



# CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD

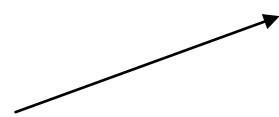
## February Fire Advisory Board Meeting 2006



**Next Meeting:**  
Date: **March 16, 2006**  
Time: **7:30 PM**  
Place: **Fredonia Fire Station**

February 16, 2006

Hall R. Clothier Bldg., Mayville, NY  
7:30 PM



**Chairman: Thomas Fairbanks**

Members Present: Larry Barter, Tony Faso, Robert Frank, Brian Puro, Rick Cole, Jr., David Himelein, Ray Lawson, Ron Trippy, Eric Fransen, Ronald Johnson, Jack Knowlton, Kenneth Lyon, Skip Cavallaro, Dennis Barmore, Bob Belovarac, Dan Imfeld, Julius Leone, Jr., Richard Pollaro, Charlie Smith, Richard Telford, Robert Tworek, Michael Vendette

**Excused:** Michael Przybycien, Jim Breakey, Scott Cummings, Michael Volpe, Carl Fransen, Pete Fuller, Jon Stahley

**Absent:** Joseph Meyer, Todd Johnson, Alternate, Al Aikin, Alternate, Scott Bailey, Alternate, Brian Bensink, Lance Hedlund, Pete Samuelson, James Shephard, Joseph Gerace Ex-Officio,

**Guest:** Legislator Fred Croscut

**\*Please contact the Office of Emergency Services at 716-985-4863, to be excused from a meeting.**

### February 2006 Fire Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Agenda	Brief Description/Reports
Call to Order	The FAB meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Chairman Fairbanks.
Pledge to the flag was given.	
Guest	Fred Croscut
Approval of Minutes	Ron Johnson made reference to a correction as to the location of January 2006 meeting which was held at the Gerry Conference Center. With correction, a motion was made by Ron Johnson, seconded by Larry Barter, to accept the January minutes. Carried.
Chairman Fairbanks passed around an informational sheet to have the Fire Advisory Board make any needed corrections or deletions to their information and return to Susan.	
<b>Coordinator's Reports</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion	Bob Frank reported: 2/2 Structure Fire in E. Dunkirk. Mutual aid with the City of Dunkirk, Sheridan, Rescue 71 Fredonia, County FAST Team, Charlie Tech Rescue 1, Fire Investigation, All Star and Red Cross was called in. 2/8 Big Dip preplan meeting 2/26 1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion meeting at Sheridan Fire Hall Working on my ICS 800 Met with Bob Belovarac and Rick to work on inventory sheets.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion	Rick Cole reported: 1/21 Attended Mutual Aid party at Ripley Fire Hall 1/22 2 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion Drill at Portland Fire Hall "Rails to Trails drill" (6 depts. 42 present) 1/22 Carbon Monoxide/ Lakeshore A/G in Westfield 60 people in building. Turned out to be from the hot water tank in a separate room. 1/23 Bob Belovarac and Bob Frank went over inventory sheets and Run forms on computer. 1/26 Portland-Carbon Monoxide call supposedly. No carbon monoxide found. 2/4 Attend Sherman installation banquet

