

ERIE COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD – MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE:	12/01/22		
LOCATION:	Erie County Training and Operations Center		
CALL TO ORDER:	18:00		
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:			
ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:	PRESENT:	Bill Cleary, Ron Endle, Paul Gorczyca, Jim Guy, Kevin Herzog, James Judd, Doug Lahnen, Scott Plecha, Bob Rackl, John Rothrock, Peter Spilsbury, Alex Doll, Joleen Schlossin	
	ABSENT:	Andrew Beehler, James Gajewski, Tim Gibbons, Michael Griffin, Kevin Jewett, Eric Karcher, Scott Kuhlmeier, Alicia May, Garrett Wynn, Philip Wzientek,	
	EXCUSED:	Bob Zacher, Mike Zekas, Chris Couell	
INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:	Ken Peterson- EMS Coordinator for Erie County - spoke about the ambulance shortage. There is not really a shortage of ambulances, but what is happening is that ambulances are getting stuck when delivering patients to the ER, due to staffing shortages there. Recommend walking patients in whenever possible. It's going to take some time for this to improve. This is not just an Erie County problem; many areas are experiencing this.		
APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING:	DATE OF LAST MEETING:	09/29/22	
	MOTION BY:	Paul Gorczyca	
	SECOND BY:	Scott Plecha	
	APPROVED:	Approved by all	
REPORT OF OFFICERS:			
CHAIRMAN:	No Report		
CO-CHAIR:	No Report		
SECRETARY:	No Report		
TREASURER:	+ \$20 from this meeting, total = \$159.05		
REPORT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES:			
COMMISSIONER:	No Report		
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER:	No Report		
DEPUTY FIRE COORDINATOR:	<p>-New roof vent trailer is in and just about ready for deployment.</p> <p>-Other 2 trailers are currently in production and will hopefully be ready soon. Budget has allowed for these to be wrapped by VSP with our logo.</p> <p>-In the future, new Engine Company Ops trailer will be added to the fleet</p> <p>-Container system still moving forward. DPW will be putting in concrete pads in the back for container to be placed on. Expected delivery is March 2023</p> <p>-CNR and AMH burn rooms have all been repaired, so all 3 towers sites will be up and running for the spring burn season.</p> <p>-3 FF1 courses planned to start in January 2023 – Harris Hill, ECTOC, and Newton Abbott.</p> <p>-Trying to keep the more advanced courses coming to the county.</p> <p>-Storm Operations- assisted Hamburg, Orchard Park and Evans enact state mutual aid plan, and the counties mutual aid plan as well. Worked closely with OFPC to get the necessary resources needed. Overall, things went well and we learned a lot from this event, recognized some gaps that we had and can now work to correct that for the next time.</p> <p>-Firefighter Seminar Series happening again this year. The sessions will run Wednesday evenings at 18:30 at the training academy, starting 1/4/23 until 4/5/23.</p>		
OTHER:			
REPORT OF COMMITTEES:			
ACTIVE SHOOTER:	No Report		
CANCER SCREENING:	Alex- Christina Mastrella has been visiting fire departments in the area doing her cancer presentation. Going forward, she will do the presentation at the county level only (at the ECTOC), as the request for individual departments has been too high for her to keep up with.		
DRILL TOWER & TRAINING:	Paul- discussion regarding possible weekend programs for Truck Company Ops and Engine Company Ops in the fall. Committee requesting a status update on the concrete training tower at Cheektowaga – per Alex, the county executive's office has discussed possible funding in 2024. Talk about a possible TOAC trailer.		
LINE OF DUTY DEATH:	Ron- Amy will be in contact with the FS office with information on the next session. It is planned for 01/28. Should only be the cost for printing (possibly try to do in		

	office) and maybe lunch (Sheridan Park sponsoring). Official announcement to come.
BUDGET PLANNING & WALL OF HONOR:	Jim- spoke about changes to the Wall of Honor procedures including to the selection criteria ensuring that nominees have more contributions to the fire service than just 50 years and changing the due date of the letters to June 30th. Motion to accept changes by Ron Endle, seconded by John Rothrock, approved by all. Also, discussion of limiting Fire Departments to 2 nominees per year. Motion to accept by Paul Gorczyca, seconded by James Judd, approved by all.
