

# ERIE COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD – MEETING MINUTES

<b>MEETING DATE:</b>	12/1/2016	
<b>LOCATION:</b>	Erie County Fire Training and Operations Center	
<b>CALL TO ORDER:</b>	6:31pm	
<b>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE</b>		
<b>ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:</b>	PRESENT:	
	ABSENT:	
	EXCUSED:	Chris Petrie, Chris Close, Chris Couell, Shawn Kaufman, Tim Moses
<b>INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:</b>		
<b>APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING:</b>	DATE OF LAST MEETING:	10/27/16
	MOTION BY:	Mike Wutz
	SECOND BY:	Mike Schuler
	APPROVED:	Unanimously Approved
<b>REPORT OF OFFICERS:</b>		
<b>CHAIRMAN:</b>	Thanks to Mike and crew for dinner tonight and Missy for the Brownies.	
<b>CO-CHAIR:</b>	No Report	
<b>SECRETARY:</b>	No Report	
<b>TREASURER:</b>	Have 109.05 balance after tonight	
<b>REPORT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES:</b>		
<b>COMMISSIONER:</b>	Wishes everyone a happy and safe holiday season.	
<b>DEPUTY COMMISSIONER:</b>	<p>Jim Reported – Brought flyers for the email services offered by the fire safety office, passed out to group.</p> <p>ReadyErie – Discussed the app, handed out materials – create a plan, find emergency services, and can create a group with your family and friends.</p> <p>National Homeland Security Conference June 6-8, 2017. If you know anyone who would like to be a speaker can go to the Homeland Security Website <a href="http://www.nationaluasi.com">www.nationaluasi.com</a>.</p> <p>Discussed courses - Distributed a Firefighter I course handout regarding the course – course is now broken up into two parts. Fire Officer I class is available. There will be a new regional class for Fire Instructor I available in March.</p> <p>Jim discussed county resources available to the fire service upon request. IE. Communications assets (such as cache of radios, portable towers, repeaters, ACU1000s, etc.), MOC units (can be used for command purposes), ATVs, generators, traffic assets, etc. Recently deployed the ATVs to Orchard Park for two searches. Need to request the assets via MERS.</p>	
	<b>DEPUTY FIRE COORDINATOR:</b>	No Report
<b>OTHER:</b>	No Report	
<b>REPORT OF COMMITTEES:</b>		
<b>SCHOOL:</b>	Bob would like to sit down with Jim to see what needs to be done.	
<b>DRILL TOWER:</b>	<p>Bob reported that after the last meeting where damage was discussed regarding the towers, a group met at the towers to look at the damage. Working with Jim to try to prevent future damage. Working on props – the maze has some upgrades to it such as, movable partitions and the slope of the floor coming out of the maze can be adjusted. Can still use exterior set of stair at the Cheektowaga outdoor concrete tower. In addition, added some props to the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors for more realistic trainings.</p> <p>Amherst and Clarence Chiefs are now combining their meeting nights so it will be easier to represent them in the future.</p> <p>Suggested the Fire Advisory Board write a thank you not to Scott Electric for their donation of funds to assist with creating the props for training.</p> <p>No word from Fire Facilities about doing a walk thru as of yet.</p> <p>Jim Reger reported that new smoke machines were purchased so only will be allowed to burn in the burn areas of the building, the rest of the area will be piped with smoke through the building.</p>	
	<b>RADIO:</b>	<p>Shawn reported that he has an upcoming meeting with Jon Schultz from Niagara County to discuss their P25 Phase 2 County wide radio system and it's tentatively scheduled for December 21st at 7pm. Once location is determined he will send out an email.</p> <p>Paul attended a meeting with Blue Wireless and Town of Boston Monday night. Stated that Blue Wireless would like to put up 4 towers instead of 7 towers.</p>