	<p>2/5 I-86, 10-13 Called off enroute by Dan.  2/6 Attended mtg. of board of Rails to trail to explore placement of signs on the trails to aid in accident or illness situations.  2/8 Gerry-Big Dip planning and updates.  2/12 Brocton-Auto alarm activation at Brocton Central school. Baseball hit a sensor  2/13 Westfield-Went to a structure fire. It was a total loss. The technical rescue team did a great job along with the Westfield Fire Department.  2/15 Attend Chaut. Co. Fire Police Association meeting in Brocton.</p>
3 <sup>rd</sup>	No report.
4 <sup>th</sup> Battalion	<p>Skip Cavallaro reported:  1/28 Meeting with R-7 committee in Fluvanna  1/31 Fourth Battalion meeting in Gerry with 35-40 people  2/8 Attended Big Dip meeting in Gerry  2/12 Attended a mutual aid rescue drill in Ellery Center, Mutual aid departments in Gerry, Fluvanna, Maple Springs, Stockton, Sheriff Department snowmobile division, Starflight, Bemus Point and Ellington.</p>
Deputy Coordinator Bob Belovarac	<p>Meeting w/Buffalo Computer Graphics. Questions on inventory system.  Session with Bob and Rick on inventory Sheets.  Went to Brocton, on the NIFERS system, Mayville, Hartfield and Dewittville, to get them up and running.  Went through run sheets with Rick at Brocton.  Completed changes last month to Portland, Frewsburg and Gerry.</p>
Deputy Coordinator Medical Dan Imfeld	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3/21 Southwestern Training Center will have a Critical Care Class/see Flyer</li> <li>• Paramedic class in fall</li> <li>• 3/2 Distance learning EMT Basic Refresher at JCC</li> <li>• There is an equipment survey for EMS equipment. We are trying to get a survey of EMS equipment that folks have that is over and above what is in the 800.</li> <li>• There is an EMS fly card need survey. In Mayville, 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion area.</li> <li>• Switching from Dr. DeFrancesco to Greg Cooley. Medical direction change forms need turned in.</li> <li>• 3/14 Fredonia, next meeting for EMS people in the N. County with Dr. Cooley.</li> <li>• If you have any issues getting PCR's or any issues with WREMS contact Dan Imfeld, or the Office of Emergency Services.</li> <li>• The state is buying all certified ambulances burn kits with homeland security money. Look for these in the next 2 or 3 months.</li> <li>• 5/5 "Sick Kids" Pediatric Medical Emergencies and Trauma Peds R Us Seminar by Scott De Boer. 8:30 AM-4:30 PM both days. JCC Carnahan Theatre. See purple flyer</li> <li>• Sunday drill 2/12 at Ellery Center went very well. Good turn out and learned a lot. There was a radio issue and no cell coverage. We ended up using EMS portable radios. EMT's did a great job.</li> </ul> <p>Big take aways:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Takes a long time to get in and out of those places.</li> <li>2. There are a couple specialized sleds in the county.</li> <li>3. A gator is useful. Get it coming early.</li> <li>4. Call Sheriffs dept. for heavy duty sleds.</li> <li>5. When going in, take as much in as you can carry.</li> </ol> <p>CHEM Pack: Medicals are there at the hospitals.  1/31 Attended a meeting/training put on by the state. There are CHEM pack across the country. They are caches of equipment in case of a chemical weapons attack. Basically, there is enough antidotes to treat 1,000 people in the field. These things are plugged in and monitored 24 hours a day. They are basically subsets of the push pack that are nationally designed to go into airplanes.</p>

