

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD



September Fire Advisory Board Meeting

September 16, 2004

Hall R. Clothier Bldg., Mayville

7:30 PM

Next Meeting:
Date: Thursday, October 21, 2004
Time: 7:30 PM
Place: HRC Auditorium, Mayville

Chairperson: David Himelein

Present	Excused	Absent
L. Barter, R. Frank, J. Meyer, J. Pattison, M Przybycien, J. Szymczak, R. Cole, S. Cummings, R. Lawson, R. Briggs Jr., L. Hedlund, S. Reale, M. Volpe, P. Samuelson, A. Cavallaro, D. Barmore, D. Imfeld, J. Leone Jr., R. Pollaro, J. Stahley, R. Telford, R. Tworek, M. Vendette	R. Trippy R. Johnson J. Shephard, R. Belovarac, C. Smith	W. Jakubowski, R. Weise, E. Fransen, R. Gleason, D. Norberg, T. Fairbanks, K. Lyon, B. Webster, J. Gerace, K. Lyon,



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Agenda	Description	Action
Call to Order	Chairman Dave Himelein called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.	
Pledge	Pledge of allegiance to the flag.	
Guests	Public Safety Legislator Fred Croscut. Brad Rogers from Cherry Creek Fire Department	
Ex-Officio Member	Rich Telford-No report	
Approval of Minutes	A motion was made by Larry Barter to accept the minutes, seconded by Scott Cummings. Carried.	
Coordinator's Reports		
1 st Battalion Joel	Joel Szymczak reported: 8/15 1 st Battalion Meeting. Bob Frank elected as 1 st Battalion Fire Advisory Board representative/alternate. 8/19 MVA 8/20 Phone line outage throughout the North. end of the County. 8/22 MVA on Rte. 5 at E. Dunkirk. Semi Vs. Van 8/26 Barn Fire at Silver Creek Old former C & E building. Undetermined fire. 9/9 New radio up-grade started. Matt & Rich came up with a voice over IP networking. Works great in the area, but repeats over the Silver Creek base station. Radio system is up and running in Silver Creek. Forestville is having trouble. 9/27 Thru way meeting 7:00 PM Monday, at Silver Creek Fire Department.	
2 nd Battalion Butch	Butch Briggs reported:	

	<p>9/2 Search for lady. 4 hour search</p> <p>9/3 Large shed fire in Chautauqua.</p> <p>9/6 Nettle Hill barn fire</p> <p>9/8 Haz Mat call</p> <p>9/13 Truck rolled over</p> <p>9/15 Department Meeting</p>	
3 rd Battalion	<p>Mike Volpe reported:</p> <p>8/11 MVA w/Haz Mat Fluvanna, Bemus Point and Ashville Responded.</p> <p>8/16 MCI drill meeting on the 3rd of Oct.</p> <p>8/23 Panama Central School Structure fire.</p> <p>9/9 Flooding assessments in Kiantone and Ashville</p> <p>8/29 3rd Battlion Chief meeting. in Clymer</p>	
4 th Battalion	<p>Skip Cavallaro reported:</p> <p>8/30 Furnace explosion</p> <p>9/4 Kennedy had a control burn</p> <p>9/30 Battalion meeting at Sinclairville.</p>	
Deputy Coordinator	<p>Jon Stahley reported:</p> <p>Responder is about ready for mailing.</p> <p>Remember when doing an article, just send the picture you need to use.</p> <p>Findley Lake had 6 kids who went out to the bridge, and were in danger because of swift water. Findley Lake rescued 5 of them. The 6th person was in a willow tree. The Dive team assisted and did an impressive operation.</p>	
Medical Coordinator	<p>Dan Imfeld reported:</p> <p>-Vital Signs NYS EMS conference is October 29-31 in Buffalo. If folks want to attend, funds are available through the Regional Council. If you have someone interested call Julius or Dan.</p> <p>-Mass Casualty –State is moving to START-Simple Triage. New system with new kit.</p> <p>-Photo ID- 157 EMT’s had photo ID’s taken. If you want people to get photo call Gloria at the Office of Emergency Services at 985-4863.</p> <p>EMS Council meant on Sept. 1 there is an opening on the at-large position in the S. County on the Regional Council. 7 of us meet up with Denny and drive together. There are 30 positions on the council. We are trying to get 10 Chautauqua county people to serve on the council. There is a dinner meeting in Olean every other month.</p> <p>- Mass Casualty Drill in Jamestown. 10/12 and Brocton 10/25</p> <p>NYS inspections for Ambulance are about finished. If you need help let me know.</p>	<p>Warren Riles and Michael Valvo will attend the Vital Signs Conference.</p> <p>Call office for photo ID’s.</p> <p>Consider serving on the Regional EMS Council.</p>
Rescue Coordinator	<p>Denny Barmore reported:</p> <p>-Through grant money we have been able to carry ropes on the boat. We rely more on the ropes then the jet skis.</p> <p>At the Findley Lake rescue, we rescued the victim and then the jet ski.</p> <p>-The dive team worked 3 days in August looking for the missing girl in the Chadakoin River.</p> <p>-There was an act of vandalism at Taylor Training Center. A rock was thrown through window. I am going to put wire grid over the windows.</p> <p>-We assisted Chautauqua Fire Department with an evacuation during the high waters.</p> <p>-Lakewood chief asked us to help with a sunken boat.</p>	
Haz Mat	<p>Mike Vendette reported:</p> <p>-Power outage-Through a Bio Terrorism grant, Westfield and Brooks hospital</p>	

