

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

330 Emig Road
York, PA 17406



Monthly Meeting
3rd Monday

General Membership Meeting Minutes

July 21, 2025

Members in attendance

<u>NAME</u>	<u>STATION</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>STATION</u>
Dan Hoff	89	Brad Dunham	11
Bob Bowman	20	Richard Halpin	20
Chris Krichten	63	Jim Pritchard	20
John Senft	20	Phil Golden	55
Tony Myers	61	Guy Hettinger	911
Jacob Bush	22	James Smith	22
Craig Lipinski	18	Daniel Santoemma	91
Tim Stevens	23	Mark Shroyer	23
Don Hopple	13	Adam Smith	99
Rick Witten	31	Joan Yohe	89
Bud Yohe	89		

CALL TO ORDER (President Chad Deardorff)

Vice president Brad Dunham 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.

PRESENTATIONS

Wayne from White Rose public safety. Had a demo set up tonight also. Spoke about the items they have to offer. Will stay for the duration of meeting to answer any questions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

REPORTS

Treasurer (Bob Bowman)

Treasurer Bob Bowman presented the following report: Beginning balance \$46,986.86 with an ending balance of \$6,799.61.

VP Dunham asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Dan Hoff made a motion, Tim Stevens 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 RAK-P project. Short agenda.

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

Gave the June Fire School Training Report.

- We are working on a Tree stand rescue class for September time frame.
- Don't forget about the EMR class scheduled with the federation starting in September.
 - Will work to do a bridge from EMR to EMT next year.
 - York County EMSA will reimburse the cost of an EMT and Advanced EMT class for any York County resident.
- Starting to work on next year's schedule. If you have any classes, you would like to see here please let me know.
- Thank you to everyone who attended our Battery class that was just held last week.

Bucks	0
Nacc	0
Sheriff Dept	4
State Police	0
Adult Probation	20
Combat Challenge	0
Fire Dept. Facility non Burning	16
Fire School Classes	156
CERT	0
York County Quick Response Team	0
Wallopam	0
Police Departments	49
Company Burns	60
York County Dist Atty Office	0
Proctor Exams	0
State Police	0
Seminars	0
PAFEO	0
Community Life Team EMS	0
Misc	2
TOTAL HOURS:	247

Month	Date	Class / Course Name	Students	Students	Hrs	Stud. Hrs	Status
June	2	Basic Rigging for Rope Rescue	11		16	176	R
	7	ELIS	34		16	544	R
	7	CPR/AED	9		6	54	R
	7	FFI Prep	22		32	704	R
	9	Basic Rigging for Rope Rescue	11		16	176	R
	13	Basic Rigging for Rope Rescue	11		16	176	R
	14	FF Safety & Survival	12		16	192	R
	16	Haz-Mat Awareness	21		6	126	R
	19	Advanced Fire Police	9		16	144	R
	22	Basic Rigging for Rope Rescue	11		16	176	R
Totals			151		156	2468	

OTHER AGENCY REPORTS

911 Center/YCDES (Guy Hettinger)

Recent personnel change with some short staff issues. Will be uptraining some current staff. CAD demo feedback can be sent to Guy.

ATR (John Sanford - yc.atr@comcast.net)

The ATR team had 3 calls for the month; 23 calls for the year.

OEM (Chris Weidenhammer)

York County IST SOGs were sent out. Looking for feedback either in person or via email. EMS has feedback as well.

Another county shelter agreement was signed. Now a total of 7 in place.

Haz-Mat (Dan Santoemma)

The Haz-Mat team had 25 calls for the month; 107 calls for the year.

Propane class is scheduled for August with a couple spots left.

Fire Police (Bud Yohe)

Working on classes for this year and next year.

Planning on a FP weekend for next year.

Fire Fighter's Association (Terry Fix)

Annual parade / muster will be held at SAFER station 3. Info in the mail.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

No report

Fire School Committee (Will Shaver)

No report

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

Brad working to get the apparatus resource list updated for 911. Still working on the pump and ladder testing that will prob start in 2026.

The following rescues still need inspected- 9, 12, 41 (state), 42, 59, 66 and 79.

Policy Committee (Brad Dunham)

No report

Bylaws Committee (Dan Hoff)

No report

Public Safety Policy Board (Tony Clouser)

No report

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

The emphasis has been changed to the RAK-P grant for the new building and looking for match money.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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- Proposal for policy changes
 1. Response checks and replacement equipment on non-working incidents (i.e. fire alarms, etc.)
 - a. Will work with 911 to come up with a summary to present
 2. MayDay policy
 - a. Redline version was sent out with the minutes from last month
 - b. Brad discussed about the emergency channel being removed from the radios so its no longer there.

- c. Guy Hettinger said that the discussion to assign the odd channels and leave the even channels open to be used in conjunction.
 - i. Tony Myers expressed concern about every other channel.
 - ii. If there is a problem/ mayday incident, have 911 designate the next available channel. Will eliminate the confusion with the field responders and the dispatchers. Assign when it happens, not all the time. Lots of discussion regarding the second channel being assigned.
- d. Dan Hoff makes a motion to approve and send forward to the fire radio working committee, second by Tony Myers. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

No report

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

Upcoming meetings

- Next Monthly Meeting: **August 18th, 2025**, at 19:00, at SAFER, Dallastown Station 13-2, 50 S School Place, Dallastown, with dinner being served at 1815 hours.
- 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 Road, York, with dinner being served at 1815 hours.
- The **November 17th, 2025** meeting will be held at the Mt Wolf Station 22, 54 Center St, Mt Wolf, with dinner being served at 1815 hours.

ADJOURNMENT

VP Dunham asked for a motion for adjournment, Craig Lipinski made a motion, Tim Stevens seconded the motion and the motion was approved at 1933 hours.

Respectfully Recorded,

Christopher Krichten

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Board Secretary

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.

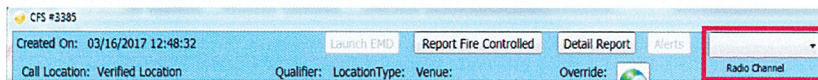
- **Attempt to confirm "LUNAR."** "LUNAR" is the firefighters Location, Unit, Name, Assignment, and Resources needed to handle the "MAYDAY."
- **Start a (5) minute timer.** When this time has elapsed, confirm that the Incident Commander (IC) has received PAR (Personnel Accountability

Commented [DH1]: Would it be more concise to just say that all units on this TG or all units on the incident on TG __
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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."