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COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

January 11, 2018

Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street
4th Floor
Buffalo, NY 14202

Re: Erie County Emergency Fire Advisory Board

Dear Honorable Members:

Pursuant to the power vested in me by Section 1403 of the Erie County Charter, I hereby appoint the following individuals to the Fire Advisory Board.

Appointments:

James Gajewski
66 Woodell Ave
Cheektowaga, NY 14211
Term Expires: 12/31/19

Timothy Patrick Gibbons
7923 East Quaker Road
Orchard Park, NY 14127
Term Expires: 12/31/19

Scott M. Kuhlmeier
4 Fox Trace
Lancaster, NY 14086
Term Expires: 12/31/19

Robert W. Rackl
11 Fradine Drive
Cheektowaga, NY 14227
Term Expires: 12/31/19

Peter W. Spillsbury, Jr.
126 Tudor Blvd
West Seneca, NY 14220
Term Expires: 12/31/19

If you have any questions about this or any other matter, please feel free to contact my office at 858-8500.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Mark C. Poloncarz".

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

MCP/ks

cc: Daniel Neaverth, Erie County Commissioner of Emergency Services
Appointees

James Gajewski
66 Woodell Ave
Cheektowaga, NY 14211

Objective: I will bring a wealth of experience to the board and work with other members of the board to assist Emergency Services in moving the first responder community forward.

EXPERIENCE

1963- Present – Rescue Hose #1 – 20 Pine Ridge Road, Cheektowaga, NY 14211

- Active Interior Firefighter
- Commissioner – 1991- Present
- Past Chief – 1980-1985
- EMT – 1972-Present
- Various Officer Positions Held

1989 – Present – Erie County Hazmat Team

- Charter Member
- Team Leader – 1989 – Present

1974-2004 – All State Insurance Agency

- Licensed Independent Insurance Adjuster

TRAINING

- Various first responder training
- ICS 100, 200, 300 & 700
- Various hazmat training

PERSONAL LIFE

- Married for 51 years

Timothy Patrick Gibbons

7923 east quaker road

Orchard Park, NY 14127 US

Day Phone: 7167253770 - Ext:

Email: Gibbons105@yahoo.com

Work Experience:**U.S. Border Patrol**

1708 Lafayette Ave

Niagara Falls, NY 14305 United States

08/2010 - Present

Border Patrol Agent**Duties, Accomplishments and Related Skills:**

Duties include conducting line watch, making arrests, conducting surveillance, obtaining evidence, conducting interviews and interrogations, serving warrants, conducting operations with state, local, and other federal agencies. Duties as a vessel commander include planning, executing, and reporting on marine operations and interdictions, extensive training in maritime law, safety, operation, and enforcement. Duties as Emergency Medical Services Coordinator include oversight of sector tactical medical program, planning training, obtaining and maintaining equipment and supplies, coordinating with fellow law enforcement agencies, point of contact with Lead Physician Advisor.

Supervisor: Robert Taylor (7168627000)

Okay to contact this Supervisor: Yes

Education:

Erie Community College Orchard Park NY, NY United States

Associate's Degree 01/2015

Major: Criminal Justice

American Military University Charles Town, WV United States

Some College Coursework Completed

Credits Earned: 6 Semester hours

Major: Intelligence

Canisius College Buffalo, NY United States

Some College Coursework Completed

Credits Earned: 80
Major: Criminal Justice

Job Related Training:

Since 2012 I have been a member of the Niagara Falls Station Marine Interdiction Unit. The training for this unit includes completion of the Marine Law Enforcement Training Program held at FLETC (April/2012), as well as the Vessel Commander Certification Course at the National Marine Training Center in St. Augustine, FL (September, 2013). As a Vessel Commander my duties include the safe planning, execution, and conclusion of marine missions. To maintain proficient in my duties as a Vessel Commander, I complete numerous hours of yearly training and practical exercises.

As an Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (January, 2015) and Emergency Medical Services Coordinator I complete quarterly training on emergency medical education.

Volunteer Fire Related Information: Member of Orchard Park Fire Company since 08/2006. Multiple NYS training courses completed (list can be provided). Served as Rescue Lieutenant, Rescue Captain, Lead Field Training Officer, Junior Fire Captain, and Senior Fire Captain. Assisted with the development and implantation of many training courses, including the Orchard Park Fire Health and Wellness program, which promotes health and fitness in firefighters and organizes group workouts focusing on firefighting duties.

Language Skills:

| Language | Spoken | Written | Read |
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| Spanish | Novice | Novice | Novice |

SCOTT M. KUHLMEY

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PROFESSIONAL OBJECTIVE

To utilize my accomplishments as a public safety professional to further my fire service interest with the Erie County Fire Advisory Board and thereby challenging my education and experience.

PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Erie County Sheriff's Office (ECSO) Detective – Police Services 2007 – Present

- Fire and Crime Scene Investigator, case Detective
- Fire Investigator & Accelerant Detection canine handler, provide services to all Erie County municipalities.
- Crime Scene Investigator CSI and certified Latent Print Examiner.
- Field Training Officer FTO and Police Instructor
- Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT)
- General law enforcement and crime prevention work involving the protection of life and property, the enforcement of laws and ordinances, and rendering appropriate assistance when summoned in an emergency.
- Certified police officer, RADAR/LIDAR operator, forensic responder for missing and abducted children.
- Member of ECSO Type 4 All-Hazard Incident Management Team responsible for managing and/or assisting other agencies in managing major and/or complex incidents.

Village of Lancaster, N.Y. Fire Inspector 2007 – Present

- Perform detailed fire inspections of industrial, commercial, multiple family and special hazard occupancies to ensure compliance with the Fire Code of New York State and local regulations.
- Serve court appearance summonses and assist with prosecution of properties in violation of Fire Codes.
- Respond to and investigate reports of fire hazards and fires involving structural damage.
- Assist with investigations of the source, origin and circumstances of fires.
- Recommend remedial precautions for unsafe conditions of buildings and orders unsafe structures to be removed.
- Examine plans submitted for building permits to determine compliance with Fire Codes.

Erie 1 Board of Cooperative Educational Services *Safety, Health & Risk Management Specialist* 2006 – 2007

- Provide in-district safety, health, and risk management services for public schools in Erie County.
- Conduct fire inspections of school buildings.
- Coordinate and network with School Resource Officers (SRO).
- Ensure school compliance with regulatory requirements including NYS DOL, DEC, DOH, SED, USEPA, etc.
- Comprehensive emergency planning: Development of plans, lead tabletop, functional, and full-scale exercises.

Greatbatch, Inc. *Safety/Environmental Engineer & Fire/HazMat Chief* 2000 – 2006

- Supervise and manage all aspects of Emergency Management Operations (EMO), which includes serving as Fire Chief of an industrial fire brigade, hazardous material, emergency medical, and hot cell response teams.
- Proactive administration of comprehensive safety and risk management programs at multiple facilities within a lean manufacturing environment. Launch and administer programs to ensure compliance with applicable local, state, and federal safety, environmental and transportation regulations.
- Direct hazardous waste management, trend monitoring of injuries/illnesses, incident investigation and analysis, safety compliance audits with focus on leading metrics, evaluations of equipment and processes.
- Write, implement, test and refine emergency preparedness programs as appropriate.
- Assist with coordination of business continuity, disaster and contingency planning.

Rochester Institute of Technology (R.I.T.) *Adjunct Instructor: Fire Protection* 2001 - 2007

- Development and delivery of a comprehensive Fire Protection curriculum for undergraduate and graduate students. Fundamental concepts include protection of life and property from fire and explosion, fire chemistry, control of ignition sources, properties of combustible materials and fundamentals of emergency preparedness.
- Fire detection and extinguishment are covered along with building construction for fire prevention, life safety, fire codes and related topics.

Shur-Line Inc., Division of Newell Rubbermaid *Safety and Facilities Supervisor* 1992 – 2000

- Development and management of comprehensive safety programs, compliance with applicable safety/environmental regulations, emergency preparedness and response programs, in-house E.M.S. (first-aid), fire protection & prevention, Workman's Compensation, hazardous waste management, incident investigation, safety training, Emergency Response Team Coordinator and preparation of budgets.
- Performed regular training and drills to ensure emergency readiness and continuous improvement of emergency preparedness programs.
- Led divisional loss control and security initiatives and responded to emergencies as required. Responsible for facilities management, including direct supervision of facility and grounds maintenance staff.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Lancaster Fire Department *Interior Firefighter/Past Fire Chief* 1988 - Present

- Respond to requests for assistance within the Village of Lancaster and mutual aid jurisdictions, including fires, hazardous materials response, E.M.S., motor vehicle accidents, and miscellaneous hazardous conditions.
- Participate in fire prevention details, special functions, meetings, stand-by's, and participate in assorted committees.
- Qualified driver on diverse types of apparatus, pump operator, interior firefighter and auto extrication technician.
- Public Relations Officer, Information Technology Committee Chair
- Leadership experience with the firematic operation of 120 active members and 170 total members. Chief/Assistant Chief 2006-2014, rank of Lieutenant and Captain 1993-2005.
- Experience with budget management and numerous committees, including Ladder Truck Committee Chair.

