

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

330 Emig Road
York, PA 17406



Monthly Meeting
3rd Monday

General Membership Meeting Minutes

June 16, 2025

Members in attendance

<u>NAME</u>	<u>STATION</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>STATION</u>
Chad Deardorff	50	Brad Dunham	11
Bob Bowman	20	Richard Halpin	20
Brad Dauberman	61	Jim Pritchard	20
Clif Laughman	50	Phil Golden	55
Barry Myers	13	John Senft	20
Dan Hoff	89	Nicholas Mann	50
Guy Hettinger	911	Joan Yohe	89
Bud Yohe	89	Ron Witmer	39
Don Hopple	13	James Smith	22
Michael Fischer	22	Bill Kurtz	56
Tony Myers	61/92	Mike Golden	55

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 19:00 hours. The call to order was followed by a pledge to the flag and a moment of silence.

PRESENTATIONS

Phil Golden welcomed every to Airville FD for the meeting and hoped they enjoyed the dinner. After the meeting if anyone would like a tour of the station, he would be happy to provide one.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

REPORTS

Treasurer (Bob Bowman):

Treasurer Bob Bowman presented the following report: Beginning balance \$7,701.83 with an ending balance of \$47,736.50.


President Deardorff asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Jim Smith 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 some personnel matters the strategic plan, and the current finances of the association.

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

Gave the May 2025 Fire School Training Report.



YORK COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING CENTER							
Annual Report on Fire School Activity By Course							
2025							
	Month	Date	Class / Course Name	Students	Students	Hrs	Status
1	MAY	3	Haz-Mat Op's Refresher	8		6	R
		10	RIT II				C
2		13	Pumps 1	15		16	R
3		13	Urban Flooding	11		3	R
4		13	Engine Company Op's	20		16	R
5		20	EVDT	17		16	R
6		28	Basic Rigging for Rope Rescue	29		16	R
12							
	Totals			100		73	1377

	MAY	TOTAL
Bucks	0	0
Hacc	0	0
Sherriff Dept	0	48
State Parole	0	0
Adult Probation	108	378
Company Burns	20	96
Combat Challenge	0	0
Fire School Classes	0	230
CERT	73	207
York County Quick Response Team	0	28
Wellspan	8	61
Police Departments	8	32
Company Training	40	119
York County Dist Atty Office	0	0
Proctor Exams	0	0
State Police	8	16
Seminars	0	0
PAFCO	0	0
Community Life Team EMS	8	16
Misc	2	10
TOTAL HOURS:	275	1241

OTHER AGENCY REPORTS

911 Center/YCDES (Guy Hettinger):

CAD Demos have been on going. If you have any feedback, please provide them to Guy. Currently we have 49 new employees working to get signed off. Going to put on a hiring freeze for about a month or two so that they can work through on getting the employees currently trying to get signed off on all boards caught up and finished. Initiated the Chief 360 App, please provide any feedback or issues to Scott Keener.

ATR (Tony Myers - yc.atr@comcast.net):

The ATR team had 5 calls for the month; 20 calls for the year.

Team currently working on their Boat Ops Refresher as well as some other required refresher courses. Had a Trench Rescue in Dover Township that went well. Once Dover Township gets all of their info together there will be an after action review.

OEM (Chris Weidenhammer):

- Partial activation of the EOC for the primary election. There were no issues throughout the day.
- The Board of Commissioners approved the Shelter Agreement with Fairview Township.
- Staff visited a potential shelter location at Grace Fellowship Church in Shrewsbury. The facility was provided with the necessary shelter paperwork.
- Staff is also working to schedule a shelter visit at the New Freedom Community Center.
- We are still looking for potential shelter locations in the Dillsburg area.
- IST – Draft SOG's and training requirements have been completed. We will provide a document to send to all fire departments later this month for input.

Haz-Mat (Dan Santoemma):

Not Present

Fire Police (Joan Yohe):

Station 56 & 57 are due for their traffic unit inspections.

Fire Fighter's Association (Terry Fix):

This year's convention will be hosted by SAFER in conjunction with the Old Fire Farts Muster on September 26th and 27th. If you have any questions, please reach out to the following contacts:

FFAYC – Rick Shank (717) 577-0547 or Patti Webb (717) 503-3811

Old Fire Farts – Neil Gunnett (717) 870-1392 or Greg Moul (717) 968-5731

SAFER FD – Tracy McWilliams (717) 953-1680 or Mel Hopple (717) 324-4728

Terry Fix, FFAYC President – (717) 880-7477

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Not Present

Fire School Committee (Will Shaver):

Not Present

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

Rescue Inspections are ongoing. Still have 6 Rescues to complete. Would like those who have Rescues to evaluate the list of required equipment and provide any suggestions for changes to Tony Myers. Will be looking to make updates later this year to be effective for next year.

Brad is working with the County to get updated apparatus resources lists to them.

Policy Committee (Brad Dunham)

No Report

Bylaws Committee (Dan Hoff)

No Report

Public Safety Policy Board (Tony Clouser):

Not Present

Strategic Planning (John Senft - SPC@group.ycfs.us)

Planning is still a working in progress. Have early drafts of conceptual drawings for new building. Will be sending out RFP's for building designers.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Table Proposal for policy change for response checks and replacement equipment on non-working incidents (i.e. fire alarms)

NEW BUSINESS:

Handed out "Red Line" version of mayday policy for changes. President Deardorff asked everyone to review and provide thoughts at next meeting and prepare to vote on policy change. Some questions were asked about switching channels. Policy will be sent with meeting min. for entire association to review.

