

ERIE COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD – MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE:	05/26/22		
LOCATION:	Erie County Training and Operations Center		
CALL TO ORDER:	18:00		
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:			
ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:	PRESENT:	Bill Cleary, Paul Gorczyca, Jim Guy, Kevin Jewett, James Judd, Scott Kuhlmeier, Doug Lahnen, Bob Rackl, Peter Spilsbury Jr., Bob Zacher, Mike Zekas, Chris Couell, Alex Doll, Joleen Schlossin	
	ABSENT:	Andrew Beehler, Jeffrey Daeger, Jim Gajewski, Timothy Gibbons, Michael Griffin, Garrett Wynn	
	EXCUSED:	Ron Endle, Kevin Herzog, Eric Karcher, Alicia May, Scott Plecha, John Rothrock, Philip Wzientek	
INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:	-		
APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING:	DATE OF LAST MEETING:	04/28/22	
	MOTION BY:	Bill Cleary	
	SECOND BY:	Doug Lahnen	
	APPROVED:	Approved by all	
REPORT OF OFFICERS:			
CHAIRMAN:	No Report		
CO-CHAIR:	No Report		
SECRETARY:	No Report		
TREASURER:	+ \$14 from this meeting, total = \$298.05		
REPORT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES:			
COMMISSIONER:	No Report		
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER:	<p>-Chestnut Ridge/Amherst tower repair quotes were received last November, sat waiting for resolution, which was passed last week. Unfortunately, the price has gone up now that we're 6 months out from initial quote. There will be a rewrite to the resolution, hopefully this week, so we can get this done. Once that's received, we can schedule the work, which probably won't be complete until the end of this burn season.</p> <p>-There will be another Women FF series coming up, date to be determined.</p> <p>-There were requests for Fire Police refresher training, so Carl Fischer wrote a 3-hour class that is available to request. The first one will be in September at Reserve. Those wanting to take the refresher must have taken the initial Fire Police class.</p> <p>-Last week, the department ran the first ever county run Emergency Trailers Safety and Operations class. There was a morning and evening class and both went very well. We are expecting to run more of these in the future.</p> <p>-Roof vent trailer is not mobile at this time. There was too much weight on the trailer and the axle bent. Trailer can be used at the Cheektowaga tower. Hoping to purchase a car hauler and transfer the simulator onto that.</p>		
DEPUTY FIRE COORDINATOR:	<p>-Working with Christina Mastrella from OFPC and Ashley Snowden from Roswell regarding the cancer screening information. There is a tentative date of July 26th for a presentation of good best practices for decontamination of gear, after effects of a fire, etc. There will be 2 presentations, one in the morning and one in the evening in order to make it accessible to everyone. If there's a good response, we would like to host again during the winter FF series.</p> <p>-The group that came out to the academy to help get the World Trade Center responders on the registry would like to come out again, possibly in July, to get those that missed it the first time.</p> <p>-Looking at a date in August for the Junior FFs. Most of the program is written and Jessica Strom will take lead instructor for this. It'll probably run between 3 and 4 hours on a Saturday afternoon. Sticking to the basics getting them ready for the BEFO/IFO that they might attend in the future.</p> <p>-We're really trying to keep a robust training schedule, with multiple different types of classes to keep FF's engaged and interested in the fire service through training. Right now, we are about to host our 8th FF1 class at Tonawanda in the fall. With that, we would have trained about 200 new firefighters, which is pretty phenomenal. It's been beneficial to have classes running simultaneously throughout the county, in the north, south and middle. Working on a Fire Officer 2 class. Zymanek and Partridge are working on a combined Incident Safety Officer class at the academy, maybe September/October time. Also, some Hazmat training coming up.</p>		

OTHER:	-
REPORT OF COMMITTEES:	
ACTIVE SHOOTER:	Bill Cleary – committee needs to meet. Has some handouts, as well as the new NFPA 3000, for those interested.
CANCER SCREENING:	See Report from Deputy Fire Coordinator
DRILL TOWER:	Bob Zacher/Paul Gorczyca – Working on ideas for usage of the high-rise tower in the back. Discussions about funding for new projects and maintenance of existing training props to ensure quality training for everyone. Alex Doll - Adding some work shifts for the instructors monthly to spend time at the towers doing maintenance or working on the trailers.
