

# 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

09/16/2024

### 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	Jim Pritchard	20
Dan Hoff	89	Brad Dunham	11
Scott Gingerich	77	Tony Myers	61
Joe Madzellan	89	Craig Lipinski	18
John Sanford	92	Tim Stevens	23
Adam Smith	99	Eric Strittmatter	21
Bill Kuntz	56	Chris Lorenzen	911
Rick Witten	31	Bill Sleeper	99
Phil Golden	55	Brad Dauberman	61
Michael Smith	57	James Smith	22
Chris Hoagland	9	Tim Carr	12

### **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.

**PRESENTATION**

Paul Davis representative spoke their capabilities and her role. The rep is victim assistance and she is a supplement to the red cross and support the families. Brings refreshments for the responders and anything the family needs. She reports that she understands the needs of the fire service as a previous responder. Presented flyer for the "Bark in the Park" for the chili cookoff. Half of proceeds to the winner and half to the Fallen Fighters Foundation. Also shared scholarship information for their quarterly scholarship program. Both flyers attached.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

**REPORTS**

**Treasurer (Bob Bowman):**

Treasurer Bob Bowman presented the following report: Beginning balance \$15,053.18 with an ending balance of \$14,617.36.

President Deardorff asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Clif Laughman made a motion, Craig Lipinski seconded the motion and the motion was approved.


**Board of Governors (Chad Deardorff – [BOG@group.ycfs.us](mailto:BOG@group.ycfs.us)):**

The Board met this evening prior to this meeting and discussed about the capital improvement plan. Have not yet heard anything on the RAK-P grant. Looking at what Plan B & C should be. Will continue to work on the plan.

**Fire School Administrator (Jim Pritchard – [james@ycfs.us](mailto:james@ycfs.us)):**

Gave the August, 2024 Fire School Training Report.

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Total
Bucks					
Hacc					
Sherriff Dept			5		5
State Parole					
Adult Probation	25	40		50	115
Juvenile Probation					
Company Burns					
Combat Challenge					
Fire School Classes					62
CERT					
York County Quick Response Team			4	6	10
Wellspring	10				10
Police Departments					
Company Training			25	10	35
York County Dist Atty Office					
Proctor Exams					
State Police		8			8
Seminars					
PAFCO					
Community Life Team EMS					
Misc	5			2	7
TOTAL HOURS:	40	53	29	68	252



**YORK COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING CENTER**

**Annual Report on Fire School Activity By Course**

2024						
1	AUGUST	3	AED/CPR	8	6	48 R
2		13	Fire Ground Support	30	32	960 R
3		24	Basement Fires	16	8	128 R
4		20	Basic Fire Police	21	16	336 R
9	Totals			75	62	1472

Classes for 2025 will be posted soon. Jim will send an email when able to sign up. Not accepting facility requests for 2025 until October 1<sup>st</sup>.

OSFC has joined with the NFA and are presenting regarding community risk reduction. Would be good for community officials to attend also.

**OTHER AGENCY REPORTS**

**911 Center/YCDES (Clair Doll):**

New public safety director hired and started today.

CAD department has added an additional team member to help support the requests for the box

changes / updates.

Bard Dunham brought up Crewforce, having issue with a portion of iPads. Other agencies having same issue. Eric Strittmatter expresses that maybe no standard set up between devices and / or departments profiles. Chris Lorenzen will research.

Clif Laughman asked about when we are training the dispatchers on the back up voice paging? The dispatchers should already be trained and Chris will investigate the specific event.

Scott Gingerich asked if there is anyone on call on holidays. Had an issue with getting locked out and Chief was told that there isn't anyone there on a holiday. Chris will research on how they can support on weekends and holidays.

John Sanford reports kudos to Scott Keener and that he has been doing a great support with the ATR doing out of state and out of county events.

**ATR (John Sanford - [yc.atr@comcast.net](mailto:yc.atr@comcast.net)):**

The ATR team had 15 calls for the month; 48 calls for the year.

**OEM (Bill James):**

No report

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

The Haz-Mat team had 11 calls for the month; 138 calls for the year.

