
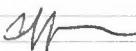

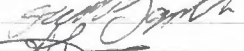


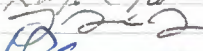


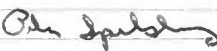



ERIE COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD – MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE:		January 30, 2025	
LOCATION:		Erie County Training and Operations Center	
CALL TO ORDER:		18:07	
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:			
ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:	PRESENT:	Jennifer Andres, Jack Chiappone Jr., Ron Endle, James Gajewski, Shad Garner, Doug Lahnen, Tom Morris, Dan Nash, Rob Rackl, Peter Spilsbury Jr., Chris Couell, Joleen Schlossin	
	ABSENT:	Andrew Beehler, Roger Brennan, Matthew Coons, Paul Gorczyca, Michael Griffin, Kevin Jewett, Eric Karcher, Scott Kuhlmeier, Tom Partridge, William Renaldo, Don Roth, Garrett Wynn	
	EXCUSED:	Jim Guy, Kevin Herzog, Scott Plecha, Bob Zacher, Mike Zekas	
INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:		-	
APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING:	DATE OF LAST MEETING:	09/26/24	
	MOTION BY:	Tom Morris	
	SECOND BY:	Jim Gajewski	
	APPROVED:	Approved by all	
REPORT OF OFFICERS:			
CHAIRMAN:	What do we see for the future of the Fire Advisory Board? Would like to see the board get more involved. One suggestion would be with the fireman's building at the fair. Please bring some more ideas/suggestions to the next meeting.		
CO-CHAIR:	No Report		
SECRETARY:	No Report		
TREASURER:	+\$47 this meeting, \$90.92 total		
REPORT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES:			
COMMISSIONER:	No Report		
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER:	<p>-70 new plaques were picked up for the Wall of Honor. Fire Safety staff will work with the Fire Advisory Board to install them. Once installed, Joleen will contact VSP to have the 2024 inductees put on the wall. Inductees and/or their families will be notified so that they can come to the academy and see their plaques and take any pictures they may want to.</p> <p>-The second floor burn room at Cheektowaga has been out of service all summer. Hardy construction (out of Syracuse) gave us a reasonable quote using leftover materials he had from another project. We went through the process of getting the funds to do the work, only to then be told it had to go out to bid. The result of the bid process was Hardy construction, and the work should be completed in the next week or so.</p> <p>-The samples from the soil under the drager building came back as not sufficient. The information was sent to the engineer, and we were told that we could do larger piers. They'll be able to add additional material to the piers already there and it would be a little more cost effective.</p> <p>-Possible changes coming to the ECTOC and police/fire/ems training in Erie County.</p> <p>-There are about 50 classes on the training schedule, with lots of applications coming in.</p> <p>-We are in the 3rd week of the Firefighter seminar series, with pretty good attendance. The Erie County Chiefs have been there assisting with registration and 50/50. It has been very helpful. It was suggested that we change the names of the classes next year because even though the content has been updated, people think it's the same class they have already taken and aren't signing up.</p> <p>-There is new equipment in the Aud. Microphones in the ceiling and cameras. It has been set up for web conferencing.</p> <p>-New fire safety staff will be starting 2/24/25. Jon Torre is transferring from the health department and will be the new FC-3. He will be in charge of working with the state and Joleen on scheduling training classes. This will free up Alex to work on the special ops teams (hazmat, rope rescue, confined space, etc) and Chris to work on the administrative side. Peter retired at the end of December and Chris Colvin will be replacing him as a full-time laborer in our office.</p> <p>-The ECTOC has a new program for the classroom schedule that's posted on the monitors throughout the building. It was installed last week and has been working well so far.</p> <p>-Huey brought Father Joe's turnout gear and a display was created in the case near the Aud. We would like to build up the Cotter display that's there.</p>		

