

## ERIE COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD – NOTES

<b>MEETING DATE:</b>	3/27/2025	
<b>LOCATION:</b>	Erie County Training and Operations Center	
<b>START TIME:</b>	18:12	
<b>ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:</b>	<b>PRESENT:</b>	Ron Endle, Kevin Herzog, Robert Rackl, Alex Doll, Joleen Schlossin
	<b>ABSENT:</b>	Jennifer Andres, Andrew Beehler, Jack Chiappine Jr., Matthew Coons, James Gajewski, Shad Garner, Michael Griffin, Jim Guy, Kevin Jewett, Scott Kuhlmeier, Tom Partridge, William Renaldo, Donald Roth, Peter Spilsbury Jr., Garrett Wynn, Bob Zacher
	<b>EXCUSED:</b>	Roger Brennan, Paul Gorczyca, Eric Karcher, Doug Lahnen, Tom Morris, Dan Nash, Scott Plecha, Mike Zekas
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DISCUSSION:</b></p> <p>As there was no quorum, this was not an official meeting.</p> <p>Treasurer Report: added \$13 this meeting, total = \$103.92</p> <p>Ron Endle provided a flash drive of the final LODD information. Erie County Fire Safety to provide this information on the website.</p> <p>Deputy Fire Coordinator Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-parts of a Christmas movie starring Mario Lopez will be filmed at the training academy late next week. ECTOC staff will be preparing the grounds this week and early next week. Resolution with the legislature provide for further opportunities without having to go through the process again.</li> <li>-Draeger building update – the Commissioner is working with the County Executive and the town of Cheektowaga to get this project taken care of. The county engineers keep wanting to give us a Certificate of Occupancy when we need a Certificate of Compliance (as this is a prop, not a structure, no electricity, etc.)</li> <li>-just ran our first Fire Officer 3 class at the end of February. It went very well. 26 of 28 successfully graduated.</li> <li>-lack of information from the state regarding proboard testing has been a problem, so working through that. Alex is a part of a committee of fire coordinators that meets with Deputy Administrator Lucy every other month or so that discusses training.</li> <li>-trying to get more tech rescue style classes; trench rescue, collapse, etc. The state says we should be good because we have Buffalo Fire in our county. Buffalo Fire is willing to assist the county, however, they may not always be available.</li> <li>-Survey request sent to all fire chiefs requesting information on primary mutual aid organizations for each department (hazmat, trench, collapse, etc). Once all the data comes back, we can try and assist departments who may be outlining other departments that don't have the training or equipment for that discipline.</li> <li>-Mutual aid plans need to be resigned this year. This gets done every 5 years. We have started the process of reviewing the information to see if any changes need to be made. Our goal is to have that review done and out to all the departments by the end of summer. That way, we can get the signatures back by mid fall before the changeover in chiefs.</li> <li>-Our new employees in the Fire Safety office have been in place for a few weeks and have been working out well. Chris Colvin is full-time, which has been very helpful. Jon Torre will be taking over most of the education/training classes, leaving Alex to focus on special operations (hazmat, tech rescue, etc).</li> <li>-They're going to be doing a study on the large tower. Resolutions are in and the capital improvement is done, so all good to go there. Discussed at previous meetings was the fact the state assembly was giving us money to repair that tower, but we're not sure if we still have that money, as Monica Wallace was spearheading that, and she is no longer in the state assembly. The first step is to have the study done and then we'll go from there.</li> <li>-Discussed the date for this year's Wall of Honor Ceremony. As the training academy classrooms fill up quickly, we want to get something on the calendar. The date picked was Thursday 10/23/25. Joleen will add to the facility calendar.</li> </ul>		
<b>NEXT MEETING DATE:</b>	05/29/25	
<b>NEXT WORKSHOP DATE:</b>	04/24/25	
<b>ADJOURNMENT:</b>	19:20	
<b>NOTES PREPARED BY:</b>	J. Schlossin	

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