	<p>Supervisor is receptive to this and will bring it up to the board again in the middle of December.</p> <p>Evans is moving forward with their own dispatch channel – by middle of January should be on own channel.</p> <p>Dan reported out that the new tower is up in West Falls for coverage, the West Falls corridor is still not good. He hasn't talk to Jerry or Chief yet. This still may be a tuning issue.</p>
LEGISLATIVE & FIRE PREVENTION:	<p>Mike reported out that the permanent disability has been passed into law from \$400 to \$600 but only good for 31 firefighters. see attachment.</p> <p>January 1<sup>st</sup> is a new legislative session and all bills have to be reintroduced with new numbers. For those who get LOSAP – it is an award, not a payment. There is a bill in both houses to make it as an award with no taxes.</p> <p>Jim Guy – Recruitment/Retention – 100 Club of Buffalo – there are new forms – Forms will be online 100clubbuffalo.org can be downloaded by each agency – Should encourage each agency to update the information once a year so there is accurate information. Need to develop a way for the volunteer service to do this. Board members please take this back to your controls/firehouses, very important!</p> <p>Recruitment/Retention have a sponsored a scholarship program through County Chiefs – however, have little applicants – need to come up with some strategies to do get a better turn out. All information is online. Hero award nomination – offered online – get very little input on this. Would like the county to get involved in this.</p>
BUDGET/PLANNING & WALL OF FAME:	<p>Jim Reger reported out that Legislature Rath apologizes he hasn't been able to make the last couple meetings. As budget items come up Rath will work with us to find the funding for them.</p> <p>Building &amp; Grounds will be working more with us regarding repairs/maintenance needed to the buildings, the oil pits and paving around fencing will be doing next year. The \$50,000 was requested by Emergency Services, it didn't make it in budget submitted by County Executive, however the legislature can still can put it back in the budget. Mike brought up that the original request years earlier were for \$10000 over 5 years not a lump sum of \$50,000. Boots have been purchased and will be distributed after January to instructors. Working on developing a better maintenance system for air packs and masks.</p> <p>Wall of Fame – Jim is working on an improvement plan. He spoke to Mike from VSP who will stop by and look at the wall to come up with a solution. This committed needs to create a proposal moving forward to nominate and induct people to the wall.</p>
RULES & MUTUAL AID:	Brian put together some recommendations and will send them to Paul for review.
<b>REPORT OF BOARDS:</b>	
ERIE COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS MUTUAL AID ORG.:	<p>2017 Schedule –</p> <p>1/16/17 – 7:00pm – Greater Lancaster Fire Museum of Firefighting – 6 West Main St – Lancaster, NY 14086</p> <p>3/20/17 – 7:00pm – Kenilworth Fire Department – 84 Hawthorne Ave – Buffalo, NY 14223</p> <p>5/15/17 – 7:00pm – North Collins Fire Department – 10543 Main Street – North Collins, NY 14111</p> <p>9/18/17 – 7:00pm – Marilla Fire Company – 1950 West Avenue – Marilla, NY 14102</p> <p>11/20/17 – 7:00pm – Woodlawn Fire Company – S 3281 Lake Shore Road – Blasdell, NY 14219</p> <p>Letter regarding awards dinner will be going out to the chiefs. Dinner is combined with Fire Association, Volunteer Firemen's Association and Fire Police and will be held on 3/18 at Sheridan Park – not definite on price -</p>
ERIE COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION:	Next meeting will be on Super Bowl Sunday – new list of officers -
ERIE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT OFFICERS ASSOCIATION:	No Report
ERIE COUNTY FIRE POLICE ASSOCIATION:	No Report
DISASTER ADVISORY BOARD:	<p>1/24/17 at 7:00pm – Newton Abbott Fire Company</p> <p>3/28/17 at 7:00pm – Fire Academy</p> <p>5/23/17 at 7:00pm – Fire Academy</p>

