

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD



September 2007

Fire Advisory Board Meeting

July 20, 2007
2 Academy St., Mayville, NY 14757
7:30 PM

Date: October 18, 2007
Time: 7:30 PM
Place: 2 Academy St., Suite A
Mayville, NY 14757

Chairman: Tom Fairbanks

Members Present: Larry Barter, Tony Faso, Jeff Roberts, Steve Lehnen, Mike Przybycien, Al Aikin, Scott Cummings, Raymond Lawson, Ronald Trippy, Eric Fransen, Lance Hedlund, Mike Volpe, Bradly Rogers Alt., Pete Fuller, Peter Samuelson, James Shephard, Skip Cavallaro, Dennis Barmore, Robert Frank, Joseph Gerace, Julius Leone, Jr., Richard Pollaro, Charlie Smith, Jon Stahley, Rich Telford, Robert Tworek, Steve Cobb

Excused: Jim Breakey, Rick Cole, Jr., Ron Johnson, Dan Imfeld

Absent: Brian Purol Keith Ahlstrom, David Himelein, Scott Bailey, Brian Bensink, Jack Knowlton, Ken Lyon, Michael Vendette

Guest: Legislator Fred Croscut, Mark Powers w/CFD

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Agenda	Description
Call to Order	The meeting was called to order by Chairman Fairbanks with the pledge to the flag at 7:33 PM.
Guest	<p>Legislator Fred Croscut announced that the budget will be out the week of October 22. Next month he will be here to answer any questions. Meet with your legislators if there is something you do not like with the budget. Give explanations to them. It takes 17 votes to override a vote.</p> <p>Sheriff Gerace-Came and reported on what was taking place with the Sheriff Department budget. We have been asked to cut a 1.5 million that could affect 15 deputies in the road patrol, along with a possible reduction in the Radio and Navigation division. Fire investigation could also be cut if these cuts are implemented.</p> <p>Pagers-where does that stand? Ron Trippy asked about the tower site. Sheriff stated that he would check on it tomorrow.</p> <p>Jim Shephard asked about the fire investigation team. The frequency that they are out is not a lot, but the need is there. Sheriff said it depends on how deep the cuts go.</p> <p>Al Aikin, requested to have a letter written in support of the sheriffs budget. A motion made by Al, seconded by Larry Barter. Discussion: Jim Shephard asked how that would affect Emergency Services Budget. Julius mentioned that we cut 7%.</p> <p>The motion to write a letter of support for the Sheriff and his budget was carried.</p> <p>Sheriff discussed the SWN project. Macom is the vendor, He does not want them to leave Chaut. Co. until the system actually works. It is very important that it works right. Once we are tested and ready, we begin migrating under the Sheriffs system. We want to be the first police agency to be fully on the network.</p> <p>Sgt. Rich Telford-Reported on text messaging. A text message gets sent out automatically. We are looking at a couple different options.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Create a unit for each run card, 1,500. This was not feasible.

