# 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**

11/20/2023

# **Members in attendance**

NAME	STATION
Chris Krichten	63
Chad Deardorff	50
Bob Bowman	99
John Senft	99
Brad Dunham	11
Barry Myers	13
Scott Gingerich	77
Jim Pritchard	20
Larry Anderson	66
Rob Bissey	89
Bob Bracken	13
Mark Shroyer	23
Tim Stevens	23
Phil Golden	55
Mike Golden	55
Joe Madzelan	89
Austin Tome	39
Joan Yohe	89
Mike Smith	57
Ron Witmer	39
Tony Clouser	79
Eric Strittmatter	21
Joe Hildebrand	18
Brad Dunham	11
Chad Deardorff	50
Bud Yohe	89
George Cronin	Vork Tox

George Cronin York Township

#### **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 1905 hours. The call to order was followed by a pledge to the flag and a moment of silence. 27 people were in attendance.

# **PRESENTATIONS**

None

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

President Deardorff asked if there were any corrections to last month's minutes. With no corrections, a motion to approve by Tim Stevens second by Barry Myers and the motion was approved.

#### **REPORTS**

### <u>Treasurer</u> (Bob Bowman):

Treasurer Bob Bowman presented the following report: Beginning balance \$7,029.39 with an ending balance of \$10,942.70. President Deardorff asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Tony Myers made a motion, Bob Bracken seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

# <u>Board of Governors</u> (Chad Deardorff - <u>BOG@group.ycfs.us</u>):

The Board met this evening prior to this meeting and discussed regarding the building next door and the burn building an future plan. Financially we are doing well. Waiting to see the county budget.

### <u>Fire School Administrator</u> (Jim Pritchard – <u>james@ycfs.us</u>):

Gave the October 2023 Fire School Training Report.

Officer I class in beginning of CY24

Officer II class toward end of year

Still need two companies for pump ops class

Since catalog was put out, will be adding a summer mod program. Have approx. 12-14 already on waiting list for the mid series.

Intro to Officership, Riding the Right Seat and Legal Aspects will be scheduled soon. Watch the website.

Please make sure to submit your subscription.

	Week 1	Week2	Week 3	Week 4	Total
Bucks					
Hacc					
Sherriff Dept					
State Parole					
Adult Probation		10	30	14	54 40
Juvenile Probation		24	16		40
CompanyBurns	4	4	12	0	20
Combat Challenge					
Fire School Classes					112
CERT					
York County Quick Response Team					
Wellspan	10				10
Police Departments					
CompanyTraining	12	4		4	20
York County Dist Atty Office					
Proctor Exams					
State Police					
Seminars					
PAFCO					
Community Life Team EMS			24		24
Misc	20	50	40	44	154
TOTAL HOURS:	42	88	120	62	434
		October-23			
		UCI			

10	Totals			51	76	1412	
1	OCTOBER	2	Haz-Mat Op's	19	24	456	R
2		4	Fire Instructor I	5	28	140	R
3		14	CPR/AED First Aid	5	8	40	R
4		17	Advanced Fire Police	0	0	0	C
5		18	ELIF/SBS	25	36	900	R
		28	Vehicle Rescue	25	16	400	R
6							
7	Totals			79	112	1936	·

#### **OTHER AGENCY REPORTS**

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

Nobody present

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

No report.

### **OEM** (Cody Santiago):

Nobody present

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

No report.

# Fire Police (Bud Yohe):

Left on a call

## Fire Fighter's Association (Clif Laughman):

No report. Clif in hospital but doing well.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### <u>Radio/Communications</u> (Joe Madzelan – <u>radio@group.ycfs.us</u>):

Lengthy discussion on paging when CAD is down. Concern that they announce that voice paging is down and then not announce that it is back up. County says that when CAD goes down that the only pagers that will work is the alpha numeric. They have no want to make the paging on two separate systems. Asked to ask them to if the pages can be sent out and be more specific about what the problem is, not generic.

Updated Engine 501, 505, 55-2, R42 for Engine also.

Kelly asked about gas leak inside that some boxes have EMS on and some not.

Odor of smoke call for service – changed the mapping for odors and no smoke seen will generate an investigate inside only, not a structure fire.

Brad talked about transfer policy – proposed. Brad discussed the options. Lots of group discussion. County recommends to list transfer 1, transfer 2 and transfer 3 and then of they all fail, they will go to #10 on the engine master list.

Joe talked about the voice paging and the need for two paging systems and now we are being told that we are getting rid of one of the paging systems and we can't add any more tones to add more pages. We

MUST do something to get results and we can't have one person to make it the system he wants and the system changes as he wants it to be each day.

Chad said that he and Brad have been trying to reach out for over a year to the 911 Director and Matt says he doesn't feel a need to meet. On November 3<sup>rd</sup> Chad sent and email about the pagers and the ownership and the passwords and the money spent since they are not being able to be programmed. Also, that the BeOn app turned off at the county's discretion and no notification about it. Also, asked why there is no attendance at the meeting by Matt. Officially asked for him to attend the meeting that is happening tonight, and no one form 911 is in attendance. There will be a discussion with the county commissioner and possibly a bring up, with the support of EMS, and talk about a vote of no confidence regarding the 911 director. ISO ratings are going down specifically because of the 911 center and spending lots of taxpayer dollars and getting less results than ever before. This is a huge disservice to the public and the emergency responders. Tony Myers feels like the leaders should meet with the commissioners prior to making any decisions and hear what they have to say. Why is the decision to take the digital system away and why is the radio tech making that decision and not the 911 director.

Tony also talked about the concern of the fire service responders who do stupid things too. Things like departments doing transfers and then calling for a transfer. Calling equipment by the wrong name. We need to police ourselves.

Scott told Brad that digital paging would be going away, and we are going to voice paging only. Even though we were told by commissioners that the voice would be a backup on a separate system but not if the CAD system goes down, so does the voice paging.

# **<u>Fire School Committee</u>** (Will Shaver):

No report

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

Rescues are almost done. Stations 8 and 13 still need dates to be inspected. Contact the committee to get inspected.

Possible updates for resource typing changes. Work in progress.

#### **Policy Committee (Brad Dunham)**

As noted in the radio committee section.

### **Bylaws Committee** (Dan Hoff)

No report / on hold

## **Public Safety Policy Board** (Tony Clousher):

County is on the NextGen 911 which should improve mapping.

<u>Strategic Planning</u> (Chad Deardorff - <u>SPC@group.ycfs.us</u>)

No report

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

No report

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Nominating committee <a href="mailto:nominations@group.ycfs.us">nominations@group.ycfs.us</a>

Eric Strittmatter chair Bob Bracken Tony Myers

Positions open - President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and (1) one Board member

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

The next meeting will be December 18, 2023, at 1900 hours at the Fire School.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

President Deardorff asked for a motion for adjournment, Brad Dunham made a motion, Tm Stevens seconded the motion, and the motion was approved at 2000 hours.

Respectfully Recorded,

Christopher Krichten

Christopher Krichten Board Secretary