



CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD



September 2005

Fire Advisory Board Meeting

September 15, 2005

Date: October 20, 2005
 Time: 7:30 PM
 Place: HRC Bldg., Mayville

Note: Please call the Office of Emergency Services at 716-985-4863, if you need to be excused from a FAB meeting.

Chairman: David Himelein

Members Present: Larry Barter, Robert Frank, Jim Breakey , Al Aikin, Rick Cole, Jr., Scott Cummings, Raymond Lawson, Ron Trippy, Brian Bensink, Lance Hedlund, Ron Johnson, Jack Knowlton, David Norberg, Mike Volpe, Thomas Fairbanks, Pete Samuelson, James Shephard, Skip Cavallaro, Bob Belovarac, Julius Leone, Jr., Richard Pollaro, Charlie Smith, Jon Stahley, Richard Telford, Robert Tworek, Michael Vendette

Excused: Tony Faso, Brian Purol, Joe Meyer, Michael Przybycien, Eric Fransen, Carl Fransen, Pete Fuller, Kenneth Lyon, Dennis Barmore, Dan Imfeld

Absent: Todd Johnson

Agenda	Brief Description	Action
Call to Order	The September Fire Advisory Board meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by Chairman Himelein.	
Pledge to the Flag		
Rich Telford reported.	-Regarding cell phone text messaging. It was recommended that you turn off your county Cellone cell phone daily and power back up, to get your text messages that may not be coming through unless this is being done. -If stationery is used as background for an email, the e-mail won't go through on the Cell one cell phones. -Update on system about texting calls. There is a feature in the CAD that when a call is entered into CAD it can automatically send out a text message or a page with address, cross streets etc. This is not finalized yet.	
Guests	Lance introduced Sam Salemme, the new Battalion Chief in Jamestown. President of the Fire Chiefs Association Vice Presidents of the Fire Chiefs Association	
Approval of Minutes	A motion to accept the minutes was made by Ron Johnson, seconded by Scott Cummings. Carried.	
Coordinator's Report		
1st Battalion Bob Frank	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8/26 Double fatal MVA in Forestville • 8/27 Pavilion fire in the West Town of Dunkirk • 8/31 Trailer fire in West Dunkirk • 9/4 Subject entrapped in a tire shredder at the Hornberg fire dump • 9/5 Tractor Accident • 9/9 Attended County Weekend • 9/13 Attended Coordinators Meeting 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9/13 Attended the School Evacuation meeting in Forestville 	
2nd Battalion Rick Cole	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8/21 Water Rescue Drill in Dewittville-31 in attendance • 8/21 Bob covered a structure fire in Ripley • 8/24 East Dunkirk Fire Chiefs meeting • 8/25 Joint Meeting with Brocton and Portland at Portland town hall, meant with Ronnie Grimmon from ISO. • 8/26 Attend the double fatal at Forestville • 8/31 Meant with Brocton fire department and Dunkirk fire department Chief Myer and members of the dive team. • 9/1 Attended a monthly meeting in Ripley and saw equipment and meant some of the people. • 9/12 Attended a preplan meeting for water supply drill. Eight departments were in attendance. The drill will be held on Sunday, September 18, at 8:30 at Barcelona Harbor. • 9/12 Attended a drill with Westfield at Barcelona Harbor • 9/12 Attended the Portland Fire Department monthly meeting. • 9/13 Attended Coordinators Meeting • 9/13 Attended Findley Lakes monthly meeting. 	
3rd Battalion Mike Volpe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9/7 Performed Radio testing done in Panama. Tested towers. Ellicott tower is giving the coverage but yet still scattered and spotty in southern points of the district. • 9/9 Attended the County Weekend • 9/13 Attended the Coordinators Staff meeting • 9/13 Responded with Lakewood and Celeron to Cummins Engine Co., had a stack fire in one of the test cells. • 9/14 Attended Panama's company meeting and discussed the different aspects of the radio problem. Julius followed up with the meeting 9/15 with Vince Gerace and Matt Trusso. • 9/18 3rd Battalion Chiefs meeting in Busti at 8:30 AM. 	
4th Battalion Skip Cavallaro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9/4 Kennedy, Ellington and Cherry Creek responded to Randolph for a structure fire. • 9/7 Responded with Fluvanna to a garage fire mutual aid from Gerry, Ellery Center and Bemus Point. • 9/13 Monthly Coordinators meeting. • 9/14 Responded to Sinclairville. Man caught in a tire shredding machine. Mutual aid from Cassadaga, Gerry, WCA with Ellngton on stand by. Starflight also responded and flew the victim to Erie. • 9/14 Responded with Falconer, Kennedy, WCA and Starflight to a motor vehicle accident with 3 victims, 1 transported by Starflight. • 4th Battalion meeting will be held October 12, at Ellington Fire Hall at 7:00 PM. There will be elections for FAB members and EMS council members. • Sinclairville received their first FEMA grant for \$78,242.00 • \$240 was put into the flower fund from leftover picnic expenses, from the donations we had from Denny Barmore and Gerry Fire Department. 	
Bob Belovarac	Nothing to report. It has been quiet.	
Jon Stahley	The "Responder" newsletter will be ready to go to print soon.	
Medical Coord.	No report.	