	7/25/17 at 7:00pm – Fire Academy 9/26/17 at 7:00pm – Fire Academy 11/28/17 at 7:00pm – Fire Academy
<b>EMS ADVISORY BOARD:</b>	No Report
<b>OLD BUSINESS:</b>	<p>Steve Piotrowski – special presentation on Next Gen 911 – provided an overview of recent updates to the county wide 911 system, in particular to the 911 mapping system and its included aerial photos and GPS plotting ability. Discussed how dispatch can provide field responders with accurate GPS coordinates for incidents that may not have a readily available or accurate street address. He answered questions that the group had about funding the next round of 911 system updates, the time frame involved and how the FAB could be of assistance. The process for upgrading began in 2011 when the county was awarded a grant to begin work on the project. Over the past three years the county has continued upgrading the system through additional grant funds. The board discussed writing a letter to the County Executive’s Office/Legislature in support of what Emergency Services is doing with 911. Jim Guy and Paul will discuss this with Dan and draft up a letter.</p> <p>Lee Smith – Discussed doing monthly meetings during the winter months to prepare for the budget and discuss items.</p> <p>Discussed faxing throughout the fire service – is this practice something that should be continued as a lot of the data going out is sometimes old by the time it gets faxed out, is this practice obsolete? Reger suggested that the board come up with criteria of what should be fax.</p>
<b>NEW BUSINESS:</b>	NY line of duty death fire police– 78 to date this year. Mike had a conversation with Chief Ralph and congratulated him on the fire. Thanked all the volunteer departments that helped him. Great effort between the volunteers and paid fire service.
<b>GOOD OF THE ORGANIZATION:</b>	<p>Thanked Steve for his presentation. Thanked Melissa for doing the minutes this year. Instead of doing the regular meetings as Lee suggested monthly, they will be work sessions. See dates below</p> <p>Emergency Responder Radio Coverage Act – Has been adopted – any new builds communication signals have to be at a certain requirement. If they don’t meet it they need to supply amplifiers.</p> <p>Happy holidays to you and your family</p>
<b>NEXT MEETING DATE:</b>	<p>1/26 (7:00pm - work session) – tentative at Lake Shore</p> <p>2/23/17(FAB meeting- 7:00pm - Academy)</p> <p>3/23/17 (7:00pm - work session)</p> <p>4/27/17 (FAB meeting- 7:00pm - Academy)</p> <p>5/25/17 (7:00pm - work session)</p> <p>6/22/17 (FAB meeting- 7:00pm - Academy)</p> <p>8/24/17(FAB meeting- 7:00pm - Academy)</p> <p>10/26/17(FAB meeting- 7:00pm - Academy)</p> <p>December Meeting – TBD</p>
<b>ADJOURNMENT:</b>	Mike Schuler Motioned, Mike Kluck 2 <sup>nd</sup> approved – 8:26pm.
<b>MINUTES RECORDED BY:</b>	
<b>MINUTES SUBMITTED BY:</b>	Melissa Calhoun

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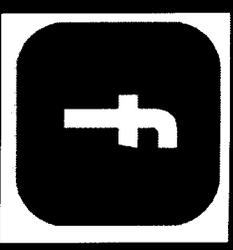
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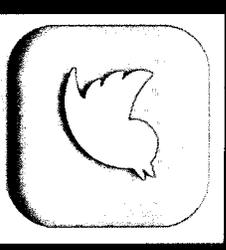
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## **TRAINING MEMO:**

### **IMPORTANT FIREFIGHTER 1 COURSE CLARIFICATION**

PUBLISHED: October 25, 2016

Effective September 1, 2016, the Firefighter 1 course no longer exists as a single course in its entirety.

The New York State OFPC Firefighter-1 certification will now be delivered in two (2) separate courses:

1. **BEFO w/HMFRO:** ALL students must begin with Course#1R-Basic Exterior Firefighting Operations with Hazardous Materials First Responder Operations (Most often represented as "BEFO w/HMFRO").

This course is designed to prepare students to respond to emergencies as EXTERIOR FIREFIGHTERS to accomplish the objectives of OFPC's "Recommended Best Practices for Fire Department Training-Exterior Firefighter" (<http://www.dhSES.ny.gov/ofpc/training/firefighting-best-practices.cfm>) objectives. (See attached.) Portions of the NFPA 1001 and NFPA 472 will be covered to train the entry level member as an Exterior Firefighter as defined by OSHA regulation 1910.156 Fire Brigade Standard. Training on OSHA's 1910.120 Emergency Response to Hazardous Materials regulation, 1910.146 Confined Space regulations (awareness level) and the 1910.147 Control of Hazardous Energy regulation will also be covered during the course.

Students attending this course will not be trained to wear an SCBA nor be trained to function in IDLH atmosphere. BEFO graduates should be committed to exterior operations ONLY and should not be placed in the HazMat warm or hot zone operations, interior structural fire attack, roof and/or ventilation operations and should not be in situations requiring them to come in contact with IDLH atmospheres nor the possibility of breathing smoke or contaminants.