	<p>Julius: Health dept. needs to step forward and do more training with the Chem Packs, and provide more information so it does not seem as complicated.</p> <p>Dan: The other thing being fought out at the state is who are going to use these things. They are not being proactive with the training or information.</p> <p>Julius-It is suppose to be a 1<sup>st</sup> deployment for nerve agent attacks.</p> <p>Vendette: One positive thing that has changed is that it does not have to be a chemical weapon, but could be a pesticide spill or other accidents.</p> <p>Dave Himelein asked if there is protocol set up for distribution from the County. Yes. The Director of Emergency Services, Co. Executive, or Dr. Burke can say, yes release it. Most ER doctors don't even know it exists, and they are part of the approval process. The State Health Dept. needs to step in and get people trained.</p> <p>School Bus Accident Response Plan is on the EMS agenda. A meeting with be arranged with Pete James to up date the plan.</p> <p>Tom Fairbanks: If you have problems with radios on the scene, contact Mike Vendette, the HM truck has many radios that can be utilized.</p>
<p>Rescue Captain Denny Barmore</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning the Big Dip. We are not going to have stable ice at the reservoir.</li> <li>• Forestville will have breakfast at 7:00 AM. We will try to be ready to go by 9 AM. Will try to be over at noon.</li> <li>• Direction: We will meet at Forestville at 9 then we will follow each other over to the reservoir.</li> <li>• Had a call out to Busti for a dog and victim rescue. 2 Dive team members showed up for the rescue.</li> <li>• Equipment is being used in different areas in the county.</li> </ul>
<p>Haz Mat</p>	<p>Mike Vendette reported: We have moved escape bottles and APR's out of HM station to the airport hanger. We will have a schedule for people to pick up bottles and equipment to take back to respective departments and agencies. 2/3 Taught at JCC and "Awareness Class" to some industries. 2/7-9 Went to NYS Emergency Management meeting in Syracuse 2/15 Call that women was sick. Could not find a cause. Went to Chat. Co. Sheriff's training center and did PPE training 2/15 Airport had a small spill while filling an airplane 2/28 Walking through the Purina plant to look at their chemical storage tank areas and other hazardous. East Town has requested and Awareness Class HM refresher course for Fire Police will be done In the spring, for each battalion he would like to go over a mass decon course with the Fire Departments. This will be very important in case there is an industrial or traffic accident where you may have people contaminated. Contact Mike for scheduling this.</p>
<p>Training Coordinator</p>	<p>Dick Pollaro reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completed 4 courses.</li> <li>• Two courses are in progress.</li> <li>• ICS 200 in Falconer will be offered.</li> <li>• FF1 at Taylor is filled.</li> <li>• Apparatus Arial Devices Class starts March 8.</li> <li>• That will round out 2005 training.</li> <li>• Mailings: There is a notice for FF I starting April 1 in Dunkirk</li> <li>• We have a new SFI, Marcus Ford from Sheridan, after he finishes training.</li> <li>• Courses run from April to April.</li> <li>• Please remember that if you request a course you need 10 people and the host dept. needs to provide 5 people.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public Safety Technology program with JCC is still moving along. Need to repair the sprinkler alarm at Taylor by March 21.</li> </ul>
Special	<p>Sookie reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We have the same location at the Chautauqua County Fair for 2006.</li> <li>If a department wants to display vehicles let him know so he can provide a list.</li> <li>Denny asked him to make up a schedule of the days the departments would bring equipment, so they can be marked in.</li> <li>Sookie recommended one dept. in the evening and another one in the afternoon. See him for further discussion.</li> <li>Accountability tags are still being worked on.</li> </ul>
Special Operations	<p>Charlie:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We have responded to a couple calls previously mentioned.</li> <li>2/25 Additional training</li> <li>Received FAST Team patches for arm bands to help with identification.</li> <li>Everything is going good.</li> <li>Still need people from the North End of the county.</li> </ul>
Director Julius Leone, Jr.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Text messaging that we are using with dispatch, is picking up in popularity. People are calling into the Office to be put on the data base. Try to get groups of numbers from people then get them to Gloria. System is working well.</li> <li>The move to MVL School is progressing. In the next couple weeks we will have a report for Co. Executive Edwards.</li> <li>This past week we received the update for Disaster Lan. There will be another series of training for coordinator staff and fire chiefs. We have a GS component installed with the latest update.</li> <li>2/22 Available is, Officer Orientation using the Lab's at Clymer, Brocton, Silver Creek Central schools and Ashville BOCES. Encourage as many people to attend as possible. Looking for feedback to this training. A test run with the Coordinator staff has been done. Distance learning environment is very promising for the future. It is free.