

Meeting Date: 1/29/26

Location: ECFTA

Call to order: 18:10

Pledge of Allegiance: K. Herzog

Roll call: see attached sign in

Approval of last meeting: Motion Pete Second Doug to accept- carried

Reports: Chairman- welcome, introduced new committees for 2026 (LODD, Cancer, Training, Wall of Honor, EC Fair, Legislative)

Co-chair- Bob R. picnic at Southline 7/30

Secretary, treasurer- no reports

Commissioner- see attached report

Committees

Legislative- invite elected officials. Dan to chair

LODD- Ron to chair

Cancer- Mike Mendola to chair

Training

Wall of Honor- Jim and Doug to chair. October 29 @ 6pm for ceremony

EC Fair- Tom to chair

Boards

EC Chief- meeting cancelled, next meeting 3/16 @ Doyle 1

EC Vollies- next meeting 2/1 @ U-Crest

Combo-banquet with EC Chiefs 3/21 @ Elma \$40 tickets

Meat raffle- 3/27 @ Woodlawn

EC Fair- Maintenance/resurfacing of floor to be completed soon

Looking to bring firefighter events for the public

Maze races

Fire truck pull

Working on insurance issues with the fair, may need everyone participating to sign waivers

Excited to work in conjunction with the Board on making the fair great again

District Officers- meeting cancelled

Sponsoring an Autism Awareness class soon @ Depew

Fire Police- no reps

Disaster/EMS advisory boards- no reps. Pete to reach out for participation at our meetings

HazMat Team- new trucks are in, tractor trailer gone

Good of org/new business: Lancaster Alden Chiefs Association hosting Rick Laskey for an all day seminar to be held at Depew. \$20 per member, breakfast and lunch included, 7am sign in, 8am start, 4pm end.

\$19 collected at sign in

Respectfully submitted by Kevin Herzog 1/30/26

Fire Advisory Board Meeting 1/29/26

1. Still send in your 2025 NFRIS reports to OFPC, the deadline has passed but they don't know how they're handling that. Will affect stipends and grants.
2. We hosted a NERIS class last Wednesday January 21st at the Fire Academy. It was well attended. By this point everyone in the United States is now filing their run reports with NERIS. We can help if anyone have issues or questions.
3. We hosted an Officer Orientation back at the beginning of January. We had a great turnout. It's not just for new officers, as we give out a lot of new information. Please plan on having at least one representative for next year's class.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. All student applications should be sent to us through the county website. We will enter them into LMS after checking for prerequisites and receiving a TAL (Training Authorization Letter) signed by the chief. 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. We have a new email address for this. [TAL@Erie.gov](mailto:TAL@Erie.gov)
7. The County is applying for the V-FIRE grant. In order for us to do this, we need consent forms signed by each department. So far we have received 53 departments. The grant will go towards refurbishing the old fire tower at the Fire Academy
8. Officer Contact information is due for 2026. Please use the link on our website [erie.gov/fire](http://erie.gov/fire) – Missing about half still.)

FIRE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING 1/29/20

Peter Spilsbury  
Doug Lahrson

Ron Eddee

Kevin Henros  
Dan Nasn

Tim Gabenski

Thomas Morris

Jim Guy

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SCOTT KURTMEY

MIKE ZEKAS

BOB RACK