This course is 79 hours long, delivered in 25 units, including 4-4 hour HMFRO units. The completion certificate for this course will state: "Basic Exterior Firefighting Operations w/HMFRO".

2. **SCBA/IFO:** Students seeking to be trained as an Interior Structural Firefighter who will wear a self-contained breathing apparatus must then progress into Course#1S-SCBA/Interior Firefighting Operations course (Most often represented as "SCBA/IFO or SIFO") following successful completion of the BEFO w/HMFRO course.

If the student does not intend to be trained as an Interior Structural Firefighter they will stop at the successful completion of the BEFO w/HMFRO course.

This course is 50 hours long, delivered in 16 units, including two (2) 4-hour structure fire skills units. The completion certificate for this course will state: "SCBA/Interior Firefighting Operations-Firefighter 1".

View this video to see a sample schedule and hear how the new delivery method will enhance the learning experience:  
<http://www.dhSES.ny.gov/ofpc/training/videos/firefighter-1.cfm>

**NOTE FOR STUDENTS WISHING TO BRIDGE FROM LEGACY COURSES:**

Students who previously completed either the 2015 BEFO; SSO-Scene Support Operations; Basic Firefighter or Firefighting Essentials curriculums can now bridge into the SCBA/IFO by first attending a series of 2016 BEFO curriculum classes. See the attached document for details.

<http://www.dhSES.ny.gov/ofpc/training/videos/documents/legacy.pdf>

**AIR CONSUMPTION TEST: IFO-Interior Firefighting Operations/SCBA and FIREFIGHTER 1**

All Task Oriented Air Consumption (TOAC) tests are held at the Erie County Emergency Services Training & Operations Center in Cheektowaga.

If you plan to be or are enrolled in an Erie County IFO-Interior Firefighting Operations/SCBA - Firefighter 1 Class, watch this video to learn what will be expected of you and what you should start practicing for:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IRo2SnrR9cg&feature=youtu.be>

The air consumption test is not a race, but a test of physical abilities and endurance that establishes a personal benchmark for you to understand just how long a nominal 30 minute air bottle may last you under firefighter working conditions. Instructors will work with you to prepare you to be successful in this training scenario.

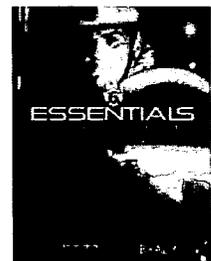
It consists of eight (8) stations that simulate real firefighter tasks to be completed on the fireground:

1. Hose Carry/Stair Climb
2. Hose Stretch & Hose Pull
3. Tool Lift/Carry
4. Ladder Raise
5. Forcible Entry
6. Search
7. Rescue
8. Ceiling Push/Pull

Recruit Firefighters must complete all eight (8) stations and stay on breathing air for a minimum of 10 minutes. Once all eight (8) stations are completed and the student still has air left in their SCBA cylinder, they will continue to rotate through each station until such time that their air is completely breathed down from their bottle. Each firefighter is partnered with a shadow/escort who monitors them frequently and records their air consumption and time after each station. Review the attachment, check out the video and start preparing. Please share with all existing and future Firefighter 1 students.

**STUDENT BOOK required for all BEFO-Basic Exterior Firefighting Operations, IFO-Interior Firefighting Operations/SCBA, Firefighter 1 and Firefighter 2 classes:**

The new Firefighter 1 (and Firefighter 2 and BEFO-Basic Exterior Firefighting Operations courses) curriculum are based on the IFSTA/Brady Essentials of Firefighting and Fire Department Operations-6<sup>th</sup> Edition. This book is required at the first class and they may be purchased at the Fire Safety Office at a cost of \$85 each. Your fire company or fire district will be billed by the Erie County Fire Chiefs Mutual Aid Organization. If you are purchasing elsewhere – be sure that you are buying the version that includes "Fire Department Operations."



Be sure to include your e-mail address and cell or other phone number on your application to ensure effective communications as the roster is posted and important course information must be distributed.

**TRAINING TIPS FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF FIREFIGHTER 1:**

View this physical fitness training tip from SFI Scott Janowski at <http://www2.erie.gov/fire/index.php?q=content/training-tips-preparing-success-firefighter-1> or download and share this Training Tip with your Chief/Training Officers and Firefighter 1 Candidates.



