

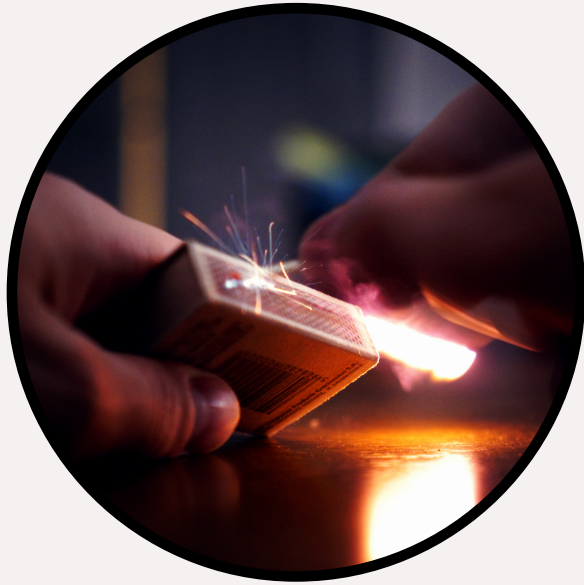
ERIE COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD – MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE:	07/28/22	
LOCATION:	South Line Fire Company	
CALL TO ORDER:	18:13	
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:		
ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:	PRESENT:	Bill Cleary, Ron Endle, Michael Griffin, Kevin Herzog, Kevin Jewett, Scott Kuhlmeier, Doug Lahnen, Scott Plecha, Bob Rackl, John Rothrock, Peter Spilsbury Jr., Phil Wzientek, Chris Couell, Alex Doll, Joleen Schlossin
	ABSENT:	Andrew Beehler, James Gajewski, Timothy Gibbons, Paul Gorczyca, Alicia May, Garrett Wynn, Michael Zekas
	EXCUSED:	Jim Guy, Jim Judd, Eric Karcher, Bob Zacher
INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:	<p>Bill Taylor – NYSOFPC – spoke a little about training classes, including misconceptions regarding FF1 bootcamp. Just because the delivery of this program is given in a 2-week period, it is still the same FF1 program and requires individuals to be physically and mentally prepared to work hard and be self-disciplined enough to do the work required at home as well. Considering making some changes to this program in the future.</p> <p>-More sessions of the Fire Alarm and Fire Sprinklers coming in the winter. A new Modern Fire Behavior class coming out.</p> <p>-The state has pretty much tabled the county weekends at the academy due to capacity limits, but Chautauqua county wants to hold theirs in Stockton, Sept 9-11. There will be more information to come and would like to see individuals from Erie county go out and show support.</p>	
APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING:	DATE OF LAST MEETING:	05/26/22
	MOTION BY:	Michael Griffin
	SECOND BY:	Scott Plecha
	APPROVED:	Approved by all
REPORT OF OFFICERS:		
CHAIRMAN:	No Report	
CO-CHAIR:	No Report	
SECRETARY:	No Report	
TREASURER:	+\$32 from this meeting, -\$204 for food expenses, total = \$126.05	
REPORT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES:		
COMMISSIONER:	No Report	
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER:	<p>-The resolution to have the AMH and CNR towers repaired has finally went through. The materials have been ordered and the towers should be ready for use for the next burn season.</p> <p>-Recap on all the work done at the ECTOC – roof was redone, building was sealed, work on the parking lot, perimeter fencing replaced, etc. Mostly complete now.</p> <p>-Money has been approved and PO sent for our new fire behavior burn system. Should arrive in January. It's going to be put between the oil pits and the old tower. The company is offering a train-the-trainer for 20 of our county instructors and then those instructors will train the other instructors.</p> <p>-Purchasing 3 brand new trailers for the Forcible Entry, Survival and Roof Vent.</p> <p>-Two bootcamps this summer, first one ended last week and had their graduation ceremony at Bowmansville. The second one started this past Monday. With these 2 bootcamps, we are at a total of 9 FF1 classes that were run this year, adding roughly 200 interior qualified FF's to our ranks.</p>	
DEPUTY FIRE COORDINATOR:	<p>-Junior FF day is finalized and on the schedule for 8/20. It was put out to Erie and Niagara Counties. 5 separate stations will be set up and will run from 8am to approximately 1pm. No live fire.</p> <p>-Women's FF series is on the schedule for 9/18. Adding to the program this year, making it a full day 8am until 4pm. Lunch will be provided and Christina Mastrella will be coming in to present her cancer seminar.</p> <p>-Christina Mastrella and Roswell came together to present their cancer seminar last week. There were two seminars, one in the morning and one in the evening. Christina talked about cancer awareness information for firefighters and the clinician from Roswell spoke a little about the screening process available to FF's. It was very well received and informative and we will be adding it to our FF series that runs through the winter.</p> <p>-The FF series will run Wednesdays is January, February and March this year.</p>	

