

ERIE COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD – MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE:	May 30, 2024	
LOCATION:	Erie County Training and Operations Center	
CALL TO ORDER:	18:05	
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE:		
ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:	PRESENT:	Jack Chiappone, Paul Gorczyca, Kevin Herzog, Doug Lahnen, Scott Plecha, Bob Rackl, Peter Spilsbury, Chris Couell, Joleen Schlossin
	ABSENT:	Andrew Beehler, Ron Endle, Jim Gajewski, Kevin Jewett, Scott Kuhlmeier, Tom Partridge, William Renaldo, Don Roth, Eric Tuberdyke, Garrett Wynn, Bob Zacher, Mike Zekas
	EXCUSED:	Roger Brennan, Shad Garner, Mike Griffin, Jim Guy, Eric Karcher, Dan Nash
INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:		
APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING:	DATE OF LAST MEETING:	03/28/24
	MOTION BY:	Scott Plecha
	SECOND BY:	Paul Gorczyca
	APPROVED:	Approved by all
REPORT OF OFFICERS:		
CHAIRMAN:	Thank you to Chris for my appointment as Chairman of the board and a thank you to Kevin for directing the meetings in my absence. Will check availability for summer picnic to be held at South Line on August 29 th .	
CO-CHAIR:	No Report	
SECRETARY:	No Report	
TREASURER:	+\$17 this meeting, \$206.05 total	
REPORT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES:		
COMMISSIONER:	No Report	
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -2 new CFI's to be hired -Chaplains Aid Program – there was a fair turnout at the first informational meeting. Plan to continue and add more training programs. -Duty hours information session at last workshop – well attended with good information -2nd floor burn room @CHK out of service at this time. Hoping to get the parts and get it repaired quickly -New tech rescue truck is in and ready to be put in service -National FF1 certification last week – first time its been ran in a long time, not as big of a turnout as expected -ATV/UTV and trailer training courses on the schedule -Draiger building – funding in place, company in place to do the drawings, company selected to do the work. No timeline for completion at this time -BOCES (Tonawanda) – BEFO/EMT program in place, but not officially under the state yet. Hoping to have that in place by the fall and students completing the class will be eligible for the state stipend. Have been using the forcible entry trailer. Need more gear donated if anyone has any -Engine Company Ops trailer – should be finished this weekend. There is a train the trainer scheduled for next Friday for the CFI's. First time out will be 6/10 @ Lancaster -Upgrades to Aud – almost all the equipment is here. Install is scheduled for 6/20 and 6/21 -Looking into a far-off expansion to the FTA; adding more classrooms, another aud, more offices, storage space. Will be making a presentation to the county executive and legislature. -Still looking for ideas on donations for training consumables 	
DEPUTY FIRE COORDINATOR:	No Report	
OTHER:		
REPORT OF COMMITTEES:		
CANCER SCREENING:	No Report	
DRILL TOWER:	<p>Paul – wondering about any updates on allocation of funds to repair old concrete tower, and as of now, there is not</p> <p>Also, one of the roof simulators at Chestnut Ridge is in really rough shape, maybe think about having it demo' d</p>	
FIRE PREVENTION:	No Report	
LINE OF DUTY DEATH:	No Report	

BUDGET PLANNING & WALL OF HONOR:	Doug – still need to work on funding/placement for more plaques.
REPORT OF BOARDS:	
ERIE COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS MUTUAL AID ORG.:	Doug - 50/50 from the seminar series raised about \$620, and a donation from the fire chiefs bumped it up to \$1000. -There will be 17 \$1000 scholarships awarded at a ceremony on 6/13 at the ECTOC at 6 pm. -There is leftover water in the drill tower from the seminar series – free to do with it what we want. -Next meeting will be in September at Lake Erie Beach.
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:	Chris - Hazmat Technician Mods 1-3 ran last month. Mod 4 will be coming this week and Mod 5 will run at the end of June. -All the hazmat teams have been training together and responding together (Erie County, Brighton, Clarence, Southtowns, Buffalo), which has really been a good thing.
