

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

330 Emig Road
York, PA 17406



Monthly Meeting
3rd Monday

General Membership Meeting Minutes

August 18, 2025

Members in attendance

<u>NAME</u>	<u>STATION</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>STATION</u>
Chad Deardorff	50	John Senft	20
Bob Bowman	20	Richard Halpin	20
Chris Krichten	63	Jim Pritchard	20
Dan Hoff	89	Phil Golden	55
Bob Bracken	13	Moritz Yohe	89
Joan Yohe	89	Tim Carr	12
Tony Myers	61	James Smith	22
Guy Hettinger	911	Chris Weidenhammer	OEM
Rob Bissey	89	Joe Madzellan	89
Rick Witten	31	Darryl Ehrhart	19
Troy Snyder	47	Bill Sleeper	99
John Sanford	13	Eric Strittmatter	21
Brad Dauberman	61	Adam Smith	99
Chad Livelsberger	41	Tracy Young-Brungard (guest)	OSFC
Kris Macauley (guest)	OSFC		

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 1905 hours. The call to order was followed by a pledge to the flag and a moment of silence.

PRESENTATIONS

Welcome by SAFER Chief Don Hoppie.

PA State Fire Commissioners Office Tracy Young-Brungard tyoung-bru@pa.gov and Kris Macauley krmacauler@pa.gov . Spoke about programs at the Office of State Fire Commissioners Officer (OFSC). Information 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 Dan Hoff, second by Tony Myers and the motion was approved.**

REPORTS

Treasurer (Bob Bowman)

Treasurer Bob Bowman presented the following report: Beginning balance \$7,649.36 with an ending balance of \$11,346.53.

President Deardorff asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Dan Hoff made a motion, John Senft 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 financial items and operational items from Jim Pritchard.

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

Gave the July 2025 Fire School Training Report.

Rural water supply class cancelled due to low enrollment.

Tree stand rescue class needs more students, at risk for cancel due to low enrollment.

HazMat awareness at risk for cancel due to low enrollment.

Working on next year's class schedule. Need to hear back from instructors on dates.

	Month	Date	Class / Course Name	Students	Students	Hrs	Stud. Hrs	Status
	July							
1		7	Forcible Entry	14		16	224	R
2		8	Rigging for Swift Water Rescue	11		4	44	R
3		12	Haz-Mat Operations	16		32	512	R
4		16	Battery Energy Storage Systems	15		4	60	R
5								
	Totals			56		56	840	

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Total
Bucks					
Hacc					0
Sherriff Dept		24		6	30
State Parole					
Adult Probation				30	30
Company Burns					0
Combat Challenge					0
Fire School Classes	0				56
CERT					
York County Quick Response Team					
Wellspan			10		10
Police Departments					
Company Training	18		4	8	30
York County Dist Atty Office					
Proctor Exams					
State Police					
Seminars					
PAFCCO					
Community Life Team EMS					
Misc				6	6
TOTAL HOURS:	18	24	14	50	162

Jul-25

OTHER AGENCY REPORTS

911 Center/YCDES (Chris Lorenzen)

CAD going through update starting tomorrow in training environment and then in the live environment.

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

The ATR team had 10 calls for the month; 36 calls for the year.

OEM (Chris Weidenhammer)

Currently 6 county shelter agreements in place.

Received lots of feedback regarding the IST. Will meet in the near future and will follow up here. Looking for more support for CERT. Have many people signed up and will run a class in the fall.

Haz-Mat (Dan Santoemma)

No response information.

Propane class held this past weekend with lots of attendance.

Fire Police (Bud Yohe)

Station 56 & 57 are scheduled for next month.

Fire Fighter's Association (Terry Fix)

September 27 is the county convention.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

No report

Fire School Committee (Will Shaver)

No report

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

The following rescues still need inspected- 9, 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)

911 reported they had 10 inquiries for July with 4 being unfounded, and 6 staff remediations.

