



# CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD

Date	Type of Meeting:
1/21/10	<b>Fire Advisory Board (FAB) Monthly Meeting</b> <b>Chairperson:</b> Scott Cummings <b>Attended by:</b> Sign-in sheet available <b>Location:</b> Training Room 1 @ the Office of Emergency Services
Handouts	Copies available to view attached to original minutes and filed.
Next Mtg.	February 18, 2010

Topic	
Preliminaries	The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm. This was followed with the pledge to the flag.
Guests	<p>Scott Cummings asked past chairman Larry Barter to come up to receive a plaque for his 2008 &amp; 2009 service. Fred Crosscut introduced Doug Richmond, the new 22<sup>nd</sup> District Chairman. (In charge of Public Safety). Doug reported he has been legislator since 2001. He mentioned that the Public Safety Committee enjoyed the presentation given by Julius Leone. The Public Safety Committee wanted this presentation to be presented to the legislators as this will be an issue in 2013. The presentation can be made in February if the County Executive doesn't make his presentation this month. If he does, it will be in March. Doug encouraged everyone to attend to show fire service representation.</p>
New Members	New Dispatch Supervisor, Trevor Butts, from the Sheriff's Office.
	<p>Debbie Weaver from Starflight came to speak to the board. Debbie reported that one helicopter was put in service in March, and one in May of 2009. There was a 24% increase in requests for Starflight this past year. They had a total of 360 flights last year. 20% of those flights were requested from Chautauqua County Fire Service.</p> <p>Debbie introduced a change of thought; think Starflight if you have a stroke victim. Millard Fillmore, Hamot, St Vincents and ECMC are designated stroke centers. Millard Fillmore is the best. It is perfectly appropriate to call Starflight for a stroke. Debbie went over the typical "test" to see if a patient has had a stroke. Ask the patient to smile. If the mouth droops on one side or is inconsistent, this is sign one. The next step is to ask the patient to stretch their arms out in front of them with palms up and leave them for a count to 10. The third thing to do is ask them to repeat "its always sunny in sssomewhere". The last thing you try to find out is the last time the patient was seen normal. The acronym for this is FAST. <u>f</u>ace <u>a</u>rms <u>s</u>peech <u>t</u>ime. The rule of thumb in getting a stroke patient to the hospital used to be a 2 hr window. This has changed as Millard does a perfusion scan to see how much blood reached brain during the time.</p> <p>FYI: If anyone has interest to do so, Millard lets an EMT or higher shadow a neurosurgeon for 6 hours if you want to.</p>

	Another bit of information Debbie gave us is that it is legal for a Chautauqua County Ambulance to go to specialty hospitals in another county according to New York State.
	Julius introduced Tom Sullivan and the Recruitment and Retention Project done by this potential Eagle Scout. These will be distributed to all fire chiefs at the battalion meetings.
<b>Minutes of last Meeting</b>	Ron Johnson made a motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting. This was 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Ron Trippy. All were in favor, motion passed.
<b>Battalion Coordinator Reports</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion Coordinator Tony Faso read and submitted his report. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion Coordinator Rick Cole read and submitted his report. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Battalion Coordinator Mike Volpe read and submitted his report. 4 <sup>th</sup> Battalion Coordinator Skip Cavallaro read and submitted his report.
<b>Deputy Coordinator Reports</b>	Deputy Coordinator Bob Frank: Report read and submitted. Deputy Coordinator Jon Stahley: Report read and submitted. March 1 <sup>st</sup> next responder, use high pixils. And a reminder, it is always the 3 <sup>rd</sup> wed for Future of Fire Service Meetings at the EOC from 7-9 pm.
<b>Steve Cobb EMS Coordinator</b>	Steve Cobb reported that most of the County “specialty equipment” ended up in Ripley for the stranded motorists on 190. The N-95 mask is best for H1N1. You must be fitted. The State will supply templates, etc for the County to accept 3 hood kits. The EMS Council wants another Rad 57 co2 moniter. This 3 <sup>rd</sup> monitor will be on Hazmat 7. Soon there will be county guideline from the EMS Council for adopting Rehab into the fire departments. There was a good turnout on pcr’s for the county. State “SEMAC” passed a policy which will go into effect on May 1, 2010 that every ambulance will need to have the ability to defibrillate patients of all ages. Epinephrine (auto-injectors) will need to be on all rigs then and there is also a protocol on how to take care of the medication. WREMAC approval is necessary but will not change you from bls to als. Scott Cummings stated the FAB would like to help the EMS Council with these protocols so work is not duplicated.
<b>Denny Barmore Dive Team</b>	Denny Barmore reported on the dive drill in Bemus Point. Denny said all the divers were able to get in their gear in under 16 minutes. All Sheriffs and other Dive Team Members have their gear with them at all times.
<b>Dan Imfeld Hazmat Coordinator</b>	Dan Imfeld read and submitted his report. Picked up 5 or 6 new members. They used the I Am Responding program and it was very useful. The Hazmat Team has been awarded an educational grant. They will use this money to send people to the annual hazmat training.
<b>Ron Keddie Training Coordinator</b>	Ron Keddie mentioned there were no cancelled classes last year. We used all allotted state hours but 21. 1100 hours are given to us annually. (instructor hours) 198 hours are used for FFI alone. The sooner we use the hours, the more likely we are to get more hours from the State. Ron read the list of classes just finished, and mentioned classes coming up. Flyers attached. The new Fire Police Class will be available by the end of the year. Marcus ford is certified to teach this. (Charlie’s class 15 wks in a row except for week before thanksgiving.) County weekend is September 11 & 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2010. Ron said thanks to all the departments who hosted classes or who sent apparatus to classes. Fire Commissioner Training will be held September 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2010 at the EOC from 5-11 PM. Supper will be included with tuition.
<b>Charlie Smith, Tech Rescue Coordinator</b>	Charlie Smith followed up on the JCC Course. This class is appropriate for those who want a degree. Tech rescue was up at Erie County for high-angle rope training. 24 from our team were there.

