

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD



February 21, 2008
FAB Meeting Minutes

Next Meeting: March 20, 2008
7:30 PM
Office of Emergency Services

Members Present: Barter, Larry, President, Tony Faso, Brian Purol, Correspondence Secretary, Steve Lehnen, Jim Breakey, Rick Cole, Jr., Scott Cummings, David Himelein, Raymond Lawson, Ronald V. Johnson, Jack Knowlton, Randy Shampoe, Mike Volpe, Bradly Rogers, Skip Cavallaro, Robert Frank, Daniel Imfeld, Julius Leone, Jr. Richard Pollaro, Charlie Smith, Jon Stahley, Stephen Cobb, Sgt. Richard Telford
Excused: Keith Ahlstrom, Michael Przybycien, Ronald Trippy, Lance Hedlund, Peter Fuller, Pete Samuelson
Absent: Al Aikin, Eric Fransen, Thomas Fairbanks, Jim Shephard, Dennis Barmore, Sheriff Gerace, Robert Tworek, Ed Hoene
Guest: Legislator Wally Hockno

Please contact the Office of Emergency Services at 716-753-4341 to be excused.

Agenda	Description
Call to Order	The meeting was called to order by Chairman Barter at 7:35 PM with the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.
Guests	Wally Hockno is now the Chairman of the Public Safety Committee. It is his fifth year serving as legislator. He is from West Ellicott. He served Union City volunteer fire service at one time. I realize you are the most important person on earth in times of crisis. His plan is to attend the Fire Advisory Board meetings as much as possible. Rich Telford reported: We did the CAD transition in October. On the Dispatch side it went well. The jail side and records had some issues. We are still doing text messaging. There will be an update to the text messages. Verizon has had some issues in getting text messaging sent out promptly. Vince and Rich are working with Verizon on this, to get text messaging move up to the front of the line.
Approval of Minutes	A motion was made by Ray Lawson seconded by Scott Cummings to accept the meeting minutes of the Fire Advisory Board for January 2008. Carried.
Coordinator's Report	
1 st	Tony Faso reported: 2-17 First Battalion Meeting in Fredonia.
2 nd	Rick Cole reported: 1-19 Chimney Fire at Hartfield-Hartfied, Chautauqua, Mayville, Dewittville 1-29 North East, PA for a 3 story barn fire –South Ripley, Ripley, Findley Lake, Sherman, Westfield and 8-10 Pennsylvania Fire Departments 2-5 Irvin for flooding at County Line 2-12 Findley Lake, School Street Trailer Fire-Sherman, S. Ripley, Clymer 2-12 Meeting with the Westfield Hospital Administration concerning the Emergency Room 2-21 Attended Fire Coordinators Meeting
3 rd	Mike Volpe reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday February 3, 2008 Third Battalion Meeting in Lakewood Guest Speaker was Josh Kibbe, Regional Coordinator for STEMS • Saturday February 9, 2008 Structure Fire West Perimeter Road Scandia PA. Mutual aid from Frewsburg and Busti to the scene, Kiantone on stand by at Frewsburg. • Tuesday February 12, 2008 Structure Fire Thornton Road Town of Ellington. Mutual aid from Conawango, Sinclairville, Gerry, Rescue 7 and Leon

