

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

330 Emig Road
York, PA 17406



Monthly Meeting
3rd Monday

Monthly Meeting Minutes

07/15/2024

Members in attendance

<u>NAME</u>	<u>STATION</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>STATION</u>
Chris Krichten	63	Chad Deardorff	50
Bob Bowman	20	Richard Halpin	20
Clif Laughman	50	John Senft	20
Dan Hoff	89	Brad Dunham	11
Barry Myers	13	Jim Pritchard	20
Phil Golden	55	Mike Golden	55
Joe Madzellan	89	Joan Yohe	89
Moritz Yohe	89	Mike Smith	57
Evan Smith	57	Austin Tome	39
Albert Buckingham	63	Bob Bracken	13
Aric Strittmatter	21	John Sanford	91
Chris Lorenzan	911	Ron Witmer	39
Ken Arnold	39	Bill Kurtz	56
Bryan Ream	63	Tammy Ream	63
Brad Dauberman	61		

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. [redacted] people were in attendance.

PRESENTATIONS

Deputy Chief Golden welcomed the association members and thanked everyone for coming.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Deardorff asked if there were any corrections to last month’s minutes. With no corrections, a motion to approve by Clif Laughman, second by Dan Hoff and the motion was approved.

REPORTS

Treasurer (Bob Bowman):

Treasurer Bob Bowman presented the following report: Beginning balance \$13,079.22 with an ending balance of \$13,314.98.

President Deardorff asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Eric Strittmatter made a motion, Phil Golden 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 normal business. We did not receive the training facility grant from the state.

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

Gave the June Fire School Training Report.

	Month	Date	Class / Course Name	Students	Students	Hrs	Stud. Hrs	Status
			Exterior	24		12	288	R
1	June	4	Haz-Mat Awareness	12		4	48	R
2		5	Intro to the Fire Service	12		16	192	R
3		13	Industrail FB Extended	5		16	80	R
4		19	Haz-Mat Awareness	22		4	88	R
5		19	Interior/SBS	11		20	220	R
6		18	FF I Prep Class	15		16	240	R
7		29	FF Survival	19		16	304	R

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Total
Bucks					0
Hacc					0
Sherriff Dept	32				32
State Parole					0
Adult Probation					0
Juvenile Probation			30		30
Company Burns	9				9
Combat Challenge					0
Fire School Classes					104
CERT					0
York County Quick Response Team				8	8
Wellsplan					0
Police Departments	40	32			72
Company Training	23	11	21	25	80
York County Dist Atty Office					0
Proctor Exams					0
State Police					0
Seminars					0
PAFCO					0
Misc		3		2	5
TOTAL HOURS:	104	46	51	35	340

Jun-24

August meeting will be new apparatus display. Please arrive around 1800 hours.
Will be doing an Eagle Scout presentation for the work he did with the hose loading station prior to meeting as well.
If you have any questions regarding a class or something at the school, please contact Jim at the Training Center.

OTHER AGENCY REPORTS

911 Center/YCDES (Chris Lorenzen):

Crewforce update – Tyler New World has written a script and it is running today and they are currently testing. Should be in service by end of the week.
The delay in box changes – due to mergers. Chris will look at how we prioritize small change requests and maybe pause the merger work to help keep the changes on-going.
There was a question about merged departments getting separate dispatches possible and they were told that it is only for career departments. There was lots of discussion. Joe Madzellan says there isn't a policy for this and 911 shouldn't be making those decisions on this. Chad spoke Clair and Chris will follow up.

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

The ATR team had 8 calls for the month; 31 calls for the year.

OEM (Chris Weidenhammer):

Brought up the topic of burn bans. Any municipality that enacts a burn ban, please notify OEM.
MCU had 2 dispatches this month.

Haz-Mat (Dan Santoemma):

The Haz-Mat team had 23 calls for the month; 104 calls for the year.
Contract with Adams County renewed to cover them for Hazmat Services.
Working on holding another county wide advanced meter class for first responders. Looking to hold the course in late fall early winter. More details will be forthcoming once the course is scheduled.
The team went to Franklin County to assist at Letterkenny.

Fire Police (Bud Yohe):

Traffic units that are due for inspection - 8, 21, 68, 79 (scheduled), 18 (new unit).

Fire Fighter's Association (Clif Laughman):

Convention next month. Dinner August 9th, convention / parade August 10th.
Get parade registrations in ASAP. Need Fire Police help.
Firefighters Association is the oldest association in the county, formed in 1912. Will now offer accidental death benefit for members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Discussed radio designations, mostly the 38/13 merger.
Need a policy on mayday training / emergency button.

Fire School Committee (Will Shaver):

No report

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

No report

Policy Committee (Brad Dunham)

No report

Bylaws Committee (Dan Hoff)

No report

Public Safety Policy Board (Tony Clouser):

Short meeting. Nothing to report.

Strategic Planning (Chad Deardorff - SPC@group.ycfs.us)

No report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Tyler / New World letter of no confidence – will table to next month.

Calls to PD and no FD dispatch – table until next month.

NEW BUSINESS:

Deputy Chief Golden brought up the concern for self-dispatch and adding to calls. Lots of discussion. Is there a policy to allow dispatchers to tell units they were not dispatched and to go in service. Need to allow dispatchers to tell them to stay in service. This is a huge legal / liability issue and the group wants it to stop to avoid too much radio traffic causing an unsafe condition. The box alarms are set up for a reason. Joe Madzellan stated it's the dispatchers job to manage resources and there needs to be a policy. Joe will add to the next radio committee meeting.

Clif Laughman stated that the York Fair starts this week and the parade is Sunday. Contact Clif if you are / want to be involved.

The MCU will be at the fair and difficult to get it out for response.

Chad Deardorff brought up about a burn ban after hearing from several Chiefs. Commissioner Wheeler said they will follow the recommendation of the Chiefs association. The reason is, some municipalities do not have an ordinance to be able to do it. Need a minimum of 10 Chiefs, per county regulations, to move forward. Once we make a recommendation, the commissioner need 72 business hours to go into effect. Last year we did 30 increments with the ability to cancel at any time, as needed.

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

The next meeting will be August 19, 2024 at 1900 hours at the York County Public Safety Training Center with the new apparatus display, please arrive no later than 1800 hours.

Carroll County will be at meeting to advertise / discuss public safety positions available.

ADJOURNMENT

President Deardorff asked for a motion for adjournment, Bob Bowman made a motion, Bob Bracken seconded the motion and the motion was approved at 1955 hours.

Respectfully Recorded,

Christopher Krichten

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Board Secretary