

# 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

10/21/2024

### 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
Joan Yohe	89	Moritz Yohe	89
Guy Hettinger	911	Rob Bissey	89
Larry Anderson	66	Joe Madzellan	89
Tim Stevens	23	Mark Shroyer	23
Bill Kurtz	56	Bob Sells	502
Bill Sleeper	99	Troy Snyder	47
David Markle	50	Chris Hoagland	9
Adam Smith	99	Jacob Bush	22
Jimmy Smith	22	Rick Witten	22

**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 1902 hours. The call to order was followed by a pledge to the flag and a moment of silence. 26 people were in attendance.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Welcome from Chief Bob Sells, West Manchester Township Shiloh Station Chief. Thank you for coming to our station and if you want a tour after meeting let the Chief know.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

President Deardorff asked if there were any corrections to last month’s minutes. **With no corrections, a motion to approve by Bob Sells, second by Larry Anderson and the motion was approved.**

**REPORTS**

**Treasurer (Bob Bowman):**

Treasurer Bob Bowman presented the following report: Beginning balance \$18,980.47 with an ending balance of \$12,087.62.

President Deardorff asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Dan Hoff made a motion, Mark Shroyer 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 our budget process with the county and they want an explanation of what the money goes to annually. Chad will be working on this presentation. Chad spoke to Kristin Phillips-Hill and the RAK-P grant most likely won’t be announced until after the new year.

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

Gave the September, 2024 Fire School Training Report.

Reminder, Best Practice Community Risk Reduction class in conjunction with NFA, need more registrants. Please push with your municipal leaders.

Reminder, registrations and subscriptions are open for 2025.

Reminder, Intro classes starting next year, spring and fall classes with by a minimum age of 16 and there will be a summer program for 14 and 15 y/o students with the 14 & 15 y/o’s having priority for the summer class.

If there is something you want for a class not in the catalog, contact Jim.

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2		7	Rit - I	12		16	192	R
3		10	Exterior	26		40	1,040	R
4		14	Haz-Mat Op's Refresher	0		0	0	C
5		17	Haz-Mat Awareness	0		0	0	C
6								
10	Totals			46		84	1,456	

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Total
Bucks					
Hacc					
Sherriff Dept	4				4
State Parole					
Adult Probation	20	10	10	10	50
Juvenile Probation		20	30		50
Company Burns	16		20	14	50
Combat Challenge					
Fire School Classes	21	21	21	21	84
CERT					
York County Quick Response Team			4	4	8
Wellspring					
Police Departments					
Company Training	8	14	16	3	41
York County Dist Atty Office					
Proctor Exams					
State Police					
Seminars					
PAFCO					
Misc		40	10	2	52
TOTAL HOURS:	69	105	111	54	339

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**OTHER AGENCY REPORTS**

**911 Center/YCDES (Guy Hettinger):**

Guy introduced himself and will be contacting the leaders to make that contact now.

CAD upgrade today that went well. Reports from today will be manual so if you know you need a report form today, please reach out to Tia ASAP.

Chief Laughman asked about the radio outage and why it took so long, 45 minutes, to notify others. Guy said there was a 3<sup>rd</sup> party vendor that took out a tower site and until they knew there was an issue, when they knew, it took 45 minutes and he will try to find out why. Chief Laughman asked why we can't notify emergency services ASAP and not later after an outage. Chief Dauberman asked why we did not we are not using Everbridge, Guy advised that he thought they were. It was used for the radio outage, contact Tia at 911 to make sure your contact information is correct in the County Everbridge system.

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

The ATR team had 5 calls for the month; 53 calls for the year.

**OEM (Chris Weidenhammer):**

No report

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

The Haz-Mat team had 20 calls for the month; 160 calls for the year.

The haz-mat team has been over dispatched lately and it seems like a training issue in the county. The team is working on clearing up the training issue. Will continue to monitor and see if there is an EFD issue in a few months.

2025 hazmat tech class and refresher information is out, if you're interested, contact Dan.

**Fire Police (Bud Yohe):**

2025 invoices and roster will be coming out in the next few weeks.  
This month's meeting will be changed and notification will be out ASAP.  
Chad asked for positive thoughts for the FP officer from Station 37 who is missing.

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

No report

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Continued discussion related to the ORI & CrewForce and the permissions. Brad is working on it.  
F/U regarding self-dispatch and the county will not monitor and handle. If there is an issue, departments need to work that out.

F/U on Mayday assignment, because of MCI in CAD, and the changes needed, they will leave as is and will merge the incidents after the call is over.

Box numbering discussion related to box numbers in a municipality and the first due station will be the box number. Went to PSAB for support and it did pass.

Questions on what a supply unit should be replaced with, be specific on your box what a supply unit should be replaced with.

Continued discussion about info to PD is the same info to Fire and EMS. Tia and Chris will work to share and enforce that policy.

The county wants to go back to the box change policy regarding the time frame you can make changes. It will be every other year as it was.

If you have a CAD problem, send an email to [cadhelpdesk@ycdes.org](mailto:cadhelpdesk@ycdes.org)

Chief Dauberman asked about the reprogramming of the PD radios, they no longer have access to FD and / or EMS in their radios. Lots of discussion around the use of municipal channel and the lack of use during an emergency. Brad wants to know why our channels be taken out without the Fire Chiefs are aware. Guy said he will work look into it. The workgroup was not aware of it.

At the request of York County, the prison fire response team is no longer station 16.

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

No report

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

If your rescue was inspected for 2024 but you didn't get your stickers, please contact Brad Dunham.

**Policy Committee (Brad Dunham)**

No report

**Bylaws Committee (Dan Hoff)**

No report

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

Bylaws updated to include executive director.

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

John Senft will be taking over this committee.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Chief Laughman offered and update regarding the use of voice paging when the digital paging was down and Chris Lorenzen reported that they can do it and that specific dispatcher just didn't use the voice paging. No reason given.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There is a policy regarding all call for funerals, retirements and special announcements and they want to use the voice pager instead of the all call digital paging. Chief Dauberman advised that the majority of his team is not carrying voice pagers so the digital paging would be preferred and made a motion to do both digital and voice, second by Larry Anderson. Send an email request to [announcements@ycfs.us](mailto:announcements@ycfs.us)

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

The next meeting will be November 21<sup>st</sup> at 1900 hours at the York County 911 Center **with dinner being served at 18:15 hours.**

Will set up a nominating committee at the November meeting.

As an FYI, the January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025 meeting will be held at Manchester Station 23 at 1900 hours **with dinner being served at 18:15 hours.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Deardorff asked for a motion for adjournment, Bob Bowman made a motion, Clif Laughman seconded the motion and the motion was approved at 1940 hours.

Respectfully Recorded,

*Christopher Krichten*

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Board Secretary