

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

330 Emig Road
York, PA 17406



Monthly Meeting
3rd Monday

General Membership Meeting Minutes

10/20/2025

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
Chris Krichten	63	Jim Pritchard	20
Clif Laughman	50	Phil Golden	55
Dan Hoff	89	John Senft	20
Bob Sells	50	Joan Yohe	89
Bud Yohe	89	Don Hopple	13
Joe Madzellan	89	Larry Anderson	66
Chris Weidenhammer	OEM	Guy Hettinger	911
David Markle	50	Nick Mann	50
Rick Witten	31	Rob Bissey	89
Daniel Santoemma	91	Eric Strittmatter	21
Bill Sleeper	99	Adam Smith	99
Bill Kurtz	56	Willy Belt	57
Chad Livalsberger	Class One	Matt Berfield	C&Z

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 1901 hours. The call to order was followed by a pledge to the flag and a moment of silence.

PRESENTATIONS

- Welcome from the West Manchester Township Shiloh Station Fire Chief
- Restoration companies
 - o Matt Berfield (C&Z) and Chad Livelsberger (Class One)
 - Discussions about out-of-state agencies and how they are pushing their way on to residents while fire is still active.
 - The out of the area companies are also suing homeowners after the fact for not using them.
 - Left some information regarding their services

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 Dan Hoff and the motion was approved.**

REPORTS

Treasurer (Bob Bowman)

Treasurer Bob Bowman presented the following report: Beginning balance \$11,984.88 with an ending balance of \$12,400.72.

President Deardorff asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Phil Golden made a motion, Dan Hoff seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

Board of Governors (Chad Deardorff – BOG@group.ycfs.us)

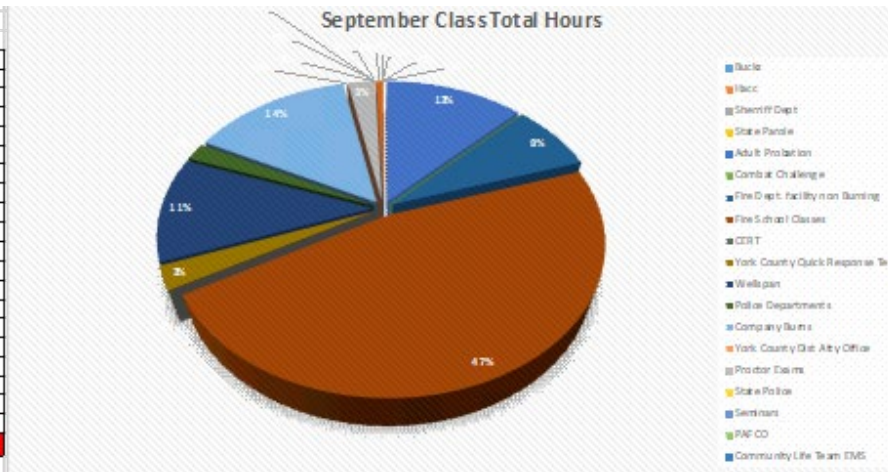
The Board met this evening prior to this meeting and discussed finances and lots of discussions regarding capital building project.

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

Gave the September 2025 Fire School Training Report.

- EL-26 Update
 - o The state has merged the intro and fireground support for the exterior training and then hazmat operations. See attachment.
- 2026 Subscriptions are open
- 2026 classes are on the webpage
 - o Course catalog QR code coming soon
 - o New HMA online from PSFA Link on website
 - Hosted by Acadis and you must have an Acadis account to take the training
 - Directions on how to set up an account will be posted on website

Bucks	0
Paico	0
Sheriff Dept	0
State Police	0
Adult Protection	40
Combat Challenge	0
Fire Dept. Facility non Burning	24
Fire School Classes	150
CERT	0
York County Quick Response Team	8
Wellspan	36
Police Departments	6
Company Bums	46
York County Dist Atty Office	0
Proctor Exams	8
State Police	0
Seminars	0
PAF CO	0
Community Life Team EMS	0
Misc	2
TOTAL HOURS:	332



Month	Date	Class / Course Name	Students	Students	Hrs	Stud. Hrs	Status
SEPTEMBER	6	Rural Water Movement	0		0	0	C
	8	Haz-Mat Awareness	12		6		R
	9	Basic Fire Police	15		16		R
	10	Exterior	24		40		R
	16	Pumps I	16		16		R
	20	Haz-Mat Operations Refresher	0		0		C
	20	RIT I	24		16		R
	29	Pumps II	17		16		R
	30	Passenger Veh. Awareness, Op's & Techn.	21		40		R
Totals			129		150	0	

OTHER AGENCY REPORTS

911 Center/YCDES (Guy Hettinger)

Staffing up to 51 full time compared to 30's last summer.

