

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

330 Emig Road
York, PA 17406



Monthly Meeting
3rd Monday

General Membership Meeting Minutes

02/16/2026

Members in attendance

<u>NAME</u>	<u>STATION</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>STATION</u>
Brad Dunham	11	Dan Hoff	89
Chris Krichten	63	Bob Bowman	20
Richard Halpin	20	Jim Pritchard	20
Clif Laughman	50	Phil Golden	55
Barry Myers	13	John Senft	20
Chad Deardorff	50	Tony Myers	92
Joan Yohe	89	Paul Anthony	92
Geoff Myers	1	Bob Sells	50
Moritz Yohe	--	Mike Golden	55
Guy Hettinger	911	Rick Witten	31
Chris Weidenhammer	OEM	George Cronin	York Twp
Darryl Erhart	19	Daniel Santoemma	91
Eric Strittmatter	21	Adam Smith	99
James Smith	22	Tony Clouser	79
Don Hopple	13	Larry Anderson	66

CALL TO ORDER (President Brad Dunham)

President Brad Dunham called the monthly meeting of the York County Fire Chiefs and Firefighters Association to order at 1903 hours. The call to order was followed by a pledge to the flag and a moment of silence.

PRESENTATIONS

- Commissioner Cronin
 - o York County Vo-Tech career training program for HS students related to the Lancaster Vo-Tec program and his research there.
 - Lots of discussion within the group about how school districts can be supportive.
 - o Chad Deardorff and Jim Pritchard will do some research on how we can work with the York Vo-Tech for a similar program.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Dunham asked if there were any corrections to last month’s minutes. **With no corrections, a motion to approve by Clif Laughman second by Dan Hoff and the motion was approved.**

REPORTS

Treasurer (Bob Bowman)

Treasurer Bob Bowman presented the following report: Beginning balance \$35,444.39 with an ending balance of \$19,290.50.

President Dunham asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Dan Hoff made a motion, Chad Deardorff seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

Board of Governors (Brad Dunham – BOG@group.ycfs.us)

The Board met this evening prior to this meeting and discussed several topics related to facilities and vehicles and long-term operations. Also signed the contract with SGS design for phase 1 of the design work.

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

Fire School Training Report for January was given.

- EI-26 Update
- Burn Tech “1403” class added to schedule March 4th
- 2026 subscriptions

	Month	Date	Class / Course Name	Students	Students	Hrs	Stud. Hrs	Status
1	January	5	Building Construction N/C	6		16	96	R
2		21	HMA	19		6	114	R
3		24	Fire Officership	0		0	0	C
4		24	Fire Instructor I	0		0	0	C
5		27	ELIS	28		16	448	R
5	Totals			53		38	658	

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Total
Bucks					
Hacc					
Sherriff Dept				28	28
Probation			24	4	28
Combat Challenge					
Fire School Classes					38
CERT					
York County Quick Response Team					
Wellspar			8		8
Police Departments					
Company Training	14			3	17
Proctor Exams					
State Police			8		8
Seminars					
PAFCO					
Misc				2	2
TOTAL HOURS:					129
		JAN. 2026			

OTHER AGENCY REPORTS

911 Center/YCDES (Guy Hettinger)

Annual stats now posted on website

Memorial rework set for May 8th

ATR (Tony Myers – chief92ycatr@gmail.com)

The ATR team had 2 calls for the month: 2 calls for the year.

- Tony Myers is Chief 92 (Contact information: Chief92ycatr@gmail.com / 717-495-3330)

THANK YOU to John Sanford for all of his years of service to the ATR

- ATR Training: Ice Refresher has been completed over the past three weeks. Our team recertified 36 members in surface ice rescue technician skills with over 106 hours of training completed. We have many training sessions already scheduled for 2026 to keep members certified in High Angle Rope, Trench, Building Collapse, Confined Space, Silo Rescue, Machine Rescue, Boat Operations, Swift Water Rescue and several other Special Rescue categories. Keep us in mind if your department has a response to these calls for service.
- ATR has 5 Asst Chiefs and has a Duty Officer on call 24/7365 who are available for any questions if you have an incident that may require our assistance.
- ATR compliments your Incident Command system. We work under your Incident Commander in the Rescue Branch and will assist you in any way possible. While our team has 4 heavy rescues, several collapse units and boats they all don't necessarily respond to all incidents. We are looking at staggered responses for our equipment depending on the notes provided in CAD.
- ATR appreciates all departments that have us on automatic response or, at a minimum, has the DO altered. Keep in mind when the Duty Officer is alerted, he is responding so if you have any

questions feel free to contact them on the assigned talk group. Also, if ATR is not needed feel free to cancel the DO.

- ATR is working with YCDES on dispatching protocols such as putting the team on standby automatically by county station requests. Although it was done in the past, currently YCDES says that it cannot be automatically done in CAD.
- If you wish to have Chief 92 meet with your officers, he will be glad to travel to your station and answer any questions your department has regarding ATR responses, capabilities and how we can support your incident.

OEM (Chris Weidenhammer)

Last week, graduated second CERT class so now they have 58 members certified. Will start next class in mid-spring.

IST update – only received 3 applications so far. If you have anyone interested, please have them submit an application. Prefer to have 5-10 before starting the interview process.

Salvation Army canteen is looking to go into service on March 1st. IC can request through 911.

Haz-Mat (Dan Santoemma)

The Haz-Mat team had 12 calls for the month; 12 calls for the year.