LINE OF DUTY DEATH:	No Report
BUDGET PLANNING & WALL OF HONOR:	Jim Guy – only have 2 letters for this year, which brings up concerns with visibility of the wall. Consider places of awareness for fire companies, including chief's book, volunteer's book, social media, email, etc. The Wall of Honor is an important part of recruitment/retention. Jim will pull something together and send to Chris next week.
REPORT OF BOARDS:	
ERIE COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS MUTUAL AID ORG.:	Doug Lahnen – talked about the new bill that was passed and will go into effect in July that will allow for billing for ambulance services provided by a fire department or fire company. FASNY has a good 45 min Q&A that provides more information on their website. Next meeting will be in September.
ERIE COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION:	No Report
ERIE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT OFFICERS ASSOCIATION:	Bill Cleary – next meeting June 15 th at Vigilant
ERIE COUNTY FIRE POLICE ASSOCIATION:	No Report
DISASTER ADVISORY BOARD:	No Report
EMS ADVISORY BOARD:	No Report
BUFFALO FIRE DEPT:	No Report
LACKAWANNA FIRE DEPT:	James Judd - approved for a new truck (in about 18 months), money for their new rescue, grant for new gear, training facility to come in the future
ERIE COUNTY HAZMAT:	Mike Zekas – still trying to navigate their inability to operate county vehicles. Trying to get legislature to approve a resolution designating the team as uncompensated county employees. Looking to run an annual hazmat refresher state course in the fall and hoping for good turnout. The plan for next year is to run the class in 4 different regions of the county. Any fire company interested in training by the Erie County hazmat team can go to the website, erie.gov, under hazmat, and find Mike's contact information.
OLD BUSINESS:	August picnic will need to move to the July meeting, as some people will be unable to attend in August. Still need to verify the venue. More info to come.
NEW BUSINESS:	No Report
GOOD OF THE ORGANIZATION:	No Report
NEXT MEETING DATE:	07/28/22
NEXT WORKSHOP DATE:	06/30/22
ADJOURNMENT:	18:51, motion by Bob Rackl, seconded by Paul Gorczyca
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: 5/26/2022		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			
2	Cleary, William		2nd	12/31/2022	716-796-8069	wcleary53@verizon.net	<i>W. Cleary</i>		
3	Daege, Jeffrey		2nd	12/31/2022	716-440-2017	jeffreymdaege@yahoo.com			
4	Endle, Ronald		1st	12/31/2023	716-479-4186	ronfirellc@aol.com			X
5	Gajewski, James		3rd	12/31/2023	716-864-6748	commjim10@yahoo.com			
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	<i>Paul Gorkyca</i>		
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	<i>James Guy</i>		
10	Herzog, Kevin		2nd	12/31/2022	716-725-2984	kevinherzog@roadrunner.com	<i>Kevin Herzog</i>		X
11	Jewett, Kevin		1st	12/31/2023	716-512-9054	kevin.jewett@erie.gov	<i>Kevin Jewett</i>		
12	Judd, James	Treasurer	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>		X
14	Kuhlmeier, Scott		3rd	12/31/2023	716-861-7933	scott.kuhlmeier@gmail.com	<i>Scott Kuhlmeier</i>		
15	Lahnen, Douglas		2nd	12/31/2022	716-864-2240	dlahnen1@roadrunner.com	<i>Douglas Lahnen</i>		
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	Co-Chair	3rd	12/31/2023	716-341-3716	rwrackl@gmail.com	<i>Robert Rackl</i>		
19	Rothrock, John		1st	12/31/2023	716-697-3780	capt4fire@aol.com			X
20	Spilsbury, Jr., Peter	Chair	3rd	12/31/2023	716-583-0183	Peter.Spilsbury@erie.gov	<i>Peter Spilsbury</i>		
21	Wynn, Garrett		2nd	12/31/2023	716-570-2209	gwynn@ucrestfire.org			
22	Wzientek, Philip		1st	12/31/2023	716-712-6315	phil.wzientek@gmail.com	<i>Philip Wzientek</i>		X
23	Zacher, Robert		1st	12/31/2023	716-863-1388	rizacher@roadrunner.com	<i>Robert Zacher</i>		
24	Zekas, Michael		1st	12/31/2023	716-984-3606	mjz9229@msn.com	<i>Michael Zekas</i>		
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	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>		