

# ERIE COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD – MEETING MINUTES

<b>MEETING DATE:</b>	March 28, 2024	
<b>LOCATION:</b>	Erie County Training and Operations Center	
<b>CALL TO ORDER:</b>	18:06	
<b>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:</b>		
<b>ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:</b>	<b>PRESENT:</b>	Roger Brennan, Ron Endle, Shad Garner, Mike Griffin, Kevin Herzog, Doug Lahnen, Dan Nash, Bob Zacher, Carraugh Nowak, Chris Couell, Joleen Schlossin
	<b>ABSENT:</b>	Andrew Beehler, Jim Gajewski, Paul Gorczyca, Kevin Jewett, Scott Kuhlmeier, Tom Partridge, Scott Plecha, Eric Tuberydyke, Garrett Wynn, Mike Zekas
	<b>EXCUSED:</b>	Jack Chiappone, Jim Guy, Eric Karcher, Bob Rackl, William Renaldo, Don Roth, Peter Spilsbury Jr.,
<b>INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:</b>	Carraugh Nowak, Special Assistant to DHSES	
<b>APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING:</b>	<b>DATE OF LAST MEETING:</b>	01/25/24
	<b>MOTION BY:</b>	Doug Lahnen
	<b>SECOND BY:</b>	Mike Griffin
	<b>APPROVED:</b>	Approved by all
<b>REPORT OF OFFICERS:</b>		
<b>CHAIRMAN:</b>	No Report	
<b>CO-CHAIR:</b>	No Report	
<b>SECRETARY:</b>	No Report	
<b>TREASURER:</b>	+\$12 from this meeting, \$189.05 total	
<b>REPORT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES:</b>		
<b>COMMISSIONER:</b>	No Report	
<b>DEPUTY COMMISSIONER:</b>	<p>-New Chaplains Aid Program. The EC Chaplains want to ensure that all the Chaplains in the county have the same training. Along with EC Mental Health Department and the WNY Stress Reduction Program, the chaplains also want to put together some training classes for our first responders on pre-incident stress to bring out to departments or host at the academy.</p> <p>-SCBA's for the CFI's expiring at the end of 2024. PO issued this week and order went in. Probably be about 3-4 months to come in. Each instructor will get a new mask and almost enough packs for all as well. We also some donated packs. The old gear will be donated to the BOCES program.</p> <p>-Some departments in the county are having success with new FF membership using the hours program. Would like to maybe create a committee to form a packet of information to send out to interested departments. It was determined that at the next workshop, we will invite representatives from departments using the hours program to present some information on their program and then go from there.</p> <p>-Draiger building still in limbo. We need to have an engineer write up plans to support the center, then secure the funding to have the work done.</p> <p>-Still trying to acquire extra property at the training academy.</p> <p>-Still working on trying to get the old training tower in the back operable.</p> <p>-3/27 OSHA/PESH seminar very good. With the new OSHA rules coming out for the emergency standards, there will be a lot of changes. The extension was pushed to June, which will give departments time to get on board.</p> <p>-Solar Eclipse coming on Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. Be advised of possible increase in traffic and 9-1-1 calls.</p>	
<b>DEPUTY FIRE COORDINATOR:</b>	No Report	
<b>OTHER:</b>	-	
<b>REPORT OF COMMITTEES:</b>		
<b>CANCER SCREENING:</b>	No Report	
<b>DRILL TOWER:</b>	<p>Chris – Some issues with the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor burn room at the Cheektowaga tower, due to its extensive usage. The ceiling collapsed a little and the plan is to get it fixed when Pete gets back. Pete is planning to retire in May, so we will be looking to replace him. Jim repaired the 1<sup>st</sup> floor door to the burn building. Chestnut Ridge and Amherst are in good shape. The training trailers are good.</p> <p>Bob – The engine company trailer is really close to being complete. It was requested at a firehall later this month, so we may run it out there and do some beta testing. We also have to get all of our instructors trained on it.</p>	

