

ERIE COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD – MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE:	07/25/19	
LOCATION:	Erie County Fire Training and Operations Center	
CALL TO ORDER:	19:02	
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:		
ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:	PRESENT:	William Cleary, James Gajewski, Kevin Herzog, James Judd, Doug Lahnen, Dwayne Morosey, Robert Rackl, Peter Spilsbury, James Reger, Chris Couell, Joleen Schlossin
	ABSENT:	Timothy Gibbons, Scott Kuhlmeier, Andrew Zamrok
	EXCUSED:	Jeffrey Daeger, Michael Griffen, Eric Karcher, Daniel Neaverth Jr.
INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:	N/A	
APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING:	DATE OF LAST MEETING:	5/30/19
	MOTION BY:	Peter Spilsbury
	SECOND BY:	James Gajewski
	APPROVED:	Unanimously approved by all
REPORT OF OFFICERS:		
CHAIRMAN:	No Report	
CO-CHAIR:	No Report	
SECRETARY:	No Report	
TREASURER:	\$283.05 including tonight's collection	
REPORT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES:		
COMMISSIONER:	No Report	
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER:	Jim Reger reported that he will be retiring in mid-August. The Fire Safety office will continue to operate as normal and will be available for any questions or concerns.	
DEPUTY FIRE COORDINATOR:	<p>Polo shirts- cost of \$32/shirt. Chris will put together an order sheet and anyone interested should let him know.</p> <p>State Training – there are currently 24 classes on the schedule. Fall classes will start coming out soon and there will a meeting with the NYS Instructors to divvy up requested classes. If anyone is interested in a class, please get the applications in as soon as possible so we can get them scheduled. Jim reiterated the proper procedure for requesting a class. An application should be submitted online through the Fire Safety website. The class will then be picked up by an instructor, who will contact the chief of the fire company. Once they have settled on dates, a PTS will be submitted to the state, the class will be added to the roster, and applications will start to be collected. The fire companies should not be approaching the instructors, as this is unfair to other companies who may already have a request in for a particular class. Also, trying to fairly disperse classes around the county.</p> <p>County training – towers are being utilized. Sometimes, with multiple agencies at a location. It seems like the calendars that are available online have helped eliminate the back and forth trying to figure out available dates. The prop trailer has been being utilized as well. There will be more props added to it in time. We usually just send 2 instructors for forcible entry, but if you put on your request that you want to have multiple stations, then we can send more instructors.</p> <p>Boot camp – First one is just about done. Their skills training was today and tomorrow is the written exam. There were 20 students in the current class. The second one is set to start Monday. There are currently 20 students enrolled in that one as well. Graduation for both boot camps is Saturday, August 10 at 6:30 pm at Twin District. If anyone is interested, they are welcome to attend.</p> <p>Burn House Tour – the company that designed the burn houses came out and are giving us quotes for repairing or restoring. Waiting to see about the budget.</p> <p>Out for bid is a washer/dryer for the training center for the county/state instructors to use. Talked about how, for the first time at a state training class, the students were trained in boot camp on how to De-Con. They had a De-Con station outside and used Dawn detergent mixed with water and sprayed each other down, mopped each other down, and rinsed. They were set up on a white tarp so they could see all the stuff coming off their gear. We will have the cleaning supplies at all the towers to De-con after any live fire event.</p>	
OTHER:	No Report	
REPORT OF COMMITTEES:		
SCHOOL:	See Deputy Fire Coordinator Report	