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:

Tony Myers asked Guy Hettinger how long the subscription for Chief 360 was? Guy advised they signed a 3-Year contract. It was also asked of Guy if Departments can upgrade their specific 360 with other features. Guy advised that each department can upgrade to the additional features with that department paying for the cost.

The next meeting will be **July 21, 2025**, at 1900 hours at the York County Public Safety Training Center.

The **September 15th, 2025** meeting will be held at the Dover Township, Station 9 at 3700 Davidsburg Rd, Dover, with **dinner being served at 1815 hours**.

The **October 20th, 2025** meeting will be held at West Manchester Township, Station 502 at 2190 Carlisle Rd, York, with **dinner being served at 1815 hours**.

President Deardorff advised the August meeting and November meeting are still open for a department to host. Don Hopple advised he would take one of those meeting and let the association know which one he decides.

ADJOURNMENT

President Deardorff asked for a motion for adjournment, Dan Hoff made a motion, Robert Bowman seconded the motion and the motion was approved at 19:30 hours.

Respectfully Recorded,

Clifton Laughman

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Board Member

Department of Emergency Services

911 Communications

Policy #40.02 MAYDAY

Created: September 15, 2022

Last Revised: September 22, 2022

Effective: October 17, 2022



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~~, advise all units on scene or actively responding to hold all radio traffic for the MAYDAY
3. Assign another TG channel for the incident, if not already completed, and advise the IC a second channel is available
4. Dispatch the MAYDAY Assignment and assign them to the Second TG channel
5. Notify the Shift Supervisor
6. Dispatch the OEM Duty Officer
7. 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 immediately involved~~ 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. "Hold all radio traffic". The only units that should be communicating on this TG are the downed FF, IC, RIT and any unit actively committed to the rescue.~~**
- **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."~~ Rescue Hold All Radio Traffic.

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.

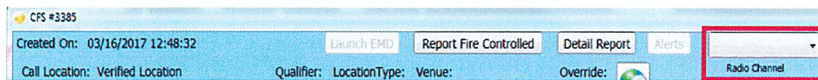
- **Attempt to confirm "LUNAR."** "LUNAR" is the firefighters Location, Unit, Name, Assignment, and Resources needed to handle the "MAYDAY."
- **Start a (5) minute timer.** When this time has elapsed, confirm that the Incident Commander (IC) has received PAR (Personnel Accountability

Commented [DH1]: Would it be more concise to just say that all units on this TG or all units on the incident on TG __
...
Seems like doing it otherwise is tying up the radio for a longer period of time.

Commented [DH2]: Our policy will follow the national trend of Who, where, what instead of Lunar. Not sure if this is something the rest of York County is ready for or not.

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."

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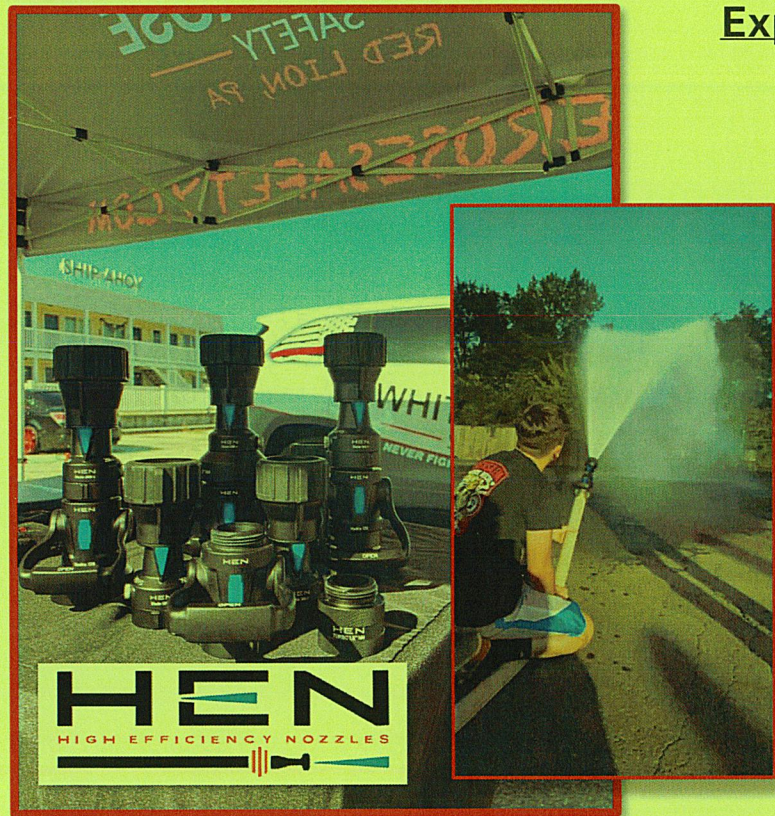
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July 9th 6PM

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Public Safety Training Center**

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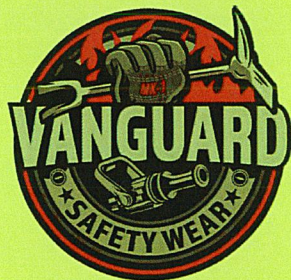
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