	<p>had satellite phones up and running. -Health dept. just secured a satellite phone. 8/29 Fire Investigation team called and wanted to know whether the Fire Service in Silver Creek should enter. It was too Hazardous to go in. Went in the AM and found caustic materials. Drums of waste oil. We came out and advised the Investigation team not to go in. Took internal pictures of cars and 4-500 gallon fuel tanks. When you start seeing the colors and odors the best thing to do is back off. This is on-going. The DEC was contacted. They came back and said it was phosphate soap. PH12. -We had a train engine fire and spill in City of Dunkirk. -Sept. 8 Received a call to Brocton School. Before school was in session, found a locked cabinet having ammonia fumes. There were chemicals in there that should not have been. Hydrochloric acid. 9/13 A call on the Thruway. Family in a tractor trailer accident. Was able to contain a fuel spill. 9/15 Landfill-someone dumped a container of HTH Pool Chlorine -Flu Clinic-we talked the State and Erie Co. to give vaccine for 1st Responders and their families. -Haz Mat is moved to the new station on Delaware St. in Falconer. There is more room for equipment storage. We had the WMD audit. We had a call that the State was coming down. They conducted an audit of the Weapons of Mass Destruction Trailer.</p>	
<p>Training Coordinator</p>	<p>Richard Pollaro: -Classes completed-1st Firefighter 1 class. Will schedule another Emergency Vehicle Operations course. -Cancelled a Pump Operator class because not enough people could attend. -Classes in progress. Intermediate Fire Fighter, Intro. to Fire Officer, Coming up:Pump Operator -Schedules for 2004-05 were mailed to Co. Fire Chiefs. -Truck Co. Operation-cancelled not enough people registered. -Scene Support Operations in Sinclairville -Water Supply in Cassadaga -New revised training schedule is out. Handout available. Please get them into the right hands. -Handout on table is the 2005 OFPC training catalog. -The no show problem is still alive and well. A procedure is being worked on to remedy the problem. Sept. 27 we have a meeting with the SFI and will bring a plan back to the October meeting. -Do you think there would be enough people to operate for weekday daytime classes? Asked for a show of hands. L. Barter said it is worth a try. -New members-Last year we ran 6 basic trainings. And filled them. This year we have not had a need for as many basic trainings. Are we not getting new members? They have to have the training to operate as a Fire Fighter. -Scene support- is for administrative, not interior. Work outside FF #1 is designed for the interior fire. People need to have training for the job they are going to be doing. Dave asked Dick if you think we are running into competition with EMT courses. If they are going to be a member of the dept. they still have to have a minimum of OSHA requirements. Yes. The County Weekend was a success, with 104 people registered. 100 people showed up.</p>	