Have 1 more CAD system to evaluate. Possibly switching to a system that is based on what the region is doing.

Question was can we do upgrades at a better time than daytime mornings. Tylar CAD and county IT work Monday to Friday 0800-1600.

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

The ATR team had 3 calls for the month; 43 calls for the year.

OEM (Chris Weidenhammer)

Held community exercise on Oct 7th. Did it on public information session. Had 26 agencies participating from across the county.

Have met with all municipalities within the EPZ and discussed preplanning and training.

Will now begin meeting with the appropriate school districts.

Nov 14th, will be a Columbia gas tabletop exercise.

Working with York Water to create a tabletop exercise.

Haz-Mat (Dan Santoemma)

The Haz-Mat team had 133 calls for the year.

Tabletop exercise next month in the city.

Fire Police (Bud Yohe)

Thanked everyone who supported the officer funerals.

New rosters are coming out soon. Please return as soon as possible.

Fire Fighter's Association (Terry Fix)

No report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Meeting cancelled due to regional events

Chad brought up that all channels should be encrypted due to so many events happening and people giving out sensitive responder information.

Fire School Committee (Will Shaver)

For the new EL-26 program, pre-reqs can typically be done during class in the realm of homework while the class is in motion. Going down to 2 mods from 4 mods so the student will need to make more commitment to get through the program. Must be 17y/o to start the FFI section.

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

Rescues that are still due for annual inspection **R42, R59 & R79.**

Contact Tony Myers ASAP to set up.

Policy Committee (Brad Dunham)

No report

Bylaws Committee (Dan Hoff)

No report

Public Safety Policy Board (Tony Clouser)

YCDES had 6 inquiries for September - 1 unfounded, 3 staff remediations, and 2 technical issues.

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

Since we have been awarded the PACP grant. Work on the capital building project is proceeding. Jim will be sending out an RFP regarding design, after a legal review. BOG approved core drilling and environmental studies that are 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

No report

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

Eric Strittmater will chair nominating committee for BOG Jon and Dan positions and the President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer. Committee will be Eric Strittmatter, Nick Mann and Adam Smith.

Beginning Jan 2026, we will be sending out an agenda the Friday prior to the monthly meeting. Any items to be added must be sent to the secretary no later Wednesday prior to the meeting.

The next meetings will be;

- 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 Fairview Twp Sta #1, 340 Lewisberry Road, New Cumberland, with dinner being served at 1815 hours.
- 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, Clif Laughman seconded the motion, and the motion was approved at 1947 hours.

Respectfully Recorded,

Christopher Krichten

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Board Secretary

Pennsylvania Entry Level Fire Training EL-26

Fireground Support (ELFS)

Topic	Support Text	Fundamentals Text	Classroom	Lab	Total Topic Time	Practical Skills
Orientation	--	--	0.5	--	0.5	--
The Fire Service	Chapter 1	Chapter 1	2	--	2	--
Firefighter Health and Safety	Chapter 2	Chapter 2 Chapter 14	2.5	2.5	5	Emergency Response Establishing a Work Area Utility Control
Personal Protective Equipment	Chapter 3	Chapter 3	2	4	6	PPE Inspection PPE Donning SCBA Inspection SCBA Replace & Refill
Communications	Chapter 4	Chapter 4	2	1.5	3.5	Fire Service Communications
Fire Extinguishers	Chapter 6	Chapter 9	2	2	4	Portable Fire Extinguishers
Fire Behavior	Chapter 5	Chapter 5	3	--	3	--
Firefighter Tools & Equipment	Chapter 7	Chapter 7 Chapter 12 Chapter 18	2	2.5	4.5	Tools - Hand Tools Tools - Ladders Tools - Lighting
Ropes & Knots	Chapter 8	Chapter 8	1.5	4	5.5	Cleaning, Inspecting, & Storing Rope Tying Knots Hoisting Tools
Water Supply	Chapter 9	Chapter 10	1.5	--	1.5	--
Fire Hose	Chapter 10	Chapter 11	1.5	2	3.5	Fire Hose- Cleaning & Inspecting Fire Hose- Coupling & Uncoupling Fire Hose- Draining & Rolling
Hose Evolutions	Chapter 11	Chapter 13	1.5	6	7.5	Operating a Fire Hydrant Establishing a Water Supply Assisting The Pump Operator- Drafting Operations Packing & Deploying Large Diameter Hose Packing Attack Hose
Written Evaluation	--	--	1.5	--	1.5	--
Time			23.5	24.5	48	

