

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD



| Date | Type of Meeting: |
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| 3/19/09 | Fire Advisory Board (FAB) Monthly Meeting Chairperson: Larry Barter Attended by: Sign-in sheet available Location: Training Room 1 @ the Office of Emergency Services |
| Handouts | Copies available to view attached to original minutes and filed. |
| Next Mtg. | April 16, 2009 |

| Topic | Discussion |
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| Preliminaries | The meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm followed by the Pledge to the flag. |
| Guests | No legislators were in attendance. Jon Desnerck didn't have anything to report at this time. |
| New Members | No new members were in attendance. |
| Minutes of last Meeting | Scott Cummings made a motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting. This motion was 2 nd by Brad Rogers. All were in favor, motion passed. |
| Battalion Coordinator Reports | 1 st Battalion Coordinator Tony Faso was unable to attend as he was at the EMT final exam. 2 nd Battalion Coordinator Rick Cole read his report. 3 rd Battalion Coordinator Mike Volpe read his report. 4 th Battalion Coordinator Skip Cavallaro gave his report. Skip praised personnel regarding the accident in Gerry. Reports were submitted to the Secretary and will be kept with an original copy of these minutes. |
| Deputy Coordinator Reports | Deputy Coordinator Bob Frank gave his report. The 5 th Annual Firemen's Muster is August 29 & 30 th , 2009. Deputy Coordinator Jon Stahley gave his report. Jon thanked everyone for their efforts on the Big Dip. He mentioned next year they will time this and do it in bad conditions. Possibly in the fall. Rescue scenarios will be done. Jon also made mention of the rescue on Chautauqua Lake. Quoting Tom Rea from Bemus, everything went well like a drill. |

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| Steve Cobb EMS Coordinator | Steve Cobb was not in attendance as he was attending the EMT final exam. |
| Denny Barmore Dive Team | Denny Barmore added that everyone fell into place at the ice rescue in Chautauqua Lake. |
| Dan Imfeld Hazmat Coordinator | <p>Dan reported one call with Dewittville, with gas in a creek. The call went well and the DEC assisted.</p> <p>Dan stated that NYS had designated grant money for hazmat teams that worked in a coalition (area hazmat teams in bordering counties). The item they requested is a vapor/gas analyzer the cost \$59,000.00. The Hazmat Team was notified that they received this grant. Even though this item is pricey, it will start out saving the team money as the Dreager Tubes they currently use expire after 12 months. Chautauqua County is the submitting party so we will house it here. Cattaraugus county, Allegany County and the Seneca Nation of Indians are our partners.</p> <p>HazWest with Livingston County as the Submitting partner, received a grant for training props and they were awarded this grant of \$44,000.00 which we can share with them as we're named in their coalition.</p> <p>In November of 2008 the Hazmat Team toured Chautauqua Metals. They bought the Hazmat Team \$600.00 worth of gaskets for the teams patch kits..</p> |
| Ron Keddie Training Coordinator | <p>Ron Keddie mentioned there is a Wildland Firefighter Training Available. Contact Ron or Gloria if you are interested. Ron reported the courses that were completed, scheduled, and coming up. Flyers are available on the table. Scene Support, EVOC, Pump Operator, Rescue Tech Basic, ICS 300, ICS 400, and Firefighter 2 will be scheduled sometime later in the year. Something will also be in the planning for physical fitness. Brian Benstedt will be here to meet with our instructors on March 23, 2009 and they will discuss what is needed.</p> <p>Larry Barter discussed the cost of mailing training announcements. Larry said they would like to use email as the main way of getting this information out. After some discussion it was decided to send an email and an official letter to the chiefs to let them know we are going to supply most information to email addresses. July 1, 2009 is the target date to start this. Jack Knowlton suggested the department Training Officer also receives this information. Ron Keddie said in the meantime we can make a short form to ask the classes how they saw the course they are attending. The entire Fire Advisory Board supports sending training information via email. This information will be presented to the Fire Chief's Association so the chief's will have time to prepare if they don't have email at this time.</p> |
| Charlie Smith, Tech Rescue Coordinator | <p>Charlie reported that the Tech Rescue Team is working on old rescue 71.</p> <p>Charlie commented that the ice rescue went well in Bemus Point.</p> |

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| <p>Julius J. Leone, Jr., Fire Coordinator</p> | <p>Julius reported that the Fire Police Response Team is becoming a County-sponsored team: There is a meeting with them on March 24th, 2009.</p> <p>The CDL issue continues to be moved forward as it is going to the Senate and Assembly. Julius encourages everyone to write our elected officials. Larry barter asked group if we want to support exemption. The Fire Advisory Board discussed the CDL topic and wanted to go on record stating they support banning CDL requirements for everyone driving fire apparatus. Jack Knowlton made a motion that a letter be sent out from the FAB to the Public Safety Committee, Local Officials, and Legislators asking for their support. This was 2nd by Lance Hedlund. All were in favor, motion passed. The letters will be sent in time to arrive before the Public Safety Meeting on Wednesday, March 25, 2009. This will also get to the Legislators before the legislative meeting.</p> <p>It was reported in a previous meeting that the County may try to write a grant to supply all county fire departments with ropes that are needed to comply with the Regulation on the Emergency Escape System. At the most recent FEMA Grant Workshop, Julius was informed that that is not a good project for the Regional Grant.</p> <p>Regarding Capital projects for the Fire Advisory Board—this project is due in April 2009. Fredonia & Fluvanna have 4500 lb compressors they are asking to replace along with one in the garage. These compressors not big enough.</p> <p>The cycle has been completed regarding mutual aid plans. Every Chief or representative in the county has signed for a copy stating they have received them. Julius thanked everyone who helped get this plan together.</p> <p>Vince Horrigan called and is requesting names for the Hometown Hero Awards Ceremony. Julius encouraged everyone to think of those who have gone above and beyond and make sure those names are submitted to Vince.</p> |
| <p>Committees</p> | |
| <p>R-Fire Committee</p> | <p>Dave Himelein reported they will get the resolution that was passed at the last meeting to Shawn Corey, in the Law Department to write up and then this will go to the Public Safety Committee then on to the Legislature.</p> |
| <p>Loan Committee:</p> | <p>James Shepard reported there is a contract for Busti and Gerry has submitted their loan information.</p> |
| <p>Mutual Aid Committee:</p> | <p>Lance hedlund will attend the meeting with the Fire Police next week.</p> |

