

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD



January 17, 2008
FAB Meeting Minutes

Next Meeting: February 21, 2008
7:30 PM
Office of Emergency Services

Members Present: Barter, Larry, President, Tony Faso, Brian Purol, Steve Lehnen, Al Aikin, Rick Cole, Jr., Scott Cummings, David Himelein, Raymond Lawson, Ronald Trippy, Lance Hedlund, Ronald V. Johnson, Jack Knowlton, Randy Shampoe, Mike Volpe, Thomas Fairbanks, Bradly Rogers, Ed Hoene, Pete Samuelson, James Shephard, Skip Cavallaro, Dennis Barmore, Robert Frank, Daniel Imfeld, Julius Leone, Jr. Richard Pollaro, Charlie Smith, Jon Stahley, Stephen Cobb
Guest: Fred Croscut

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 7:30 PM with the pledge. The 2008 Committee Sign-up sheet was passed around for people to serve on the given Fire Advisory Board Committees.
Guests	Leg. Fred Croscut-One thing that will change is that Wally Hockno is now the Chairman of the Public Safety Committee. Fred will attend when Legislator Hockno cannot attend. Something we can do for the legislators is to call with any suggestions or concerns.
Approval of Minutes	A motion was made by Ron Johnson seconded by Lance Hedlund to accept the final meeting minutes of the Fire Advisory Board for December 2007. Carried.
Coordinator's Report	
1 st	Tony Faso reported: 12-23 Structure Fire in Dunkirk-Dunkirk, E. Dunkirk, Sheridan, Fredonia, Fire Investigation Team, R-71, CF-3, EMS-1 12-23 Electrical Fire in House at West Dunkirk-W. Dunkirk, Dunkirk, Fredonia 12-23 Electrical Fire at Movieplex 59 E. Dunkirk-E.Dunkirk, Dunkirk 1-3 Attended a Hazmat meeting in Falconer 1-11 Assisted the SWAT team at Hanover-Hanover, Silver Creek, Forestville, Hazmat Team, Hazmat-1, CF-3, Co. Fire Police 1-12 Fuel Spill at Martins East Dunkirk-E. Dunkirk, Hazmat Team, Hazmat-1, CF-3, DEC 1-12 Worked on the Bus Garage with Rangers 1-16 Attended County Fire Police Meeting at Lakewood Training Grounds 1/17 Attended the Coordinators and Fire Advisory Board Meetings at EOC.
2 nd	Rick Cole reported: 12/20 Falconer- FAB Meeting and Dinner 1/8 Chautauqua- Department Meeting 1/15 Portland-7957 Prospect Station Rd., Chimney Fire Portland, Brocton, Westfield-fire was out upon arrival, did a visual inspection of chimney and furnace 1/17 Mayville-Coordinator's Meeting
3 rd	Mike Volpe reported: 1-3 Responded to a structure fire on Potter Rd. Butch B. Ashville, Sherman and Chautauqua 2-3 Third Battalion meeting at 9 Sharp Breakfast at 8:30
4 th	Skip Cavallaro reported:

	<p>It has been very quiet this month. 1/3 Attended Hazmat meeting and work detail I have been working at the new Hazmat station in Mayville</p>
Deputy Coordinator	<p>Bob Frank reported: 1-2 Garage Fire-Forestville, MA Hanover Center, Sheridan, South Dayton and Rescue 71 1-11 Hazmat assist to SWAT Team in Hanover 1-12 Hazmat Fuel Spill at Martin's in East Dunkirk</p>
Deputy Coordinator	<p>Jon Stahley reported: Mutual aid house fire Butch Briggs residence-Ashville/Chautauqua FD's Mutual aid house fire in Ashville-Cause: Woodstove 2-24 Sunday, Big Dip at Chautauqua at 9 AM-Noon 9:00 Mandatory Briefing-Chautauqua Fire Station Prendergast Hatchery: Command Post, Staging Operations, Rehab/EMS</p> <p>Battalion Coordinators are doing a good job of getting people signed up for a classroom session before the Big Dip. 3-1 Responder Deadline- <i>"Remember the Living Legends"</i></p> <p>If you have new people for Hazmat or Tech Rescue it is a great time to start the new people. Mutual Aid Plan update and special team's membership and VFBL. Seminars with Mark Butler on ethics and financial responsibilities will be starting.</p>
EMS Coordinator	<p>Stephen Cobb reported: 12-19-07 Fire Chiefs Association meeting at Celeron 12-23-07 House Fire in Dunkirk 1-9-08 County EMS Council Meeting at Mayville 1-17-08 Battalion Coordinator's Meeting at EOC 1-19-08 Fire Advisory Board Meeting at EOC Follow-up on a department who has not gotten recertified by DOH. There were 6 months pass the due date. Did Research for Forestville Fire Department in regards to monitor strips and what level can use these strips. Development: A monthly PCR for departments to encourage getting them turned into STEMS on a timely manner. Attended EMS Council meeting. The STEMS which is the provider agency for SWREMS. Chautauqua County only had 16 responses. We need to get the forms in so Quality Assurance can be done. STEMS surveys for ALS rollout. 6 departments have not yet responded. These could loose their ALS if this does not come back. There is a coordinator from STEMS in Chautauqua County. Josh Tibby is our Coordinator.</p>
Rescue Captain	<p>Denny Barmore reported: We have had plenty of training. One body recovery from a homicide. Sherman has ordered a new heavy rescue and will use a fill station on the new rescue. Air filling stations have been updated using WET team supplies.</p>
HM Coord.	<p>Dan Imfeld reported: 1-11 Hazmat in Hanover to assist SWAT 1-12 Hazmat fuel spill at Martin's in East Dunkirk Spill at East Dunkirk We are getting ready to move the Hazmat Station. There are a lot of Hazmat classes coming up.</p>
Training Coordinator	<p>Dick Pollaro reported: Class in session: Fire Officer 1 Completed Courses: Introduction to Fire Officer Coming Up: Jan. 22-23 CSA at EOC</p>