	<p>2. We will be able to attach a departments text messaging group to a particular unit. We could attach it to most departments ambulances, since ambulance goes on 90% of the calls.</p> <p>3. Option-to create a phantom unit that the dispatcher would have to attach to every call. There would be a great human element, which could be forgotten at times.</p> <p>The way we now know text messaging, is not in our new system. With the new MSP software the text messaging upgrade will be available in the spring of 2008.</p> <p>Mark Powers, Asst. Chief at Chautauqua asked a question about text messaging, coming across at various times. There was discussion about not totally relying on cell phones and needing to rely on your pagers. His concern was, if a text message is received late, and a first responder answered the call not realizing it was a delayed text message, what the liability concerns are. It was decided that they would be covered by the Fire Department, but it is important that the managers instruct the First Responders to read the entire text message including the time of delivery. Cell phone are not the primary means of notification. They are secondary to the minitor system. The Radio Committee will be asked to insert and clarify text messaging instructions in the communications manual. Erie suggested having the time stamped come out first on the text messaging.</p>
Minutes	A motion was made by Scott Cummings, to approve the July FAB Minutes, seconded by Larry Barter. Carried.
Coordinator's Report	
1 st	<p>Tony Faso reported:</p> <p>9-6 Hazmat meeting at the EOC (Emergency Operations Center)</p> <p>9-7 Attended County Weekend at Montour Falls</p> <p>9-12 EMS Council-EOC</p> <p>9-14 Fire Alarm Activation at the Co. Home (W. Town, Fredonia, E. Town, City of Dunkirk)</p> <p>9-16 1st and 2nd Battalion Meeting at East Town</p> <p>9-17 SSO Class at Silver Creek</p>
2 nd	<p>Rick Cole report:</p> <p>8-16 FAB Picnic and Meeting</p> <p>8-18 West Town-Dunkirk (Shorewood Country Club-vehicle in Lake Erie. West town, City of Dunkirk, CC Dive Team, Batt. 2)</p> <p>8-22 Ripley (Unoccupied trailer fire -Stood down enroute-Ripley, S. Ripley, Westfield</p> <p>8-22 East Town-Dunkirk (CC Fire Chief's meeting)</p> <p>8/22 Ripley-Structure fire in abandoned House -Stood down enroute-Ripley, S. Ripley, Westfield, Batt. 2</p> <p>8-23 Mayville-EMS Coordinator Interviews</p> <p>8/23 Hartfield (Hartfield, Mayville, Dewittville, Batt. 2 -Fire alarm and smell of smoke upon investigation-no fire)</p> <p>9-3 Ripley (Structure Fire-Ripley, S. Ripley, Westfield, CC Fire Investigation Team, Batt. 2. -Arson fire in an abandoned house.</p>
3 rd	<p>Mike</p> <p>9-20 Responded to the fatal accident on the Carpenter Pringle Road.</p> <p>Working on getting Battalion meetings set up for late October.</p>
4 th	<p>August-Skip report.</p> <p>7-28 Responded with Gerry to an automobile accident on Rte. 60. Mutual aid from Sinclairville, Ellington, Falconer, Star Flight and Mercy Flight. 1 Fatality and 4 patients transported. Also, on scene were the Sheriffs department, State Police and Coroner.</p> <p>7-30 Responded with Falconer to a structure fire at Fancher Chair. Mutual aid from Kennedy and Gerry. There was a fire in the dust collection system that was contained bythe sprinkler system.</p> <p>8-9 Responded with Frewsburg to Vac Air Alloys for a fire in the dust collector mutual aid from Kiantone.</p> <p>Mike reported September report in Skips absence:</p> <p>9-1 Responded with Fluvanna for hay bales on fire. Mutual aid from Gerry with Falconer on</p>