**Fire Police (Bud Yohe):**

No report

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

If anyone needs a convention book, contact Clif Laughman

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Radio/Communications (Joe Madzellan – [radio@group.ycfs.us](mailto:radio@group.ycfs.us)):**

Discussed designation changes related to mergers.

EMS related topics.

Crewforce topics.

Discussed bringing Kenwood radios into the county system but Scott states that there have been issues in the past. Kenwood would most likely not willing to support because of a low number of devices in service.

Discussed self-dispatching and there isn't anything that the county can / will do as it isn't there job to handle it and feel it's the chiefs issue related to this and then bring in the municipality.

Discussed mayday assignments and the procedure and there were some concerns with the way a recent mayday was handled. Lots of discussion about this amongst the Chiefs and Chris Lorenzen. Chris reports that they need to review the workflow. The process for the radio channels is to keep mayday on the current channel and all others to the emergency channel because that channel is all the way at the top of your switches. Chris will research and report back. See attached policies from 911.

**Fire School Committee (Will Shaver):**

No report

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

Brad reports that he received an email that Chiefs are sending information directly to the 911 center to change their unit classification without filling out the application and sending to committee to approve first.

**Policy Committee (Brad Dunham)**

No report

**Bylaws Committee (Dan Hoff)**

No report

**Public Safety Policy Board (Tony Clouser):**

No report

911 center is working to make changes of staff scheduled OT and now its on the 4<sup>th</sup> day off instead of 3<sup>d</sup> day off and the call offs are much less with this change.

**Strategic Planning (Chad Deardorff - [SPC@group.ycfs.us](mailto:SPC@group.ycfs.us))**

No report

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Companies self-dispatching to calls – Update on a YCDES policy? Covered in Radio Committee.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

No new business.

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

Nominations committee will be set up next month for the positions for 2025.

The next meeting will be October 21, 2024 at 1900 hours at West Manchester Township Fire Company, Shiloh Station with supper served at 1800 hours.

November meeting will be at the 911 center.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Deardorff asked for a motion for adjournment, Clif Laughman made a motion, Bob Bowman seconded the motion and the motion was approved at 1945 hours.

Respectfully Recorded,

*Christopher Krichten*

Christopher Krichten  
Board Secretary





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# Department of Emergency Services

## 911 Communications

### Policy #90.01 MAYDAY

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### PURPOSE

To provide direction to the dispatch staff when responding to a MAYDAY distress signal.

### POLICY

Fire field responders will use MAYDAY as the distress signal when they find themselves in a life-threatening situation and need immediate assistance due to a fire incident.

Upon receipt of a MAYDAY, the dispatcher will make the following notifications and dispatches:

1. Notify the Incident Commander
2. Notify all units by using the MAYDAY tones and transmitting on the radio the MAYDAY was declared and assign units not involved to the North or South Emergency Talk Group.
3. Dispatch the MAYDAY Assignment
4. Notify the Shift Supervisor
5. Dispatch the OEM Duty Officer
6. Notify the appropriate police dispatcher



## **Procedure 40-033 Mayday**

**Objective:** Upon completion, the dispatcher will know how to successfully handle a Mayday.

### **Instruction:**

A MAYDAY distress signal is only for use when a firefighter and/or firefighters that find themselves in a life-threatening situation and needs immediate assistance due to a fire incident. Any report of a MAYDAY should be given a high priority. These emergencies will be transmitted by voice over the radio and/or by activating their emergency button on their radio. A MAYDAY is not an emergency evacuation call.

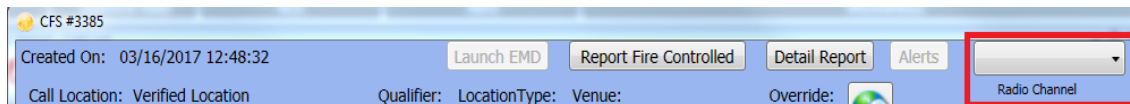
**MAYDAY.** If a MAYDAY is declared, communications should immediately take the following steps:

- **Simul on the appropriate Main Fire Talk Group (TG) and Incident Tactical TG** the MAYDAY was transmitted and press the 'MAYDAY' button to alert emergency field responders.
- **Order all radio traffic not associated with the MAYDAY** to move to the appropriate North or South Emergency TG (knob position 16). The MAYDAY will remain on the same Incident Tactical TG. The only units that should be on this TG are the downed firefighter and the Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) and/or other assigned crews.
- **MAYDAY Announcement.** Announce, "York with Emergency Traffic, attention all units on the scene (Name of Municipality); (Name of the road incident is on) Command has declared a "MAYDAY" all units not involved in the MAYDAY move to North Emergency (appropriate North or South Emergency TG) knob position 16, time."