Dan Imfeld		
Water Rescue Dennis Barmore	No Report.	
Haz Mat Mike Vendette	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9/1 Haz Mat Training with Dave BARTKOWIAK from the radio shop. We tried taking the inoperable radio system out of our command truck. We can actually run it up to 2000 ft. outside of the truck, and if we had to we could put it into a communications tent and run and inoperable radio from the vehicle. • Getting ready to install the cell phones, which will allow anybody to talk directly to a lan line? • 9/2 Gave a 4 hour awareness class to the environmental health staff and some of the nursing staff, on what our capabilities are in the county as far as assisting them for different scenarios. • 9/8 There was a 100 gallon Diesel Spill in Dunkirk at Cliff Star. • 9/9 County Weekend • 9/9 Was contacted from NRG. They want to do a Terrorism Drill. 	
Training Coordinator Dick Pollaro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Classes in progress right now. Firefighter 1 and Intermediate in Dunkirk • Completed Firefighter Survival Sept. 4 in Busti. • Cancelled FAST class because of Co. Weekend. • 10/9 Firefighter II at Dunkirk • 11/5 Scene Support Operations at Ellery Ctr. • 11/7 Basic Fire Police • FASNY rollover prevention is being conducted in Gerry Conf. Ctr. • Winter schedule will be in the Responder and on the web site. • Had a number of meetings with Sgt. Holder about the Public Safety Technology Program. Assigned grades according to what was on the cards and roster. • Monday, Sept. 19 meeting regarding paperwork for Safety Instructors and Public Safety Technology Program. • 9/10 Responded to a trailer fire • Firefighter I is set for March 2006 	
Special Projects- Tworek	10/9 There will be a Memorial Service in Falconer at the Falconer United Methodist Church, 201 N. Work St., Falconer, at 2:00 PM.	Memorial Service
Special Teams- Smith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As of the end of Co. Weekend we have 9 people on the team now that have attained the level of advanced rope rescue. • We do have some equipment available if we do have any high angle rescue situations. • We have responded to a few structure fires. • Went to Panama for the “wind damage” call, and got positive feedback. • We have Forestville’s school evacuation going on. SEB requires every year that public schools perform one type of drill relative to their emergency plan and once every 5 years they require the actual evacuation to another building. Each school has to have an emergency shelter that people can go to. • In the plans, we should not ever shelter people in fire stations, county highway buildings, or those types of public safety buildings. 	Charlie will get a letter drafted to send out to the chiefs regarding interest in

