

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

330 Emig Road  
York, PA 17406



Monthly Meeting  
3<sup>rd</sup> Monday

General Membership Meeting Minutes

01/19/2026

**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	Dan Hoff	89
John Senft	20	Tim Stevens	23
Joe Stevens	23	Mark Shroyer	23
Guy Hettinger	911	Chris Weidenhammer	OEM
Dan Santoemma	91	Eric Strittmatter	21
Rick Witten	31	Brad Dauberman	61
Tony Myers	61	Joe Madzellan	89
Larry Anderson	66	Nick Mann	50
Geoff Myers	1	Adam Smith	99
John Sanford	13	Bud Yohe	89
Chris Hoagland	9	Don Hopple	13
Joan Yohe	89	James Smith	22
Mike Fischer	22		

**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.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Welcome by host company, Fire Chief Joe Stevens.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

President Deardorff asked if there were any corrections to November meeting minutes. **With no corrections, a motion to approve by Clif Laughman second by Joe Stevens and the motion was approved.**

**REPORTS**

**Treasurer (Bob Bowman)**

Treasurer Bob Bowman presented the following report:

November beginning balance \$16,935.83 with an ending balance of \$24,086.31.

December beginning balance \$24,219.01 with an ending balance of \$35,956.08.

President Deardorff asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Tony Myers made a motion, Geoff Myers 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 related to the building project / RAC-P grant. Financially stable for the start of 2026. Apologized for the last minute cancellation last month but weather conditions dictated the change.

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

Gave the November 2025 Fire School Training Report.

- El-26 – No new Update
- Burn Tech “1403” class added to schedule March 4<sup>th</sup>
- Bucks CCC testing dates added to schedule for first quarter
- Website is up to date
- Still taking 2026 subscriptions
- Student enrollment was down 23% from 2024 v. 2025

	Month	Date	Class / Course Name	Students	Students	Hrs	Stud. Hrs	Status
1	NOVEMBER	11	Ice Safety	5		4	20	
2		11	EVDT	11		16	176	
3								
4								
5								
6								
7	Totals			16		20	196	
1	DECEMBER	6	CPR/AED	8		6	48	
2		9	Advanced Fire Police	13		16	208	
4								
6	Totals			21		20	256	
	Totals			97		1,003	23,559	

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Total
Bucks					
Hacc					0
Sherriff Dept				24	24
State Parole					0
Adult Probation					0
Company Burns		4			4
Combat Challenge					0
Fire School Classes	0				20
CERT					0
York County Quick Response Team					0
Wellspan		18			

**OTHER AGENCY REPORTS**

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

911 now short staff but hiring and training as able

Next week is coroner national appreciation week

Mayday procedure f/u and no changes made and should be at the radio working group

Joe Madzellan reported that Chris Lorenzan is working internally and 911 states should be with the working group. They have a meeting this month and will discuss. Joe asked who should be responsible for re-assigning the units on a mayday. The recommendation was to be to assign two talk groups for any working fire. Joe asked for any recommendations. The way the emergency talk group is set up to spin to the last channels on your radio so you can turn your dial all the way and hit the emergency channel. There was a discussion about who assigns the emergency channel, the IC or the dispatcher. There was more discussion about keeping the emergency channel. The current Mayday policy is to train the dispatcher to re-assign the units not involved in Mayday. Also, discussion about how to assign a channel and then a blank channel next to that to be held for the incident. Chad stated that the recommendation from the association should be to let the IC make the channel change and not the dispatcher.

Talked about a call taker shift for call takers for 10a-10p to support the uptick in call volume to support so the dispatchers can continue to dispatch and not take calls. Working on implementing currently. The CAD eval came out with staying with Tyler but will be rebuilding the entire CAD as if it was a new implementation.

Have eval'd the fire protocol and found that the others were not modified and were not a benefit to the residents of the county. Chad expressed a concern that FD and EMS were to be involved in the review of the CAD and the county just decided to pick on their own and with Tyler, we have had nothing but issues and yet we were told we could be involved. Fire and EMS must deal with it and now we have no say. Guy stated that he invited chiefs to come in and eval the systems, only two systems (Tyler and Hexagon), but only one chief was involved. Tony Myers stated that there was an email invite for CAD demonstrations. But there was to be discussion with association about how the demos went. Nothing like that came back to the association but there was an email with no follow-up. Joe asked about the inter-county CAD working group, some counties going with Hexagon and some going / staying with Tyler. The new Tyler build will be ground up from new and not a rebuild. Request to review the update feature tickets that were submitted to Tyler over the years and bring back to this meeting next month.

Eric Strittmater asked about radio re-programming. Reports that staff were out last week. Concerned about the inability of the inoperability between PD fire and EMS. It has been over a year or more since they programmed PD and encrypted them, but we are still only maybe 20% re-programmed.

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

The ATR team had 4 calls for Nov and 2 calls for December; 55 calls for 2025.