OLD BUSINESS:	Recently run EVOC class ran their final class at ECC North and there was a complaint after the fact that there weren't any bathroom facilities provided. This was false – there was a bathroom available in the maintenance building which had been left unlocked.
NEW BUSINESS:	No Report
GOOD OF THE ORGANIZATION:	Updates on fair – Roger Brennan working with Bob Zacher on updates to the maze, building new props. The training trailers will be going to the fair every day this year and will be until later in the evening. They will also be moved to the front side of the building for more exposure. We'll have instructors scheduled for each day and ask for volunteers from the county departments.
NEXT MEETING DATE:	07/25/24
NEXT WORKSHOP DATE:	06/27/24
ADJOURNMENT:	19:15, Motion by Scott Plecha, seconded by Paul Gorczyca
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: 5/30/2024		LOCATION:		FTA	
Name	Board Appointments	# of Terms	Expiration Date	Phone #	Email	Signature	ABSENT	EXCUSED
1	Beehler, Andrew		2nd	12/31/2025	716-954-9712	andrewbeehler@gmail.com		
2	Brennan, Roger		1st	12/31/2024	716-525-6617	firesafetyguy72@gmail.com		X
3	Chiappone Jr., Jack		1st	12/31/2024	716-628-5458	jchiappone813@gmail.com	<i>[Signature]</i>	
4	Endle, Ronald		2nd	12/31/2025	716-479-4186	ronfirellc@aol.com		
5	Gajewski, James		4th	12/31/2025	716-864-6748	commjim10@yahoo.com		
6	Garner, Shad		1st	12/31/2024	716-984-6928	seabass126@yahoo.com		X
7	Gorczyca, Paul		3rd	12/31/2025	716-866-1634	gork315@gmail.com	attended, diana sign in	
8	Griffin, Michael		3rd	12/31/2024	716-714-9772	opie652@gmail.com		X
9	Guy, James		2nd	12/31/2025	716-544-0327	jhguy@verizon.net		X
10	Herzog, Kevin	Co-Chair	3rd	12/31/2024	716-725-2984	kevinherzog@roadrunner.com	<i>[Signature]</i>	
11	Jewett, Kevin		2nd	12/31/2025	716-512-9054	kevin.jewett@erie.gov		
12	Karcher, Eric		3rd	12/31/2024	716-697-1395	ek7166971395@aol.com		X
13	Kuhlmeier, Scott		4th	12/31/2025	716-392-7810	scott.kuhlmeier@erie.gov	<i>[Signature]</i>	
14	Lahnen, Douglas		3rd	12/31/2024	716-864-2240	dlahnen1@roadrunner.com	<i>[Signature]</i>	
15	Nash, Dan		1st	12/31/2025	716-870-9056	nashd2237@gmail.com		X
16	Partridge, Thomas		2nd	12/31/2025	716-480-9871	sfibirdie1501@verizon.net		
17	Plecha, Scott		3rd	12/31/2025	716-909-4206	s.plecha@yahoo.com	<i>[Signature]</i>	
18	Rackl, Robert	Chair	4th	12/31/2025	716-341-3716	rwrackl@gmail.com	<i>[Signature]</i>	
19	Renaldo, William		1st	12/31/2024	716-860-4093	wren713972@aol.com		
20	Roth, Donald		1st	12/31/2024	716-523-2307	donroth9@gmail.com		
21	Spilsbury, Jr., Peter		4th	12/31/2025	716-583-0183	Peter.Spilsbury@erie.gov	<i>[Signature]</i>	
22	Tuberdyke, Eric		1st	12/31/2024	716-430-6737	erictuberdyke@gmail.com		
23	Wynn, Garrett		3rd	12/31/2025	716-570-2209	gwynn@ucrestfire.org		
24	Zacher, Robert		2nd	12/31/2025	716-863-1388	rjzacher@roadrunner.com		
25	Zekas, Michael		2nd	12/31/2025	716-984-3606	mjz9229@msn.com		
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	Doll, Alexander	Deputy Fire Coordinator			716-228-2822	alexander.doll@erie.gov		
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