

ERIE COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD – MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE:	01/27/22		
LOCATION:	Erie County Fire Training and Operations Center		
CALL TO ORDER:	18:05		
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:			
ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:	PRESENT:	Bill Cleary, Ronald Endle, James Gajewski, Kevin Herzog, Kevin Jewett, James Judd, Eric Karcher, John Rothrock, Peter Spilsbury Jr., Phillip Wzientek, Andrew Beehler, Garrett Wynn, Robert Rackl, Paul Gorczyca, Michael Griffin, Chris Couell, Alex Doll, Joleen Schlossin	
	ABSENT:	Timothy Gibbons, Scott Kuhlmeiy,	
	EXCUSED:	Jeffrey Daege, James Guy, Doug Lahnen, Alicia May, Scott Plecha	
INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:			
APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING:	DATE OF LAST MEETING:	12/2/21	
	MOTION BY:	Bill Cleary	
	SECOND BY:	John Rothrock	
	APPROVED:	Approved by all	
REPORT OF OFFICERS:			
CHAIRMAN:	No Report		
CO-CHAIR:	No Report		
SECRETARY:	No Report		
TREASURER:	\$262.05		
REPORT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES:			
COMMISSIONER:	No Report		
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER:	<p>-SFI meeting this coming Monday to get classes scheduled for the upcoming year. There were over 40 requested.</p> <p>-Lots of county training going on, especially with the trailers right now. The trailers are constantly being worked on, being made easier to use, unload and load. There will be laminated pictures on the wall inside each of the trailers so the instructors can easily see how that all works. The tools can now be charged in the trailers, courtesy of Bob Zacher and Travis Smith.</p> <p>-Fire training towers - meeting yesterday and the project has been approved. Approx. \$113,000 each tower (Chestnut Ridge and Amherst) to be rebuilt. Covid caused delays and increase in price. Hopefully end of April, beginning of May. If any delays, will have to consolidate training to Cheektowaga tower and maybe use the Tonawanda tower.</p> <p>-FOAM (Class B) seminar was this past Tuesday night. Well attended by Fire Chiefs, HazMat people, etc. Thanks to Alex for setting it up and Bill Major, Larry Babcock, and Brian McDonald for being our guest speakers. It was very well put together.</p> <p>-Erie County FF Seminar Series started last night and will run continually for the next 7 weeks. The schedule can be found at erie.gov/fire</p> <p>-J Fire program has been up and running for about a month. There's already been a couple of inquiries.</p> <p>-Fire Safety is getting a new website within the next month or so. It should be less redundant and easier to navigate.</p> <p>-SMART team is currently out of service because of the liability of drivers, same with Hazmat. If there's a need for the Hazmat in the county right now, one of the counties full time or part time people will have to come and drive the trucks to the scene. This may cause a slight delay, so call early.</p> <p>-FEMA has assigned a couple of ambulances to assist in Erie County (by request). They are on stand by here in the parking lot at the training academy and are dispatched by MERS.</p>		
	DEPUTY FIRE COORDINATOR:	<p>-Working on putting together a powerpoint presentation to market the county and its assets a little more. Also, will touch on the new fire safety website and NYS's LMS system. Planning to take it on the road to the different fire chiefs associations. Still need schedules for some of the chief's associations.</p> <p>-Every five years, we review and have each department sign a new mutual aid agreement. It was first sent out in November and there about 10 signed and returned. It was resent out this week and we still need about 60 departments to sign and return the document.</p> <p>-We've gotten pretty good response on the fire officer information list that gets sent out each year. This year we added a line for number of active ff's and a line for the number of interior</p>	

	<p>qualified ff's, so we have an idea of where we're at around the county. Still waiting on a couple of fire companies to submit.</p> <p>-LMS is the new system that the state is using for training record keeping. In order to sign up for classes, receive credit, and certificates, you must have an active account with LMS. Alex attended Brighton's orientation drill and trained everyone that was there on this system. If anyone would like him to do that with their departments, please call to set up dates.</p>
OTHER:	
REPORT OF COMMITTEES:	
SCHOOL:	No Report
DRILL TOWER:	No Report
RADIO:	No Report
LEGISLATIVE & FIRE PREVENTION:	No Report
BUDGET PLANNING & WALL OF HONOR:	Need to form committee for 2022
RULES & MUTUAL AID:	No Report
REPORT OF BOARDS:	
ERIE COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS MUTUAL AID ORG.:	No Report
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:	Possible joint meeting to be held in the future.
