
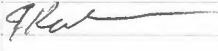
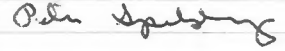

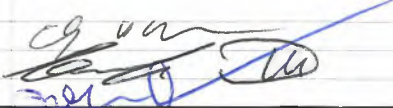


ERIE COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD – MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE:	05/18/23	
LOCATION:	Erie County Fire Training and Operations Center	
CALL TO ORDER:	18:05	
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:		
ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:	PRESENT:	Bill Cleary, Ron Endle, Eric Karcher, Peter Spilsbury Jr., Shad Garner, Chris Couell, Alex Doll, Joleen Schlossin
	ABSENT:	Andrew Beehler, Jack Chiappone Jr., Tim Gibbons, Jim Guy, Kevin Jewett, Scott Kuhlmeier, Scott Plecha, Bob Rackl, William Renaldo, Garrett Wynn, Philip Wzientek, Bob Zacher
	EXCUSED:	Jim Gajewski, Paul Gorczyca, Mike Griffin, Kevin Herzog, Doug Lahnen, Tom Partridge, Mike Zekas
INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:	Shad Garner – new member from Lackawanna Fire	
APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING:	DATE OF LAST MEETING:	04/27/23
	MOTION BY:	Bill Cleary
	SECOND BY:	Ron Endle
	APPROVED:	Approved by all
REPORT OF OFFICERS:		
CHAIRMAN:	Summer picnic confirmed for 8/31 at South Line FD. Possibly invite spouses as well.	
CO-CHAIR:	No Report	
SECRETARY:	No Report	
TREASURER:	+ \$16 from this meeting, \$225.05 total	
REPORT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES:		
COMMISSIONER:	No Report	
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -New training trailers in service. Looking to do a press conference sometime soon. - Draeger prop is built and ready to ship. Just waiting on the final stamps. The site is prepped and ready. Hopefully operational by the end of June. - Seeking approval of funds to refurbish the big cement tower in the back. - The training trailers will be at the EC Fair for 9 days, 3 days for each, with county instructors putting on demonstrations. - Recently visited a firefighting program in Fort Erie for young women, aged 15-19. The program runs once each year in the summer, Thursday through Sunday, and accepts 35 students. Students are found through local high schools. Thinking of bringing this idea to the county next spring, once school is out. - Two bootcamps this year, running July and late August/September - Jr FF program – date TBD - Women's only FF program – date TBD - Smoke Diver's program – running Friday PM through Sunday. Lead instructors will be Chief Bourgeois and Bob Zacher - SFI meeting next week – hoping to get more classes on the schedule. Have received a lot of requests from fire departments. Discussion about some more daytime classes. - Wednesday FF Seminar Series very successful this year. Next year the EC Fire Chiefs would like to be more involved. - Background checks must be done for all new members in the fire department through the EC Sheriff's office. - Now keeping all the fire department insurance certificates on file with the county and updating yearly. 	
DEPUTY FIRE COORDINATOR:	See Deputy Commissioner Report	
OTHER:	-	
REPORT OF COMMITTEES:		
ACTIVE SHOOTER:	-	
CANCER SCREENING:	Alex – ongoing. Continuing with education within the firefighting community and trying to reduce the risk as much as possible.	
DRILL TOWER:	No Report	
LINE OF DUTY DEATH:	Ron – Second session finished. Talking about a short honor guard program over a weekend. First part would be for the actual honor guard members and the second part would be for the chiefs for the paperwork.	

BUDGET PLANNING & WALL OF HONOR:	Chris – need to work on getting more plaques for the wall, only 5 left. Chris will check with VSP. We already have 5 letters submitted for this year.
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
BUFFALO FIRE DEPT:	No Report
LACKAWANNA FIRE DEPT:	No Report
ERIE COUNTY HAZMAT:	Alex – in the process of redistributing grant funds to purchase new level A and B suits. Looking to build more relationships and cross train between the hazmat team and the tech rescue team to help eliminate some of the gaps in the field.
OLD BUSINESS:	-
NEW BUSINESS:	-Resignation received from James Judd – effective March 31, 2023 as he retired from the Lackawanna FD in April 2023. -Possibly form a committee for recruitment/retention to come up with ideas to bring to the fire departments. Will discuss at next meeting.
GOOD OF THE ORGANIZATION:	-
NEXT MEETING DATE:	07/27/23
NEXT WORKSHOP DATE:	06/29/23
ADJOURNMENT:	18:57, motion by Ron Endle, 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: 5/18/2023			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	Chiappone Jr., Jack		1st	12/31/2024	716-628-5458	jchiappone813@gmail.com			
3	Cleary, William		3rd	12/31/2024	716-796-8069	wcleary53@verizon.net			
4	Endle, Ronald		1st	12/31/2023	716-479-4186	ronfirellc@aol.com			
5	Gajewski, James		3rd	12/31/2023	716-864-6748	commjim10@yahoo.com			X
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			X
8	Griffin, Michael		3rd	12/31/2024	716-714-9772	opie652@gmail.com			X
9	Guy, James		1st	12/31/2023	716-544-0327	jhguy@verizon.net			
10	Herzog, Kevin		3rd	12/31/2024	716-725-2984	kevinherzog@roadrunner.com			X
11	Jewett, Kevin		1st	12/31/2023	716-512-9054	kevin.jewett@erie.gov			
12	Judd, James		3rd	12/31/2024	716-604-6874	LFD_Judd@yahoo.com			
13	Karcher, Eric		3rd	12/31/2024	716-697-1395	ek7166971395@aol.com		\$10	
14	Kuhlmeiy, Scott		3rd	12/31/2023	716-392-7810	scott.kuhlmeiy@erie.gov			
15	Lahnen, Douglas		3rd	12/31/2024	716-864-2240	dlahnen1@roadrunner.com			X
16	Partridge, Thomas		1st	12/31/2023	716-480-9871	sfbirdie1501@verizon.net			X
17	Plecha, Scott		2nd	12/31/2023	716-909-4206	s.plecha@yahoo.com			
18	Rackl, Robert	Co-Chair	3rd	12/31/2023	716-341-3716	rwrackl@gmail.com			
19	Renaldo, William		1st	12/31/2024	716-860-4093	wren713972@aol.com			
20	Spilsbury, Jr., Peter	Chair	3rd	12/31/2023	716-583-0183	Peter.Spilsbury@erie.gov			
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			
23	Zacher, Robert		1st	12/31/2023	716-863-1388	rjzacher@roadrunner.com			
24	Zekas, Michael		1st	12/31/2023	716-984-3606	miz9229@msn.com			X
25	Garner, Shad				716 9846928	seabass126@yahoo.com			
	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			