	<p>Jan. 29 & 31 BSCO at EOC Jan. 29 Gerry Start Date SSO Feb. 3 –ISO Feb. 5 & 7 BTCC –EOC Date Change HMFRO from Jan. to Feb. 6, 7, 13, 14 New FF1 Program Blended Learning, all lecture classes will be done on line by students, all skills will still be conducted on site with instructors. February 9 Orientation session start date. Schedule is on web site. Class is Full. Ice & Cold Water Rescue Technician Course scheduled for February 23 & 24 at Chautauqua FD- Class is Full Training schedule is on the web site at www.chautcofire.org Check regularly because new courses are added as they are scheduled Tower at Taylor has been sandblasted and inspected. It is safe for another year. Will be upgrading classroom floor and restrooms at Taylor. Submitted resume for SFI position-delayed by OFPC waiting for candidate from Catt. Co. before scheduling an SFI Assessment. This would give us 6 SFI's. SFI scheduling meeting scheduled for February 13, Brian Benstead from OFPC will also certify more SFI's for Blended learning FF1 course. 2008 County Weekend at State Fire Academy September 12-14, 2008.</p>
Special Operations	<p>Charlie Smith reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responded to 2 calls. • Started to Dunkirk • At Butch's house, he commended the firefighters for work done. • Tech Rescue team has purchased hand tools and equipment and dimensional lumber. It is being organized on the trailer. • JCC class ended successfully with 6 students. • No Spring training session.
Director of Emergency Services	<p>Julius Leone, Jr. reported:</p> <p>Complimented Charlie Smith on his first class through JCC. The students had many great things to say.</p> <p>We are into a new budget year. We had a 7% reduction and will look at doing business better to meet the level of service we had in prior years.</p> <p>WCA Services –We are waiting to see what happens with the staff should they go on strike.</p> <p>The EMS council asked Julius to write a letter concerning Westfield Hospital emergencies. We are waiting for an official response as to what Westfield hospital will do.</p> <p>-NIFFERS-2007 reports are almost complete.</p> <p>We did not get the FEMA grant for 1.2 million dollars that we applied for. We followed the request in making the application out and were disappointed that we were turned down.</p> <p>We are considering using the Grant Writers at Fredonia State.</p> <p>-SWN Testing-we should be testing again in late February or March to complete what was started in the fall 2007. The next phase of the test should be further ahead then before. Erie Co. has decided to be a gateway partner. They will continue to do the testing along with us.</p> <p>-R-Fire-There was a committee meeting in Dec. We looked at the program and will be making changes. The Co. Attorney advises Julius the need to go back to the Legislators. There will be specific areas of change that need looked at. There is too much criteria to track the program and students.</p> <p>-The HESC scholarship handouts were made available. It is a great scholarship. Applications are due May 1. Each fire station can sponsor 1 student per year.</p> <p>We are trying to update the new Fire Chiefs listing. Get the information into the office as soon as possible.</p> <p>-NY Alert-People are registered to get alerts across the state. Some type of warning for the general population. By signing a contract with SEMO we have the ability to get local information out to the community in Chautauqua County. This is a supplement to reverse 911. The nice thing for the County is that it is free.</p>

