

# ERIE COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD – MEETING MINUTES

<b>MEETING DATE:</b>		3/24/2016	
<b>LOCATION:</b>		Fire Training Academy	
<b>CALL TO ORDER:</b>		7:12pm	
<b>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LEAD BY:</b>			
<b>ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:</b>	PRESENT:	21	
	ABSENT:		
	EXCUSED:	Paul Wilson, Mike O'Connor, Jim McCullough, Dan Neaverth Jr., Chris Couell	
<b>INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:</b>	Ed Rath, Legislator		
<b>APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES:</b>	DATE OF LAST MEETING:	2/25/2016	
	MOTION BY:	Tim Moses	
	SECONDED BY:	Paul Prautzsch	
	APPROVED:	Unanimously	
<b>REPORT OF OFFICERS:</b>			
<b>CHAIRMAN:</b>	On Vacation		
<b>CO-CHAIR:</b>			
<b>SECRETARY:</b>			
<b>TREASURER:</b>	2015 Balance = \$316.80 Balance after last meeting = \$338.80		
<b>REPORT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES:</b>			
<b>COMMISSIONER:</b>	No Report		
<b>DEPUTY COMMISSIONER:</b>	No Report		
<b>DEPUTY FIRE COORDINATOR:</b>	<p>The training schedule was updated today:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seneca Hose will host a FF1 course and are now accepting registrations.</li> <li>• FF1 summer boot camp is Full. Currently have 30 applications on hand, can accept a maximum of 24. Each department that submitted at least 1 application will get one spot; from there we will fill available spots as appropriate.</li> <li>• Woodlawn/Highland Hose will be hosting an EVOC course.</li> <li>• A State Fire Instructor meeting will be held in May to start planning the Fall schedule. This will allow us to be proactive; however it will require the fire departments to forecast their training needs sooner.</li> </ul> <p>RecruitNY: A sample flyer was distributed during the meeting for Getzville's RecruitNY open house the weekend of 4/23 and 4/24. While some fire departments conduct open houses that weekend, we need to push more companies to participate. If you would like similar flyers for your fire department, Tiger is available to create them for you as well. Also you should encourage people to go to RecruitNY.org website to see where the closest open house is in their neighborhood. Paul Wilson commented that Lake Shore VFC only had a few people attend their RecruitNY Open House last year, however they did get a recruit just recently due to the RecruitNY campaign – so it does work. See Attachments: flyer/schedule.</p> <p><b>ALERTING SYSTEM:</b> We hope to have approval from Public Safety Committee soon, followed by approval by the whole legislature. A second notice has gone out looking for point-of-contact information from the Fire Departments.</p> <p>A question was brought up about alerting system display monitors and it was confirmed that the options of monitors will be up to the end user. These monitors must be either a Smart TV or capable of plugging into a network cable jack.</p> <p>Another question asked if this system will be compatible with other existing third-party alerting systems? Yes, our system can send an email to other third party systems; however we cannot guarantee if there will be delays. Keep in mind this is a secondary – not primary – form of notification.</p> <p>There was a question regarding current message boards installed in local fire stations: the county is currently looking at other solutions for the boards and other current system accessories. There will be information regarding siren activation in the next update.</p> <p>Timeline: With approval from the legislature, we are looking at middle of April to be ready to build</p>		