</li> <li>NIMS update: At a recent meeting in Buffalo, we were informed that the Co. Exe. will have to certify the level of NIMS compliance in Chautauqua County. This information will then go to the governor; the governor will take the information to federal government. Now we know how they will get a handle on what funding you will receive or not receive.</li> <li>Jon and Julius are training the sheriff deputy's now to get them trained on NIMS 100 &amp; 700. Local police departments are being trained March 2 at JCC.</li> <li>A matrix was mailed out of the NIMS compliance levels. We need to take this seriously. We cannot wait until August.</li> <li>We need to encourage the Fire Chiefs to make sure they get NIM's compliant.</li> <li>The distance learning labs will be very helpful for people to get this done.</li> <li>Mayor and Superintendents need to get NIMS compliance.</li> <li>FEMA grant workshop, February 22, 2006, from noon to 2 PM. Discussion followed concerning preparation in working together to get grant funding.</li> <li>The server is being re shipped for reverse 911.</li> <li>Statewide Wireless Network-Several meetings have been held in the county. Once the contracts have been signed in the state they are on a fast track. Dan Imfeld and Charlie Smith and Eric Fransen were encouraged by the progress and coverage. There will be a huge educational piece to get things set up correctly.</li> </ul>
Committee Reports	<p>Rich Telford reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reverse 911 is delayed because of damage. The company will be here to install it the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> full week of March for installation.</li> <li>The text messaging has been running for a couple weeks.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We are working with new world to eliminate additional messages.</li> <li>• Chautauqua. Co. Alarms law. As of Feb. 1 we have been sending letters out to homeowners and business about charges for false alarms. There are 3 people that work on the alarms. On the police side when a police clears a call, we ask them to enter a disposition.</li> <li>• When the Fire Service goes to a false alarm, when you get back to the hall call dispatch and let them know if it was a false alarm, so a letter will be sent out.</li> <li>• A false alarm people will be charged.</li> <li>• A true alarm is a structure fire or something that set off the alarm.</li> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> time 0, 2<sup>nd</sup> time 25, 50 and then 100 dollar fines.</li> <li>• EMD program: We are doing the final training the 1<sup>st</sup> week of March. At the next meeting the EMD program will be up and running.</li> </ul> <p>Julius asked about the Revenue from the false alarm law. Is the sheriff going to have a mechanism for the money to go into an account? Rich said his understanding of it is, when the money comes in, it will be put into an account. At the end of the year, we will go through to see what fire department went to the alarm, then the money would be split 50 /50.</p>
Fire Chiefs Association	Larry Barter will have a brief meeting after the orientation of the chiefs meeting to give guidelines and updates of what is going on in the County. Larry will give Gloria an email concerning the meeting.
R-Fire	Dave Himelien reported: 2 R-Fire applications came in. Josh Burke and Randall Pike, Jr. Committee approved them. <i>A motion was made by Larry Barter, to approve the names submitted by the R-Fire committee, 2nd by Ken Lyon. Carried.</i>
Radio	Dick sent a final copy to Julius. <b>Copies will be available at the next meeting.</b>
Facilities	Denny reported that the training burn center work was done.
Rescue	Skip reported that we are working on specifications and should have more to report next month
ID	Dave: have not meant yet as a committee. Did get literature about what the federal government is looking at for identification/credentialing. Will review it with the committee later this month.
State Chiefs	Ron Johnson Flyers were made available concerning a conference. Closest one is going to be in Catt. Co. in Salamanca on March 16, 2006. Ron is planning on attending. Larry Barter: Lake George conf. rooms are still available. If you are planning on attending get registered in the next 2 weeks. Bob Belovarac will take a room.
Communications	Tom was given 1 member for fire men of the year selection. Should you get any more, please submit the names to Tom Fairbanks.
Old business	None
New	We have a volunteer for EMS council, from the board, Pete Fuller. Chairman Fairbanks appointed Pete Fuller to the EMS council.
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM by Larry Barter, seconded by Tony Faso. Carried. Adjourned at 8:50 PM by Larry Barter, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tony Faso. Carried.

**Please note meeting location.**

**Date: March 16, 2006 Place: Fredonia Fire Station** The Fire Advisory Board Meeting scheduled for Mayville on March 16<sup>th</sup> is being relocated to the Fredonia Fire Station to allow the Fire Advisory Board to tour the bus.

**Time: 7:30 PM**

**Advanced Notice:**

M/A-Com, the contractor awarded the Statewide Wireless Network contract will be in the county with their VIDA Bus demonstrating the technology and equipment that will be used to build the SWN System in Chautauqua County this year. The VIDA Bus will be in the county from March 13- 16<sup>th</sup>.

The bus will be located at the Fredonia Fire Station on March 15<sup>th</sup>- from 1:00 pm – 9:00 pm and

**March 16<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 pm – 9:00**

**We will be scheduling tours on the hour. Each tour is limited to 8 people. Persons interested in attending will need to call the office at 985-4863 to schedule a time.**