	<p>The alerts can come in text messaging, fax, emails etc.</p> <p>-The Office of Emergency Services sent out information regarding a survey about how much money is going to be used or has been spent money on SWN. The due date for the survey was 1-15-08. We have to get this information back.</p> <p>-Fire Police have been looking to update TC1. The village of Mayville voted to sell the truck for 2,000 dollars to the Fire Police.</p> <p>-2008 Goals-At the Coordinator's meeting we talked about setting goals for 2008. The Fire Coordinator's are working on the completion of the projects that have been started.</p> <p>Ron Trippy asked a question of concern about if Westfield closes where will the emergencies go? We will have to see what the response is from the Westfield Hospital.</p>
Committee Reports-Where do you stand on the current projects and where are you going?	
R-Fire	<p>Dave Himelein reported-We are trying to revamp the R-Fire program. In the meantime, we have 5 new applications and 5 current students in the existing program.</p> <p>Dick Pollaro said JCC has partnered with 3 other schools so a 4 year degree can be had.</p>
Loan	<p>Jim Shephard reported nothing pending. Interest rate is approximately 6%.</p> <p>Ron Johnson suggested the Loan process be made easier.</p>
Mutual Aid	<p>Lance reported-we have been working on the revisions about 3 years. We have had several meetings and are back in the Legal Dept. review portion again.</p> <p>Scott said one of the pieces we are waiting for is the Fire Police.</p> <p>Julius said the Fire Police is not currently under the County. We are looking at how we could create a County Team for the Fire Police. We need to sit down with the Fire Police to see how we are going to approach it.</p> <p>Jon said it falls in the same category when we structure the other teams. By next month we should have a recommendation for you.</p> <p>Lance said one of the developments we need is an actual certification from the Chief, that as a member of your department, he is officially on your membership. By doing documentation up front will eliminate exposure of not being covered for insurance.</p>
Radio	<p>Jack Knowlton-the changes in the communication manual approved at the November meeting were handed out to the committee. The committee will review it, and continue working on the new manual.</p>
Facilities	<p>Denny-The Bus Garages will have the doors raised.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plumbing will be done. • Electrician will do work. • Painting will be done by doing the ceiling first then the walls. • We currently meet on Tuesday nights. All are welcome. • Saturday at 9 we will be painting with a small crew. • March 1 we will exercise our 2 year option to continue leasing from the Town. The Radio Shop is going to come and finish getting the EOC set up and tie in the School Bus Garage. They will lay all the wire in the garage bays also. • Denny reported about Dunkirk Facilities-We will meet next week with Bob Frank to raise the trusses for the new maze.
R-7 Vehicle	<p>Larry requested renaming the R-7 Vehicle Committee to "Vehicle Replacement Committee."</p> <p>Skip-We awarded the bid of R-71 to Kolaja Fire Equipment. In 6 months or so we will have it here. The Ford Expedition vehicle is being turned in for a different vehicle??</p> <p>It will be here at the EOC Center for different activities that will be going on.</p>
Awards Committee	<p>Pete Samuelson reported we have 2 submissions.</p>
State Fire Chiefs	<p>Ron Johnson reported no contact from them.</p>
Old Business	<p>Tom Fairbanks-there is a lot of negative talk going around the County about the new radio system.</p> <p>Julius: We give regular reports at the various meetings to try to communicate it in a positive way. This system is going to take us where we need to be.</p> <p>The timeframe of things being delayed also plays into the negative talk. It would be better to take the time and get it operating correctly then to put it out there and not have it work properly.</p>

	<p>The chiefs need to be worked with to get them trained appropriately because they will be using it more then the firefighter.</p> <p>Tony-Could an article be put in the Responder regarding the testing of the radios in the fire service? Julius said the state is mandated to use the system. This test was set out to test operational piece of the radio system, not for coverage.</p>
New Business	<p>Larry-we do have projects that need to be completed before we go on to new projects. Julius and Larry and committees will meet to see where we are going with the projects.</p> <p>Dick reported on business that concerns Fire Chiefs and Fire Investigation Team. When the investigation team arrived, bulldozers took the evidence. It makes our job difficult. What we are asking is that if you are going to call for the investigators, call them early before things get destroyed.</p> <p>Charlie: The Chautauqua Fire Dept. is doing a benefit March 9th at Bellinger Hall for the Butch Briggs family. Noon to 3 and 3 to 6. Tickets are available. Looking for people to serve at the dinner.</p> <p>Rick Cole-Butch now has temporary housing at a member of the fire department. Thanked people for all their help.</p> <p>As we are an advisory board to the Co. Legislature and Co. Executive. One thing we should be looking at is where we want to be 5, 10 years from now. We would like to empower a long range planning committee. We have to look at the fire service and how we plan to continue business. Morale is low and we need a better turn out. We need to decide what we can do on a county level. With your permission I will empower them next month giving the committee a direction to go. A report by professional consultants was made and we need to be using it. The committee will be given copies of it.</p> <p>If you want to serve on the committee let Larry Barter know.</p>
Business from the floor	<p>Charlie: Co. Executive had an article regarding the impact of development and cost saving of the extension of the water mains. I think the board ought to contact them regarding this extending water service.</p> <p>Charlie will send a copy to Larry Barter of the article on water lines.</p> <p>Claim for Volunteer Firefighters are eligible for 200 dollar tax credit from the state of NY. Handout/forms were made available.</p> <p>Ray Lawson-Senior members that don't file taxes can still receive the tax credit.</p> <p>It was originally stated that if your community offers property tax exemption for your fire service you can't claim both, late in the year they passed an amendment that for 2007 you can claim both.</p>
Adjourn	<p>A motion to adjourn was made by Tom Fairbanks seconded by Ron Johnson. Carried.</p>

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