<b>FIRE PREVENTION:</b>	No Report
<b>LINE OF DUTY DEATH:</b>	Ron – Some complications with getting the people out here for the next phase of training. May be best at this time to pull together what we have and go from there.
<b>BUDGET PLANNING &amp; WALL OF HONOR:</b>	Doug – Wall of Honor ceremony will be Thursday, October 24, 2024. Still working on acquiring new plaques for the wall, as we down to 1. We already have several letters for review this year. If any department plans to submit letters, please read the criteria, as there were some changes, including a 2 nomination per department per year limit.
<b>REPORT OF BOARDS:</b>	
<b>ERIE COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS MUTUAL AID ORG.:</b>	Doug – meeting this past month was at South Wales and well attended. Next meeting is May 20 <sup>th</sup> at Scranton at 6pm. There were some officer changes for the organization. Scholarship applications must be in by April 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2024. The application is on the facebook page and website.
<b>ERIE COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION:</b>	Roger – At the last meeting Chris talked about the upgrades around the county. The combination dinner is next week. The committee has met for the awards ceremony. There were more letters this year than previous years and from different departments than usual. For the Fireman's Memorial at the fair, the committee is working to make the ceremony a little better and more attended.
<b>ERIE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT OFFICERS ASSOCIATION:</b>	No Report
<b>ERIE COUNTY FIRE POLICE ASSOCIATION:</b>	No Report
<b>DISASTER ADVISORY BOARD:</b>	No Report
<b>EMS ADVISORY BOARD:</b>	No Report
<b>BUFFALO FIRE DEPT:</b>	No Report
<b>LACKAWANNA FIRE DEPT:</b>	Shad – Last month, the EC trailers were out to Lackawanna for the first time and the trainings were well attended. Still waiting on their ladder truck. Still looking for a pumper.
<b>ERIE COUNTY HAZMAT:</b>	Chris – Hazmat Technician module training coming up. Continue to work on their grants and equipment and training. Training together with the other hazmat organizations has been an added bonus.
<b>OLD BUSINESS:</b>	Do we want to put together new committees? OSHA guidelines and the hours program? It was decided that it is not necessary for the OSHA guidelines at this time, but we will schedule a presentation regarding the hours program at the next workshop and then go from there.
<b>NEW BUSINESS:</b>	Chris – the Springville dispatch equipment is in disarray. The county communications guys have gone down there to try and get them working for them, but ultimately, the county is not responsible for replacement of that equipment.
<b>GOOD OF THE ORGANIZATION:</b>	-
<b>NEXT MEETING DATE:</b>	05/30/24
<b>NEXT WORKSHOP DATE:</b>	04/25/24
<b>ADJOURNMENT:</b>	19:04, Motion by Mike Griffin, seconded by Ron Endle
<b>MINUTES RECORDED BY:</b>	J. Schlossin
<b>MINUTES SUBMITTED BY:</b>	J. Schlossin

**ERIE COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD SIGN IN AND CONTACT SHEET**

MEETING:		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGULAR <input type="checkbox"/> SPECIAL	DATE: 3/28/2024		LOCATION:		FTA	ABSENT	EXCUSED
	Name	Board Appointments	# of Terms	Expiration Date	Phone #	Email	Signature		
1	Beehler, Andrew		2nd	12/31/2025	716-954-9712	andrewbeehler@gmail.com			
2	Brennan, Roger		1st	12/31/2024	716-525-6617	firesafetguy72@gmail.com	<i>Roger Brennan</i>		
3	Chiappone Jr., Jack		1st	12/31/2024	716-628-5458	jchiappone813@gmail.com	<i>Jack Chiappone</i>		X
4	Endle, Ronald		2nd	12/31/2025	716-479-4186	ronfirellc@aol.com	<i>Ronald Endle</i>		
5	Gajewski, James		4th	12/31/2025	716-864-6748	commjim10@yahoo.com	<i>James Gajewski</i>		
6	Garner, Shad		1st	12/31/2024	716-984-6928	seabass126@yahoo.com	<i>Shad Garner</i>		
7	Gorczyca, Paul		3rd	12/31/2025	716-866-1634	gork315@gmail.com	<i>Paul Gorczyca</i>		
8	Griffin, Michael		3rd	12/31/2024	716-714-9772	opie652@gmail.com	<i>Michael Griffin</i>		
9	Guy, James		2nd	12/31/2025	716-544-0327	jhguy@verizon.net	<i>James Guy</i>		X
10	Herzog, Kevin	Co-Chair	3rd	12/31/2024	716-725-2984	kevinherzog@roadrunner.com	<i>Kevin Herzog</i>		
11	Jewett, Kevin		2nd	12/31/2025	716-512-9054	kevin.jewett@erie.gov	<i>Kevin Jewett</i>		
12	Karcher, Eric		3rd	12/31/2024	716-697-1395	ek7166971395@aol.com	<i>Eric Karcher</i>		X
13	Kuhlmeier, Scott		4th	12/31/2025	716-392-7810	scott.kuhlmeier@erie.gov	<i>Scott Kuhlmeier</i>		
14	Lahnen, Douglas		3rd	12/31/2024	716-864-2240	dlahnen1@roadrunner.com	<i>Douglas Lahnen</i>		
15	Partridge, Thomas		2nd	12/31/2025	716-480-9871	sfibirdie1501@verizon.net	<i>Thomas Partridge</i>		
16	Plecha, Scott		3rd	12/31/2025	716-909-4206	s.plecha@yahoo.com	<i>Scott Plecha</i>		
17	Rackl, Robert	Chair	4th	12/31/2025	716-341-3716	rwrackl@gmail.com	<i>Robert Rackl</i>		X
18	Renaldo, William		1st	12/31/2024	716-860-4093	wren713972@aol.com	<i>William Renaldo</i>		
19	Roth, Donald		1st	12/31/2024	716-523-2307	donroth9@gmail.com	<i>Donald Roth</i>		X
20	Spilsbury, Jr., Peter		4th	12/31/2025	716-583-0183	Peter.Spilsbury@erie.gov	<i>Peter Spilsbury</i>		X
21	Tuberdyke, Eric		1st	12/31/2024	716-430-6737	erictuberdyke@gmail.com	<i>Eric Tuberdyke</i>		
22	Wynn, Garrett		3rd	12/31/2025	716-570-2209	gwynn@ucrestfire.org	<i>Garrett Wynn</i>		
23	Zacher, Robert		2nd	12/31/2025	716-863-1388	rizacher@roadrunner.com	<i>Robert Zacher</i>		
24	Zekas, Michael		2nd	12/31/2025	716-984-3606	mjz9229@msn.com	<i>Michael Zekas</i>		
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	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>		