

# 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

November 18, 2024

### Members in attendance

<u>NAME</u>	<u>STATION</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>STATION</u>
Chris Krichten	63	Chad Deardorff	50
Dan Hoff	89	Richard Halpin	20
Barry Myers	13	John Senft	20
Jim Pritchard	20	Brad Dunham	11
Joe Madzellan	89	Craig Lipinski	18
Guy Hettinger	911	Chris Weidenhammer	OEM
Jake Bush	22	James Smith	22
Tim Beyer	8	Bill Kurtz	56
Rick Witten	31	Eric Strittmatter	21
Larry Anderson	66	Joan Yohe	89
Bud Yohe	89	Tony Myers	61
Mike Smith	57	Chris Hoaglane	9
Brandon Schnur	9	Garrett Strouse	4
Mike Golden	55	Phil Golden	55
Julie Wheeler	York County		

**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. 29 people were in attendance.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Welcome to the public safety center from Public Safety Director Hettinger. He offered a tour after the meeting.

President Deardorff thanked the commissioners for hosted and for providing a meal.

**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 Craig Lipinski and the motion was approved.**

**REPORTS**

**Treasurer (Bob Bowman):**

Assistant Treasurer Richard Halpin presented the following report: Beginning balance \$12,186.11 with an ending balance of \$7,960.35.

President Deardorff asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Larry Anderson made a motion, Phil Golden seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

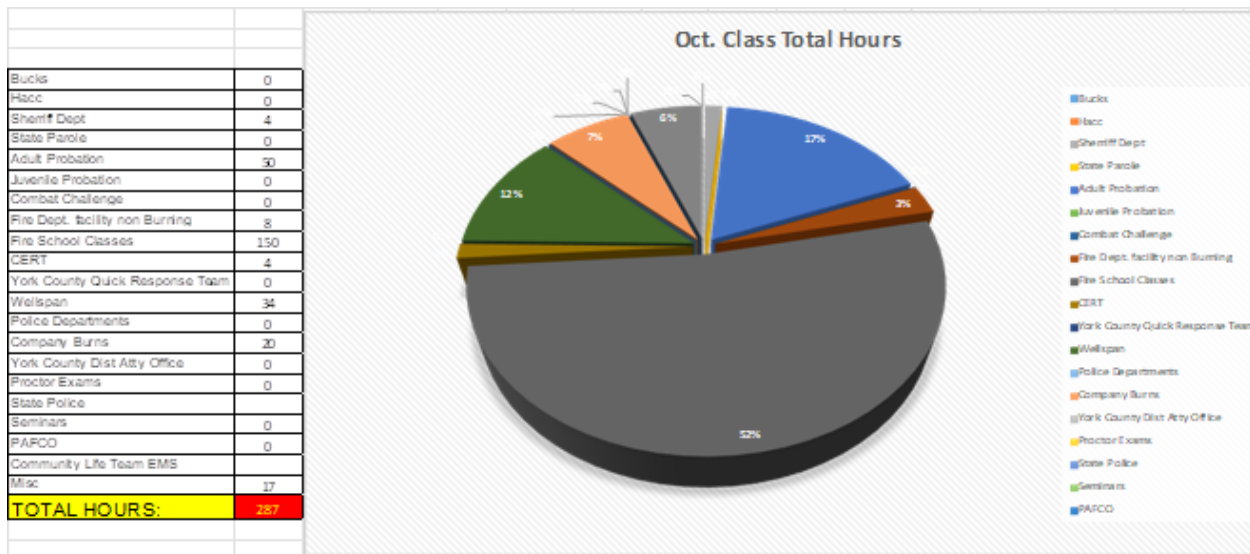
**Board of Governors (Chad Deardorff – [BOG@group.ycfs.us](mailto:BOG@group.ycfs.us)):**

The Board met this evening prior to this meeting and discussed general business and Chad also reported that we received notice that we were awarded the RACP grant and most of meeting was for that.

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

Gave the October 2024 Fire School Training Report.

OCTOBER	1	Intro to the Fire Service	20		16	320	R
	1	Vehicle Rescue & Testing	26		48	1,248	R
	2	Fire Officer 2 Pro-Board	8		4	32	R
	7	Haz-Mat Op's	20		26	520	R
	7	Pump's II	10		16	160	R
	8	ISO	0	0	0	0	C
	15	Interior/SBS	28		32	896	R
	21	Advanced FF	0		0	0	C
	22	EVDT	18		8	144	R
Totals			130		150	3,320	



2025 classes are filling up.  
 2025 subscriptions are open.  
 No dates yet but there will be a spring basic, advanced and tech class. More to come from Jim.