	<p>out the new system. East Aurora Fire Control will be the beta test of the system. Training will be given to dispatch personnel first, followed by agency and then end user training. The old and new system will run side by side for a period of time. If you are a current user of the new system, the vendor will issue a credit and then the county will pick up future costs.</p> <p>COUNTY TRAINING: County fire instructor meetings are scheduled for 9am and 7pm on 3/29 at FTA. Anyone from the fire advisory board is welcome to attend. Outdoor training facilities are scheduled to open up on 4/1.</p>
OTHER:	Legislator Rath shared that he is glad to see that the meetings are continuing in the right direction. If you have any questions for the legislature please do not hesitate to contact him. He is looking forward to another year of open communication between the legislature and the board.
<b>REPORT OF COMMITTEES:</b>	
SCHOOL: Chair – Mike O'Connor	Planning on meeting within the next 2 weeks. Mike wants to look at props and work with the drill committee
DRILL TOWER: Chair – Bob Zacher	Committee members: Jim Guy  Will work with school committee
RADIO: Chair – Bob Zamrok	Committee members: Dan Corby, Mike Schuler  There was a training last night on the 400Mhz communications system. Good class.
LEGISLATIVE & FIRE PREVENTION: Chair – Mike Wutz	Committee members: Brian Guy  See attachment from Mike Wutz re: Bills and Legislation.  The County legislature is working on putting a resolution together to support the increase of disability to firemen.  There was discussion re: sustainment of the fire service. Referenced and discussed the 2003 report from FASNY.
BUDGET/PLANNING & WALL OF FAME: Chair – Tim Moses	Tim accepted the chairmanship of this committee. There are no other committee members as of yet. No report.
RULES & MUTUAL AID: Chair – Brian Guy	Committee members: Ernie Matthews No Report
<b>REPORT OF BOARDS:</b>	
ERIE COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS MUTUAL AID ORG.:	<p>Ernie Matthews: A tri-organization awards banquet will be held 4/2/16 6pm at Woodlawn. They do have a "Firefighter of the year" award recipient this year after 4 years not having one. Always looking for more nominations for next year.</p> <p>Amanda Vallone from the Red Cross asked him to report out to the group that the Red Cross (see attachments) will install up to 3 smoke alarms in a home and is also working with the Amanda Hansen Foundation to install 1 CO detector per home. If you are looking for a 1-2 hour hands-only CPR course, you can request it through them to host at your fire company. Their "Pillow Case" project is for 3rd-5th graders and covers disaster preparedness for this age group. They also offer the citizen preparedness course similar to what the Governor's Office offers with the National Guard (just without providing backpacks). She can be reached at <a href="mailto:Amanda.Vallone@redcross.org">Amanda.Vallone@redcross.org</a>.</p> <p>FASNY will be holding a solar panel power safety seminar on 4/30/16 at the FTA. Cost is \$20.</p>
ERIE COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION:	Next meeting 5/1 @ Sheridan Park
ERIE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT OFFICERS ASSOCIATION:	No report
ERIE COUNTY FIRE POLICE ASSOCIATION:	Next meeting is 4/19 at 7:30 at Brighton
DISASTER ADVISORY BOARD:	The DPAB met this past Tuesday where the State DOT and Thruway talked about gate installation on their roadways, including who has keys and who is responsible for opening and closing them. Thruway closure notices will be put on VMS signs as far out as Ohio and PA; and they are developing detour routes.

<b>EMS ADVISORY BOARD:</b>	None
<b>OLD BUSINESS:</b>	None
<b>NEW BUSINESS:</b>	None
<b>GOOD OF THE ORGANIZATION:</b>	Drill Tower committee would like to meet after tonight's meeting. The Rules/Mutual Aid committee will have a quick meeting after as well.
<b>NEXT MEETING DATE:</b>	4/28, 6/23, 8/25, 10/27, 12/1
<b>ADJOURNMENT:</b>	Mike Schuler, Ernie Matthews
<b>MINUTES RECORDED BY:</b>	Tiger Schmittendorf
<b>MINUTES SUBMITTED BY:</b>	Melissa Calhoun

