

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD



September 2006

Fire Advisory Board Meeting

September 21, 2006
2 Academy St., Mayville, NY
7:30 PM

Next meeting:
Date: **October 19, 2006**
Time: **7:30 PM**
Place: **2 Academy St., Suite A**
Mayville, NY 14757

Chairman: Larry Barter

Members Present: Robert Frank, Brian Purol, Michael Przybycien, Al Aikin, Jim Breakey, Rick Cole, Jr., Scott Cummings, Ray Lawson, Ron Trippy, Scott Bailey Alt., Brian Bensink, Eric Fransen, Lance Hedlund, Ronald Johnson, Jack Knowlton, Pete Samuelson, James Shephard, Denny Barmore, Julius J. Leone, Jr., Richard Pollaro, Charlie Smith, Jon Stahley, Richard Telford, Robert Tworek

Excused: Mike Volpe, Tom Fairbanks, Pete Fuller, Skip Cavallaro, Robert Belovarac, Daniel Imfeld, Mike Vendette

Absent: Tony Faso, Joseph Meyer, Todd Johnson, David Himelein, Carl Fransen, Kenneth Lyon, Sheriff Gerace

***Please contact the Office of Emergency Services at 716-753-4341, to be excused from a meeting.**

Agenda	Description	Action
Call to Order	The Fire Advisory Board had a meeting at the new offices for Emergency Services. The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Larry Barter at 7:30 PM.	
Pledge to the flag		
Guests	<p>Legislator Fred Croscut reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sat in on the Capital project committee. The 2007 Budget will be announced on September 25, 2006. Rescue 7 was number 18 on the list. New guidelines for the jail have caused the need to build a bigger visitation area and expansion changes to the administration section. There may be a need for bonding. We may want to consider the Haz Mat relocation with the jail in the bonding. <p>Julius said he had a meeting with Greg Edwards, County Executive, about the purchase of the school bus garage facilities and 5 acres to have long term housing for Haz Mat and Emergency Services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Charlie asked if it would be possible to put 450,000 into a burn building, as long as it is a capital project and have it wrapped in one. <p>Telford –Dispatch will be losing Marilyn Cook to retirement. He thanked the fire service for the support shown from Emergency Services in tracking down criminal Phillips.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ray Lawson asked Rich Telford what was needed as far as information for arson checks. Rich Telford will create a uniform form and give it to Julius. Reverse 911 is still being worked on to be able to be used in other areas for notifications. Dick request he have dispatch use more echoing. It really helps out. Rich will work on having dispatch do more echoing. 	Richard Telford to create an arson form for what is needed for arson checks.
Minutes	A motion was made by Ron Johnson, seconded by Ron Trippy to accept the minutes. Carried.	
Coordinator's Report		
1 st Battalion	<p>Bob Frank reported:</p> <p>8-25 Structure Fire in West Dunkirk.</p> <p>8/27 Rekindle West Town</p> <p>9/5 Critique of a fire at West Dunkirk Fire Station</p>	

