




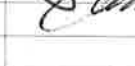
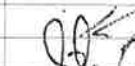
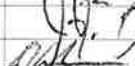


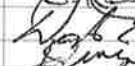
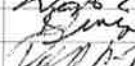

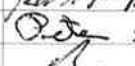
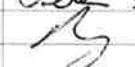

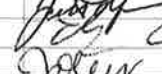
ERIE COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD – MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE:	02/28/19		
LOCATION:	Erie County Fire Training and Operations Center		
CALL TO ORDER:	19:03		
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE:			
ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:	PRESENT:	William Cleary, Jeffrey Daege, James Gajewski, Kevin Herzog, James Judd, Eric Karcher, Scott Kuhlmeier, Douglas Lahren, Dwayne Morosey, Robert Rackl, Peter Spilsbury, Andrew Zamrok, James Reger, Christopher Couell, Joleen Schlossin	
	ABSENT:	Timothy Gibbons	
	EXCUSED:	Michael Griffin, Daniel Neaverth, Jr.	
INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:	Ed Rath – Erie County Legislator – wants everyone to know that he is around to listen and is paying attention to concerns. Please use him as a resource. He is one of eleven. Success depends on communication.		
APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING:	DATE OF LAST MEETING:	12/04/18	
	MOTION BY:	Minutes were not handed out	
	SECOND BY:	N/A	
	APPROVED:	N/A	
REPORT OF OFFICERS:			
CHAIRMAN:	Jim Reger welcomed everyone and reported that Dwayne Morosey has been appointed the new chair for the Fire Advisory Board. Went around the room and introduced everyone with name and department.		
CO-CHAIR:	Peter Spilsbury named as Co-Chair		
SECRETARY:	N/A		
TREASURER:	James Judd named as Treasurer, balance of \$234.05, not including tonight's meeting		
REPORT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES:			
COMMISSIONER:	No report		
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER:	<p>Last year was the end of a lot of member's terms on the board. There are currently 11 vacant spots, creating opportunity to grow the board. Please let people know we are currently accepting applications.</p> <p>Wall of Honor ceremony was held in December. Overall, went well, but there were discussions for some changes. Would like to hold in October during Fire Prevention week, as in the past. Also, we will only be accepting letters of nomination until the end of July for the current year, in order to make things run more smoothly. Last year, there were 10 inductees, so discussion about splitting up the ceremony into a couple of nights, depending on number of inductees, to make the event more personalized for all.</p> <p>Erie County Fire Instructor meeting was held recently, with very positive feedback. We are currently at full capacity, with 31 instructors. Tower dates are filling fast, especially Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays. There is, however, great opportunity for training the other nights of the week. We are hoping to get a calendar posted on the Fire Safety website outlining available training days, to make it easier when submitting requests. Can always call and ask about availability. Encouraging companies to reach out to their mutual aid for training, as it can be harder to train with fewer people.</p> <p>Due to new standards, the lead instructor for any live fire will have to be a FSI 2. A lot of our county instructors recently passed a Fire Instructor 2 class offered at the training center and we probably have about 12 FSI 2's. There is now a 1 instructor to 5 trainee ratio, with a minimum of 5 instructors required for live burns, to ensure overall safety while training. We are now offering training at fire halls. Instead of going to the one of the three towers, the county instructors will come to your fire hall for training. Requests for this are on the fire safety website. Also working on a prop trailer to travel around the county as requested. There is the forcible entry door mounted in it already, and plans for more props are in the works. Went over allocation of state training hours. 2017 we were allocated 3310 hours of state training, 2018 was 3900 hours and for 2019, we are allocated 4300 hours, which we are using. We have the most training hours of any other county in NY.</p> <p>Also, working on getting an ICS-300 class in the evening, but having a hard time getting instructors scheduled.</p>		
	DEPUTY FIRE COORDINATOR:	Working on keeping the fire safety website updated more frequently. We are offering more classes in the winter time than in the past. Averaging 30-35 classes active at all time and trying to spread them throughout the county. Classes are being advertised on social media and are filling quickly. (Especially BEFO classes, filling within hours of being advertised). All	