	<p>standby.</p> <p>9-10 Responded with Sinclairville to a brush fire. Mutual aid from Gerry, Ellington, Kennedy, with Falconer and Cassadaga on standby. Also, on scene was Forest Ranger Tom Koss.</p> <p>9-30 Mutual Aid extrication drill at Ellery Center fire hall starting at 9 AM. Mutual aid companies Sinclairville, Gerry, Fluvanna, Bemus Point, Maple Springs and Stockton.</p> <p>10-10 4th Battalion meeting. Selecting FAB members for 2008.</p>
Deputy Fire Coordinator	<p>Bob Frank reported:</p> <p>8-26 MVA in Forestville -Mutual Aid from Silver Creek, and South Dayton</p> <p>9-7 Structure Fire Ellery Center -Mutual Aid from Gerry, Stockton, Fluvanna, Ashville, Dewittville, Sinclairville, Maple Springs, Bemus, Ellington and Brocton on standby.</p> <p>Training Center in Dunkirk is progressing well, Floors are done. Maze is being worked on.</p>
Deputy FC	No report.
EMS Coord.	<p>Julius introduced Steve as the new EMS Deputy Fire Coordinator.</p> <p>He comes to us as an RN, worked at Brooks for 17 years at ICU and Emergency Room. He has been a combat medic. He has been around EMS a long time and is one of the few original EMS Council members.</p> <p>The hard part is when we advertise for these jobs, we have a good number of qualified people come forward. The committee made a good selection.</p> <p>Steve Cobb reported:</p> <p>9-12 Orientation meeting with Julius and Jon.</p> <p>9-12 Attended EMS Council meeting</p> <p>9-16 Attended 1st and 2nd Battalion meeting. -Gave class on MCI and Smart tags.</p> <p>9-17 Received complaint from Fredonia Fire Chief K. Miller -This was in regards to the EMT class and a student who created some problems at a call. This is a problem for me to take care of (with the course CIC) and there is an ongoing investigation.</p> <p>Establishing goals for the next year as a new EMS Coordinator</p> <p>-One goal is to visit all the fire departments in the county at their department meetings. This will start towards the end of October with the conclusion of the Cross Country season.</p> <p>-I will be meeting and talking with Dan as the additional goals I have in mind in order to understand the current status of these issues.</p> <p>EMS Coordinator is receiving the various equipment and other information needed for the position. There are plans to make contact with the three medical directors within the next month.</p> <p>Email: cobbfam@netsync.net Phone Number: 716-499-3611</p>
Rescue Captain	<p>Denny reported:</p> <p>We had several call outs and call downs.</p> <p>Responded to several incidents.</p> <p>Had a training on the Chautauqua Belle. To satisfy emergency plans, they had to describe what kind of service they would be getting if needed.</p> <p>Even for terrorism-SWAT had to share what they would do.</p> <p>We had several different departments come in and discuss how we would remove a victim off the boat.</p> <p>What we are going to do next year, the scenarios will be out in the lake with the boats moving. We also will do scenarios with the Summer Wind boat.</p>
Haz Mat	<p>HM Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gasoline spill in Jamestown • Triple Fatality in Ripley/Westfield. • 9-21 HM Training on Saturday • Working with Dick for State HM classes. • Going through the vehicles trying to organize. • Went through the station and go rid of 20 year old debris.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Denny will get 5 air packs from HM to give to another department.
Training Coordinator	<p>In Session: Intro to Fire Protection-OES-9-5-07 JCC Registration SSO-Silver Creek Completed: WSO, Pump Op., AVET's Sherman & Busti Coming up: MCC, FF1, EVOC at E. Dunkirk 10/7 Alternate Fuel Vehicles 10/10 East Dunkirk and 10/11 Kiantone EVOC-Fluvanna 10/22 Amtrak at Silver Creek 10/27 IFO-EOC 11/4 FO1-EOC 1/6/08 Working on I-200 for 2008 See training schedule on web site: www.chautcofire.org New SFI, Tim Glenn from Maple Springs and Jamestown Fire Dept. Permission has been granted to search for another SFI in place of Keith Ecklund. New training record system and course registration cards will not require SS# after the first new card submission. New: FFI Program-Blended learning, all lecture classes will be on-line, all skills will be conducted on site with instructors. Attending orientation 9/26 in Livingston County. PST program approved by State Ed. Dept., JCC will be advertising this. County Weekend had lower attendance but was still a success.</p>
Special	<p>Sookie thanked departments for bringing apparatus to the Fair. Memorial Services Sunday, Oct 7th 7:00 PM, at Tri-Church Parish in Brocton. Please attend for the respect for the Medics and Fire Fighters in the County.</p>
Special Operations	<p>Charlie reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As of the County Weekend, we have 10 people certified. With a total of 1,800 hours of training. • Another session of classes is planned at the basic level. Send interested firefighters to Charlie.
Director	<p>Julius:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Westfield fire was able to obtain a FEMA Firefighter grant to purchase a ladder truck. The City of Dunkirk received 160,000 from a FEMA Firefighter grant. -We are still waiting on the regional FEMA Firefighter grant that Panama hosted for us, in the amount of 1.2 million dollars. -Charlie Smith, Eric Fransen, Dan Imfeld, Julius Leone, Jr., Sam Salemme from the city, Dave Bartkowiak, Neil McNeight, Randy Butts, Matthew Trusso, and Sgt. Rich Telford have been doing testing on the Statewide Wireless Network, and things are going well. We have pretty good coverage. The original committee that we put together in WNY to try to bring the 1st build out has not met. We are meeting again in Rochester. The focus is to bring funding back to get the system up and running. -The Chairman of the Radio Communication, Jack Knowlton will look into areas of concern, regarding text messaging issues. -Dick –Julius congratulated Dick for bringing the JCC Public Safety Technology program to the county. We have a great opportunity to education our people at home. -2007 NIFFERS-The Battalion Coordinators have a report of where we are with each fire company. Murphy Training Center-Bob Frank, Barmore Rangers, Turk Murphy and Bob Henderson all have done a great job working on the training center. Thanks to Bob Frank for spear heading this project. -Bus Garage-we are still working towards finalizing the agreement for the bus garage. We will be working with the town to get things going. We will own the bus garages at the end of the lease. Julius reported on the CISM teams efforts following a triple fatality. The CISM team was requested, and responded 2 times that night. Julius-thanked the team for responding above and beyond.

	<p>-Budget-2008 We were mandated to cut the budget by 7%. It is under the Health dept. budget. In doing that, we have progressively lost revenue because of revenue formulates. Our revenue has shrunk with the Health Dept. We are trying to see what is reimbursable. The 2008 staff is back in the budget. Norma and Julius will be working closely with the new Health Dept. administrator, Randy Granada. The budget is submitted for 2008.</p> <p>-A resolution to allow WCA Services to purchase SWN Radios so they can communicate on the SWN system was needed. Any non government agency may be authorized to use the SWN system with a resolution from the Fire Advisory Board.</p> <p><i>A motion was made by Peter Fuller, seconded by Larry Barter to pass a resolution permitting WCA to participate with the SWN program. Carried.</i></p>
Mutual Aid	Lance reported that it is pending.
Rescue	Old Rescue 7 –Skip reported that the box has been installed. They are getting the lift gate mounted. We should have it back in a week or so.
Old Business	Tom Fairbanks thanked the Battalion 2 committee for the enjoyable August Picnic.
Floor	The 4 th Battalion will be coordinating the 2007 Christmas Banquet.
Adjourn	A motion to adjourn was made by Mike Przybycien, seconded by Lance Hedlund at 9:15 PM. Carried.

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