

ERIE COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD – MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE:	September 28, 2023	
LOCATION:	Erie County Training and Operations Center	
CALL TO ORDER:	18:05	
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE:		
ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:	PRESENT:	Bill Cleary, Ron Endle, Shad Garner, Paul Gorczyca, Jim Guy, Kevin Herzog, Doug Lahnen, Tom Partridge, Scott Plecha, Bob Rackl, Peter Spilsbury Jr., Bob Zacher, Chris Couell, Joleen Schlossin
	ABSENT:	Andrew Beehler, Jack Chiappone Jr., Jim Gajewski, Tim Gibbons, Kevin Jewett, William Renaldo, Garrett Wynn, Phil Wzientek, Mike Zekas
	EXCUSED:	Mike Griffin, Eric Karcher, Scott Kuhlmeiy
INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:		
APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING:	DATE OF LAST MEETING:	07/27/23
	MOTION BY:	Bill Cleary
	SECOND BY:	Paul Gorczyca
	APPROVED:	Approved by all
REPORT OF OFFICERS:		
CHAIRMAN:	No Report	
CO-CHAIR:	No Report	
SECRETARY:	No Report	
TREASURER:	-\$201 Summer Picnic, +\$32 from August meeting, +\$22 this meeting, total = \$122.05	
REPORT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES:		
COMMISSIONER:	No Report	
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER:	<p>-Two weekends ago, we had our Junior FF program. There were 28 in attendance. Very good feedback and the plan is to run it again next year.</p> <p>-This past weekend, we had our first Smoke Divers Mask Confidence course in a number of years. It has been totally revamped. There were a lot of instructors, almost 2:1 ratio with the students. Finished the class with about 27 students. Very good and rigorous training. Plan to run again next year, with some modifications.</p> <p>-Women's FF series this coming weekend. There are almost 30 students registered.</p> <p>-Draeger building training for our instructors began today. They went through a PowerPoint presentation and then moved out to the building for live burns. Training will continue tomorrow. In regards to using the building for outside department training, that is still on hold. The county engineer is requiring Drager to weld reinforcement bars on the bottom of the building to distribute the weight more properly before we can use.</p> <p>-Lots of classes on the schedule, Fire Instructor I and II, Fire Officer I and II, 1403 classes, etc. Montour Falls will be reduced operations for remodeling for at least 2 years.</p> <p>-Old recruitment trailer (Forcible Entry) has been stripped and repainted, new rims, new tires, new brakes and was sent to the Sprinkler Fitters Union. The students are working on it and it will be the new Engine Company Ops trailer. It hopefully will be in service around the 1st of the year.</p> <p>-Discussion on lesson plans for all training provided by the county, training authorization letters, gear inspection and funding for supplies necessary for training.</p>	
DEPUTY FIRE COORDINATOR:	No Report	
OTHER:		
REPORT OF COMMITTEES:		
CANCER SCREENING:	No Report	
DRILL TOWER:	See Deputy Commissioner Report	
FIRE PREVENTION:	No Report	
LINE OF DUTY DEATH:	Ron – spoke with Amy and they are putting together a new training program for us. No date yet.	
BUDGET PLANNING & WALL OF HONOR:	Jim – ceremony set for 10/19 at 7pm at the ECTOC. There are 4 inductees. The plaques have been ordered and will be installed prior to that evening. The legislators have all been contacted for proclamations. Invitation letters have been sent to the fire departments. Lancaster will be supplying cake, water and pop for the event. The committee has been researching and discussing how to get more plaques installed.	
REPORT OF BOARDS:		

ERIE COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS MUTUAL AID ORG.:	Meeting in November at Lancaster Fire Museum
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:	County ambulance is in service in the Southtowns.
BUFFALO FIRE DEPT:	No Report
LACKAWANNA FIRE DEPT:	No Report
ERIE COUNTY HAZMAT:	Hazmat members are now able to drive the vehicles again.
OLD BUSINESS:	-
NEW BUSINESS:	openings for SFI's and CFI's
GOOD OF THE ORGANIZATION:	Peter – possibly add fire and safety notices to the website.
NEXT MEETING DATE:	12/07/23
NEXT WORKSHOP DATE:	10/25/23, moved from 10/26 due to Bills game
ADJOURNMENT:	18:59, Motion by Scott Plecha, seconded by Jim Guy
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: 9/28/2023		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	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	<i>William Cleary</i>			
4	Endle, Ronald		1st	12/31/2023	716-479-4186	ronfirellc@aol.com	<i>Ron Endle</i>			
5	Gajewski, James		3rd	12/31/2023	716-864-6748	commjim10@yahoo.com				
6	Garner, Shad		1st	12/31/2024	716-984-6928	seabass126@yahoo.com	<i>Shad Garner</i>			
7	Gibbons, Timothy		3rd	12/31/2023	716-725-3770	Gibbons105@yahoo.com				
8	Gorczyca, Paul		2nd	12/31/2023	716-866-1634	gork315@gmail.com	<i>Paul Gorczyca</i>			
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>			
11	Herzog, Kevin		3rd	12/31/2024	716-725-2984	kevinherzog@roadrunner.com	<i>Kevin Herzog</i>			
12	Jewett, Kevin		1st	12/31/2023	716-512-9054	kevin.jewett@erie.gov				
13	Karcher, Eric		3rd	12/31/2024	716-697-1395	ek7166971395@aol.com				X
14	Kuhlmey, Scott		3rd	12/31/2023	716-392-7810	scott.kuhlmey@erie.gov	<i>Scott Kuhlmey</i>			X
15	Lahnen, Douglas		3rd	12/31/2024	716-864-2240	dlahnen1@roadrunner.com	<i>Douglas Lahnen</i>			
16	Partridge, Thomas		1st	12/31/2023	716-480-9871	sfbirdie1501@verizon.net	<i>Thomas Partridge</i>			
17	Plecha, Scott		2nd	12/31/2023	716-909-4206	s.plecha@yahoo.com	<i>Scott Plecha</i>			
18	Rackl, Robert	Co-Chair	3rd	12/31/2023	716-341-3716	rwrackl@gmail.com	<i>Robert Rackl</i>			
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	<i>Peter Spilsbury</i>			
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	rizacher@roadrunner.com	<i>Robert Zacher</i>			
24	Zekas, Michael		1st	12/31/2023	716-984-3606	miz9229@msn.com				
25										
	Neaverth Jr., Dan	Commissioner			716-983-6080	daniel.neaverth@erie.gov	<i>Dan Neaverth</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				
	Schlossin, Joleen	Scribe			716-681-7111	joleen.schlossin@erie.gov	<i>Joleen Schlossin</i>			