**Comment:** *Communications should dedicate a dispatcher to monitor the situation until it is resolved. The dispatcher is permitted to communicate with the downed firefighter and the Officer in Charge (OIC) of the on the MAYDAY TG.*

- **Attempt to confirm "LUNAR."** "LUNAR" is the firefighters **L**ocation, **U**nit, **N**ame, **A**ssignment, and **R**esources needed to handle the "MAYDAY."
- **Start a (5) minute timer.** When this time has elapsed, confirm that the Incident Commander (IC) has received PAR (Personnel Accountability Report) of all fire personnel with the exception of the downed firefighter. This information should be documented in the call narrative.

- **Nature of Call (NOC) window.** Enter into the NOC window “MAYDAY ASSIGNMENT” prior to dispatching any additional units on the original CFS. After the MAYDAY is clear, remove the “MAYDAY Assignment” from the NOC.



- **Dispatching units due on a MAYDAY assignment.**
  - **Given a request for a Mayday:**
    - Create a separate call with the CFS type of ‘MAYDAY,’ the call location will match the original incident location.
    - Open unit recommendations, the default MAYDAY response will automatically be recommended.
    - Accept unit recommendations.
    - **Link** the MAYDAY CFS and the Structure Fire incident – *DO NOT ASSOCIATE*.
    - The MAYDAY CFS and Structure Fire incident will be managed as (2) separate incidents for the duration of both calls.
    - Upon completion of the MAYDAY, mark the units available and clear the incident as normal.
- **Notify a 911 Shift Supervisor.**
- **Terminating the MAYDAY.** Simul on the appropriate Main Fire TG, Incident Tactical TG the MAYDAY was transmitted, and the Incident Tactical TG units were assigned and hit one alert tone.
  - **Announce.** “Releasing the air on (TG the ‘MAYDAY’ was received, i.e. North 3) units can return back to North 3, time.”

## Evaluation Guide

### Performance Measure:

The dispatcher understands what a Mayday is and the procedure to handle one.



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# Department of Emergency Services

## 911 Communications

### Policy #90.01 Fire & EMS Signal 13

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### **PURPOSE**

To provide direction to the dispatch staff when responding to a Fire & EMS Signal 13.

### **POLICY**

Signal 13 will be used by emergency services field responders if they are threatened outside the realm of a fire or EMS incident. Any radio transmission containing the words "Signal 13" will be given a high priority. These emergencies will be transmitted by voice over the radio and/or by activating their emergency button on their radio.

### **Emergency services field responders may initiate a Signal 13 in several ways:**

- Voice Activated Signal 13 not on the scene of a call for service
- Voice Activated Signal 13 on the scene of a call for service
- Emergency Button Activation not on the scene of a call for service
- Emergency Button Activation on the scene of a call for service

Upon receipt of an Emergency Button Activation, the dispatcher will call the unit with the language "Check Your Display."

The dispatcher will treat any Signal 13 or Emergency Button Activation as valid when there is no response or a field responder indicates the Signal 13 was accidental.

### **Fire and EMS Dispatchers will make the following dispatches and notifications upon receipt of a Signal 13:**

#### ***On scene of an active call (incident):***

- Notify Incident Command, chief, or duty officer of incident where possible.
- Notify the appropriate police dispatcher (PSP if applicable)
- Dispatch next due ALS and BLS
- On the Fire Dispatch Talk Group, announce Emergency Response Requested Contact Communications for Additional



- Notify 911 Shift Supervisor

***Not on scene of an active call (incident):***

- Create a Call for Service.
- If able to obtain a location, or once able to obtain one, follow the instructions for “on scene”.
- If unable to obtain a location:
  - Use the Call Type Unknown Problem PD Only
  - **Fire:** Dispatch the Duty Officer for the appropriate fire station requesting them to contact 911 immediately
  - **EMS:** Dispatch the EMS Station for the appropriate unit. Call the EMS Chief cell phone
  - Notify Shift Supervisor

## Procedure 40-035

## Fire / EMS Signal 13 Emergency Declaration

**Objective:** Upon completion, the dispatcher will know how to successfully handle a Fire EMS Signal 13 or Emergency Declaration.