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

Focus currently is the new building. Jim in process of hosting several different design firms in the coming weeks. Also looked at the possibility of a capital campaign if needed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Proposal for policy changes
 - Response checks and replacement equipment on non-working incidents (i.e. fire alarms, etc.)
 - Will work with 911 to come up with a summary to present

NEW BUSINESS

None

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

- Tony Myers thanked the training center for supporting the SYC fire camp.
- John Senft spoke about the old fire farts scholarship, and it has exceeded \$30,000 in awards over the last 10 years.
- **Dates and locations for future meetings are as follows:**
 - **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.
 - **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.
 - **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.
 - **December 15th, 2025**, meeting will be held at 1900 hours at the York County Public Safety Training Center.
 - **January 19th, 2026**, meeting will be held at the Manchester Fire Company Station 23, 201 York St, Manchester, with dinner being served at 1815 hours.

ADJOURNMENT

President Deardorff asked for a motion for adjournment, Dan Hoff made a motion, Bob Bowman seconded the motion, and the motion was approved at 2005 hours.

Respectfully Recorded,

Christopher Krichten

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Board Secretary



RRIT- Pak #5 Informational Bulletin

Pennsylvania Fire Service Recruitment and Retention Program

Program and Resource Information

The Office of the State Fire Commissioner (OSFC) has two (2) locations, Harrisburg, and Lewistown.

Services provided at Harrisburg location.

- Recruitment and Retention
- Fire & EMS Grants
- Firefighter Relief Program
- Public Education- Community Risk Reduction (CRR)
- Line of Duty Death (LODD)
- Loan Assistance Program
- Emergency Reporting – PennFIRS
- Junior Firefighter Programs
- Health and Wellness Programs
- Firefighter Injury Reporting

Services provided at the Lewistown location.

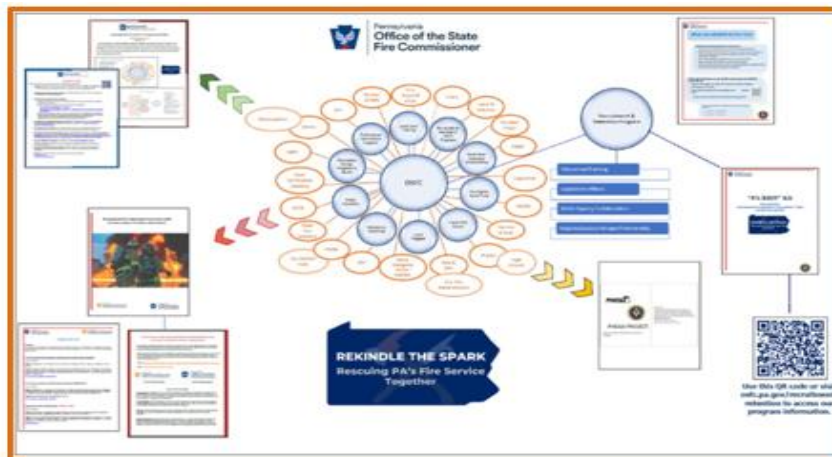
- Professional Qualification, Testing & Certification
- Resident Fire Training Programs
- Academy on the Road (ATOR) Programs
- Alternative Energy Training Programs
- PA Weekend @ National Fire Academy
- ACADIS

Scan the QR code to
access information and
register for ACADIS



Recruitment and Retention Program

- The program is new, it was implemented in the beginning of 2022.
- Currently there is a staff of 4, a Program Administrator and 3 Fire Technical Advisors positions.



➤ Statewide Focus Group: 32 volunteers with background in various disciplines, all volunteer firefighters that have and continue to assist the program area.

➤ A' la carte type program. There is no one program or solution that would fit all fire organizations needs because of the diversity of the fire service. Therefore, this format provides the ability to work towards solutions based on local needs.

➤ Partnerships: internal and external. Multi-agency collaboration with both internal and external partners.

- DCED Partnership Guide:
 - [Municipal and Fire Organization Partnership Guide](#)
- PHEAA Active Volunteer Tuition & Loan Assistance
 - [Active Volunteer Tuition & Loan Assistance Program](#)





PA-RRIT Kit

To assist Commonwealth Fire Organizations of various organizational structure, location (rural, urban, suburban, and metropolitan), and type (volunteer, career and combination fire and EMS) with obtaining needed resources for recruitment and retention efforts, the Pennsylvania Recruitment and Retention Intervention Tool kit ("PA RRIT" – Kit) has been created. These tool kits are based on best practices and other resources to assist with recruitment and retention initiatives. Currently there are 12 different tool kits available.