DRILL TOWER:	See Deputy Fire Coordinator Report
RADIO:	<p>Per Jim Reger – connected with East Aurora’s F2. It’s up and running and the fire companies are having the radio shop come out and install it in their radios. Moving along and seems to be working well.</p> <p>They are constantly working on changing repeaters and fixing repeaters. The Public Safety Campus downtown has done a complete rehab of their consoles. There’s still some work to be done, but should be complete in the next couple of months.</p> <p>Chris Couell suggested possibly meeting at the Public Safety Campus (45 Elm St.) for a tour during one of the workshops, as there are a number of board members that have not been there yet. He will work on setting that up.</p>
LEGISLATIVE & FIRE PREVENTION:	<p>Legislation has been very slow. Putting a lot into the cancer bill and not so much into anything else. The bill to allow fire companies to bill for EMS services just passed the senate and is on its way to the house. Concern that it will not make it through the house because if fire companies are allowed to bill for EMS, then they’ll want to start billing for fires. There was much discussion regarding this and the lack of fire service representation to lobby for these bills.</p>
BUDGET PLANNING & WALL OF HONOR:	<p>As discussed at the last meeting, Edward Tokasz from Doyle #2, Robert Carnross from Ellwood and Michelle Bliss from South Line have been approved to be added to the Wall of Honor. Doug reports that we should be receiving an updated letter from Ellwood for Robert Carncross with more specifics on his service. Three more letters were received since the last meeting, George J. Karl Jr from Main-Transit, Eugene Beszczynski from Sloan, and Peter J. Loretto Jr from Langford-New Oregon. We are also going to be receiving 2 more letters from Depew for James Nusall and Arthur Domino. So, as long as all are approved, there will be 8 inductees this year. Recommended to only bring a couple inductees out to the hall at a time to unveil their plaques and get their refreshments. Last year, it was very crowded near the plaques with 10 inductees, their families and fire company representation. Also, suggested reaching out to the legislatures of those districts so they are aware of the event. Chris mentioned a main PR person that he will contact.</p>
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:	Meeting last week was cancelled
EMS ADVISORY BOARD:	Meeting next month
OLD BUSINESS:	<p>Jim Gajewski – started looking into a class on Health and Awareness. He had the Lavender Report, which gives best practices for preventing cancer, and sat down to discuss with his chiefs. The biggest problem is that they don’t want to do, they don’t feel it is practical. They’re concerned that a lot of the fires are during the winter and if the firefighters have to get out of their turnout gear, they’ll freeze on the way back to the fire hall. And also, if they have to go back in after they’ve been De-Con’d, then their equipment is all wet. The biggest thing is going to be educating people. This is not something that will affect them today, but it will down the road. Mentioned that all state courses involving live fire will be practicing De-Con and, hopefully, these individuals will be bringing that information back to their fire companies. Would like to move forward with education and training on this. Maybe train a couple of county fire instructors and a couple EMS instructors and have them train at the fire chiefs meetings and then train at the individual fire halls.</p>
NEW BUSINESS:	FYI – per Bill Cleary – State Fire Districts Association meeting the first Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October in Niagara Falls.

	<p>Rob Rackl – has been in contact with a representative from a fire product distribution company that has agreed to put on a demonstration for the county for training purposes. He will send the info to Chris.</p> <p>Briefly mentioned the TASAR class that is being taught around the county by Steve Piotrowski and Chris Couell. If anyone is interested, they should submit a request for a training class on the Fire Safety website.</p>
GOOD OF THE ORGANIZATION:	N/A
NEXT MEETING DATE:	9/26/19, 12/5/19
NEXT WORKSHOP DATE:	8/29/19, 10/31/19
ADJOURNMENT:	20:16, motion by Dwayne Morosey, seconded by Peter Spilsbury
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: 7/25/2019		LOCATION:		FTA		ABSENT	EXCUSED
	Name	Board Appointments	# of Terms	Expiration Date	Phone #	Email	Signature			
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				X
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				X
6	Herzog, Kevin		1st	12/31/2020	716-725-2984	kevinherzog@roadrunner.com				
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				X
9	Kuhlmeier, Scott		1st	12/31/2019	716-861-7933	scott.kuhlmeier@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	rwackl@gmail.com				
13	Spilsbury, Jr., Peter		1st	12/31/2019		Peter.Spilsbury@erie.gov				
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