	-Working on getting as many training classes as possible, and getting those more advanced classes. We are very fortunate to have the instructors that we do, who are able to teach all these classes.
OTHER:	S. Kuhlmeier – J-Fire program – has been going well. The group has had about 5 referrals. Need to get the word out that this is available as a resource. Joleen will attach the hotline information flyer to meeting minutes. Also suggested that maybe get a flyer out to the school districts.
REPORT OF COMMITTEES:	
ACTIVE SHOOTER:	Bill Cleary – contacted the NFPA to see what options they have for group training. It is available and there is a certification that's received upon completion. Waiting on more information for that. Chris suggested that Bill get in contact with a representative from the EMS advisory board, as they've been working on this for a couple of years.
CANCER SCREENING:	See Deputy Fire Coordinator's report. Urge firefighters to take advantage of the screening.
DRILL TOWER:	John Rothrock – met Sunday and talked about doing something with an Engine Company class or a Truck Company class, possibly a quarterly TOAC training/drill to help incoming BEFO/IFO students gain some experience. Waiting on new trailers to start moving stuff over.
LINE OF DUTY DEATH:	Ron Endle - 10/22 for seminar. It will be held at Twin District, running a full day. More info to come.
BUDGET PLANNING & WALL OF HONOR:	Doug Lahnen – 22 nominees for this year. The committee will review and send out recommendations to board for approval. Initially looking at 10/15 for ceremony, but that day is booked at the academy. All Saturdays in October are pretty full, so may have to consider a Sunday or going into November. The only Sunday in October that the Bills aren't playing is 10/23, so that's a possibility.
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:	Bill Cleary – 10/8, meeting at Union's fire hall with state/Erie County representatives regarding issues affecting the fire service and bills they're looking to support. Peter has a list that he will supply to Joleen to attach to minutes.
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.	No Report
ERIE COUNTY HAZMAT:	No Report
OLD BUSINESS:	No Report
NEW BUSINESS:	Emailed resignation from Jeff Daege dated 6/6/22 – change in work schedule will not allow him to fulfill his duties as a member of the Fire Advisory Board. Motion to accept by Bob Rackl, seconded by Phil Wzientek, approved by all.
GOOD OF THE ORGANIZATION:	Chris – Commissioner of Buffalo Fire has sent his resume in to become a member of the Fire Advisory Board
NEXT MEETING DATE:	09/29/22
NEXT WORKSHOP DATE:	08/25/22
ADJOURNMENT:	18:59, motion by Bob Rackl, seconded by Bill Cleary
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: 7/28/2022		LOCATION:		FTA	
Name	Board Appointments	# of Terms	Expiration Date	Phone #	Email	Signature	ABSENT	EXCUSED
1	Beehler, Andrew		1st	12/31/2023	716-954-9712	andrewbeehler@gmail.com		
2	Cleary, William Y		2nd	12/31/2022	716-796-8069	wcleary53@verizon.net		
3	Daoge, Jeffrey		2nd	12/31/2022	716-440-2017	jeffreydaoge@yahoo.com		
4	Endle, Ronald Y		1st	12/31/2023	716-479-4186	ronfirellc@aol.com	<i>Ronald Endle</i>	
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		
8	Griffin, Michael		2nd	12/31/2022	716-714-9772	opie652@gmail.com	<i>Michael Griffin</i>	
9	Guy, James N		1st	12/31/2023	716-544-0327	jhguy@verizon.net		X
10	Herzog, Kevin		2nd	12/31/2022	716-725-2984	kevinherzog@roadrunner.com	<i>Kevin Herzog</i>	
11	Jewett, Kevin Y		1st	12/31/2023	716-512-9054	kevin.jewett@erie.gov	<i>Kevin Jewett</i>	
12	Judd, James N	Treasurer	2nd	12/31/2022	716-604-6874	LFD_Judd@yahoo.com		
13	Karcher, Eric		2nd	12/31/2022	716-697-1395	ek7166971395@aol.com		X
14	Kuhlmeiy, Scott Y		3rd	12/31/2023	716-861-7933	scott.kuhlmeiy@gmail.com	<i>Scott Kuhlmeiy</i>	
15	Lahnen, Douglas Y		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		
17	Plecha, Scott Y		2nd	12/31/2023	716-909-4206	s.plecha@yahoo.com	<i>Scott Plecha</i>	
18	Rackl, Robert Y	Co-Chair	3rd	12/31/2023	716-341-3716	rwrackl@gmail.com	<i>Robert Rackl</i>	
19	Rothrock, John Y		1st	12/31/2023	716-697-3780	capt4fire@aol.com	<i>John Rothrock</i>	
20	Spilsbury, Jr., Peter Y	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 Y		1st	12/31/2023	716-712-6315	phil.wzientek@gmail.com	<i>Philip Wzientek</i>	
23	Zacher, Robert N		1st	12/31/2023	716-863-1388	rjzacher@roadrunner.com		X
24	Zekas, Michael		1st	12/31/2023	716-984-3606	mjz9229@msn.com		
25								
	Neaverth Jr., Dan	Commissioner			716-983-6080	daniel.neaverth@erie.gov	<i>Dan Neaverth</i>	
	Couell, Chris Y	Deputy Commissioner			716-481-7970	christopher.couell@erie.gov	<i>Chris Couell</i>	
	Doll, Alexander Y	Deputy Fire Coordinator			716-228-2822	alexander.doll@erie.gov	<i>Alexander Doll</i>	
	Schlossin, Joleen Y	Scribe			716-681-7111	joleen.schlossin@erie.gov	<i>Joleen Schlossin</i>	