OLD BUSINESS:	-
NEW BUSINESS:	Bill Cleary – more active roles for committees. Maybe create committees to tackle specific topics to take that information back to the fire companies.
GOOD OF THE ORGANIZATION:	-
NEXT MEETING DATE:	3/31/22
NEXT WORKSHOP DATE:	2/24/22
ADJOURNMENT:	19:03, Motion by James Gajewski, seconded by Phillip Wzientek
MINUTES RECORDED BY:	Joleen Schlossin
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: 1/27/2022		LOCATION:		FTA	ABSENT	EXCUSED
	Name	Board Appointments	# of Terms	Expiration Date	Phone #	Email	Signature		
1	Beehler, Andrew		1st	12/31/2023	716-954-9712	andrewbeehler@gmail.com	<i>W.A. Cleary</i>		
2	Cleary, William		2nd	12/31/2022	716-796-8069	wcleary53@verizon.net			
3	Daeye, Jeffrey		2nd	12/31/2022	716-440-2017	jeffreydaeye@yahoo.com			X
4	Endle, Ronald		1st	12/31/2023	716-479-4186	ronfirellc@aol.com	<i>Ronald Endle</i>		
5	Gajewski, James		3rd	12/31/2023	716-440-4755	commjim10@yahoo.com	<i>James Gajewski</i>		
6	Gibbons, Timothy		3rd	12/31/2023	716-725-3770	Gibbons105@yahoo.com			
7	Gorczyca, Paul		2nd	12/31/2023	716-866-1634	gork315@gmail.com			
8	Griffin, Michael		2nd	12/31/2022	716-714-9772	opie652@gmail.com			
9	Guy, James		1st	12/31/2023	716-544-0327	jhguy@verizon.net			
10	Herzog, Kevin		2nd	12/31/2022	716-725-2984	kevinherzog@roadrunner.com	<i>Kevin Herzog</i>		
11	Jewett, Kevin		1st	12/31/2023	716-512-9054	kevin.jewett@erie.gov	<i>Kevin Jewett</i>		
12	Judd, James		2nd	12/31/2022	716-604-6874	LFD_Judd@yahoo.com	<i>James Judd</i>		
13	Karcher, Eric		2nd	12/31/2022	716-697-1395	ek7166971395@aol.com	<i>Eric Karcher</i>		
14	Kuhlmeier, Scott		3rd	12/31/2023	716-861-7933	scott.kuhlmeier@gmail.com			
15	Lahnen, Douglas		2nd	12/31/2022	716-864-2240	dlahnen1@roadrunner.com			X
16	May, Alicia		1st	12/31/2023	716-998-9429	amay1021@gmail.com			X
17	Plecha, Scott		2nd	12/31/2023	716-909-4206	s.plecha@yahoo.com			X
18	Rackl, Robert		3rd	12/31/2023	716-583-1798	rwrackl@gmail.com			
19	Rothrock, John		1st	12/31/2023	716-697-3780	capt4fire@aol.com	<i>John Rothrock</i>		
20	Spilsbury, Jr., Peter		3rd	12/31/2023		Peter.Spilsbury@erie.gov	<i>Peter Spilsbury</i>		
21	Wynn, Garrett		2nd	12/31/2023	716-570-2209	gwynn@ucrestfire.org			X
22	Wzientek, Philip		1st	12/31/2023	716-712-6315	phil.wzientek@gmail.com	<i>Phil Wzientek</i>		
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	Couell, Chris	Deputy Commissioner			716-481-7970	christopher.couell@erie.gov	<i>Chris Couell</i>		
	Doll, Alexander	Deputy Fire Coordinator			716-228-2822	alexander.doll@erie.gov	<i>Alexander Doll</i>		
	Schlossin, Joleen	Scribe			716-681-7111	joleen.schlossin@erie.gov	<i>Joleen Schlossin</i>		