Firefighter I Training (ELFF1)

Topic	Support Text	Fundamentals Text	Classroom	Lab	Total Topic Time	Practical Skills
Orientation Acadis Overview	--	--	0.5	--	0.5	--
PPE - SCBA	--	Chapter 3	0.5	3	3.5	Donning/ Doffing / Reduction of Contaminants
Building Construction	--	Chapter 6	3	--	3	--
Ladders	--	Chapter 12	2	10	12	Ladders - One Firefighter Carry & Raise Ladders - Two Firefighters Carry & Raise Ladders - Three Firefighters Carry & Raise Ladders - Climbing & Working Ladders - Deploying a Roof Ladder
Attack Lines	--	Chapter 13	1	8	9	Attack Lines - Deploying Attack Lines - Advancing Around Obstacles Attack Lines - Standpipe Operations
Forcible Entry	--	Chapter 15	4	4	8	Forcible Entry - Gap-Set-Force
Ventilation	--	Chapter 16	3	8	11	Ventilation - Horizontal Ventilation - Power Saw Operation & Maintenance Ventilation - Vertical
Search & Rescue	--	Chapter 17	2	6	8	Search & Rescue - Victim Removal Search & Rescue - Search Techniques Search & Rescue - Victim Removal via Ladder
Firefighter Survival	--	Chapter 19	2	4	6	Firefighter Survival - Self Rescue Techniques
Fire Suppression	--	Chapter 14	4	12	16	Fire Suppression - Interior Offensive Fire Attack (LIVE FIRE) Fire Suppression - Outside Fire Attack Fire Suppression - Vehicle Fire
Loss Control	--	Chapter 18	2	4	6	Salvage & Overhaul - Isolating Building Systems Salvage & Overhaul - Water Chute & Catch-All Salvage & Overhaul - Salvage Covers Salvage & Overhaul - Air Monitoring
REHAB	--	Chapter 20	1	--	1	--
Wildland Fires	--	Chapter 21	2	--	2	--
Written Evaluation	--	--	2	--	2	--
Time			29	59	88	

Firefighter II Training (ELFF2)

Topic	Support Text	Fundamentals Text	Classroom	Lab	Total Topic Time	Practical Skills
Orientation	--	--	0.5	--	0.5	--
Command	--	Chapter 22	3	1	4	Establish Command Transfer Command Operate with ICS
Advanced Suppression	--	Chapter 23	2.5	12	14.5	Using a Thermal Imaging Camera Coordinating an Interior Attack Flammable Cylinder Fire Foam Operations Hose Testing
Fire Protection Systems	--	Chapter 24	3	1	4	System Controls
Fire & Life Safety Initiatives	--	Chapter 25	2.5	6	8.5	Presentation Residential Fire Safety Survey (Homework) Pre-Incident Plan (Homework)
Assisting Rescue Teams	--	Chapter 26	2	1.5	3.5	Weekly/Monthly Generator Test
Fire Investigation	--	Chapter 27	2	1	3	Protecting Evidence
Written Evaluation	--	--	2	--	2	--
Time			17.5	22.5	40	



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OFFICE OF THE STATE
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09/29/2025

Michelle Buskey
Director
Bureau of Fire Relief Audits
Department of the Auditor General
225A Finance Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re: Integration of Career Personnel into Volunteer Fire Companies

Ms. Buskey:

Thank you for taking the time to meet earlier this month to discuss audit procedures for Combination Fire Companies.

OSFC considers the use of relief owned assets by career personnel an allowable expense under the VFRA if the expense is not for personally issued equipment or training for the career personnel. Equipment in this shared configuration should be used regularly by both career and volunteer personnel. Assets acquired with relief funds shall remain the property of the appropriate relief association, unless a properly documented sale or disposal occurs.

See 35 Pa. C.S. § 7416(f).

If you require additional information or explanation, please email Robin Snyder at robsnyder@pa.gov.

Sincerely,

Thomas Cook
State Fire Commissioner