	<p>9/8 Attended County Weekend at Montour Falls. 9/14 Responded to Stockton for a man struck by a tree. 9/17 Attended a 1st and 2nd joint battalion meeting in Brocton 9/20 Attended meeting with Forestville and Cassadaga at Forestville fire station regarding Arkwright Fire Contract.</p>
2 nd Battalion	<p>Rick Cole reported: 8-25 Structure fire West Dunkirk/MA 8-27 Rekindle –MA 9-12 Attended Jamestown Community College for Command Post Op. Seminar. 9-17 Attended 1st and 2nd joint Battalion meeting in Brocton with 28 people in attendance.</p>
3 rd Battalion	<p>Mike Volpe excused.</p>
4 th Battalion	<p>Skip Cavallaro emailed report to office: 8-24 Responded to a house explosion in Cherry Creek with 3 burn victims. 8/30 Attended airport drill meeting 9/1 Responded to Frewsburg to a structure fire. 9/7 Attended Haz Mat meeting 9/12 Attended a seminar at JCC 9/16 Attended the airport drill 9/20 Responded to the structure fire in Jamestown 10/4 There will be a 4th battalion chiefs meeting at the Cherry Creek fire station at 7:00 PM. We will elect FAB members for 2007.</p>
Deputy	<p>Bob Belovarac-excused.</p>
	<p>Jon Stahley reported.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The agreement of service contract was renewed with Falconer printing. After some delay acquiring quotes that were mandated. • He praised the people that worked setting up the command post for the Philips operation. • The fire commanders are doing some really great jobs, creative thinking and stops when it comes to explosions/fires.
EMS	<p>Julius reported that Dan Imfeld was working in Jamestown with Haz Mat:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended a drill for EMS with the hospitals. • Dan is going to provide some future EMS training for triage systems. • The Chautauqua County Critical Incident Stress Management Team has been requested 9 times since • April 20, 2006. There is a need for additional Fire fighter peers to serve on the team. Sue Kupkowski is serving as the new president of the CISM team. Please contact Susan Radicella at the Office of Emergency Services at 753-4341, for additional information.
Rescue Captain	<p>Denny Barmore reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Had a call regarding an overturned jet ski that needed rescued. • A call came in about someone jumping off of the Chautauqua Lake Bridge. After searching and finding no one, it was reported that the subject was found elsewhere. • Bid request for new rescue boat were received and the boat and trailer purchase will be made.
	<p>Lance reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The fire September 20th was found to have many containers of concern for Haz Mat. They are doing a scene survey tonight regarding the contents of the containers.
Training Coordinator	<p>Dick Pollaro reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10-12 HM Tech. course completed • Two Firefighter I classes are in progress <p>Please encourage registration for the following classes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10-10 Pump Operations • 10-30 Truck Co. Operations-A Hands on Training. 10-13, 19, 25 and 26 Accident Victim • 11-4 Haz Mat 1st Responder in Celeron <p>People are getting degrees through the Public Safety Technology Program. OFPC allowed us to hire another Fire Safety Instructor, Nathan Alm from Jamestown Fire. We tried to get the Firefighter I national certification testing to be done locally, but could not get enough</p>

	<p>people to register. There were 86 people that attended the County Weekend. 2007 NYS Emergency Responder Training Catalogs were made available.</p>
Special Proj.	<p>Robert Tworek reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Things worked out at the Fair. The same people came to support it. Fire Prevention, Ladder truck and Haz Mat was there all week. A new pumper from Hanover Center was brought in. Cassadaga came one evening. He thanked everyone involved. • October 9 will be a Memorial Service at Sheridan, Methodist Church on Rte. 20. Time: 7:00 PM Please arrive by 6:30 PM. Refreshment will be served at St. John Bosco church hall.
Special Operations	<p>Charlie Smith</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Technical Rescue team attended Co. Weekend, showing a lot of interest in learning. • An invite was received for 3 team members to go and observe a blowing up of a building that is a collapse. • The team is good for rope rescue. The next phase is the trench and building collapse. They all intertwine with each other. Trench rescue is a higher priority because they are more frequent than building collapse. • We still look for the support of the local fire department. If we use equipment and it gets damaged, we try to repair/replace it.
Director	<p>Julius Leone, Jr. reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over the last 2 years we were able to obtain a NOAA Weather radio station in Frewsburg. The National Weather station has a license now. We can now put out county related information over these radios and Reverse 911. • Homeland Security supplied every school district with radios. We do a radio test every Thursday. Norma will be contact the school superintendents to talk to them about the radios. • With Frewsburg radio station, we will have 100% coverage in Chautauqua County. • The AED's purchased from grant funding when Neil McNeight was director are not up-gradable. If your fire department has an AED, you can trade those up. They will need to be replaced. • If you are interested in fax messaging, call Gloria at the Office of Emergency Services, 753-4321, and supply her with the information and she can get you set-up. • For all those who have helped at the offices, it has been greatly appreciated. They have given a tremendous amount of work effort. • The NIMS compliance letters were sent out. Overall, we are in good shape. The community is meeting most of the requirements for 2006. The County Executive will need to sign off showing that we as a whole are compliant. • Text messaging is going well. • Another CERT application was submitted from the office for \$63,000, to carry the program until 2008. • Maps-because of GIS, fire districts are appearing on our county web site. One of the things listed are fire districts. An issue we have is the information we give them is not accurate. There have been a few changes. We are looking at dry hydrants and their location on GIS. It will be linked to Disaster Lan. We will be taking this map and posting it at the next fire chiefs meeting and Julius along with the FAB, will need to be consulted about any changes to be made. Then accurate maps can be distributed. • Larry Barter and Julius were invited to NYC on September 10 for a ceremony given by the Governor. Two people from every county in the state were invited. Governor Pataki spoke and recognized those who responded to help their people. They gave us a flag and a medallion to commemorate the event. The flag will go in a box with the medallion and picture of the people who responded from this area. There will be a ceremony at the Office of Emergency Services and the presentation to be mounted.
Committee Reports	
R-Fire	No new applications received.
Loan	<p>Jim Shephard reported: A loan application was received from Panama requesting a loan for \$45,000, for the purpose of purchasing new radio equipment for the Panama Fire Department.. Mike Przybycien shared a concern that instead of a</p>

