


# CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD



**May 15, 2008**

May 15, 2008 FAB Meeting Minutes

**Next Meeting: June 19, 2008  
7:30 PM  
Office of Emergency Services**

**Members Present: Barter, Larry, President,** Tony Faso, Steve Lehnen, Rick Cole, Jr., Scott Cummings, Raymond Lawson, Ronald Trippy, Al Hamm, Lance Hedlund, Randy Shampoe, Mike Volpe, Thomas Fairbanks, Bradly Rogers, Peter Fuller, Ed Hoene, Pete Samuelson, James Shephard, Skip Cavallaro, Robert Frank, Julius Leone, Jr. Richard Pollaro, Charlie Smith, Jon Stahley, Sgt. Richard Telford

Excused: Michael Przybycien, Eric Fransen, Ronald V. Johnson, Jack Knowlton, Dennis Barmore Daniel Imfeld Stephen Cobb

Absent: Jeff Roberts, Brian Purol, Keith Ahlstrom, Al Aikin, Jim Breakey, David Himelein, Joseph Gerace, Robert Tworek

**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 7:34 PM with the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.
Guests	Sgt. Telford has nothing new to report. Ed asked about text messaging. Sgt. Telford reported that text messaging is back on track.
Minutes	A motion was made by Ron Trippy to accept the minutes 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Ray Lawson. Carried.
<b>Coordinator's Report</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Tony Faso nothing to report.
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Rick Cole reported: 4-19 Brocton-Structure Fire-7 Harmon Ave., Brocton, Portland, Stockton, R-71, CC Fire Investigation Team. Cause: Dryer Fire 4-19 Hartfield - Field Fire in a junk yard-uncontrolled burn-Hartfield, Stockton, Dewittville, Mayville, Cassadaga-6899 Beech Hill Rd. 5-9 Silvercreek -Silver Creek, Starflight, CF-1, Tech Rescue Team. A 10 yr. old boy fell approximately 70 ft. and into water in a ravine. Called off just as I reached Silver Creek. (Covering for Tony Faso.) 5-11 Brocton-Mobile Home fire.-Ellicott Estates Lot 52- Brocton, Portland, CC Investigation Team. Trailer was destroyed, possible arson 5-12 Portland-Joint 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion Meeting regarding pending WCA strike preparations 5-14 Mayville -SEMO Training 5-15 Mayville -Coordinator's Meeting
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mike Volpe report. 4-19 Brush Fire in the Town of Busti. Mutual aid was received from Lakewood, Panama, and Ashville. Fire burned approximately 7 acres. 4-19 Structure Fire to Lander Fire, Rte. 957 Farmington Township Warren County. Mutual Aid was received from Kiantone, Busti, Sugar Grove, Russell, and North Warren. 5-4 Garage Fire Southwestern Drive, Busti. Mutual aid was received from Lakewood, Panama, Ashville, and Kiantone. 5-6 Warren County Annual Disaster Drill in Wrightsville, PA. 5-7 Combined 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Battalion Meeting
4 <sup>th</sup>	Skip Cavallaro reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4-22 Responded to woods fire in Town of Villenova, fire departments responding S. Dayton, Dayton, Stockton, Hanover, Cassadaga, Sheridan, Forestville, and Cherry Creek.</li> <li>• 4-26 Responded to a structure fire in Ellington mutual aid from Kennedy, Gerry, and</li> </ul>

	<p>Conewango with Sinclairville on stand by.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5-1 Hazmat meeting and drill afterwards</li> <li>• 5-7 Joint 3<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion Meeting</li> </ul>
Deputy Coordinator	<p>Bob Frank reported:</p> <p>4-24 Responded on a garage fire, Forestville, M/A Sheridan, Hanover Center</p> <p>4-26 Responded to a structure fire in Silver Creek, M/A Hanover Center, Sheridan</p> <p>4-28 Muster Meeting</p> <p>5-8 Met with E. Town, W. Town and Sheridan regarding possible WCA Strike</p> <p>5-12 Meeting with 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Chiefs on possible Alstar Strike</p> <p>Maze is coming to completion.</p>
Deputy Coordinator	<p>Jon Stahley reported:</p> <p>-A question was received from a chief regarding Niffers reports. Does the dollar amount estimate really matter, if you are not exact? No.</p> <p>-Mutual Aid Plan-Jon has been working on the insurance end.</p> <p>-On the new Equipment Station, Ann Burns from SUNY Fredonia has an intern to paint the inside of the station with a large mural on the walls.</p> <p>-Responded to a cabin fire in Ashville.</p> <p>-There is going to be an public event July 25-26. There will be sailboat races and antique race boats. We were asked by the organizers for the Cancer Society to help with that.</p>
EMS Coordinator	<p>Stephen Cobb report was read by Julius.</p> <p>-WCA strike was averted. People stepped forward to have plans in place in case of a strike. There were a number of meetings trying to have plans in place, if a strike did happen.</p> <p>One of the challenges was if the volunteers were to be called for inter facility transports. To minimize the impact, the county would look at a "certificate of need" to plug a hole if someone lost their certification. The EMS Council wants to move forward to look into a "Certificate of Need," when necessary to have an ambulance in place.</p> <p>-Two Atropine Trainings were done. Unfortunately, a number of fire departments have not taken the training. They need to get it taken care of. The next meeting will be prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion meeting.</p>
Training Coordinator	<p>Dick Pollaro reported:</p> <p><b>In Session:</b></p> <p>FF1 Taylor</p> <p>Hazmat Technician on April 23 at EOC-OFPC</p> <p>SSO at Murphy on May 5 with Ford (2)</p> <p>HMFRO-Sinclairville May 6-Ford</p> <p>Principles of Fire Investigation-Gerry FD-May 13-OFPC-Prerequisite is FBAA</p> <p><b>Completed:</b> Basic Fire Police-Cassadaga-March 24,31, April 7 (35 Completed)</p> <p>FF1 Blended Learning and FBAA</p> <p><b>Coming Up:</b></p> <p>HSER at E. Dunkirk, class was postponed because crew from OFPC was called out to an emergency.</p> <p>HSER at Lakewood May 17 &amp; 18</p> <p>ICS 200 and 300 at Office of Emergency Services, May 23 – NIMS requirements for Chiefs</p> <p><b>-Training schedule on web site.</b> Check regularly because new courses added as they are scheduled.</p> <p>Website Address: <a href="http://www.chautcofire.org">www.chautcofire.org</a></p> <p>-SFI assessment conducted by OFPC scheduled for April 29 at Mayville EOC.</p> <p>-NYS budget problems will probably impact our training hours and class minimums.</p> <p>-Working on maze at Murphy Training Center</p> <p>-Work at Taylor, concrete poured at front entrance.</p> <p>-2008 County Weekend at State Fire Academy September 12-14<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>-Working with JCC and worked out life experience credits within limits and case by case basis.</p>
	<p>Charlie Smith reported:</p> <p>-Had 2 training sessions</p> <p>-Will be putting together a trailer with a classroom at 9:00 AM for a half and hour. Then will be going to a location.</p> <p>-Cathy Young approved a 20,000 member item grant for a Trench Rescue system.</p> <p>-We had a call out to Silver Creek on Friday, May 9, 2008.</p>