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**Legacy course bridging to NYS Firefighter-1 09-2016 Edition**

In order to participate in the SCBA/ Interior Firefighting Operations course, the student will need to meet one method of the prerequisites listed below to gain equivalency to **Basic Exterior Firefighting Operations 09/2016**:

**Bridge for previous BEFO (2015) and Scene Support Ops (SSO) students would need the following units from the 09/2016 BEFO course**

Loss Control & activities (3 hr.) Unit 15 New BEFO (2016)

Origin and Cause (3 hr.) Unit 16 New BEFO (2016)

Tactical Ventilation presentation/ Forcible Entry presentation (3 hr.) Unit 18 New BEFO (2016)

Forcible Entry skills (1.5 hr.) Unit 19 New BEFO (2016)

**SSO students-** Life safety initiatives/ Con Space awareness (3 hr.) Unit 17 New BEFO (2016)

4 units (previous BEFO students) or 5 units (previous SSO students) -plus the following:

Hazardous Materials First Responder Operations (Units 22-25 New BEFO) (16 hrs) +

CPR +

Present proof of Basic First Aid/ CFR/ EMT Training **OR** Complete Unit 20 Overview of First Aid in New BEFO (2016)

**Bridge for previous Basic Firefighter and Essentials FF would need the following units from the 09/2016 BEFO course**

FD Communications (3 hr.) Unit 4 New BEFO (2016)

Building Construction (3 hr.) Unit 5 New BEFO (2016)

Fire behavior-NEW material (3 hr.) Unit 6 New BEFO (2016)

Origin & Cause/ Scene lighting (3 hr.) Unit 16 New BEFO (2016)

Life Safety Initiatives/ Con Space awareness (3 hr.) Unit 17 New BEFO (2016)

Forcible Entry Skills (1.5 hr.) Unit 19 New BEFO (2016)

**Basic Firefighter students-** Ropes/ Knots & skills (6 hr.) Unit 8 & 9 New BEFO (2016)

6 units (previous Essentials students) or 8 units (previous Basic Firefighter students) -plus the following:

Hazardous Materials First Responder Operations (Units 22-25 New BEFO) (16 hrs) +

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CPR +

Present proof of Basic First Aid/ CFR/ EMT Training **OR** Complete Unit 20 Overview of First Aid in New BEFO (2016)

FROM: New York State Association of Fire Chiefs - NYSfirechiefs.com

## Department of Labor Issues Bail Out System Training Clarifications

Over the last several years, there have been many questions and issues surrounding the requirement for firefighter bail out systems. Changes have been implemented and interpretations of the requirement continue to be made.

The first change was the implementation of the evaluation tool to determine what type of system is appropriate for your jurisdiction and those you respond to regularly.

The most recent change is in relation to training requirements. Dr. Eileen Franko, the director of the Division of Safety and Health at the New York State Department of Labor, wrote a letter to Attorney Terry Hannigan in response to a question regarding the training required for bail out ropes. Hannigan's inquiry was in relation to ensuring that the required training did not increase the potential for injury.

The text of that letter shown here clarifies the DOL interpretation of the training requirements.

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*July 26, 2016*

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*Dear Mr. Hannigan:*

*Thank you for your letter of July 21, 2016. The Department of Labor shares your concern regarding firefighter injuries during training on the use of escape ropes.*

*The statute, 12 NYCRR Part 800.7, requires that firefighters are instructed in the proper use of escape rope and system components by a competent instructor. Instruction must include the requirements of paragraph (h) of this Part and the user information provided by the manufacturer. There is no requirement that the firefighter training under 800.7(g) include bailing out of a window at any significant elevation. A violation would not be issued if the training included all the elements in paragraph (g), including the hands-on use of the equipment in a controlled environment without the practice from an elevation.*

*Should a competent training instructor elect to have firefighters practice using the escape rope and system components at a second story height or higher, the use of a life safety rope and belay is required. This will help to ensure that the firefighters being trained do not fall and become injured. Training that allows participants to feel the load of their body weight may convey a better understanding of the escape rope system; however, it is not required.*

*Thank you for your interest in promoting safety and health among the fire service. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.*

*Sincerely,*

*Eileen Franko, DrPH  
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