## ERIE COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES TRAINING SCHEDULE - 2016 - Ver. 1.5 - As of: 3/24/16

ERIE COUNTY COURSE #	PROGRAM	START	END	TIME	DAYS	DEADLINE	LOCATION	INSTRUCTOR	METHOD	TOTAL HOURS			NOTES
										UNITS	STATUS	STATUS	
1S16001-F	Truck Company Operations	3/28	4/16	7P/8A	M/TH/SAT	---	TONAWANDA FC/SHERIDAN PARK	ZYMANEK	H 24	8	F	NO CLASS 3/31, 4/7, 4/14, SAT=2X 4/2, 4/16	
1S16001-F	Firefighter I-FIRE TRAINING	3/8	5/17	6PM	TUE/THU	---	HAMBURG FC/NEWTON ABBOTT	PARTRIDGE	H 90	29	P		
1S16002-F	Firefighter I-FIRE TRAINING	3/15	5/21	6:30P/8A	TU/TH/SAT	---	TONAWANDA FC/TOWN TOWER	NOWAK	H 90	29	P		
1S16003-H	Firefighter I-HAZ MAT	5/24	6/2	7PM	TUE/THU	---	LANCASTER FC/TOWN LINE	KORAL	H 16	4	F		
1S16003-F	Firefighter I-FIRE TRAINING	4/14	7/14	7PM	TUE/THU	---	LANCASTER FC/TOWN LINE	KORAL	H 90	29	P	NO CLASS 7/5 OR 7/7	
1S16004-F	Firefighter I-FIRE TRAINING	3/18	5/5	6:30PM	TUE/TH/F	---	CHEEKTOWAGA FC/RESCUE	JANOWSKI	H 90	29	P	SUMMER BOOT CAMP. MAX STUDENTS=24	
1S16005-O	Firefighter I Boot Camp-ORIENTATION	5/21	5/22	8AM	SAT/SUN	---	TRAINING & OPS CENTER	MAZUREK	H 16	4	F	ALL SESSIONS=2X	
1S16005-H	Firefighter I Boot Camp-HAZ MAT	6/25	7/22	8AM	SAT/SUN	---	TRAINING & OPS CENTER	MAZUREK	H 16	4	F		
1S16006-F	Firefighter I Boot Camp-FIRE TRAINING	7/11	7/26	8AM	MON-FRI	---	TRAINING & OPS CENTER	MAZUREK	H 90	29	P		
1S16006-O	Firefighter I-ORIENTATION	5/31	6/9	6:30PM	TUE/THU	5/24	W SENECA FC/SENECA HOSE	MYERS	H 16	4	N	6/7 AT TRAINING & OPS CENTER (TOC)	
1S16006-H	Firefighter I-HAZ MAT	6/14	6/23	6:30PM	TUE/THU	---	W SENECA FC/SENECA HOSE	MYERS	H 16	4	N		
1S16006-F	Firefighter I-FIRE TRAINING	6/28	9/20	6:30PM	TUE/THU	---	W SENECA FC/SENECA HOSE	MYERS	H 90	29	P		
1T16001	Firefighter II	6/4	6/30	7P/8A	M/SAT-1 TH	---	TONAWANDA FC/SHERIDAN PARK	ZYMANEK	H 39	13	F	ALL SAT=2X	
1Y16002	Apparatus Operator-Emergency Vehicles*	4/7	4/30	7P/8A	T/TH/SAT	3/31	WOODLAWN	PEGGUES	H 18	6	N	4/30 SAT=2X	
6H16001	Firefighter Survival	4/7	4/9	6:30P/8A	WED/F/SAT	---	EVANS CENTER	MYERS	H 12	3	F	CHANGED START/END DATE	
6H16004	Firefighter Survival	4/19	4/24	7P/9A	T/TH/SUN	---	RIVER ROAD	MASTRELLA	H 12	3	F		
6H16005	Firefighter Survival	6/8	6/18	7P/8A	WED/SAT	---	EGGERTSVILLE	MASTRELLA	H 12	3	F	6/15, 6/18 WILL BE HELD AT ELLICOTT CREEK	
9J16002	Principles of Instruction	5/31	6/14	7PM	TUE/THU	---	HOLLAND	ZYMANEK	C 15	5	F		
9N16001	Engine Company Operations	5/31	6/29	7PM	TUE/THU	---	HAMBURG FC/HAMBURG FD	OCONNOR	H 24	8	F		
9P16002	Fire Officer I	2/15	4/13	6:30PM	MON/WED	---	E AURORA FC/WALES CENTER	SANFORD	C 54	18	P		
1516001	Accident Victim Extrication	3/29	4/7	6PM	TUE/THU	---	HY VIEW	PIERCE	H 16	4	F		
1516002	Accident Victim Extrication	4/18	4/23	6P/8A	M/W/SAT	---	WOODLAWN	PIERCE	H 16	4	F	SAT=2X 4/23 - CORRECTED DAYS OF WEEK	
4716001	Rescue Technician-Basic	5/24	6/4	7P/8A	T/TH/SAT	---	SHERIDAN PARK	MASTRELLA	H 24	8	F	SAT=2X 5/28, 6/4	
7816001	Apparatus Operator-Pump	4/12	5/5	7PM	TUE/THU	---	MAIN-TRANSIT	FISCHER	H 24	8	F		
8816002	FAST-Firefighter Assist & Search Team	4/1	4/3	7P/8A	F/SAT/SUN	---	LANCASTER FC/BOWMANSVILLE	PARTRIDGE	F 16	4	F	SAT & SUN AT TWIN DISTRICT	
8816003	FAST-Firefighter Assist & Search Team	4/22	4/24	7P/8A	F/SAT/SUN	---	EVANS CENTER	OCONNOR	F 16	4	F		

