

ERIE COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD – MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE:	04/27/23	
LOCATION:	Erie County Fire Training and Operations Center	
CALL TO ORDER:	18:10	
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:		
ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:	PRESENT:	Bill Cleary, Ron Endle, Jim Gajewski, Kevin Herzog, Kevin Jewett, Doug Lahnen, Tom Partridge, Scott Plecha, Rob Rackl, Peter Spilsbury Jr., Mike Zekas, Jack Chiappone, Alex Doll, Joleen Schlossin
	ABSENT:	Andrew Beehler, Timothy Gibbons, Paul Gorczyca, Michael Griffin, James Judd, William Renaldo, Garrett Wynn, Bob Zacher
	EXCUSED:	Jim Guy, Eric Karcher, Scott Kuhlmeier, Philip Wzientek
INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:	Tom Partridge and Jack Chiappone – New members	
APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING:	DATE OF LAST MEETING:	01/26/23
	MOTION BY:	Scott Plecha
	SECOND BY:	Doug Lahnen
	APPROVED:	Approved by all
REPORT OF OFFICERS:		
CHAIRMAN:	No Report	
CO-CHAIR:	No Report	
SECRETARY:	No Report	
TREASURER:	+ \$28 from this meeting, \$209.05 total	
REPORT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES:		
COMMISSIONER:	No Report	
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER:	No Report	
DEPUTY FIRE COORDINATOR:	<p>-New trailers are in and wrapped.</p> <p>-Burn containers are built and ready to go, but we ran into a problem with the county; they are now requiring a NYS stamp on the plans prior to putting them in here.</p> <p>-The county is also now requiring waivers from all fire departments that train on county property to ensure they are properly insured. Discussion followed regarding CFI's, training, credentials, liability, etc.</p> <p>-Amherst tower had a water main break, which should be repaired soon.</p> <p>-Working on continuation of the advanced classes held at the ECTOC. Receiving positive feedback.</p> <p>-After the recent blizzard, we were able to put in for a capital improvement project to include repairing the tall concrete tower in the back, purchasing of the surrounding land to expand the academy and updating the technology in the building. Still waiting on approvals. Suggestion from board to possibly train CFI's on any new technology at the academy and serve as facilitators for evening/weekend classes.</p> <p>-Erie County will now have an ambulance/paramedic program.</p>	
OTHER:	-	
REPORT OF COMMITTEES:		
ACTIVE SHOOTER:	-	
CANCER SCREENING:	Tom – state possibly looking to get more SFI's authorized to deliver the cancer program, as it is only Christina Mastrella and Tim Graves currently.	
DRILL TOWER:	No Report	
LINE OF DUTY DEATH:	Ron – Past weekend's session went well. Thank you to Sheridan Park for hosting and providing lunch. Next step would be a mini honor guard academy and a management component. Possibly to be held in the fall, but TBD.	
BUDGET PLANNING & WALL OF HONOR:	Doug – We have a couple of letters so far. Need to get the word out as the deadline is earlier, June 30 th .	
REPORT OF BOARDS:		
ERIE COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS MUTUAL AID ORG.:	Doug – Meeting coming up next month (May). Looking to maybe provide refreshments for next year's FF Seminar Series to get more exposure. Working on ideas to increase membership.	
ERIE COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION:	No Report	

ERIE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT OFFICERS ASSOCIATION:	Bill – looking at Nov 4 for a training session on various topics for Fire Districts, Fire Commissioners, Chiefs. 3 hours, then lunch. More info to come.
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:	Jim Judd retiring, Shad Gardner to take his place on the board, awaiting legis. approval
ERIE COUNTY HAZMAT:	Mike – various companies contacting hazmat for decon training. In the process of replacing hazmat truck 1 with 2 smaller trucks. Having service done on hazmat 3, which is the mobile lab/command center.
OLD BUSINESS:	Revisited the idea of putting on a daytime FF1 class, separate from the bootcamp
NEW BUSINESS:	SFI meeting coming up – bunch of classes that have been requested or were picked up at the last meeting and not scheduled yet. VROL is no longer a class offered from the state – they realized that is a technician level class and there was no offering of a basic or intermediate level prior to that higher skillset. They decided to build out a basic level class for auto extrication with an advanced class to come, which is not built yet.
GOOD OF THE ORGANIZATION:	-
NEXT MEETING DATE:	05/18/23
NEXT WORKSHOP DATE:	06/29/23
ADJOURNMENT:	19:00, motion by Jim Gajewski, seconded by Scott Plecha
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: 4/27/2023		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		3rd	12/31/2024	716-796-8069	wcleary53@verizon.net				
3	Endle, Ronald		1st	12/31/2023	716-479-4186	ronfirellc@aol.com				
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				
7	Griffin, Michael		3rd	12/31/2024	716-714-9772	opie652@gmail.com				
8	Guy, James		1st	12/31/2023	716-544-0327	jhguy@verizon.net				X
9	Herzog, Kevin		3rd	12/31/2024	716-725-2984	kevinherzog@roadrunner.com				
10	Jewett, Kevin		1st	12/31/2023	716-512-9054	kevin.jewett@erie.gov				
11	Judd, James		3rd	12/31/2024	716-604-6874	LFD_Judd@yahoo.com				
12	Karcher, Eric		3rd	12/31/2024	716-697-1395	ek7166971395@aol.com				X
13	Kuhlmeiy, Scott		3rd	12/31/2023	716-392-7810	scott.kuhlmeiy@erie.gov				X
14	Lahnen, Douglas		3rd	12/31/2024	716-864-2240	dlahnen1@roadrunner.com				
15	Partridge, Thomas		1st	12/31/2023	716-480-9871	sfibirdie1501@verizon.net				
16	Plecha, Scott		2nd	12/31/2023	716-909-4206	s.plecha@yahoo.com				
17	Rackl, Robert	Co-Chair	3rd	12/31/2023	716-341-3716	rwrackl@gmail.com				
18	Renaldo, William		1st	12/31/2024	716-860-4093	wren713972@aol.com				
19	Spilsbury, Jr., Peter	Chair	3rd	12/31/2023	716-583-0183	Peter.Spilsbury@erie.gov				
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				X
22	Zacher, Robert		1st	12/31/2023	716-863-1388	rjzacher@roadrunner.com				
23	Zekas, Michael		1st	12/31/2023	716-984-3606	miz9229@msn.com				
24	Chappelle, Jack				716-628-5458	JCHAPPEL@GMAIL.COM				
25										
	Neaverth Jr., Dan	Commissioner			716-983-6080	daniel.neaverth@erie.gov				
	Couell, Chris	Deputy Commissioner			716-481-7970	christopher.couell@erie.gov				
	Doll, Alexander	Deputy Fire Coordinator			716-228-2822	alexander.doll@erie.gov				
	Schlossin, Joleen	Scribe			716-681-7111	joleen.schlossin@erie.gov				