

# ERIE COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD – MEETING MINUTES

<b>MEETING DATE:</b>	09/26/19		
<b>LOCATION:</b>	Erie County Fire Training and Operations Center		
<b>CALL TO ORDER:</b>	19:01		
<b>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:</b>			
<b>ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:</b>	<b>PRESENT:</b>	William Cleary, Kevin Herzog, Eric Karcher, Scott Kuhlmeier, Douglas Lahnen, Dwayne Morosey, Robert Rackl, Peter Spilsbury, Christopher Couell, Joleen Schlossin	
	<b>ABSENT:</b>	Timothy Gibbons, Andrew Zamrok	
	<b>EXCUSED:</b>	Jeffrey Daege, James Gajewski, Michael Griffin, James Judd, Daniel Neaverth Jr.	
<b>INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:</b>	Jim Guy		
<b>APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING:</b>	<b>DATE OF LAST MEETING:</b>	07/25/19	
	<b>MOTION BY:</b>	Peter Spilsbury	
	<b>SECOND BY:</b>	Robert Rackl	
	<b>APPROVED:</b>	Unanimously by all	
<b>REPORT OF OFFICERS:</b>			
<b>CHAIRMAN:</b>	<p>Discussed the workshop that was held last month. Main topic was the Wall of Honor and its procedures. Suggested pulling together a pamphlet to send to the nominating company's chief with the information we need in order to make obtaining that information easier. Also, need to look at the Policies and Procedures, there is some information in there that may not be pertinent. The 2019 Wall of Honor ceremony will be on Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Fire Advisory Board members will arrive by 6:45 pm and dress in their Advisory Board shirt (if you have) and dress pants. The fire safety staff will set everything up during the day. Chris is unable to attend the ceremony, but will have the proclamations ready and VSP will be out to do the plaques and they will be covered until the ceremony. Doug suggested bringing one nominee (or one fire company) out into the hall at a time to uncover their plaque and take pictures to help eliminate congestion. For the ceremony, Jim Guy will be the master of ceremonies and Dwayne will lead the pledge.</p>		
<b>CO-CHAIR:</b>	No Report		
<b>SECRETARY:</b>	No Report		
<b>TREASURER:</b>	Unable to attend - collected \$3 at the August workshop, collected \$7 at meeting tonight		
<b>REPORT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES:</b>			
<b>COMMISSIONER:</b>	No Report		
<b>DEPUTY COMMISSIONER:</b>	No Report		
<b>DEPUTY FIRE COORDINATOR:</b>	<p>Update on the tower repairs. Estimates from the company that designed them and built them, and from the person that assembles them, came to about \$184,000 to rebuild all 3 sites 2 rooms. The budget for these repairs is about \$50,000/year, so the work would be spread out. New quotes to reflect this is about \$9000 more than initial quote (due to increased shipping, labor and material costs being spread out). Contacted the company again to try and bring the costs down. No set answer yet, but the plan is that the Cheektowaga tower will be the first to be repaired because it is in the worst shape and it gets used the most. Hopefully, the work will begin before winter or early spring so it can be ready for the 2020 training season. Out by the oil pits, a couple of new props have been added. The oil pits are supposed to represent a fuel fire or tank fire, but all they really are, are flames coming out of the ground. Trying to make it appear more realistic. 2 large propane tanks were donated, one is about 300 gallons and the other is about 80 gallons.</p> <p>A company in Lockport (through Buffalo Fire) would like to donate a confined space training unit. Nice, big tank structure with a hatch on top and side entrance. The old structure in the back will be taken down, area cleaned up, and connected to where the cement tubes are. This will be a vast improvement over what's there now.</p> <p>Meeting with the NYS instructors are Monday, Sept 30<sup>th</sup>. There are a ton of classes to be assigned and then they'll start contacting the host company. Some will be held at the Training and Operations Center as well. Currently, there are maybe 14 classes on the schedule and most are in progress. Fall/winter there should be an increase in training classes, little slow towards the end of summer.</p> <p>We are still dealing with some smoke machine issues. We had purchased the fluid from a new vendor this year that was half the price and thinking that could be the problem. Possible</p>		