**GENERAL NOTES:**

- All students must pre-register by submitting a Standard Training Course Application (Fire Chief Authorized) to the Erie County Fire Safety Office - FAX: 681-3645 - PHONE: 681-7111
- All State fire courses listed are tentative until confirmed by NYS OFPC. Course descriptions can be viewed at: <http://www.dos.state.ny.us/fire/residential.html>
- ERIE COUNTY COURSE# NOMENCLATURE 1st (2) Digits = State Course Code, 2nd (5) Digits = County Course Counter (Does not match NYS OFPC course#)
- METHOD F=Combination of Classroom (C), Hands-On (H) and Live Fire Training. Requires Turnout Gear, SCBA, and signed Chief's Training Authorization Letter.  
S=NYS SEMO Course. Register at: <http://www.semo.state.ny.us/programs/training/calendar.cfm>. DO NOT SUBMIT APPLICATION TO ERIE COUNTY FIRE SAFETY OFFICE  
N=NYS OPFC State Fire Academy Course Regional Delivery. Register at <http://www.dos.state.ny.us/fire/regio.html>. May require fee. DO NOT SUBMIT APPLICATION TO ERIE COUNTY FIRE SAFETY OFFICE
- STATUS N=New Course Announcement since last update; O=Open-Accepting Applications; F=Full-No longer accepting applications-All Confirmed and Alternate spots have been filled.  
A=Accepting Applications for Alternate Spots Only; R=Course at Risk of Not Running if min. applications are not received; C=Information Changed since last update; P=Course in Progress X=Cancelled
- Firefighter 1 & 2: Full Turnout Gear, SCBA, and IFSTA Essentials of Firefighting & Fire Department Operations 6th Edition Student Manuals are required at the first and all 1S-Firefighter class sessions
- MISC. 2X=Double Sessions, T/B/A=To Be Announced, \*Bring own apparatus for EVOOC courses; Erie County Emergency Services Training & Operations Center = 3359 Broadway-Cheekowaga NY FORM: ECFS-1013
- Chief/Training Officer need only be present for first 2-hours of Firefighter 1-Pilot Orientation 14 HRS Modules. All Pilot Orientations will be held at the Training & Operations Center unless otherwise noted
- Students applying to the 'Open Enrollment' Firefighter Course will be re-assigned to one of the 'Located' courses following Orientation.

**Please Read Carefully - Visit our Web Site for Forms & Updates: [www.erie.gov/fire](http://www.erie.gov/fire) - Subscribe there to Receive Advance Notice of Training**

# GETZVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.

630 Dodge Road | Getzville NY | 716.688.0116 | GetzvilleFire.com

**RECRUIT  
NY**  
12pm-4pm

# OPEN HOUSE

» APRIL 23 & 24 «  
**FIREFIGHTER TRY-OUTS**

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**Try-Out the Skills You'll Learn  
as a Volunteer Firefighter:**

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# Citizen Preparedness Corps Training

## Prepare, Respond, Recover: What to do When Disaster Strikes

In partnership with New York State, the American Red Cross is offering *FREE* Citizen Preparedness Corps training sessions entitled *Prepare, Respond, Recover: What to do When Disaster Strikes*.

New York State is at a high risk for man-made, technological and natural disasters. Governor Andrew Cuomo's Citizen Preparedness Corps training program provides residents with the knowledge and tools to prepare for emergencies and disasters, respond accordingly, and recover to pre-disaster conditions as quickly as possible.

A trained Red Cross representative will conduct an approximately one-hour session of the Citizen Preparedness Corps training program, which provides a comprehensive overview on how to prepare for, respond to, and recover from natural and man-made disasters.



For more information or to schedule a  
*FREE* Citizen Preparedness Corps training  
in WNY call: (716)878-2353

[Rachelle.Uschold@redcross.org](mailto:Rachelle.Uschold@redcross.org) or [Jason.Carmen@redcross.org](mailto:Jason.Carmen@redcross.org)

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The American Red Cross prevents and alleviates human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors. For more emergency preparedness information, visit [www.redcross.org/prepare](http://www.redcross.org/prepare) and [www.nys.prepare.gov](http://www.nys.prepare.gov).



**American Red Cross**  
Western New York Chapter

## American Red Cross Offers **FREE** Citizen Preparedness and Hands-Only



**Citizen CPR**

Learn to **save a life.**

The combined program lasts approximately an hour and a half and gives a comprehensive overview on how to prepare for, respond to, and recover from natural, man-made and technological disasters. It also covers what to do if you see someone collapse due to a cardiac emergency with the opportunity to practice compressions on a manikin.