	<p>Because, in an actual emergency, those types of building get so busy, it has never worked.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charlie will get a letter drafted to send out to the chiefs regarding interest in doing school evacuations. • Scott Cummings asked if they are going to be dispatching a vehicle for the Technical Rescue team this fall. Charlie responded, yes. Each battalion has a designated vehicle and if not in service at a fire, the vehicle goes with Charlie. 	<p>doing school evacuations.</p>
<p>Director of Emergency Services</p> <p>Julius Leone, Jr.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 2006 budget process is underway. We had a preliminary meeting with the County Executive to look at the budget. Then we had a subsequent meeting with the Co. Exe., and members of the coordinators staff to talk about one capital item which is Rescue 7. We continue to push for the Building Project, by providing information. • The amount of money for the R-Fire scholarship program is looking to increase. • The Haz Mat station lease is up. We are looking to renew the lease with Barnes. • We enrolled another 83 applications for the courses we had this past weekend at Co. Weekend. It is important to fill the forms out, even if you are not going to pursue JCC. It keeps the program viable for money to come to JCC. • The Dunkirk training center is going to have cement poured on 9/16. Lumber is paid for and the septic system was cleaned out. • At Taylor training center, steel is complete and ready for burn panels. • NIMS Compliance-A mailing was made to all the fire chiefs, coordinator staff. It is important that the fire departments, local municipalities and the political entity that the fire department falls under to pass a resolution to be NIMS compliant. Communities need to be NIMS compliant to be eligible for future FEMA Grants. (Federal monies.) A sample resolution was passed out. If any questions, call the Office of Emergency Services at 716-985-4863 or go to the web site: www.chautcofire.org NIMS 100 and 700 can be done on-line. NIMS 200 is scheduled for this winter with Doug. • Photo ID's- Another system was looked at on Tuesday that is on state contract. It is portable for a large incident. We can take the printer and a laptop and credential people on scene. • Westfield Fire Department did a great job for South Western. • County Weekend was very educational. One of the instructors commented that when Chautauqua County comes to county weekend, they show up to class and have a good record of attendance at classes. • FEMA Grants have been received by Sinclairville, Fredonia, Lakewood and Westfield. Ray Lawson said the grant was made out very specifically. Extra gear is always being looked for. Call the Office of Emergency Services if you have gear that can be given away. 	<p>Handouts: -NIMS -Grant Info.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Fire Prevention portion of the grant is open. Copies of the guidance are available • Katrina-If you know of anyone willing to work in the ICS system, or public administration, have them call the office to be put on the list. <p>Lance reported that a 2 man team was sent out from Jamestown initially to help in the Katrina efforts for 30 days. They feel they have been very productive and have helped a lot, working 12 hour on and 12 hours on.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The county has worked on a plan to except 100-150 evacuees through varied agencies, if needed. 	
Committee Reports		
R-Fire	For the Fall 2005 JCC semester, there are 9 returning students and 3 new students.	
Loan	Lily Dale Fire Department loan was sent to Finance for payment on September 14, 2005.	
Mutual Aid	Adjustments have been made with the committees input and Medical Coordinator Dan Imfeld.	
Radio	Jack Knowlton reported. A draft of the Communications Policies & Procedures Manual was handed out. Most of the changes so far to the communications manual were about cleaning up the terminology. Everyone is to take a draft, review it, and contact the Radio Committee with changes. Draft will be adopted at a future meeting.	
Facilities	On hold.	
Communications	None	
Old Business	None.	
New Business		
Debate between Co. Exc. Mark Thomas and candidate Gregory Edwards	<p>The Chautauqua County Fire Chiefs Association is hosting a debate of the Candidates for County Executive on:</p> <p>Date: Wednesday, September 28, 2005</p> <p>Time: 7:30 PM</p> <p>Place: Chautauqua Lake School Auditorium</p> <p>All Chiefs, firefighters and guests are invited to attend. Co. Executive Mark Thomas and candidate Gregory Edwards will be asked questions pertaining to the current County Fire Service and the direction that the Fire Service should take in the future. They will receive the questions prior to the debate. Chairman Himelein challenged everyone to attend. Jim Shephard was asked to be the moderator. Questions are to be mailed out with the FAB minutes.</p>	<p>Questions are enclosed with the minutes. Jim Shephard will contact Jan Halberg about being the moderator.</p>
Adjournment	A motion to adjourn was made by Lance Hedlund, seconded by Ray Lawson. Carried.	

**The next meeting will be held October 20, 2005
HRC Building**