### **OEM (Chris Weidenhammer)**

Started 2<sup>nd</sup> CERT class last week with 20 individuals. Will have 60 total after this class with a goal of 100. Had a monitoring decon class this past weekend with 60 registered in preparation for the TMI restart. Regarding the IST, the SOGs are complete. If anyone is interested, reach out to Chris to be involved. Committee made up of members of this group will be choosing the people who are interested in being involved.

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

The Haz-Mat team calls for 169 2025.  
April 19<sup>th</sup>, railroad transportation class. If interested, contact Dan.  
In May, SCTF wide-vigilant hazmat class. If interested, contact Dan.

### **Fire Police (Bud Yohe)**

Started new memberships for 2026.

### **Fire Fighter's Association (Terry Fix)**

No report

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

After last meeting, Tiff Naylor sent out a list of calls for service types for EMS. If you are specifying for an EMS unit on a call that EMS is already called for, you will get extra EMS.  
For the low budget call for service, the dispatcher will ask if failed units need replaced instead of just replacing automatically. If they don't get an answer, they will replace.  
When unit is calling responding, use entire unit number. Mostly EMS but, ensure you are using your unit type and ID number. Use proper designation.  
Work group took a vote that they will withdraw that committee out of the new radio designation. Turning it over to the apparatus committee be involved.

### **Fire School Committee (Bob Sells)**

No report

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

Per Tony, the following rescues as due for inspection in 2026.

50, 13-1, 15-1, 15-2, 19, 23, 31, 33, 39, E52-2, 54, 56

Per Brad, there is a list of new designations from the county.

Water units will become marine.

Service no longer now utility

Rescue and squad – rescue will be what it currently is.

Heavy rescue will be an auxiliary unit of rescue and would be called rescue

Squad will become a rescue capable engine. No rescue / squad or rescue / engine

Engine / Tanker – will need to meet both units types

Truck going away and going to Ladder and Tower

Special Unit is the catch all for other types (Water Rescue)

UAS – dispatchable drones

Air unit will remain Air

### **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](mailto:SPC@group.ycfs.us))**

Focus of the plan remains the development of the new building. Received 5 proposals from the RFP and narrowed down to 2 and we are scheduled to meet with them next. We have been awarded the RAC-P for \$2.1M with an donation of \$100,000.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Elections
  - Eric Stritmatter, Adam Smith and Nick Mann are committee members, and email is up and running. [Elections@group.ycfs.us](mailto:Elections@group.ycfs.us)
    - Nominations are as follows
      - President – Brad Dunham
      - Vice President – Dan Hoff & Brad Duhman
      - Secretary – Chris Krichten
      - Treasurer – Bob Bowman
      - Assistant Treasurer – Richard Halpin
      - BOG - Jon Senft, Chad Deardorff Joe Madzellan, & Dan Hoff
    - Nominations closed
    - Results of the voting per the committee for the 2026 year are:
      - President – Brad Dunham
      - Vice President – Dan Hoff
      - Secretary – Chris Krichten
      - Treasurer – Bob Bowman
      - Assistant Treasurer – Richard Halpin
      - BOG - Jon Senft & Chad Deardorff (1/1/2026 – 12/31/2027)
- Mayday policy discussion
  - motion by Tony Myers, second by Brad Dunham, that the IC will make the decision to move units to another channel during a mayday, not the 911 dispatcher. By hand vote – 21 yeah and 0 nah.

- Tony Myers made a motion second by Larry Anderson that the operations of during a mayday will switch to the emergency channel, channel 16. ALL in favor.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Clif Laughman advised that the state fire commissioner advise that the state grant will be \$7,000,000 less annually.

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

Thank you to Station 23 for hosting the meeting.

Next meetings;

- February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025, meeting will begin at 1900 hours and will be at the **York County Public Safety Training Center.**

### **We absolutely need a host company for the March meeting.**

The fallen memorial at the 911 center – working on making it a better design and bring it out more in the open for people to see it.

John Sanford reported that he is stepping down as Chief 92 and Tony Myers will be taking over, effective Monday January 26<sup>th</sup>.

The incident reporting to the state fire commissioner. There is a concern that it is not reporting and there is an additional step to report that if you do not report to the federal reporting, you need to take the extra step of getting a NERS number. The fire commissioner office sent out information on how to do it, and they can assist in how you can sign up for a NERS number.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

President Deardorff asked for a motion for adjournment, Bob Bowman made a motion, Brad Dunham seconded the motion and the motion was approved at 2047 hours.

Respectfully Recorded,

*Christopher Krichten*

Christopher Krichten  
Board Secretary

Tally Sheet

2026 York County Fire Chiefs and Firefighters Association Ballot

Position	Nominations	Selection
President	Brad Dunham	
	Dan Hoff	
Vice President	Brad Dunham	
	Dan Hoff	
Secretary	Chris Krichten	
	Cliff Laughman	
Treasurer	Robert Bowman	
Assistant Treasurer	Richard Halpin	
BOG, 2 positions 2 year term	Chad Deardorff	
	Dan Hoff	
	Joe Madzellan	
	John Senft	

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