

# ERIE COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD – MEETING MINUTES

<b>MEETING DATE:</b>	8/25/2016		
<b>LOCATION:</b>	Erie County Fire Training and Operations Center		
<b>CALL TO ORDER:</b>	7:05 PM		
<b>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</b>			
<b>ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:</b>	<b>PRESENT:</b>	Chris Close, Brian Guy, Jim Guy, Paul Hockwater Sr., Shawn Kaufman, Pete Kertzie, Mike Kluck, Chris Maciok, Dwayne Morosey, Paul Prautzsch, Mike Schuler, Lee Smith, Paul Wilson, Bob Zacher, Bob Zamrok, Melissa Calhoun, Jim Reger, Doug Larkin, Ed Rath	
	<b>ABSENT:</b>		
	<b>EXCUSED:</b>	Chris Couell, Ralph Galanti, Shaun Hediger, Bob Kryszak, Tim Moses, Mike Wutz	
<b>INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:</b>			
<b>APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING:</b>	<b>DATE OF LAST MEETING:</b>	6/23/2016	
	<b>MOTION BY:</b>	Mike Schuler	
	<b>SECOND BY:</b>	Dwayne Morosey	
	<b>APPROVED:</b>	Passed Unanimously	
<b>REPORT OF OFFICERS:</b>			
<b>CHAIRMAN:</b>	Mike Wutz talked to Paul about possibly meeting with the Niagara County FAB, he would like to go one step further and meet with all the fire advisory boards in the area to see what they do and invite them to one of our meetings.		
<b>CO-CHAIR:</b>	Lee reported that their fire company had found a good company to clean their turn out gear and do some minor repairs. It was a 24 hour turn around service. There was some discussion regarding what the county does to clean the gear. The county will send gear out to be cleaned, they will not be purchasing a in house cleaning system. Also discussed how the state doesn't provide traffic devices if there is a major incident on one of the state roads. It is expectant that the fire company stays to keep road closed. There was a milk truck spill on one of the roads in Lee's fire district and the road was closed for 12-14 hours with no response from the state. The board discussed possibly writing a letter to the state from the Fire Advisory Board.		
<b>SECRETARY:</b>	No Report		
<b>TREASURER:</b>	Balance as of 4/28 - \$383.80 – Mike was excused and didn't receive a report.		
<b>REPORT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES:</b>			
<b>COMMISSIONER:</b>	No Report		
<b>DEPUTY COMMISSIONER:</b>	<p>Jim attended the Boston/Colden Chief's meeting – they expressed that they do not have representation on the fire advisory board. Boot Camp was successful had 19 students participate had 18 students complete and pass. The purchase order for the manikins is moving forward. Working with Bob to build manikins out of hose. There has been some furniture put into the towers to make them a little more realistic when doing drills. Bob is doing a great job on them.</p> <p>Jim discussed some of the maintenance at the towers that are being done. There was discussion about needing to do a write up for the maintenance of the buildings. The board would like to have the buildings inspected. They are due for inspection. Jim will work on that with the department on how to go and get that completed.</p> <p>Outside Tower – the stairwell will not be used – put a deadbolt on the stairwell so no one can use it. However, the outside ladders are still okay to be used if people would like to train on it. Will review the budget with the Commissioner that was submitted by the board. There was discussion regarding the budget, Jim will bring that back to the Commissioner and we will wait to see what gets approved.</p>		
	<b>DEPUTY FIRE COORDINATOR:</b>	No Report	
<b>OTHER:</b>	Melissa reported out - LEPC Public Forum will be on 9/14/16 at 6pm – Topic is Air Quality and the Community		
<b>REPORT OF COMMITTEES:</b>			
<b>SCHOOL:</b>	Same report as Drill – Mike O'Connor resigned from board so we will continue to have the drill and school committee work together except during the hiring process of county instructors.		
<b>DRILL TOWER:</b>	Bob Zacher thanked those who helped put the manikins together with him, they turned out great. Will send a list of improvements to Melissa for the minutes.		
<b>RADIO:</b>	Shawn reported that the committee toured MERS – they will be meeting again to		

	discuss the tour. Next they would like to meet with Jerry/Kevin.
LEGISLATIVE & FIRE PREVENTION:	Jim G. reported that there is still real concern over the sustainability project. We can guide our future if we want to. He would like to put out a questionnaire to the fire service. Thoughts to possibly see if the county could hire UB to do a project on this. JFire has official gone out of business.
BUDGET/PLANNING & WALL OF FAME:	The budget was submitted to the county – some items they would like to see in the county budget are: Facilities Manager, Gear Replacement, Diesel filtration, fuel storage/distribution, paving project. There was discussion from Legislator Rath about the \$50,000 over 4 years that is already in Emergency Services budget. Wall of Fame – There was discussion regarding submitting to the Wall – possibly send something out to Fire Service about it. Received three letters – First one – George W. Scheehan – Rec'd 7/12/16. – Second one – Kermit Stradman Sr – Rec'd 7/5/16. – Third one – Earl Loder – Rec'd 8/16/16. A nomination/motion was made to add them to the wall by Lee Smith, Second by Mike Schuler – passed unanimously.
RULES & MUTUAL AID:	Has been reviewing the charter, bilaws, etc. Would like some guidance from the board on where to go with this. Charter Revision proposal about combining boards was denied.
<b>REPORT OF BOARDS:</b>	
ERIE COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS MUTUAL AID ORG.:	No Report
ERIE COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION:	No Report
ERIE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT OFFICERS ASSOCIATION:	9/21/16 – Vigilant 6:30 dinner 7pm meeting
ERIE COUNTY FIRE POLICE ASSOCIATION:	October – East Aurora
DISASTER ADVISORY BOARD:	9/27 – 7pm Twin District
EMS ADVISORY BOARD:	They are working on mirroring the same meeting dates as the fire advisory board. Maybe once or twice each year we can combine the meetings.
<b>OLD BUSINESS:</b>	Discussion regarding representation on the board. Mike Kluck stated that the Airport Crash Fire Rescue has concerns that there is no one on the board to represent them. Clarence Newstead also has concerns that there is no representation of them on the board. Members of the board should be going to their chief's organizations in their communities, the board represents the fire service as a whole not individual associations. If an association would like a representative to attend meetings please reach out to Paul as the chair and he can contact one of the advisory board members to attend their meeting.
<b>NEW BUSINESS:</b>	I AM Responding – Melissa discussed that it is online now, you should be receiving notifications for your fire departments. If you would like for informational purposes only to be added to the county's fire group please email her at <a href="mailto:Melissa.Calhoun@erie.gov">Melissa.Calhoun@erie.gov</a> with your cell phone number and cell phone carrier and she can have you added to the list to get notified when there are working fires throughout the county. Polo Shirts – discussion among the membership to purchase polo shirts/job shirts – Paul had sent out some ideas. Discussed and decided to go with the Maltese Cross that is used on the FAB website as the logo, would like Wickable or Cotton blend shirts. Melissa will get some quotes and send out to group. Members will purchase their own shirts.
<b>GOOD OF THE ORGANIZATION:</b>	Brian – reminded everyone about the Tunnel to Towers 5K Run on 9/10/16. You can still participate if you would like to. Mike Kluck mentioned that there will be an Airport Disaster Drill on 9/17 at 6:30pm.
<b>NEXT MEETING DATE:</b>	10/27, 12/1
<b>ADJOURNMENT:</b>	Motion to adjourn by Paul P., Second by Bob Zamarok – meeting ended at 8:30pm
<b>MINUTES RECORDED BY:</b>	
<b>MINUTES SUBMITTED BY:</b>	Melissa Calhoun