**OTHER AGENCY REPORTS**

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

Regarding the Fire Police officer from Station 28, a plaque will be added to the wall here at the Public Safety Center.

Penn State is having an EMS open house on November 25<sup>th</sup> at the Penn State York Campus.

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

Not present to report.

**OEM (Chris Weidenhammer):**

Chris reported that the EOC was activated for 15 hours during the election with no issues.

An active shooter exercise is being planned at the local casino.

A winter weather planning meeting has occurred for a snow event primarily on I83. Penn DOT will be prepositioning more plow trucks and also a tow truck that can tow a tractor trailer.

Recently, Search 93 did a full scale exercise and Chris and Commissioner Wheeler attended. The exercise went well.

There will be a large-scale music festival in end of May. Expected 30,000 people and 5,000 – 6,000 campsites for entire weekend.

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

Not present to report.

Per Chris, they have been busy.

**Fire Police (Bud Yohe):**

Working on recognition.

If you have activities in which you need FP, the municipality in which the event is occurring, must make the request to other municipalities for FP.

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

Not present to report.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

No report.

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

No report.

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

One rescue left to complete this year.

Updated "Minimum Unit Types" policy update read for vote next month. This was sent out by President Deardorff. The changes are in red.

This will be voted on next month.

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

No report

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

No report

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

No report

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

No report

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

No report

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

President Deardorff appointed the 2024 nominating committee with the following people on the committee: Eric Strittmatter will lead, Jake Bush and Barry Myers. Email [elections@group.ycfs.us](mailto:elections@group.ycfs.us) for nominations.

Positions needing to be voted on –

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Assistant Treasurer

BOG Laughman

BOG Gingerich

Dan Hoff reported that he was recently forwarded an email from the York County tax bureau regarding the tax credit and, it appeared to be in conflict with what the ordinance states that came from the commissioners. Dan researched and the county guidelines are good for real estate tax and the tax bureau needs the information by the end of January each year for the earned income tax credit. See attached.

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

Newberry Twp Fire Department is looking to find history about the agency but they have no information. If anybody has any, please contact Rick Witten.

Brad followed up with the PSP Fire Marshal who then sent the email to all Chiefs. If there is a problem on a specific issue, contact the PSP supervisor on shift and the PSP Fire Marshal.

Any questions about box changes, reach out to Tiffany Naylor at 911.

The next meeting will be December 16<sup>th</sup>, at 1900 hours at the York County Public Safety Training Center.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Deardorff asked for a motion for adjournment, Eric Strittmatter made a motion, Dan Hoff seconded the motion and the motion was approved at 1932 hours.

Respectfully Recorded,

*Christopher Krichten*

Christopher Krichten  
Board Secretary

# York County Fire Chiefs & Firefighters Association

## Minimum Unit Type Definitions and Minimum Requirements:

### Engine

- Pump:  $\geq 1000$  gpm (must have current pump test)
- Water Tank:  $\geq 300$  gal
- Hose: minimum 800' dual 3" or 800'  $\geq 4$ " Hose
- Hose: minimum 400' of 1 1/2", 1 3/4", or 2"
- Biannual pump test certification Inspection by YCFC&FA Organization.
- Ladders: (1) Extension, (1) Roof, (1) Attic or Combination

### Truck

- Aerial ladder or platform  $\geq 75'$  or greater (must be certified-YCFC&FA Organization Inspection Bi Annual w/ Certification)
- Ladders: minimum 115', including at least (2) extension, (2) roof, (1) Attic or Combination
- Ventilation Fan (positive or negative pressure)
- Minimum of (1) one chain saw
- Minimum of (1) one rotary saw

### Tanker

- Water Tank:  $\geq 1800$  gal
- Quick dump (gravity or jet-assist, direct discharge from tank) on all (3) three sides
- Minimum of (1) one porta tank  $\geq$  water tank capacity (Maximum Porta Tank size require 3500 Gallons)

### Rescue

- Must comply with the requirements for Rescue established by the Rescue Committee and/or be certified under the PA DOH/OSFC program

### Heavy Rescue – \*Unit Type designation only

- Must comply with the requirements for Heavy Rescue established by the Rescue Committee and/or be certified at the Vehicle & Machinery Advanced level under the PA DOH/OSFC program
- Should check both Rescue AND Heavy Rescue Unit Types

