

ERIE COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD – MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE:	July 27, 2023	
LOCATION:	Erie County Training and Operations Center	
CALL TO ORDER:	18:05	
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:		
ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:	PRESENT:	Bill Cleary, Ron Endle, Jim Guy, Kevin Herzog, Kevin Jewett, Eric Karcher, Doug Lahnen, Tom Partridge, Scott Plecha, Bob Rackl, Peter Spilsbury Jr., Phil Wzientek, Chris Couell, Joleen Schlossin
	ABSENT:	Andrew Beehler, Jack Chiappone Jr., Jim Gajewski, Tim Gibbons, Shad Garner, William Renaldo, Garrett Wynn, Bob Zacher
	EXCUSED:	Paul Gorczyca, Mike Griffin, Scott Kuhlmeier, Mike Zekas
INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:		
APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING:	DATE OF LAST MEETING:	5/18/2023
	MOTION BY:	Scott Plecha
	SECOND BY:	Bob Rackl
	APPROVED:	Approved by all
REPORT OF OFFICERS:		
CHAIRMAN:	No Report	
CO-CHAIR:	No Report	
SECRETARY:	No Report	
TREASURER:	+ \$21 from June workshop + \$21 from this meeting, \$267.05 total	
REPORT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES:		
COMMISSIONER:	No Report	
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER:	<p>-The draiger building is in. We are still waiting on the certificate of occupancy and once we get that, we can schedule the training for the instructors. Draiger will train 20 of our instructors, then those 20 will act as trainers for the remainder of the CFI's, the SFI's and Buffalo Fire. Need to come up with ways to obtain funds for the supplies needed.</p> <p>-The training trailers are all set and have been in service. They will be on display at the fair this year with demonstrations by the county instructors and volunteer FF's. Each trailer will be there for 3 days.</p> <p>-The old forcible entry trailer is still in fairly good condition and is going to be repurposed as an engine company ops trailer. We just had new brakes put on, new rims and tires. The inside will be painted. An apprenticeship program with the Sprinkler Fitters Union will be supplying all the work and supplies to hook up a working sprinkler system.</p> <p>-Last month, met with the county executive/legislators/budget committee with a list of capital improvements. They approved funds to replace air packs for the instructors, purchase of adjoining property, repairs to the cement tower and upgrades to the classrooms av system.</p> <p>-ATV/UTV/trailer training has been going on this week and continuing next week. Training is for various outside agencies, Buffalo Fire, volunteer fire departments and all of our county instructors.</p> <p>-JR/WFS programs have been posted to the training schedule and the Smoke Diver's program should be posted in the next week or so.</p>	
DEPUTY FIRE COORDINATOR:	No Report	
OTHER:	-	
REPORT OF COMMITTEES:		
CANCER SCREENING:	No Report	
DRILL TOWER:	No Report	
FIRE PREVENTION:	<p>Newly formed committee made up of the following members:</p> <p>Bill Cleary Paul Gorczyca Jim Guy Peter Spilsbury Jr.</p>	
LINE OF DUTY DEATH	Ron – still waiting on dates for the continued sessions	
BUDGET PLANNING & WALL OF HONOR:	Jim – there were 11 applicants this year. Of those, 3 met the criteria. The committee recommends the following for placement on the Wall of Honor:	

	<p>Rudolph M. Lutz – Snyder LODD John P. Bresnahan – Snyder LODD John P. Lyon – Greater Lancaster Museum of Fire Fighting</p> <p>Motion to approve by Bob Rackl, seconded by Phil Wzientek, approved by all. The ceremony will be October 19th at 7 pm in the auditorium of the EC Training and Operations Center.</p>
REPORT OF BOARDS:	
ERIE COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS MUTUAL AID ORG.:	Doug – off until September. Resource book is available for anyone who wants/needs one (EC Fire Safety has some copies too).
ERIE COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION:	No Report
ERIE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT OFFICERS ASSOCIATION:	Bill – next meeting is in September
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:	-
NEW BUSINESS:	-
GOOD OF THE ORGANIZATION:	Possibly the EC Fire Chiefs holding a 50/50 raffle during the FF seminar series to create some revenue for the expendable training materials. Advertise for new board members for when the current member's terms expire.
NEXT MEETING DATE:	8/31/23 @ South Line – picnic to follow
NEXT WORKSHOP DATE:	10/26/23
ADJOURNMENT:	18:53, motion by Scott Plecha, seconded by Kevin Herzog
MINUTES RECORDED BY:	J. Schlossin
MINUTES SUBMITTED BY:	J. Schlossin

ERIE COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD SIGN IN AND CONTACT SHEET

MEETING:		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGULAR <input type="checkbox"/> SPECIAL	DATE: 7/27/2023		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		X	
2	Chiappone Jr., Jack		1st	12/31/2024	716-628-5458	jchiappone813@gmail.com		X	
3	Cleary, William		3rd	12/31/2024	716-796-8069	wcleary53@verizon.net	<i>W. Cleary</i>		
4	Endle, Ronald		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		X	
6	Garner, Shad		1st	12/31/2024	716-984-6928	seabass126@yahoo.com		X	
7	Gibbons, Timothy		3rd	12/31/2023	716-725-3770	Gibbons105@yahoo.com		X	
8	Gorczyca, Paul		2nd	12/31/2023	716-866-1634	gork315@gmail.com			X
9	Griffin, Michael		3rd	12/31/2024	716-714-9772	opie652@gmail.com			X
10	Guy, James		1st	12/31/2023	716-544-0327	jhguy@verizon.net	<i>James Guy</i>		X
11	Herzog, Kevin		3rd	12/31/2024	716-725-2984	kevinherzog@roadrunner.com	<i>Kevin Herzog</i>		X
12	Jewett, Kevin		1st	12/31/2023	716-512-9054	kevin.jewett@erie.gov	<i>Kevin Jewett</i>		X
13	Karcher, Eric		3rd	12/31/2024	716-697-1395	ek7166971395@aol.com	<i>Eric Karcher</i>		X
14	Kuhlmeier, Scott		3rd	12/31/2023	716-392-7810	scott.kuhlmeier@erie.gov	<i>Scott Kuhlmeier</i>		X
15	Lahnen, Douglas		3rd	12/31/2024	716-864-2240	dlahnen1@roadrunner.com	<i>Douglas Lahnen</i>		X
16	Partridge, Thomas		1st	12/31/2023	716-480-9871	sfbirdie1501@verizon.net	<i>Thomas Partridge</i>		X
17	Plecha, Scott		2nd	12/31/2023	716-909-4206	s.plecha@yahoo.com	<i>Scott Plecha</i>		X
18	Rackl, Robert	Co-Chair	3rd	12/31/2023	716-341-3716	rwrackl@gmail.com	<i>Robert Rackl</i>		X
19	Renaldo, William		1st	12/31/2024	716-860-4093	wren713972@aol.com		X	
20	Spilsbury, Jr., Peter	Chair	3rd	12/31/2023	716-583-0183	Peter.Spilsbury@erie.gov	<i>Peter W. Spilsbury Jr.</i>		X
21	Wynn, Garrett		2nd	12/31/2023	716-570-2209	gwynn@ucrestfire.org		X	
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	rjzacher@roadrunner.com		X	X
24	Zekas, Michael		1st	12/31/2023	716-984-3606	mjz9229@msn.com		X	X
25									
	Neaverth Jr., Dan	Commissioner			716-983-6080	daniel.neaverth@erie.gov	<i>Dan Neaverth Jr.</i>		
	Couell, Chris	Deputy Commissioner			716-481-7970	christopher.couell@erie.gov	<i>Chris Couell</i>		
	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>		