	<p>heating up the machines too much and causing the coils and the circuitry to burn out. We are working on ordering the parts to fix them and we'll be going back to the old fluid, so, hopefully, that will solve the problem.</p> <p>The Amherst Police approached us about putting in a wall breaching simulator at the Amherst tower for their SWAT team. It'll take up about 20 ft length and 4ft x 4ft and be put in the back by the ditch. There are some permanent mounting poles that will go in the ground and then the simulator will be built and the doors added. This will be available for use by the Erie County Sheriffs and the fire companies, as well. Each agency would just need to supply their own doors.</p> <p>Got estimates for a washer/dryer to be put in at the training academy for the instructor's gear. The Erie County Chief's had voted to pay for this, but it is more than they figured. They will instead be helping to purchase the washing supplies. The washer/dryer will be purchased by the county.</p> <p>Interviews for the new Deputy Commissioner will be on October 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>State participation reports (NFRS) are at 88% for the county. Emails were sent out to the companies with missing reports. Hoping to get over the 90% mark and get the \$1000 bonus. A consultant group for fire adjustors just moved into the area. On Nov 7<sup>th</sup>, there will be a class at the training academy. There will be 2 – 1 hour back to back classes in the Aud., Arson Investigation and how to process for adjustments for insurance companies. There will be 2 - 12 x 12 furnished structures set up in the parking lot, they will light them on fire, then put the fires out and then talk about how the investigation would go.</p>
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**REPORT OF COMMITTEES:**

SCHOOL:	See Deputy Fire Coordinator Report
DRILL TOWER:	See Deputy Fire Coordinator Report
RADIO:	Springville and East Aurora have their F2's. There was some problems with the programming, but they're going back and correcting it.
LEGISLATIVE & FIRE PREVENTION:	No Report
BUDGET PLANNING & WALL OF HONOR:	See Chairman Report
RULES & MUTUAL AID:	There's a mutual aid agreement between all the fire companies and the county. They are good for 5 years and believe they will need to be renewed next year. The paperwork will be sent out and a copy needs to be retained by the county. Chris will look into this more.

**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:	No Report
OLD BUSINESS:	-
NEW BUSINESS:	-
GOOD OF THE ORGANIZATION:	Lancaster Town Chiefs had Thomas Jaeger (through ISO) come in and present. He is willing to present to other fire companies or even the board, if interested. It could be a 4 hour or an 8 hour. He is very welcoming and informative. Might be good to plan for over the winter at the Training Academy.
NEXT MEETING DATE:	12/05/19
NEXT WORKSHOP DATE:	<b>10/24/19 – 6 pm at the Public Safety Campus at 45 Elm Street, Buffalo</b>
ADJOURNMENT:	19:48 Motion by Robert Rackl, 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: 9/26/2019		LOCATION:		FTA		ABSENT	EXCUSED
	Name	Board Appointments	# of Terms	Expiration Date	Phone #	Email	Signature			
1	Cleary, William		1st	12/31/2020	716-796-8069	<a href="mailto:wcleary53@verizon.net">wcleary53@verizon.net</a>	<i>W.A. Cleary</i>			
2	Daege, Jeffrey		1st	12/31/2020	716-440-2017	<a href="mailto:jeffreydaege@yahoo.com">jeffreydaege@yahoo.com</a>				X
3	Gajewski, James		1st	12/31/2019	716-440-4755	<a href="mailto:commjim10@yahoo.com">commjim10@yahoo.com</a>				X
4	Gibbons, Timothy		1st	12/31/2019	716-725-3770	<a href="mailto:Gibbons105@yahoo.com">Gibbons105@yahoo.com</a>				
5	Griffin, Michael		1st	12/31/2020	716-714-9772	<a href="mailto:opie652@gmail.com">opie652@gmail.com</a>				X
6	Herzog, Kevin		1st	12/31/2020	716-725-2984	<a href="mailto:kevinherzog@roadrunner.com">kevinherzog@roadrunner.com</a>				
7	Judd, James		1st	12/31/2020	716-604-6874	<a href="mailto:LFD_Judd@yahoo.com">LFD_Judd@yahoo.com</a>	<i>James Judd</i>			X
8	Karcher, Eric		1st	12/31/2020	716-697-1395	<a href="mailto:ek7166971395@aol.com">ek7166971395@aol.com</a>				
9	Kuhlmey, Scott		1st	12/31/2019	716-861-7933	<a href="mailto:scott.kuhlmey@gmail.com">scott.kuhlmey@gmail.com</a>				
10	Lahnen, Douglas		1st	12/31/2020	716-864-2240	<a href="mailto:dlahnen1@roadrunner.com">dlahnen1@roadrunner.com</a>	<i>Doug Lahnen</i>			
11	Morosey, Dwayne		1st <i>2nd</i>	12/31/2019	716-949-4701	<a href="mailto:dwaynemorosey@gmail.com">dwaynemorosey@gmail.com</a>	<i>Dwayne Morosey</i>			
12	Rackl, Robert		1st	12/31/2019	716-583-1798	<a href="mailto:rwrackl@gmail.com">rwrackl@gmail.com</a>	<i>Robert Rackl</i>			
13	Spilsbury, Jr., Peter		1st	12/31/2019		<a href="mailto:Peter.Spilsbury@erie.gov">Peter.Spilsbury@erie.gov</a>	<i>Peter Spilsbury</i>			
14	Zamrok, Andrew		1st	12/31/2019	716-425-7907	<a href="mailto:azamrok@evanscentervfc.org">azamrok@evanscentervfc.org</a>				
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