	<p>The “Legal Issues” class was very good. He was approached to come as a speaker for an outreach class.</p> <p>The Intermediate Rope Rescue training was good and students worked very hard in the class.</p> <p>People were hard at work in the Truck Co. Operations refresher.</p> <p>As part of the Public Safety Technology with JCC we had 86 firefighters to request credit from JCC</p> <p>The state aid that was going to go to Corning is coming back to Chaut. Co.</p>	
Special Coordinator Tworek	<p>Sookie:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Introduced Joe Myers the Chief at Dunkirk and delegate from the 1st Battalion, which filled the place of Jimmy Muscato. -Camera is back in action/repared, with 10 people getting pictures. -10/3 is the Memorial Service in Lakewood. 4:30 PM and Spagetti dinner after that. Pete Dawson wants to know who is coming Head Count. <p>Fair had a good turnout. A lot of equipment was there.</p> <p>Don’t forget October 3 We want a big turnout. It will be a half hour or so. It will be good time to respect the Fighterfighters.</p> <p>Dick- Accountability cards need filled out and signed by the chief. Remind chiefs that they have to be filled out and signed.</p>	
Special Team Coordinator Charlie Smith-excused Julius-Director	<p>Julius reported:</p> <p>Last night at the 2nd Battalion Meeting, we talked about the Dept. of Labor issues, on Confined Space policy and how to approach it. Tell them you don’t do it. Our policy in the county is that we respond and other people come. The Dept. of Labor personnel expected the fire chief to write a letter to all the residents in his fire district and say they could not do confined space. If the Fire Department does not do confined space entry, we respond and call the HM team. This is the response that is to be made.</p> <p>If Dept. of Labor walks in, tell the chief we do not do confined space.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Technical Rescue team went to Montour Falls on Fri, . Sat., and Sun. They went above and beyond and did a great job. They are looking forward to coming online with the FAST Team. --Radio Upgrades <p>Because the tone out is both output and input, Forestville is not picking up some of the calls in the district. We are doing a survey in Forestville to do 3 different methods to clear up issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -We are working on the Mapping project. An intern from JCC took the Fire District maps and plotted the dry hydrants and now police stations, hospital, etc. Chris Kinn is helping to finish that project. -It was suggested to look at bridges that carry weight limits. -A budget to the Co. Executive was submitted, with a request for replacement of Rescue 7. Rescue 7 has been removed from the budget. -JCC project-Fire Science Technology is an area we need to support. We have 80 signed up. -Dave passed the radio identifier card around. Please make changes on the card so we can get them out. 	
Committee Reports		
R-Fire	<p>Around 20 total students.</p> <p>We have meant 2 x’s with Fredonia State to investigate a 4 year degree program.</p> <p>We want to try to mesh it together for a 4 year curriculum degree to be offered right here in our county.</p>	
Recruitment and	No report.	

Retention		
Loan	No report.	
Mutual Aid	No meeting since last month. Lance Hedlund reported they have preliminary work done but not ready to present anything yet.	
Facilities		
Funding		
Cad/Link	Butch reported: Fire reports are now able to register with the state. You can register and do reports on line. Nine departments are registered. The reports you send in now are being entered into the data base. There is direct access.	
Radio	No report.	
Communications	4 communications in the form of cards and thank you, were passed around, from Jon Stahley, Lena Johnson, Bob Stahley's family.	
Old Business	Jon-Reported on New building and facilities. We have been diligently going to meetings. Went to Congressman Quinn with Homeland Security and we were are to present information. Our presentation was very effective. We are encouraged by 2 of the Federal people that are going to do some digging for us. There might be some movement for bricks and mortar. Another meeting with State representative will be forthcoming.	
New Business	<p>-Scott Cummings asked EMS Coordinator Dan Imfeld if he is going to come out on some rescue calls. Dan replied yes.</p> <p>-Disaster LAN-which is the computerized program that will be adopted by State police and SEMO. DPW, Co. Exe. Police, Fire Service will be running real time grafts etc. We have a grant. We have 3 people to do the inputting, 1 student from Brockport, 2 students from SUNY Fredonia.</p> <p>-Radio-Dave brought up the Technical Rescue Team needs some portable radio. Kenwod radios are \$150-200 cheaper then Motorola. Matt has agreed to maintain these radios. What the Tech Rescue team is looking for is a motion to approve going to and using inward radios for the team. A motion was made by Ray Lawson, to break away from only going with Motorola and purchase Kenwood in the fire service. 2nd by Scott Cummings. Carried.</p> <p>-Dan-they do not have the software right now. It takes very little time to work on them.</p> <p>-Dick reported that there are 3 computers with window 98 and Office 98 available, should anybody need one for your department</p> <p>-New identifiers on the radio is set for October 1st.</p> <p>-Mike Przybycien asked about the telephone system and squirrel event. We are being told when one system fails the next one will take over and it did not happen. We need to keep looking into this.</p> <p>Joe Myers-In the last 2 months we have had meeting with NRG power plant. We meant with the Police Dept. If you do not have picture ID you will not be past the gate. Keep picture ID's in your car. As of the last meeting, you must have a picture ID. If you here about a ship coming in the next couple of weeks, it is just a drill.</p>	A motion was made to purchase Kenwood radios in the fire service.
Business from the floor	None	
Adjournment	Lance made a motion to adjourn, 2 nd by Larry Barter. So Carried.	