REPORT OF BOARDS:	
ERIE COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS MUTUAL AID ORG.:	Doug-elections held recently. Jerry Enser still president.
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:	Ken Peterson- in the process of reviving the EMS Advisory Board.
BUFFALO FIRE DEPT.	No Report
LACKAWANNA FIRE DEPT.	James Judd- spoke a little about the storm operations for Lackawanna.
ERIE COUNTY HAZMAT:	Alex taking over as liaison for Erie County Hazmat team, as it has moved from EMS back to Fire Safety.
OLD BUSINESS:	No Report
NEW BUSINESS:	Membership- any members whose term is set to expire at the end of this year, please let us know if you'd like to continue your service on the board. Also, for discussion at the next meeting in January, what to do regarding board members who do not attend meetings.
GOOD OF THE ORGANIZATION:	No Report
NEXT MEETING DATE:	01/26/23
NEXT WORKSHOP DATE:	02/23/23
ADJOURNMENT:	19:26
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:	12/1/2022	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>William Cleary</i>	
3	Endle, Ronald		1st	12/31/2023	716-479-4186	ronfirellc@aol.com	<i>Ronald Endle</i>	
4	Gajewski, James		3rd	12/31/2023	716-864-6748	commjim10@yahoo.com		
5	Gibbons, Timothy		3rd	12/31/2023	716-725-3770	Gibbons105@yahoo.com		
6	Gorczyca, Paul		2nd	12/31/2023	716-866-1634	gork315@gmail.com	<i>Paul Gorczyca</i>	
7	Griffin, Michael		2nd	12/31/2022	716-714-9772	opie652@gmail.com		
8	Guy, James		1st	12/31/2023	716-544-0327	jhguy@verizon.net	<i>James Guy</i>	
9	Herzog, Kevin		2nd	12/31/2022	716-725-2984	kevinherzog@roadrunner.com	<i>Kevin Herzog</i>	
10	Jewett, Kevin		1st	12/31/2023	716-512-9054	kevin.jewett@erie.gov	<i>Kevin Jewett</i>	
11	Judd, James	Treasurer	2nd	12/31/2022	716-604-6874	LFD_Judd@yahoo.com	<i>James Judd</i>	
12	Karcher, Eric		2nd	12/31/2022	716-697-1395	ek7166971395@aol.com		
13	Kuhlmeier, Scott		3rd	12/31/2023	716-861-7933	scott.kuhlmeier@erie.gov	<i>Scott Kuhlmeier</i>	
14	Lahnen, Douglas		2nd	12/31/2022	716-864-2240	dlahnen1@roadrunner.com	<i>Douglas Lahnen</i>	
15	May, Alicia		1st	12/31/2023	716-998-9429	amay1021@gmail.com		
16	Plecha, Scott		2nd	12/31/2023	716-909-4206	s.plecha@yahoo.com	<i>Scott Plecha</i>	
17	Rackl, Robert	Co-Chair	3rd	12/31/2023	716-341-3716	rwrackl@gmail.com	<i>Robert Rackl</i>	
18	Rothrock, John		1st	12/31/2023	716-697-3780	capt4fire@aol.com	<i>John Rothrock</i>	
19	Spilsbury, Jr., Peter	Chair	3rd	12/31/2023	716-583-0183	Peter.Spilsbury@erie.gov	<i>Peter Spilsbury</i>	
20	Wynn, Garrett		2nd	12/31/2023	716-570-2209	gwynn@ucrestfire.org		
21	Wzientek, Philip		1st	12/31/2023	716-712-6315	phil.wzientek@gmail.com		
22	Zacher, Robert		1st	12/31/2023	716-863-1388	rjzacher@roadrunner.com		X
23	Zekas, Michael		1st	12/31/2023	716-984-3606	miz9229@msn.com		X
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	Neaverth Jr., Dan	Commissioner			716-983-6080	daniel.neaverth@erie.gov		X
	Couell, Chris	Deputy Commissioner			716-481-7970	christopher.couell@erie.gov		X
	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>	