### Brush

- 4 x 4 chassis
- MAXIMUM GVWR: 19,500lbs
- Pump:  $\geq 100$  gpm
- Water Tank:  $\geq 150$  gallons
- Minimum of two discharges (at least one 1" or larger)
- Minimum of 400' of 1" hose
- Minimum of two (2) Indian style tanks (metal or soft side bladder)
- Minimum of two (2) forestry rakes
- UTV/ATV do not get brush designation
- Minimum of 1 Chain saw  $\geq 16$ " bar
- Minimum of 1 Leaf blower

### Attack

Repealed

### Air

- Mobile air supply/SCBA cylinder refill capability, minimum five (5) 6000psi cylinder banks

# York County Fire Chiefs & Firefighters Association

## **Service or Utility** – \*Unit Radio designation only

- Any vehicle designed for fire ground support purposes, not otherwise classified, primarily intended for hauling of equipment (Examples: pickup, cargo van, utility body truck)

## **Car** – \*Unit Radio designation only

- Any vehicle designed primarily for personnel transport (Example: SUV, passenger van, sedan)

## **Traffic**

- Meets requirements established for traffic control units by York County Fire Police Assn.

## **Foam**

- Unit or trailer equipped to carry and deliver mass-quantities of class A or B firefighting foam

## **Collapse**

- Specialized rescue vehicle equipped for structure collapse, trench rescue, etc., part of recognized Technical Rescue team.

## **Battalion**

- Fire Department supervisor in a career fire department consisting of 3 or more stations.

## **Warden**

- Appointed Forest Fire Warden recognized by PA DCNR.

## **Personnel Designations**

- Individuals communicating via radio may be referred to using their rank, riding position, or the designation “portable”. These are radio identifiers only, not all will be listed units in CAD.
- Only Chief Officers will have associated Units in the Cad system. Lower-ranking officers such as Captains and Lieutenants will be logged in CAD using the “Duty Officer ##” generic unit for the station.

**From:** [KCM@yatb.com](mailto:KCM@yatb.com) <[KCM@yatb.com](mailto:KCM@yatb.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 1, 2024 11:04 AM  
**To:** Daniel Hoff <[Daniel.Hoff@yaufr.com](mailto:Daniel.Hoff@yaufr.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: [External] RE: Volunteer Firefighter Credit

The County's guidelines would be applicable for real estate tax purposes. However, we begin receiving individual earned income tax returns in January, and just like employer W-2 withholding information, we need to have your information in hand by the end of January so that we can process the requested credits when the forms are processed. If we do not have the credit list in hand we cannot give the credit.

YATB is not part of the County government. While we can't mandate that you get the lists to us by the end of January, it is VERY helpful to have them sooner rather than later. Every year I send out multiple emails to various municipalities who forget to send us their lists. Many do not send them to us even by March 31. This causes a real delay when processing firefighter tax returns, and in some cases we have had to deny the credits requested.

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**From:** Daniel Hoff <[Daniel.Hoff@yaufr.com](mailto:Daniel.Hoff@yaufr.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 1, 2024 10:47 AM  
**To:** K C M <[KCM@yatb.com](mailto:KCM@yatb.com)>  
**Subject:** [External] RE: Volunteer Firefighter Credit

Good morning,

Could I get some clarification on the email message below?

As I read this communication, the eligibility list for volunteers is to be due to the YATB by January 30<sup>th</sup> each year. However, as I read the program guidelines at <https://yorkcountypa.gov/Volunteer-Emergency-Services-Tax-Refund-Program> I am seeing under Section 2.6 that our list is due to the county by March 31<sup>st</sup>. I am sure that many FD's in the county are following the document online and I would like to clarify the due date that we are supposed to follow. I serve on the board for the YC Fire Chiefs Association and am hoping I can help clear up any discrepancy in the due dates for our fire service leaders who are most likely the ones that will be completing those tasks.



Thank you!

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*The Mission of York Area United Fire and Rescue is to serve the community by providing the highest level of comprehensive and timely emergency services.*

*York Area United Fire and Rescue strives to be a model, world class, fire department. We accomplish this through our dedication to professionalism, education, training, collaboration, and community involvement. We take pride in supporting the success of all emergency services organizations in our region*

*We accomplish our Mission by focusing on our commitment to the community, professionalism in the performance of our duties, honor in placing service before self, taking pride in being a premier emergency services provider and embracing change.*

**From:** <[KCM@yatb.com](mailto:KCM@yatb.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 18, 2024 11:02 AM  
**To:** [KCM@yatb.com](mailto:KCM@yatb.com)  
**Subject:** Volunteer Firefighter Credit

Hello!