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| Radio Committee: | Jack Knowlton is not sure what's going to happen with SWN falling through. Larry Barter asked Julius to comment on the meeting. Julius said we need to begin looking at options. See the handout on splitting frequencies. The group decided to have the Sheriff work with MACOM to see what can be done as no one is sure where this will lead. Lance Hedlund added that the FCC rules have changed, but we don't know what options we have. Larry Barter enforced the necessity to look at options. Julius said Niagara and Erie county are building out a non-trunking 400 megahert system, but those licenses are not available anymore. Our Medcom 400 megahert is Fedral, so we can't use it. The 700 will be used as a public safety system throughout the country. Norma Cummings and Matt Trusso were working on an interoperability grant which we did receive money toward fixing inoperability. Matt will be the point person to develop that plan. Part of the grant is to build the plan and part is to exercise the plan using the HSEEP formula. |
| Facilities Committee: | Denny Barmore reported they have been working in the garage. The latest installation was a washing machine. They will soon be working on raising 3 more doors. The roof was repatched and flashed on an old part. They will check to see if the other side may need to be fixed also. Will finish painting after the doors are up. |
| Vehicle Replacement Committee | Skip Cavallaro said the Vehicle Replacement Committee met and will continue to work on changes. |
| Awards Committee: | Al Hamm asked if anyone had suggestions for Firefighter of the Year and Citizen of the Year. If they thought of anyone, he asked them to forward a letter to him. |
| Old business | Jon Stahley and Bob Frank working on developing the Future of Fire Service Committee. At this point the members of this Committee are Larry Barter, Julius Leone, Norma Cummings, Scott Cummings, Mark Dickey, Lance Hedlund, Charlie Smith, Ron Johnson, Brian Purol, Ron Trippy, and Jim Shepard. This committee was designed to look at fire service issues by compiling information from individuals and agencies that will turn into something that will give us a direction in fire service. The office will be setting up a webcast for those who can't be there to participate. There will be a formal report in a couple of months. |
| State Chief's Association | Ron Johnson is selling tickets for the hospitality room. |
| Communications | Larry Barter mentioned that Sam Miller sent a thank you for being awarded the R-Fire Scholarship for JCC. Skip Cavallaro also sent a card of thanks for flowers at the passing of his father. |
| Old Business | There was no old business. |
| New Business | Mike Volpe listened to a call one night and was impressed that the car who called in service also mentioned he was BLS. After some discussion, it was decided to ask Jon Desnerck to take it back to the staff at Dispatch to see what they think. |

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| | <p>Scott Cummings suggested it also be discussed at battalion meetings and Larry Barter suggested it should be mentioned at the Chief's Meeting.</p> <p>Randy Champoe is having a problem with AT&T. Jon Desnerck explained it. Pagers missing from Ashville. Brad Rogers reminded people pager #1 means of information, not the cell phones.</p> <p>Fred crosscut apologized to Julius that he couldn't be at this meeting.</p> |
| Adjourned | A motion was made by Ron Johnson to adjourn at 9:05 pm. The motion was 2 nd by Scott Cummings. All were in favor, motion passed. |

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| 1 | 1/15/09 | Motion made by Scott Cummings to approve last months minutes seconded by Jim Shepard | Approved |
| 2 | 1/15/09 | Motion made by Jim Shepard seconded by Scott Cummings for approval of Busti Fire Dept to receive 12,000.00 from RLF for a cardiac monitor upgrades and equipment pending the receipt of signed documents by the chief. | Approved |
| 3 | 2/19/09 | Ray Lawson made a motion to approve last months minutes. This was 2 nd by Ron Trippy. All were in favor, motion passed. | |
| 4 | 2/19/09 | A Motion was made by Lance Hedlund with a 2 nd by Scott Cummings. Motion carried and passed to authorize the "R-Fire" Committee of the Fire Advisory Board to develop and make a provision for the retention of membership in a fire department by offering a "R-Fire" Scholarship to active members of a county fire department who have lost their job and/or need additional education and skills that will help them remain in the area. Credit courses will take precedence over non-credit courses. This and all other scholarships should require a total of 5 years rather than 7 years of obligation to their fire department. | |
| 5 | 2/19/09 | Jim Shepard made a motion that Gerry Fire be loaned \$40,000.00 from the Revolving Loan Fund if they fulfill all legal requirements. This was 2 nd by Brad Rogers. All in favor none apposed. Motion carried. | |
| 6 | 2/19/09 | A motion was made by Lance Hedlund to adjourn at 9:35 pm. All were in favor, motion passed. | |
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