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday February 13, 2008. Attended a meeting with Jamestown Fire and surrounding mutual aid departments. • Thursday February 21, 2008 Coordinator Staff Meeting and FAB Meeting. • Thanks to Charlie Smith, Dick Pollaro, and Skip Cavallaro for covering the fires in Sugar Grove and Lakewood.
4 th	<p>Skip Cavallaro reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 18th responded with Falconer possible structure fire with Kennedy and Gerry on stand by. Electrical fire in the bathroom. • January 22nd responded with Findley Lake on I-86 to a tractor trailer accident mutual aid from Sherman, Mayville and Fire Police. • January 22nd responded with Bemus Point to a tractor trailer accident on I-86 with minor injuries. • January 22nd responded to Bemus Point to an air boat accident with 4 injured mutual aid from Maple Springs. • February 1st responded with Cherry Creek to a structure fire mutual aid from Ellington, South Dayton and Leon. • February 7th attended Hazmat meeting. • February 11th responded with Falconer and Gerry to a chemical spill at MRC bearing with 2 victims burned with nitric acid. • February 13th Informational meeting with Jamestown Fire Dept. Lakewood, Busti, Falconer, Celeron and Fluvanna. • February 14th responded with Fluvanna to a 10-13 on Rt.60 car and tractor trailer, mutual aid from Gerry and the fire police. • February 14th responded with Lakewood to a structure fire mutual aid from Ashville, Busti and Celeron on standby. • March 5th - 4th battalion chiefs meeting at Maple Springs fire hall 7:00 p.m.
Deputy Coordinator	<p>Bob Frank reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Muster is July 12-13, 2008 3rd Battalion Coordinator Mike Volpe will be singing the National Anthem. • March 1 Rangers will get together at Dunkirk Training Grounds to raise the ceiling and work on the maze.
Deputy Coordinator	<p>Jon Stahley reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responder Deadline is March 1 • 2-24 Big Dip is Sunday, February 24, 2008 at 9AM at Chautauqua Fire Dept. Further assignments will be made at the briefing. • 2-5-08 Final pre-plan meeting with Chautauqua County Fire. • Bemus Point Fire Department wrecked the ice boat so it will not be at the Big Dip. Dewittville boat is out of commission. The Celeron boat will be available. • Mutual Aid for Special Teams and VFBL/Insurance coverage is close to completion. • Went to a mutual aid fire in Clymer for an Amish house. • For cases he has been assisting with, just a reminder to departments about having personal data on your people update in case you have to file important information for line of duty injuries and death. • Attended the Tuesday night work sessions with Barmore Rangers. • Attended the Ashville banquet. • Attended 2 legislative committee meetings. (Jud. Pub. Safety and Audit and Control) • Jon will be out of town 2-27-3/7/08.
EMS Coordinator	<p>Stephen Cobb reported:</p> <p>1-30-08 Medical Director Meeting-WCA Hospital 2-3-08 3rd Battalion meeting at Lakewood Fire Department 2-6-08 SWREMS Council Meeting in Olean 2-12-08 Meeting at Westfield Hospital on ER status. 2-17-08 1st Battalion meeting at Fredonia Fire Department</p>

	<p>2-21-08 Battalion Coordinator meeting at EOC 2-21-08 Fire Advisory Board meeting at EOC Continue working with STEMS on the following items: -100% Compliance in turn-in for audit. -Completion by Chautauqua County units on STEMS survey on services. -Researched several issues on questions from several fire departments. 3-12 Westfield Hospital will be coming to the EMS Council meeting to explain how they will staff the hospital and details of how they will keep the hospital open. At the March 12 meeting they will explain the plan of keeping the ER open, more fully. Ray Lawson asked about the social security numbers needed for STEMS. A zero was fine to give if you did not want to give out your social security number. One zero is sufficient.</p>
Rescue Captain	Denny Barmore no report.
HM Coord.	<p>Dan Imfeld reported: We had 2 calls. Diesel call in E. Dunkirk Tractor trailer accident in Ashville At the Hazmat team meeting we had the bomb squad come in. Right now they have better radiation detection then the Hazmat Team. The grant we received in the amount of 31,000 for the meter, will cover the cost of the training in Chicago. Dan will be going to the training and in April, we should have the meter. We are going to apply for the Regional grant again. The last 2 years we were turned down. We are getting a better sense of what they are looking for. 3rd Battalion Randy Shampoe asked if application can still be made by individual departments. Dan answered yes, and encouraged the departments to apply for the grant money.</p>
Training Coordinator	<p>Dick Pollaro reported: Attended 2 Battalion meetings. <u>IN SESSION:</u> <u>ISO</u> <u>FF1 Blended Learning</u></p> <p><u>Completed:</u> Introduction to Fire Officer Fire Officer 1 HMFRO SSO</p> <p><u>CANCELLED:</u> Principles of Building Construction – Did not meet student minimum requirement.</p> <p><u>Coming up:</u> <u>Ice & Cold Water Rescue Technician Course</u> scheduled for February 23 and 24th at Chautauqua FD ** CLASS IS FULL ** <u>BRING EQUIPMENT BOTH DAYS</u></p> <p><u>*HMIC –Monday,</u> February 25 at EOC – OSHA required for Chiefs- only 12 registered*</p> <p><u>Basic Fire Police</u> – Cassadaga – March 24, 31, April 7</p> <p>SFI scheduling meeting February 13, OFPC certified all SFI's to instruct Blended learning FF1 course – started getting schedule for spring and summer cannot submit course requests for after April 1st until February 25 will publish new schedule ASAP</p> <p>New SFI position – delayed by OFPC - AGAIN <u>Training schedule on web site!</u> www.chautcofire.org Check regularly because new courses added as they are scheduled.</p>

