Replacement apparatus approvals. EMS units on MAYDAY and was MCI, now will be 2 ALS and 2 transport units plus anything you may already have on there.

AVL use of radios but not a good use and can't rely on Crewforce due to departments having to buy their own devices.

As for voice paging, if we go back to human dispatching, we would need two more dispatching.

We can go a little faster.

What do we need hear in the voice dispatch?

(EMAIL HOW YOUR FEEDBACK TO JOE)

One suggestion - Box #, address, type of incident, units(?)

Lots of discussion on how the system works and how the tone / voice system can work and is working.

Fire School Committee (Will Shaver):

Strategic Plan discussion and will help with the efforts for Jim.

Fall class will start on Aug 1st and how do we increase the class size due to the wait list.

Will try to report via email in the next week or so.

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

Still no paperwork on Station 42 equipment.

Progress on work with 911.

Policy Committee (Brad Dunham)

No report

Bylaws Committee (Dan Hoff)

Last month, a draft of by-law revision was emailed out. A couple revision from BOG was the only portion that was received.

Updated changes -

Section 10.5 about audits was suggested to be changed from our auditor.

Section 9.2 was updated to the current process and not the way it is currently documented.

Other items discussed and updated were term limits and topics of the career vs volunteer on the BOG.

Looking for the feedback from the membership, please offer feedback to Dan Hoff via email. A will be re-

presented next month.

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

Discussion on the intended purpose of the PSAB and all members will review the charter and will discuss at the next meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Strategic Plan – want on the committee -

3 career - All confirmed

3 volunteer - Currently have 1 confirmed, 1 maybe and a list of 3 potential but no confirmation of which one from that Chief which one will be attending. If interested in attending, please advise Chad Deardorff via email ASAP.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion to introduce the by-laws for future action by Clif Laughman second Bob Bowman, no objections, motion carried.

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

Joe Madzelan – PennDOT reduced weight limit on Rt 462 bridge to 10 tons.

Joe Madzelan – Rescue Task Force, started to do trainings again – train the trainer and starting the do frontline provider classes. Need more people to attend and get involved. No cost and lunch provided.

The next meeting will be August 14, 2023, at 19:00 at Delta Fire Company Station 57. Dinner at 1800.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Tim Stevens second Joe Madzelan at 2030 hours.

Respectfully Recorded,

Christopher Krichten

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Board Secretary