J-FIRE WNY

Juvenile Fire Intervention,
Reduction, and Education
of WNY

**OUR GOAL IS TO
EDUCATE:**

Juvenile Firesetter Hotline



(716) 348-5394

Call to report or request help - [click here to request information](#)

This voluntary program is designed to assess identified youth with fire-setting tendencies. Education, resources and interventions will be offered to the child and their caregivers based on the determined level of risk.

Myths vs. Facts

- Playing with fire is a part of normal development **-MYTH**
- 93% of all structure fire deaths resulted from house fires **-FACT**
- Supplying information about fire safety will spark more curiosity **-MYTH**
- Most children who start fires are only guilty of NOT knowing the dangers **-FACT**
- Playing with fire is a stage, they will grow out of it **-MYTH**
- The vast majority of fires are set by males **-FACT**

The 2022 Legislative Session and the Fire Service

The 2022 legislative session was a tumultuous session focused on social justice issues and the green energy agenda.

The NYS Fire Service Alliance Issues Of United Concern were highlighted with the passage of the EMS Cost Recovery legislation (S7186 Brooks/A534A Jones) in the budget bill rather than a single piece of legislation. This was many years in the making and now fire districts who provide EMS transport services can now bill for those services with the idea that those revenues will take the pressure off of raising revenues through local tax increases. Another bill that was a long time in the making was the bill which would ban cancer-causing flame-retardant chemicals in upholstered furniture and took a step further to ban such toxins in electronic enclosures also (S7737 Kaminsky/A8723 Englebright). The legislature also voted to move the date of the Recruitment and Retention task force from April to December of 2022 and it awaits the Governor's signature.

Bills that didn't gain any traction and were stuck in committee were amendments to the heart and lung bill making them permanent, rather than renewing them every five years or so. Hopefully this effort will be renewed next year.

Several other bills that affect fire service business operations are the following:

- (S7623A) EXTENDS PROVISIONS OF LAW AUTHORIZING POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS TO PERMIT ANY PUBLIC BODY TO HOLD MEETINGS REMOTELY AND WITHOUT IN-PERSON ACCESS DURING THE COVID-19 STATE DISASTER EMERGENCY, UNTIL THE EMERGENCY IS DECLARED TO BE OVER.
- (S7718) AN ACT TO AMEND A CHAPTER OF THE LAWS OF 2021 ESTABLISHING THE NEW YORK STATE RURAL AMBULANCE SERVICES TASK FORCE IN RELATION TO MODIFYING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE TASK FORCE.
- (S7144) PROVIDES CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM TRAINING, MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID, IMPLICIT BIAS TRAINING AND NALOXONE TRAINING TO FIREFIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL BY THE COMMISSIONER OF MENTAL HEALTH.
- (7399A) AN AMENDMENT TO THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW, IN RELATION TO AUTHORIZING A MUNICIPALITY TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF YEARS OF SERVICE THAT A PARTICIPANT IN A DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM OR A DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM MAY RECEIVE A CONTRIBUTION.
- (S3532) AUTHORIZES STATE AND MUNICIPALLY OWNED VEHICLES TO AFFIX GREEN OR ALTERNATING GREEN AND AMBER LIGHTS TO MOTOR VEHICLES ENGAGED IN SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCREASING VISIBILITY DURING WINTER WEATHER EVENTS.
- (S926B) REQUIRES ELECTRIC CORPORATIONS TO PRIORITIZE RESTORING SERVICES TO POLICE DEPARTMENTS, FIRE DEPARTMENTS, AND AMBULANCE SERVICES, WHEN SUCH SERVICES ARE INTERRUPTED.
- (S9131) A BILL TO ALLOW ANY COUNTY TO ADOPT A LOCAL LAW THAT WILL PROVIDE AN EXEMPTION ON REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY AN ENROLLED MEMBER OF AN INCORPORATED VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, DEPARTMENT, OR VOLUNTARY AMBULANCE SERVICE. THE BILL WOULD EXEMPT UP TO 10% OF THE ASSESSED VALUE FOR MEMBERS WHO SERVED A MINIMUM OF TWO YEARS. THE BILL WOULD REQUIRE LOCALITIES THAT CURRENTLY PROVIDE THE EXEMPTION ADOPT A LOCAL LAW TO CONFORM TO THIS PROVISION.
- (S6093A) THIS BILL IS INTENDED TO CLARIFY THE INTENT OF THE LEGISLATURE REGARDING EXISTING STATUTORY PRESUMPTIONS PERTAINING TO HEART-RELATED DISABILITIES SUFFERED BY MEMBERS OF THE NEW YORK STATE LOCAL POLICE, FIRE RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND THE NEW YORK STATE AND LOCAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM. CLARIFICATION IS NECESSARY BECAUSE A SERIES OF NARROW JUDICIAL INTERPRETATIONS HAS PREVENTED THE STATUTORY PRESUMPTIONS FROM ACHIEVING THEIR INTENDED PURPOSES.

- (S953A) REQUIRES BUSINESSES THAT MAKE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES TO PROVIDE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH NOTICE OF THEIR INTENTION TO CHANGE ASSESSMENT.
- (S8524B) ALLOWS FOR THE USE OF GREEN LIGHTS ON THE VEHICLES OF MOBILE MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONDERS.
- (S7863A) THE GENERAL BUSINESS LAW IS AMENDED TO PROVIDE THAT NO ELECTRIC SPACE HEATERS MAY BE SOLD IN NEW YORK STATE BY A PERSON, FIRM, PARTNERSHIP ASSOCIATION OR CORPORATION REGULARLY ENGAGED IN THE BUSINESS OF ASSEMBLING, MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTING, OR RETAIL SALE OF SPACE HEATERS UNLESS THEY: CONTAIN A THERMOSTAT; HAVE AN AUTOMATIC SHUTOFF; AND HAVE BEEN CERTIFIED BY AN APPROVED BODY.
- (S9405) THE NYS ENERGY CODE PRODUCT AND APPLIANCE STANDARDS WILL DELIVER A PROJECTED \$15 BILLION OF TOTAL UTILITY BILL SAVINGS (SUPPOSEDLY) BY 2035 FOR NEW YORK CONSUMERS, INCLUDING AN ESTIMATED \$6 BILLION IN TOTAL UTILITY BILL SAVINGS FOR LOW-TO MODERATE-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS. THIS LEGISLATION ALSO PROVIDES DOS WITH ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY OVER ANY STATE STANDARDS.
- (S7582A) TO REQUIRE THAT THE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL COMPOSITION INCLUDE PERSONS WITH KNOWLEDGE OF FLOODING HAZARDS AND THAT THE BUILDING CODE BE REVISED TO INCORPORATE MEASURES FOR FLOOD MITIGATION AND FLOOD SAFETY.

It's recommended that the fire service start to think about legislation it would like to present for 2023, bills will begin to be introduced on the first week of the legislative session starting January 2nd. If you have legislation you would like to suggest, contact your local representatives or a member of the legislative committee of one of the fire service organizations in the State.