<p><b>Julius J. Leone, Jr., Fire Coordinator</b></p>	<p>Julius reported on reimbursement which is coming back to the county for the Silver Creek Flood. They should see money in the next 45 days or so. Can't be reimbursed for volunteer hours. Just equipment.</p> <p>2010 budget year. In capital budget requested new air compressor. Capital process allocated one. Fluvanna and Fredonia put in a FEMA grant requesting an air compressor. Fredonia got questions back so it looks like they might get it. Fluvanna's will go to Jamestown training center, and Fredonia's will go to Dunkirk. New 6000psi compressors will go in Fredonia and Fluvanna.</p> <p>I am responding has been rolling out quick. Most depts. Have their membership in. The department will be able to see what individual responders are responding on the screen but dispatch doesn't see the individuals, only the title of the responder. Those who are utilizing this are liking it. Jack Knowlton said he only has heard good reports.</p> <p>H1n1 update. The Health Department and Office of Emergency Services has only 2 clinics left. All schools will have been visited. With each clinic, Vince Gerace put a reverse 9-1-1 message out for area residents to know it was available and it worked well.</p> <p>Regarding fit-testing, there are several brand names and sizes of N-95's. We have over 5,000 masks in the garage here. If a department needs samples, we have them in the garage.</p> <p>Talked about doing a Radio Presentation to the FAB next month. Each Fire Chief should know about this also. Jack Knowlton suggested this be shown at all battalion meetings. It was decided someone will do this at the Battalion meetings.</p> <p>There has been an upgrade in the EOC, If you haven't seen it, look across the hall and see the upgrade.</p> <p>Training centers: we work constantly to offer the best training. Upgrades were made at Taylor in last few years to keep the building and tower functional. In Dunkirk we knocked the burn building down. Meantime they constructed mask confidence maze there. The lease with Dunkirk training center runs out in 2011. In Dunkirk we need a new classroom and burn building – the office will work on a plan with Dunkirk and the County regarding a new lease.</p> <p>Julius mentioned that Dan Imfeld put a FEMA Grant tally together. The county has done well. 6 million dollars. Tally attached.</p>
<p><b>Committees</b></p>	
<p><b>R-Fire Committee</b></p>	<p>Dave Himelein thanked Tom Sullivan the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> for the recruitment video. Want to get that video to the guidance counselors. Dave would like a thank you from the board.</p>
<p><b>Loan Committee:</b></p>	<p>James Shepard had nothing at this time.</p>

<b>Mutual Aid Committee:</b>	Lance Hedlund stated the committee needs to talk at a fire police meeting about adding them to the paperwork.	
<b>Radio Committee:</b>	Jack Knowlton said that radio committee members should go to battalion meetings. Each one should attend their own battalion meeting. There has also been complaints that dispatch is turning highway radios down while other calls are going on. It will be mentioned to dispatch and the highway workers need to keep the chattering down.	
<b>Facilities Committee:</b>	Denny Barmore reported that the siding has been installed on the garage and now they are putting a roof on. At the training centers, Denny said the group will be doing window replacement and want to get landscaping done. Have more electrical to do here. We now have a facility to maintain or update county equipment.  The Chadakoin can be used year round for cold water training. The drill went so great.	
<b>Vehicle Replacement Committee</b>	Skip Cavallaro nothing to report at this time.	
<b>Awards Committee:</b>	Al Hamm said a reminder needs to be sent out to the departments reminding them of the deadline for Citizen of the Year and Firefighter of the Year. It is felt that the FAB should have a special recognition for the Eagle Scout. Charlie Smith there be an Award for Contribution to County Fire Service at the banquet in May.	
<b>State Chief's Association:</b>	Ron Johnson said the State Chief's have no communications to report. The Chief's Conference will be June 8,9,10,11,12, 2010. This will be a good show.	
<b>Communications:</b>	Scott Cummings read a Thank you from Retired Forest Ranger Tom Koss.	
<b>Old Business</b>	Ron trippy reported on the December meeting.	
<b>New Business</b>	Scott Cummings said that he will start a by-laws committee next month. Scott welcomed Al Parker from Cassadaga at his first meeting.	
<b>Off the Floor</b>	Randy Shampooe thanked Julius for everyone from the office that came to Butch Querreveld's retirement party. Randy has a video if anyone wants it. Ron Johnson asked the body if it is possible to open up the R-Fire Scholarship to JBC. Legislature would have to agree on that. Dave Himelein said he would get rates from JBC for the next meeting.  There was an open discussion on a 9-1-1 call in Texas where a child was caught in a soccer net, and the outcome was bad. Like in Texas, you don't have to have CPR in NYS to be a dispatcher. Cards are available for our dispatch people to read to callers.	
<b>Adjourned</b>	A motion was made to adjourn at 9:45 pm. All were in favor, motion carried.	
		<b>2010 Motions made</b>
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