Learn to **prepare yourself.**

**Those who attend the in-person training will learn more about registering to  
have free smoke alarms installed in their home.**

For more information about this training session, contact the Preparedness Team at  
[Smokealarms.wny@redcross.org](mailto:Smokealarms.wny@redcross.org) or 716-878-2353

[Amanda.Vallone@redcross.org](mailto:Amanda.Vallone@redcross.org)

# The Pillowcase Project

## Learn. Practice. Share.



### Origin

The Pillowcase Project was created by the American Red Cross in Southeast Louisiana and implemented in New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Kay Wilkins, Southeast Louisiana regional executive, had learned that Loyola University students carried their valuables in pillowcases when they were evacuated for Katrina. This inspired Wilkins and her team to work with an art therapist to create a program in which children living in makeshift communities across New Orleans decorated pillowcases as emergency supplies kits. Soon, The Pillowcase Project became a preparedness education program for elementary school students, and in just a few years was adapted and implemented by several other Red Cross chapters with substantial success.

In early 2013, the Red Cross received a grant from Disney to design and develop a multiyear effort that would build on this success by creating a standardized, state-of-the-art preparedness education program. Now entering the third year of this pilot, The Pillowcase Project is being offered by every Red Cross region across the country.

### Vision

The Pillowcase Project will help create a generation of children who understand the science of hazards, are empowered to take action preparing for emergencies, and are excited to help create a prepared community by sharing what they have learned with family and friends.

### Learning Objectives

Students who participate in The Pillowcase Project will be able to:

- Identify the best ways to stay safe during emergencies that can occur in their communities.
- Identify the best ways to prevent and stay safe during a home fire.
- Use coping skills to help manage stress during emergencies and in everyday situations.
- Gain confidence in their abilities to be prepared for emergencies through hands-on activities.
- Use their knowledge to act as advocates for emergency preparedness in their homes and communities.
- Discuss the role science plays in emergency preparedness.
- Understand and communicate the work of the Red Cross in their communities.

## Program Structure

The Pillowcase Project is:

- A 40- to 60-minute, classroom-based presentation given by Red Cross employees, volunteers and community partners.
- Targeted to 8- to 11-year olds, or the grades 3-5 audience
- Presented in schools, after-school programs, summer camps and at other youth-serving sites.
- A standardized curriculum that combines instruction with physical and small-group collaborative learning activities.
- A program that meets many performance expectations for the Common Core Math and Language Arts Standards and Next Generation Science Standards for grades 3-5.

## Curriculum Components

The Pillowcase Project consists of:

- A Learn, Practice, Share framework to discuss preparedness concepts
- Emergency preparedness skills and information for a locally prominent hazard
- Home fire prevention and safety skills and information
- Age-appropriate coping skills for handling emergencies and other stressful situations
- Tools for increasing household preparedness
- A brief hazard specific quiz

## Program Tools for Youth

- A *My Preparedness Workbook* for students to continue learning and preparing after the presentations
- A Disney-designed pillowcase to personalize and use as a personal preparedness kit
- A Certificate of Accomplishment

## Curriculum Tools for Teachers

- Science of Safety Teaching Kit with additional lesson plans
- Three classroom posters
- Education Standards Report to match curriculum to Common Core and Next Generation Science Standards
- A copy of the students' *My Preparedness Workbook*

## Monster Guard: Prepare for Emergencies

Visit [redcross.org/monsterguard](http://redcross.org/monsterguard) to download the free youth preparedness game on your iOS or Android device!



**To learn more about the program in your area, become a volunteer, or schedule a presentation, please contact:**

**For more information or national inquiries, please visit [redcross.org/prepare/location/school/preparedness-education](http://redcross.org/prepare/location/school/preparedness-education)**



## Smoke Alarms Save Lives!

Did you know that if a fire starts in your home, you may have just two minutes to escape? The American Red Cross has launched an initiative to reduce the number of deaths and injuries caused by home fires by 25% over the next five years. As part of the Home Fire Campaign, the Red Cross can install a **free** smoke alarm in your home!

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### Home Fire Campaign - Free Smoke Alarm Installation

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Please Return To: American Red Cross  
786 Delaware Avenue  
Buffalo, NY 14209



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