	2008 County Weekend at State Fire Academy September 12-14, 2008.
	<p>Charlie Smith reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We had a team meeting and got the trailer put together. • Was able to get a nice 2 story house to demolish with some drills • 2-5 Attended a fire across the line in PA
Director of Emergency Services	<p>Julius Leone, Jr. reported:</p> <p>This past week attend a Clymer school assembly. They honored Veterans, Fire Fighters and EMT's. Superintendent Niver did a wonderful job with the Assembly presentations. Clymer Central School taught the students respect to those who served, through the assembly.</p> <p>2-28-08 FEMA Grant workshop beginning at Noon at Chautauqua Institution.</p> <p>If there is interest, we will put together a local grant workshop.</p> <p>This evening the coordinator met with the new State Police Captain.</p> <p>WCA Services had a negotiating session today.</p> <p>NIFFERS-we are about 100% complete. This means scholarships at the State Fire Academy.</p> <p>2-22 Meeting with FEMA and Coast Guard. They redefine the coastline. There is 1.4 million dollars of matching grant money. There will be a meeting to look at how we can begin leveraging funds from that 1.4 million dollars. Office of HLS in New York State will be the fiduciary agency for this grant.</p> <p>SWWN- we continue to move forward. The backbone of the system has had a lot of tweaking in the hardware and software. We prepare for the next phase of testing. Erie County and Niagara Co. are gateway partners.</p> <p>Alert NY-a system being delivered by SEMO. It is a supplement to our communicator.</p> <p>We signed a contract with them to participate. We will do a countywide rollout. NYS will be paying for it. This system is in 47 SUNY systems.</p> <p>CERT Training-through Citizens Corp, with trainer Leslie Vatimo. We are looking to bring a few more CERT trainers in. At Niagara University May 20-22 training will be provided. All training expenses will be paid for through Citizens Corps.</p>
Committee Reports-Where do you stand on the current projects and where are you going?	
R-Fire	<p>Dave Himelein reported-When the committee was formed it was for Recruitment and Retention. Erie County came out with the program and we used it for Chautauqua County. The R-Fire committee met last week to discuss making changes to the program. Questions were sent to our county attorney Shawn Corey.</p> <p>After much discussion, the following is a listing of pending ideas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We want to open the R-Fire Scholarship to all Fire Fighters • Change the payment for the course from paying up front to a reimbursement payment. • They would complete the course and pass with a C average, be active in Fire Dept. and have applied for all financial aid. • Obligation would last only as long as they are in college. • Employee/employer incentive program for people to further their education while serving in the fire service • Tie R-Fire in with the Fire Science Program Degree Students/EMT's/Public Safety Courses <p>In order to change this program we have to go to the Legislature.</p> <p>Julius-HESC Scholarship - any new firefighter (under age 23) is eligible for the scholarship up to 1,500 up to 4 years. (See scholarship details.)They send the 1,500 directly to the New York State school. Once you are done in 4 years there is no other commitment. 1 New firefighter per fire company per year.</p>
Loan	Jim Shephard no report.
Mutual Aid	Nothing to report.
Radio	Jack Knowlton-nothing to report
Facilities	<p>Charlie reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The opening for the overhead doors has been raised. HVAC contractors will start and all should be wrapped up by the end of March. • Hazmat will move in April

Vehicle Replacement Committee	Skip reported: Replacement for Rescue 71 -Cabin chassis is on order. We are finalizing the drawings for the truck. Ford-Pick-up truck has been order. The Vehicle Replacement committee will be meeting.
State Fire Chiefs	Ron Johnson reported the Fire Chiefs show at Lake George, is scheduled for June. State Chiefs is coming to Cattaraugus at the Theatre in Salamanca the 2 nd week of March. Larry Barter reported on the Volunteer Chiefs' committee. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They are looking at updating the fire chief's handbook. • They are talking about holding some ISO training. • SAFER Grants for recruitment and retention are being looked into for the Fire Service.
Old Business	The committee for Long Range Planning is being formed and several names have been received to serve on the committee. Larry Barter will officially name the committee next month.
New Business	Larry-Last week the building officials from Chautauqua County and other counties were here for training. The forms used by chiefs for reporting to the code enforcement officers have need of being changed. The updated forms will be sent out to the fire chiefs. Jim Breakey reported that Sherman has put in service a new heavy rescue and are waiting for the psa bottles for cascade system.
Adjourn	A motion to adjourn was made by Ron Johnson seconded by Brian Purol at 9:15 PM. Carried.

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