- Tool Kit #1 - Junior Firefighter
- Tool Kit #2 - Background Checks
- Tool Kit #3 - Health & Wellness
- Tool Kit #4 - Municipal Engagement
- Tool Kit #5 - Budget, Assets and Personnel
- Tool Kit #6 - Funding
- Tool Kit #7 - Marketing Initiatives
- Tool Kit #8 - Staffing Models
- Tool Kit #9 - Mentoring Programs
- Tool Kit #10 - Volunteer Tax Credit Program
- Tool Kit #11 - Incentive Programs
- Tool Kit #12 - Informational Bulletins

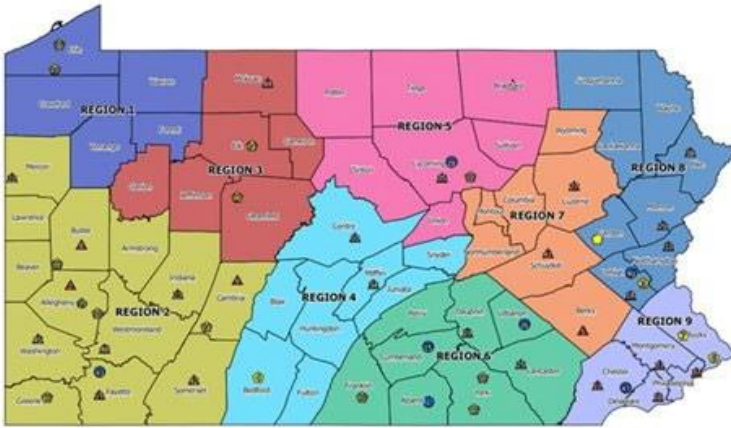
Education and Additional Initiatives

- Partnership with International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC)
- Recruitment & Retention Coordinator Courses
- Mentoring Course
- Podcast – VFIS -Don't Risk It! Podcast
- Future Podcast various topics (Firefighters Association of PA –FASP)
- Health and Wellness Initiatives – Firefighter injuries, mental health, cancer, general health and wellness education
- Partnership with Bureau of EMS
- Grant for Municipal Fire Dept.
- Grant for Educational Training Agencies





Fire Advisory Regions



The State Fire Advisory Board was established in 2020 to advise OSFC on needs and issues faced by Pennsylvania fire service organizations. Use the link below to access more information on the fire advisory board and find your region representative information.

[Advisory Boards and Groups | Commonwealth of Pennsylvania](#)

Get Connected

- Pennsylvania Fire and Emergency Service Institute
 - Legislation and Advocacy
 - Fire & Emergency Services Industry Resources
 - Education and Facilitation
 - Townhall Meetings
 - [Pennsylvania Fire & Emergency Services Institute](#)

- The Firefighters (Firemen’s) Association of the State of Pennsylvania
 - General improvement of the fire service throughout the state.
 - Protection to disabled fire fighters and to those dependent upon them.
 - Legislation enactment.
 - Fighting of fires and public fire safety education.
 - Promote the organization of fire companies and fire departments in communities.
 - [Firefighter's Association of the State of Pennsylvania – Franklin, PA](#)

For more information on the program services and to access the RRIT – Kit, please contact the recruitment and retention staff.

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Recruitment and Retention Fire Department Contact Information Update Form

Department Name: _____

Volunteer Career Combination

Department Address (Physical): _____

Department Phone Number (General): _____

Department Address (Mailing): _____

Department Email: _____

Department Website: _____

Department Social Media: _____

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Operational Contact Name: _____

Operational Contact Phone: _____

Operational Contact Email: _____

NOT PUBLIC INFORMATION

PennFirs Contact Name: _____

PennFirs Contact Phone: _____

PennFirs Contact Email: _____

Grants Contact Name: _____

Grants Contact Phone: _____

Grants Contact Email: _____

Loans Contact Name: _____

Loans Contact Phone: _____

Loans Contact Email: _____