	<p>applications for training or requests for facilities are online. Rosters and schedules are also on the website and updated frequently.</p> <p>Jim mentioned that with most classes filling with waiting lists, we really need to have people call if they can't make a class they've registered for. No shows deprive others of the opportunity to enroll in the classes. Chris has been sending emails, not only to the individual that didn't show for a class, but their chief as well.</p> <p>Also, mentioned that we're looking at offering some state awareness classes during the day, if the participation is there, as well as a daytime drill at the academy.</p> <p>This year there will be 2 boot camps at the academy, still working on the dates, but probably end of July/August.</p> <p>Offering refresher training, a 3 hour course that goes over basic knowledge. Currently one scheduled for South Wales. Also a terrorism awareness class being offered that has already been held at multiple companies with positive results.</p>
OTHER:	Need volunteers for the committees. A list of each committee and their responsibilities will be sent out to all members. Please review and we will discuss appointments at the March meeting. As we are a small group, the hope is to concentrate on one or two of the committees, in order to get more accomplished.
REPORT OF COMMITTEES:	
SCHOOL:	No report
DRILL TOWER:	No report
RADIO:	No report
LEGISLATIVE & FIRE PREVENTION:	No report
BUDGET PLANNING & WALL OF HONOR:	Mentioned by Doug Lahnen that Jim Guy (previous member of the board-term expired) would like to offer his assistance with the Wall of Honor, if needed. Would like to continue to build the wall up. He was an instrumental part of this committee in the past, helping fire departments write their letters. There are currently 2 nomination letters for this year - Robert Carncross of Ellwood Volunteer Fire Company and Edward Tokasz of Doyle Hose Company #2. Policies and Procedures will be sent to all board members.
RULES & MUTUAL AID:	Have tried to get the SOG's approved for about 3 years. A current copy of the draft will be sent to each board member, and there will be a vote at the March meeting.
REPORT OF BOARDS:	
ERIE COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS MUTUAL AID ORG.:	<p>Report by Jim Reger – applied for a SAFER grant that was mostly used for recruitment and retention, but there was some money left over that they allotted to the county. We used some to get the new forcible entry door. We are also trying to buy 5 more consoles for our tactical fireground simulation, to make a set of 10, similar to what the state offers. This could be another valuable training tool.</p> <p>Having trouble getting in contact with the company, Flame Sim. If anyone knows of any consoles out there, please let us know. Eric Karcher also mentioned looking online for companies selling firematic equipment or on Facebook.</p> <p>Also, mentioned the Erie County Chief's Scholarship program, available for any firefighter or their immediate family, who will be attending an institution of higher learning. Applications must be in by June 1st. More information on this can be found on the fire safety website.</p> <p>They also offer 7 or 8 different awards at their annual banquet and have trouble getting nominations, so, please look into that.</p>
ERIE COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION:	No report
ERIE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT OFFICERS ASSOCIATION:	No report
ERIE COUNTY FIRE POLICE ASSOCIATION:	No report
DISASTER ADVISORY BOARD:	No report
EMS ADVISORY BOARD:	Greg Gill – Spoke with Jim Reger and decided together that trying to hold meetings on the same night would be a benefit to all. At some point, get together for a few minutes for discuss what applies to both and form a relationship. Went around room and introduced all member of both boards. The EMS advisory board is run by Ken Peterson. Ken will be sending out some correspondence asking for some data back on mutual aid establishments in the ambulance world. Once you get that,

	please fill out and send back to Ken. Hoping to be a benefit for all, making changes to get coverage around the county and helping things run more smoothly.
OLD BUSINESS:	
NEW BUSINESS:	
GOOD OF THE ORGANIZATION:	
NEXT MEETING DATE:	03/28/19
NEXT WORKSHOP DATE:	04/25/19
ADJOURNMENT:	20:02
MINUTES RECORDED BY:	
MINUTES SUBMITTED BY:	Joleen Schlossin

ERIE COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD SIGN IN AND CONTACT SHEET

	MEETING:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGULAR <input type="checkbox"/> SPECIAL	DATE: 2/28/2019		LOCATION:	FTA			
	Name	Board Appointments	# of Terms	Expiration Date	Phone #	Email	Signature	ABSENT	EXCUSED
1	Cleary, William		1st	12/31/2020	716-796-8069	wcleary53@verizon.net			
2	Daege, Jeffrey		1st	12/31/2020	716-440-2017	jeffreydaege@yahoo.com			
3	Gajewski, James		1st	12/31/2019	716-440-4755	commjim10@yahoo.com			
4	Gibbons, Timothy		1st	12/31/2019	716-725-3770	Gibbons105@yahoo.com			
5	Griffin, Michael		1st	12/31/2020	716-714-9772	opie652@gmail.com			
6	Herzog, Kevin		1st	12/31/2020	716-725-2984	kevinherzog@roadrunner.com			X
7	Judd, James		1st	12/31/2020	716-604-6874	LFD_Judd@yahoo.com			
8	Karcher, Eric		1st	12/31/2020	716-697-1395	ek7166971395@aol.com			
9	Kuhlmey, Scott		1st	12/31/2019	716-861-7933	scott.kuhlmey@gmail.com			
10	Lahnen, Douglas		1st	12/31/2020	716-864-2240	dlahnen1@roadrunner.com			
11	Morosey, Dwayne		1st	12/31/2019	716-949-4701	dwaynemorosey@gmail.com			
12	Rackl, Robert		1st	12/31/2019	716-583-1798	rwrackl@gmail.com			
13	Spilsbury, Jr., Peter		1st	12/31/2019		Peter.Spilsbury@erie.gov			
14	Zamrok, Andrew		1st	12/31/2019	716-425-7907	azamrok@evanscentervfc.org			
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	Neaverth Jr., Dan	Commissioner			716-983-6080	daniel.neaverth@erie.gov			X
	Reger, Jim	Deputy Commissioner			716-289-0614	james.reger@erie.gov			
	Couell, Chris	Deputy Fire Coordinator			716-481-7970	christopher.couell@erie.gov			
	Schlossin, Joleen	Scribe				joleen.schlossin@erie.gov	