Railcar training on April 19th. Have 11 registered but need 20 to run class. See attached.

Fire Police (Yohe)

Stations that have not submitted the roster for 2026 are:

8, 11, 18, 21, 22, 27, 31, 37, 39, 47, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 61, 62, 63, & 67

If dues are paid by 2/28/26, they are \$10, after that date they are \$20.

Traffic units due for inspection in 2026:

8 (9/2026), 18 (8/2026), 21 (9/2026), 37 (6/2026), 68 (9/2026), & 79 (10/2026)

Hosting a fire police weekend on June 20 & 21 at the public safety training center.

Fire Fighter's Association (Terry Fix)

No report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Met on 1/22/26 talked about CAD training and are aware of policy related to talk group assignments and such.

Talked about when FD should be automatically dispatched on remote EMS calls.

They are now asking about replacing units on low budget calls.

The 2 new hospitals will get radios and talk groups will need to be programmed in all radios

No update on radio designation changes

Fire School Committee (Bob Sells)

From the instructor perspective on EL26 update. They will download the new presentations to compare to current scheduled programs and any need for time changes due to updates.

Apparatus Inspection (Brad Dunham/Tony Myers – 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

Policy Committee (Brad Dunham)

No report

Bylaws Committee (Dan Hoff)

No report

Public Safety Policy Board (Tony Clouser)

Nothing to report

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

Nothing to report more than BOG report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No report

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Hopple reports that SAFER hosting on Nov 7th & 8th - Combat Ready, Truck Ops, Engine Ops. More to come. Reach out to Chief Hopple for additional information.

President Dunham forming a new committee relative to CAD system

- Eri Strittmatter (chair)
- Tony Myers
- Joe Madzellan

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

No report

- Next Monthly Meeting: March 16th, 2026, at York County 911, 120 Davies Dr York, eat at 1800 hours and meeting at 1900 hours.
- Next Meeting: April 20th, 2026, at York Township Station 19, 2318 S Queen St, York, eat at 1815 hours and meeting at 1900 hours
- Next Meeting: May 18th, 2026, at Nashville FD Station 11, 116 Nashville Blvd, Spring Grove, eat at 1815 hours and meeting at 1900 hours.

ADJOURNMENT

President Dunham asked for a motion for adjournment, Chad Deardroff made a motion, Clif Laughman seconded the motion and the motion was approved at 2005 hours.

Respectfully Recorded,

Christopher Krichten

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Board Secretary



Rail Car Incident Response for Crude, Ethanol, and Other Flammable Liquids

Course Description

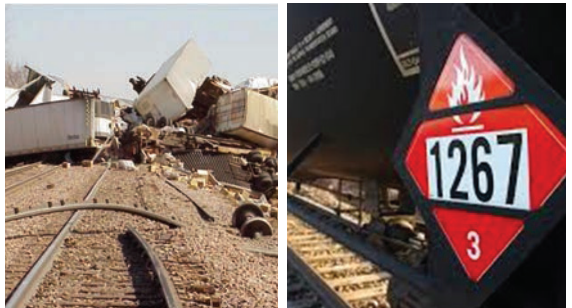
The All Hazards Training Center at The University of Findlay has developed the Rail Car Incident Response for Crude, Ethanol, and Other Flammable Liquids training course for the U.S. Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (DOT PHMSA) to educate emergency responders on freight rail car incidents involving hazardous materials, specifically crude oil, ethanol, and other flammable liquids. As more and more rail traffic transports cargo, including hazardous materials, it is important that the responder community become educated about the dangers and unique hazards presented with rail cars carrying these commodities. The information covered in this tuition-free training course will enhance the ability of emergency responders to assess the scene of a rail car incident, understand the resources needed to remediate the emergency situation, including how the railroad will play a critical role in the response.

Hands-on scenarios using a rail car simulator are conducted to emphasize the objectives of the training including:

- Identifying the design, construction, components and markings of rail tank cars that carry crude/flammable liquids.
- Recognizing and identifying the chemical being transported, and the properties that must be considered in an emergency.
- Assessing the scene to determine the potential hazards to people, property, and the environment.
- Recognizing mitigation strategies including offensive, defensive, and non-intervention strategies for fire and/or spill incidents. This is not a tactics course but rather focuses on strategy and decision making.
- Identifying key resources in the rail/freight industry as well as federal, state, and private resources for response assistance.

Who should attend this course:

- Firefighters—including neighboring departments
- Other First Responders— including law enforcement
- Community Emergency Management Personnel
- Other Community Stakeholders—including railroad representatives



Course Information

Location:

York, Pennsylvania

Address:

York County Department of Emergency Services Building

Sponsoring Agency:

County of York Hazardous Materials Response Team

Course Date:

April 19, 2026

Course Time:

8:00am-5:00pm ET

Course Registration Deadline (date/time):

April 5, 2026 / midnight

A minimum of 20 registrations must be received by the deadline to ensure the class will be held.

Registration Information

Please click on the link to register:

<https://forms.gle/9DrAYarzasXnDoJS8>

For registration assistance, please contact Susan Bloomfield at Susan.Bloomfield@findlay.edu or 419-434-4353.

No special PPE is required - it is recommended to wear comfortable clothing; no open toed shoes.

To speak to someone from the sponsoring agency, please contact the following:

Sponsoring Agency Contact Name:

Daniel Santoemma

Phone Number:

717-840-2913

Email Address:

dssantoemma@yorkcountypa.gov



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