Director of Emergency Services	<p>Julius Leone, Jr. reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-The Office of Emergency Services Lease, has been extended for 2 more years. It increased by 100 dollars a month.</li> <li>-NIFR's (National Incident Fire Report"-Fire Companies have been getting NIFER's back from OFPC with corrections. They are looking for a lot of information regarding mutual aid.</li> </ul> <p>We are still working with the Coast Guard for grant dollars for interoperable communications. If it comes to past, the Lakeshore fire companies will receive funding.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-SWN-Just completed the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of testing. Went through all the 1<sup>st</sup> round issues and found them taken care of. The goal is to have the system approved by July 29<sup>th</sup>. The coverage was much better. Charlie: Performance was better. The east side of Jamestown and around 2<sup>nd</sup> street is still a problem. The other good thing is that there is no feedback.</li> <li>Lance: We are making progress in the radio spectrum.</li> <li>-NIMS: We sent out NIMS up-dates. We had a training session with SEMO for Public Officers, May 14, 2008. When writing policy and procedures make sure you write it according to NIMS compliance. Fire Companies must be NIMS compliant.</li> <li>-NY-ALERT-Co. has signed an agreement with SEMO. Get signed up for information. A NY Alert handout/registration pamphlet was made available.</li> <li>-A caution was made to have Fire Departments to follow all the requirements for live fire training. A county is suing the fire chiefs for not meeting the requirements on the by-laws. The point is people have to be trained and follow the training criteria. Chiefs and people in leadership need to know that suing is an option that people choose.</li> </ul> <p>NYS Chiefs is coming out with new guidelines that show how to meet all the standards.</p>
<b>Committee Reports-Where do you stand on the current projects and where are you going?</b>	
R-Fire	David Himelein no report. The committee is to meet.
Loan	Jim Shephard nothing to report.
Mutual Aid	Lance reported that the Mutual Aid committee is dealing with the insurance. A whole new twist has come into play. We are going back in, to address all possible issues. However, with the teams, when you call mutual aid, exactly how it is legally covered for each individual, is to be determined. We are trying to put wording together that will cover the needs of the people serving in the fire service. Discussion regarding insurance coverage followed.
Vehicle Replacement Committee	Skip reported: On Rescue 71 replacement, August 18, 2008 will be tentative delivery date. We took delivery of the Ford F250, on April 24, 2008.
Awards	Pete Samuelson reported that we have awards for 2 Firefighters of the Year from Stockton and 1 Citizen of the year from Fredonia.
Old Business	It was recommended to have the R-Fire scholarship suspended. Discussion followed. Obligations to students were a concern. It is necessary for the committee to come up with a new revamped plan.
New Business	<p>Al Hamm put in for a grant for a rescue boat and received an 18,000 grant.</p> <p>Charlie: At Home Depot there is a great map book of Western NY Street Atlas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Certificate of Need for the County. Lance asked what the downside is that may be attached to the Certificate of Need, and why wouldn't we want it?</li> </ul> <p><b><i>A motion was made by Ron Trippy to have the Office of Emergency Services go on record to investigate the need for a Certificate of Need for the County, seconded by Ray Lawson. Discussion followed. Carried.</i></b></p> <p>EMS Week 2008 is Wednesday, May 21. Deputy Coordinator Jon Stahley is to receive the Denny Skeels Memorial Service Award.</p> <p>Lance made an announcement for testing for Firefighters. Closing date is May 19<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM.</p>
Adjourn	A motion to adjourn was made by Tony Faso, seconded by Scott Cummings. Carried. 9:15 PM

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