	<p>loan, it may be something that could be budgeted for. Other departments may want to get loans instead of budgeting for radios. Lance Hedlund said at the present time, we have to look at it as an individual application. If in coming months others want a loan, it will be taken into consideration one at a time. Any loan when it comes through, should be balanced on the availability of funds at this time.</p> <p>Jim Shephard said, in Panama's case this is an excellent example of planning and supporting. Panama will be able to migrate in, having a gateway to patch in and if we get the grant, it will help departments to get up-grades.</p> <p>After discussion, a motion was made by Ron Johnson and seconded by Jim Shephard to let Panama have a loan to purchase radios. Carried.</p> <p>The Silver Creek loan has been put on hold pending further notice as per Rob Kemp. A letter will be sent from the FAB corresponding secretary Pete Samuelson, stating that it is pending until further notice from Rob.</p>
Mutual Aid	<p>Chairman Lance Hedlund reported having a meeting with the committee today. They are going to address the issues by typing up another version to clarify duties, to incorporate NIMS, and to give a clearer definitions of chiefs. No substantial changes are needed. These changes were requested by the State. By next month it should be re-submitted to Julius for re-submission to the state.</p>
Radio	<p>Jack Knowlton-have not heard of any problems.</p> <p>Julius-said he received one phone call from Silver Creek. He told them for action, to write a letter to the attention of Jack Knowlton</p> <p>Eric brought up the Ellicott tower and possible problems.</p>
Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Denny reported having several meeting with the contractors to get where we are now. • Julius-Sid offered the bus garage for what they paid Gary Lin, on a leased purchase. Five acres are also available. The FAB building committee would like to see HM move the facilities to Mayville. Sid is looking for direction from the Town Board to get tenants if we are not interested. • Charlie: It is a good opportunity to purchase for \$120,000 with no interest and 5 acres of land. We have parking, classrooms available here. We cannot go wrong with pursuing it and purchasing it quickly. We are paying out rent in the amount of \$19,000 per month for the Falconer Haz Mat Station. • Jack Knowlton made a motion which was seconded by Scott Cummings to put forth a purchase agreement for the bus garages and additional 5 acres or more and buildings attached to the bus garage. All in favor of utilizing the bus garage motion carried unanimously.
R-7 Vehicle	<p>Julius reported that the drawings were signed, for Rescue 7 with specification changes. The truck should arrive around the end of February 2007.</p>
ID Committee	<p>Julius: We need to put some closure to the ID's. The EMS council and Dick Pollaro want it moved forward. The goal is to have the ID's done next month for credential and accountability tags. There was one meeting as a group with the ID committee, along with phone calls. The committee is to meet within the next month with finalizations.</p> <p>Jim Breakey is to meet with EMS Chairperson Norma Cummings.</p> <p>Tags are to be brought to the next FAB meeting. The ID committee is to have finalized plans for tags by the October 19 FAB meeting.</p>
Old Business	None
New Business	<p>Charlie requested that the Technical Rescue Team by-laws be sent out to the Fire Advisory Board.</p>
Adjournment	<p>A motion to adjourn was made by Lance Hedlund, seconded by Scott Cummings, at 9:30 PM. Carried.</p> <p>The Fire Advisory Board toured the renovations for relocation of the Emergency Operations Center/Offices, at 2 Academy St., Mayville (wing of Old School bldg.).</p>

The next FAB meeting will be **October 19, 2006** at the Office of Emergency Services
2 Academy St., Suite A Mayville, NY 14757

Looking ahead: Wednesday, November 15 will be the joint FAB meeting at Maple Springs.