### Instruction:

Signal 13 is for use when an emergency services field provider is threatened outside the realm of a fire or EMS incident. Any radio transmission containing the words "Signal 13" will be given a high priority. These emergencies will be transmitted by voice over the radio and/or by activating their emergency button on their radio.

Signal 13 may be initiated in several ways:

- Voice Activated Signal 13 not on the scene of a call for service
- Voice Activated Signal 13 on the scene of a call for service
- Emergency Button Activation not on the scene of a call for service
- Emergency Button Activation on the scene of a call for service

If on the scene of a call for service:

- If activated from an Emergency button, Call the unit number displayed and ask them to check their display. If the unit replies, the Signal 13 was accidental, this indicates the unit cannot speak freely and personnel are in a Signal 13. If there is no response, this will be treated as a Signal 13.
- If verified as a Signal 13, Change the Call Type to Officer Down / Signal 13
- Notify the appropriate police dispatcher
- Change NOC Window to Dangerous Scene / Stage Away / Emergency Response
- Dispatch next due ALS and BLS
- Notify 911 Shift Supervisor

If not on the scene of a call for service:

- Create a Call for Service with the Call Type Signal 13.
- If able to obtain a location, or once able to obtain one, follow the instructions above.
- If unable to obtain a location:
  - **Fire:** Dispatch the Duty Officer for the appropriate fire station requesting them to contact 911 immediately.
  - **EMS:** Dispatch the EMS Station for the appropriate unit. Call the EMS Chief cell phone.
  - Notify Shift Supervisor.
  - Continue to monitor the situation, attempt to make contact with unit and await further instructions from department duty officer or shift supervisor.



## Evaluation Guide

### Performance Measure:

The dispatcher understands what an Emergency Evacuation is and the procedure to handle one.

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# Department of Emergency Services 911 Communications

## Policy #90.01 Scene Emergency Evacuation

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### **PURPOSE**

To provide direction to the dispatch staff when responding to an emergency evacuation request.

### **POLICY**

Fire field responders will initiate an emergency evacuation during firefighting operations if there is a change in conditions that will endanger personnel (i.e. imminent structural collapse).

### **Upon receipt of an emergency evacuation order, the dispatcher will make the following notifications and dispatches:**

1. If the request did not come from the Incident Commander (IC), notify the IC.
2. Using a “warble tone”, notify all units on the Main Talk Group (TG) and Incident Tactical TG by making an announcement that an emergency evacuation has been ordered.
3. Notify the Shift Supervisor
4. Dispatch OEM Duty Officer

## **Procedure 40-034                      Emergency Evacuation**

**Objective:** Upon completion, the dispatcher will know how to successfully handle an Emergency Evacuation.

### **Instruction:**

An emergency evacuation will be initiated when personnel on the scene recognize the eminent collapse of a structure during firefighting operations or any change in conditions during an incident, which will endanger personnel. An emergency evacuation signal will be given by blasts of apparatus air horns.

**Emergency evacuation.** Upon the notification of an emergency evacuation, the dispatcher should take the following steps:

**Simul the Main Fire Talk Group (TG) and Incident Tactical TG** the emergency evacuation was transmitted and press the warble tone and hold for (5) seconds, release for 5 seconds, repeat one more time to alert emergency field responders and announce the emergency evacuation immediately.

**Emergency evacuation announcement.** “York with Emergency Traffic”, followed by “Attention all units on the scene of (Name of Municipality and street address of the incident), (name of command) has ordered an emergency evacuation.”

**Document in the narrative of the call** that an emergency evacuation was requested and the announcement was made.

**Notify the 911 Shift Supervisor.**

### **Evaluation Guide**

#### Performance Measure:

The dispatcher understands what an Emergency Evacuation is and the procedure to handle one.

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