I wanted to send a note to all the YATB membership regarding Volunteer Firefighter Credit. As you know, PA Act 172 of 2016 allows municipalities and school districts to provide a tax credit to their qualifying volunteers in their local fire companies as an incentive for their service. The credit can be applied to their Earned Income Tax or their Real Estate Tax, depending on how the local ordinance is written. The amount of the credit varies per ordinance.

To date a number of our member municipalities and school districts have enacted the credit and it has presented YATB with significant challenges to process these credits correctly, for a number of reasons. I am asking for your assistance going forward so that we can make sure your volunteers receive the credit they are entitled to in a timely manner. You can help us by doing the following:

- If your taxing authority has recently enacted the VFF credit or plans to do so before the end of 2024, if you have not already done so, please provide us a copy of your ordinance/resolution **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**. We cannot issue credits to your volunteers until we have your ordinance in hand and can program our system accordingly. Since these ordinances vary so much, we must enter the specifics of the ordinance into our tax processing software manually for each one.
- We cannot process any credits for your volunteers until you send us your list of approved fire company members and the amount of credit for which they are eligible. Please send us your list **NO LATER THAN JANUARY 30** each year. Again, we have to manually enter each volunteer's credit figure into our system so that the credit can be applied to their tax return. NOTE: ONLY THOSE FIRE COMPANY MEMBERS WHO ARE RESIDENTS OF YOUR TAXING AUTHORITY CAN RECEIVE A CREDIT FROM YOU. There is no non-resident credit in Act 172.
- When sending your list, please include the following information: **taxpayer's complete name, address, city, state, zip code, and the last four digits of their SSN**. We need this information to properly identify the volunteer in our tax system.
- Each volunteer who is applying for the earned income tax credit **MUST** include a copy of the signed Application for Tax Credit attached to this email. Either you or the taxing authority's designated representative must sign the form authorizing the credit and the form must accompany the volunteer's tax return and other supporting documents before the credit can be issued. The credit is NOT automatic; the taxpayer must properly file their annual tax return and apply the credit accordingly.
- Volunteers who are RETIRED or DISABLED and have no earned income have no earned income tax liability and therefore will receive no earned income credit. Please advise these volunteers to apply the credit to their real estate tax and to not apply to YATB for the VFF credit. YATB does not handle real estate tax except for Railroad Borough.
- If a volunteer complains that they have not received their refund due for their credit, please have them contact us. Usually this means that either (a) they did not file a tax return; (b) they did not request the credit on their tax return; (c) they did not include a copy of their VFF credit form with their tax return; or (d) their name was not listed on the list of volunteers provided by the taxing

authority. If they file a return and request the credit but are missing the VFF Credit form documentation, we will write to the taxpayer requesting a copy of the missing information before we issue their refund. There have been cases of people claiming VFF credits who are not entitled to them. We do our best to police this for you, so that is why we require documentation.

Any VFF credit applied to a volunteer's earned income tax will be funded directly from the taxing authority's future EIT revenue. Because Act 32 requires us to distribute tax withheld to our members within 30 days of remittance by the employer, individual tax returns are processed long after the tax revenue has been distributed to you. Therefore, to fund a refund to a taxpayer we must take that amount out of a future distribution of your EIT. In addition, VFF credits can ONLY be funded by the taxing authority that has adopted the credit, unlike a typical refund which is distributed evenly between the school district and the municipality.

I have also included guidance from DCED regarding the VFF Credit. Hopefully you find this information helpful to you. I will be sending out VFF credit reports shortly to those members who had the credit in place for this tax year. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Good morning,

I just got back from vacation and I am currently trying to figure out the issue with the patrol troopers and responding to the burn ban complaints. Moving forward when you get dispatched to a burn ban complaint in PSP response area, contact county and request a patrol trooper to respond to the address. If you cannot remain on scene due to an extended ETA by the trooper, that is fine. Provide your name and contact information to our dispatchers so the trooper can contact you at a later time. The troopers have been instructed from this point forward that if they are dispatched to an open burning call they shall be issuing a citation regardless of the situation. If you have any questions feel free to email me or call the station. Hopefully this now resolves the issue with our response to these fires.

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