

ERIE COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD – MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE:	December 4, 2025				
LOCATION:	Erie County Fire Training and Operations Center				
CALL TO ORDER:	18:07				
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE:					
ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:	PRESENT:	Jennifer Andres, Andrew Beehler, Ronald Endle, Shad Garner, Kevin Herzog, Douglas Lahnen, Dan Nash, Robert Rackl, Peter Spilsbury Jr, Jonathon Torre, Joleen Schlossin			
	ABSENT:	Roger Brennan, Jack Chiappone Jr, Mathew Coons, James Gajewski, Paul Gorczyca, Michael Griffin, Kevin Jewett, Thomas Morris, William Renaldo, Garrett Wynn, Michael Zekas			
	EXCUSED:	James Guy, Eric Karcher, Scott Kuhlmeier, Scott Plecha			
INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:	Legislator Frank Todaro				
APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING:	DATE OF LAST MEETING:	9/25/25			
	MOTION BY:	Jonathon Torre			
	SECOND BY:	Dan Nash			
	APPROVED:	Approved by all			
REPORT OF OFFICERS:					
CHAIRMAN:	No Report				
CO-CHAIR:	No Report				
SECRETARY:	No Report				
TREASURER:	+\$37 this meeting, \$155.92 total				
REPORT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES:					
COMMISSIONER:	No Report				
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER:	No Report				
DEPUTY FIRE COORDINATOR:	No Report				
ASSISTANT FIRE COORDINATOR:	See attachment				
REPORT OF COMMITTEES:					
CANCER SCREENING:	No Report				
DRILL TOWER:	No Report				
FIRE PREVENTION:	No Report				
LINE OF DUTY DEATH:	No Report				
BUDGET PLANNING & WALL OF HONOR:	Jennifer – Discussion about digitalizing the Wall of Honor book				
REPORT OF BOARDS:					
ERIE COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS MUTUAL AID ORG.:	Doug – plan to assist with the ECFS seminar series again this year (water and registration). Next meeting is at Bowmansville the 3 rd Monday in January				
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:	Shad – secured grants – new radios, station improvements, CAD system updates				
ERIE COUNTY HAZMAT:	No Report				
OLD BUSINESS:	-				
NEW BUSINESS:	Bob's last year as chair, Kevin Herzog will be taking over. Has met with the ECFS staff to discuss moving the board forward, changing the committees. Looking for a co chair				

GOOD OF THE ORGANIZATION:	EC Fair had a better turnout in the fireman's building than previous year. Will continue to make improvements to increase traffic. Tentatively planning on the board picnic at the July meeting at South Line based on availability.
NEXT MEETING DATE:	1/29/26
NEXT WORKSHOP DATE:	NONE
ADJOURNMENT:	18:55, motion by Andrew Beehler, seconded by Doug Lahnen
MINUTES RECORDED BY:	J. Schlossin
MINUTES SUBMITTED BY:	J. Schlossin



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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY & EMERGENCY SERVICES

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ALEXANDER DOLL
Deputy Coordinator

JONATHON TORRE
Assistant Coordinator

TO: Erie County Fire Advisory Board
FROM: Fire Safety Division
DATE: 12/4/25
RE: December Meeting

NERIS starting January 1st...Please ensure your department submits all 2025 NFRIS reports to OFPC by the deadline date of January 15th, 2026.

If anyone is having issues with NERIS, we are hosting a class on Wednesday January 21st at the Fire Academy @ 18:30 (part of the Seminar Series, sign up) NYS OFPC will explain everything, and Red Alert/Alpine will have a representative there to answer your questions as well.

The 2026 Erie County Officer Orientation is Wednesday January 7th @ 18:30 @ the Fire Academy. Each department is urged to send at least one representative.(also a sign up)

The Erie County Mutual Aid plan is due for its 5 year update in 2026. We will be making adjustments and sending out the plan to be signed by each department.

The 2026 Seminar Series will run every Wednesday from January until the end of April. We have 17 classes offered, with many brand-new topics. The schedule will be posted shortly.

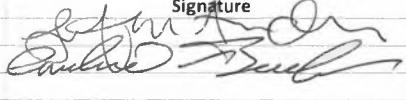
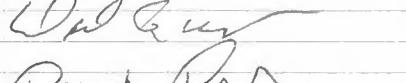
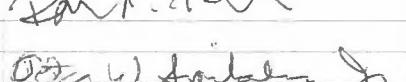
Departments can use this for their drill nights if they would like.

All student class applications should be sent to us, and we will enter them into LMS after checking for prerequisites. Also, a TAL (Training Authorization

Letter) signed by the chief must be sent so we can upload it with your class application. You will not be enrolled in a class without that signed TAL. It is important so that students are covered from the time they are enroute to a class, and until they return home.

Division Holiday Party- December 18th at 11 AM – Those attending are encouraged, but not required, to bring a dish to pass.

ERIE COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD SIGN IN AND CONTACT SHEET

MEETING:		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGULAR <input type="checkbox"/> SPECIAL	DATE: 12/4/2025			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		2nd	12/31/2026	716-525-6617	firesafetyguy72@gmail.com			
4 Chiappone Jr., Jack		2nd	12/31/2026	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		2nd	12/31/2026	716-984-6928	seabass126@yahoo.com			
9 Gorczyca, Paul		3rd	12/31/2025	716-866-1634	gork315@gmail.com			
10 Griffin, Michael		4th	12/31/2026	716-714-9772	opie652@gmail.com			
11 Guy, James		2nd	12/31/2025	716-544-0327	jhguy@verizon.net		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
12 Herzog, Kevin	Co-Chair	4th	12/31/2026	716-725-2984	kherzog@twindistrict.com			
13 Jewett, Kevin		2nd	12/31/2025	716-512-9054	kevin.jewett@erie.gov			
14 Karcher, Eric		4th	12/31/2026	716-697-1395	ek7166971395@aol.com			
15 Kuhlmeier, Scott		4th	12/31/2025	716-861-7933	scott.kuhlmeier@erie.gov			
16 Lahnen, Douglas		4th	12/31/2026	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 Plecha, Scott		3rd	12/31/2025	716-909-4206	s.plecha@yahoo.com			
20 Rackl, Robert	Chair	4th	12/31/2025	716-341-3716	rwrackl@gmail.com			
21 Renaldo, William		2nd	12/31/2026	716-860-4093	wren713972@aol.com			
22 Spilsbury, Jr., Peter		4th	12/31/2025	716-583-0183	pspilsbury@wsfd5.com			
23 Wynn, Garrett		3rd	12/31/2025	716-570-2209	gwynn@ucrestfire.org			
24 Zekas, Michael		2nd	12/31/2025	716-984-3606	michael.zekas@erie.gov			
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