DEPUTY FIRE COORDINATOR:	No Report
OTHER:	
REPORT OF COMMITTEES:	
CANCER SCREENING:	No Report
DRILL TOWER:	No Report
FIRE PREVENTION:	No Report
LINE OF DUTY DEATH:	Ron – Going to try and condense the information gathered this week.
BUDGET PLANNING & WALL OF HONOR:	Doug – Nominating letters for 2025's ceremony must be in June 30th
REPORT OF BOARDS:	
ERIE COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS MUTUAL AID ORG.:	Doug – the banquet is 3/22 at Bowmansville, cocktails at 5, dinner at 6. \$40/person. This is a combination of Fire Chiefs, Fire Police and Volunteer Fireman's Association. The next meeting is at Doyle 2 on 3/17, dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7.
ERIE COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION:	<p>Tom – last meeting was an organizational meeting. Well represented throughout the county. The board of directors for 2025 is as follows:</p> <p>Jason Webb-President-River Road Dave Nedell-1st Vice- National Hose Roger Brennan-2nd Vice- South Lockport Phil Mohn-Treasurer- Elma Kevin Smith-Financial Secretary-Newton Abbott Michelle Mohn- Secretary-None Gary Pohzehl-Director- National Hose John Cutler-Director-North Bailey Thom Rozler-Director-Highland Hose</p> <p>The next meeting is on 2/2 at Newton Abbott.</p>
ERIE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT OFFICERS ASSOCIATION:	Dan – Denise Nash is taking over as treasurer. Selling calendars for \$20. See Dan if interested. Trying to bring the organization back up to numbers. The next meeting is on the 3 rd Wednesday of March at Hy View.
ERIE COUNTY FIRE POLICE ASSOCIATION:	Meetings are on the 3 rd Thursday of every other month at Millgrove.
DISASTER ADVISORY BOARD:	No Report
EMS ADVISORY BOARD:	No Report
BUFFALO FIRE DEPT:	No Report
LACKAWANNA FIRE DEPT:	Shad – secured funding from Tim Kennedy, purchased some new tech rescue gear and other necessary items.
ERIE COUNTY HAZMAT:	Jim – record year with 42 calls, with most of them being stand by.
OLD BUSINESS:	-
NEW BUSINESS:	<p>Jennifer – looking for direction on implementation of AEDs into Hamburg parks – was given contact info. Looking for names of grant writers. Discussion regarding how training classes are scheduled through the fire safety office.</p> <p>Resignation email from Eric Tuberdyke.</p>
GOOD OF THE ORGANIZATION:	<p>Bob – would like to move the summer picnic this year to July 31st for better weather. Bob will check and see if South Line is available that day. If not, maybe move the picnic to July 24th.</p> <p>-Suggested that the Fire Advisory Board take a ride on the fireboat. Chris will look into this.</p>
NEXT MEETING DATE:	03/27/25
NEXT WORKSHOP DATE:	02/27/25
ADJOURNMENT:	19:19, Motion by Jim Gajewski, seconded by Shad Garner
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: 1/30/2025		LOCATION:		FTA		
	Name	Board Appointments	# of Terms	Expiration Date	Phone #	Email	Signature	ABSENT	EXCUSED
1	Andres, Jennifer		1st	12/31/2026	716-908-4446	jenniferandres919@gmail.com			
2	Beehler, Andrew		2nd	12/31/2025	716-954-9712	andrewbeehler@gmail.com			
3	Brennan, Roger		1st	12/31/2024	716-525-6617	firesafetyguy72@gmail.com			
4	Chiappone Jr., Jack		1st	12/31/2024	716-628-5458	jchiappone813@gmail.com			
5	Coons, Matthew		1st	12/31/2026	716-462-7978	mdcoons9@gmail.com			
6	Endle, Ronald		2nd	12/31/2025	716-479-4186	ronfirellc@aol.com			
7	Gajewski, James		4th	12/31/2025	716-864-6748	commjim10@yahoo.com			
8	Garner, Shad		1st	12/31/2024	716-984-6928	seabass126@yahoo.com			
9	Gorczyca, Paul		3rd	12/31/2025	716-866-1634	gork315@gmail.com			
10	Griffin, Michael		3rd	12/31/2024	716-714-9772	opie652@gmail.com			
11	Guy, James		2nd	12/31/2025	716-544-0327	jhguy@verizon.net			
12	Herzog, Kevin	Co-Chair	3rd	12/31/2024	716-725-2984	kherzog@twindistrict.com			X
13	Jewett, Kevin		2nd	12/31/2025	716-512-9054	kevin.jewett@erie.gov			
14	Karcher, Eric		3rd	12/31/2024	716-697-1395	ek7166971395@aol.com			
15	Kuhlmeiy, Scott		4th	12/31/2025	716-392-7810	scott.kuhlmeiy@erie.gov			
16	Lahnen, Douglas		3rd	12/31/2024	716-864-2240	delahnen@gmail.com			
17	Morris, Thomas		1st	12/31/2026	716-491-1979	eastaurorafire@gmail.com			
18	Nash, Dan		1st	12/31/2025	716-870-9056	nashd2237@gmail.com			
19	Partridge, Thomas		2nd	12/31/2025	716-480-9871	sfibirdie1501@verizon.net			
20	Plecha, Scott		3rd	12/31/2025	716-909-4206	s.plecha@yahoo.com			
21	Rackl, Robert	Chair	4th	12/31/2025	716-341-3716	rwrackl@gmail.com			
22	Renaldo, William		1st	12/31/2024	716-860-4093	wren713972@aol.com			
23	Roth, Donald		1st	12/31/2024	716-523-2307	donroth9@gmail.com			
24	Spilsbury, Jr., Peter		4th	12/31/2025	716-583-0183	pspilsbury@wsfd5.com			
25	Tuberdyke, Eric		1st	12/31/2024	716-430-6737	erictuberdyke@gmail.com			
26	Wynn, Garrett		3rd	12/31/2025	716-570-2209	gwynn@ucrestfire.org			
27	Zacher, Robert		2nd	12/31/2025	716-863-1388	rjzacher@roadrunner.com			
28	Zekas, Michael		2nd	12/31/2025	716-984-3606	michael.zekas@erie.gov			X
	Neaverth Jr., Dan	Commissioner DHSES			716-983-6080	daniel.neaverth@erie.gov			
	Nowak, Carraugh	Special Assistant to DHSES			716-858-4595	carraugh.nowak@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			