Village of Lancaster, N.Y. *Director of Emergency Management* 1999 - Present

- Manage various aspects of preparedness/planning, emergency/disaster response and recovery assistance.
- Work as a liaison to local responders including local Fire, Emergency Medical Services, Law Enforcement and government support departments, as well as County, State and Federal agencies.
- Prepare/administer departmental budget, supervise assistant coordinators, develop comprehensive emergency plans.
- Provide training and drills in emergency planning and response.
- Assist with coordination of special events and respond to emergency incidents as required.
- Coordinate response, facility/road closures and implement tactical plans based on presented conditions.

EDUCATION

BS Degree with Honors: Concentration in Disaster and Emergency Management
Rochester Institute of Technology (R.I.T.) GPA 3.42

AAS Degree: Fire Protection Technology
Erie Community College

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS COMPLETED

- Disaster and Emergency Management – Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT)
- Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) 10 & 30-hour Outreach Trainer – Authorized
- Professional Development Series – Emergency Management Institute
- Safety and Health Specialist – Niagara County Community College (NCCC)

CERTIFICATIONS

- Accelerant Detection Canine Handler
- ICS 400
- ProBoard Firefighter II
- ProBoard Fire Investigator
- NYS Code Enforcement Official
- NYS Hazardous Materials Technician
- NYS Building Safety Inspectors» (Fire Inspector)
- NYS Fire Instructor
- NYS Fire Investigator II
- NYS Fire Officer II
- NYS National Incident Management (NIMS) Instructor
- PCII / ACAMS User (Homeland Security)
- United States Federal Security Clearance (1997-1999)

CITATIONS

- Recipient of the New York State Senate Liberty Award and Medal, the highest honor that the State Senate bestows upon a civilian for heroic action, exceptional achievement, and dedication.
- Erie County Fire Chiefs Mutual Aid Organization: Fire Fighter of the Year, 2006
- Erie County Volunteer Firemen's Association: Firefighter of the Year, 2007
- WTVB Channel 4 / WNLO Channel 23: Bravest of Western New York, February 2007
- Lancaster Lions Club: Firefighter of the Year, 2007
- District 20-N Lions Clubs of Western New York: WNY Firefighter of the Year Honoree, 2007
- WNY Volunteer Fireman's Association: Certificate of Excellence for Heroism and Outstanding Service: July 2007
- Firemen's Association of the State of New York (FASNY): Meritorious commendation
- Lancaster Fire Department: Firefighter of the Year, 2007
- Erie County Legislature, New York State Assembly, United States Congress - in recognition of outstanding and invaluable service to the community 2006
- Credited with saving the life of a man trapped in a burning apartment building: December 2006
- ECSO William G. Payne Patrol Services Award for his commitment to excellence and his sense of duty as a fire and crime scene investigator, 2012

AFFILIATIONS

- Erie County Emergency Manager Association
- Erie County Local Emergency Planning Committee LEPC
- Emergency Managers Association of Western New York
- Firemen's Association of the State of New York (FASNY)
- International Association of Arson Investigators
- International Association of Arson Investigators, NYS Chapter 23
- International Association of Emergency Managers
- National Fire Protection Association NFPA
- Niagara Frontier Building Officials Association
- NYS Association of Fire Chiefs (NYSAFC)
- NYS Fire Marshals & Inspectors Association
- WNY Fire Marshals Association

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

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| ▪ Erie County Hazardous Materials Organization | Hazardous Materials Technician |
| ▪ Lancaster Volunteer Ambulance Corps | Attendant/Driver/EMT-B |
| ▪ Town of Lancaster OEM | Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator |

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OBJECTIVE | To be appointed a member of the Erie County Fire Advisory Board

EXPERIENCE | FIRE DISPATCHER - TOWN OF CHEEKTOWAGA

March 15, 1982 – August 31, 1989

PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCHER - TOWN OF CHEEKTOWAGA

August 31, 1989 – April 28, 2016

MEMBER SWAT TACTICAL SUPPORT TEAM

PSD TRAINER

NUMEROUS CERTIFICATIONS PROVIDED UPON REQUEST

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER - SOUTH LINE FIRE DISTRICT #10

May 1, 1976 – Present

NUMEROUS CERTIFICATIONS PROVIDED UPON REQUEST

FIRE CAPTAIN - SOUTH LINE FIRE DISTRICT #10

January 1, 1981 – December 31, 2006

SAFETY OFFICER - SOUTH LINE FIRE DISTRICT #10

January 1, 2007 – Present

FIRE DISTRICT SECRETARY - SOUTH LINE FIRE DISTRICT #10

May 1, 2017 – Present

EDUCATION | WEST SENECA EAST HIGH SCHOOL - 4760 SENECA ST., WEST SENECA, NY 14224

1971 – 1974

NYS DIPLOMA

ERIE COUNTY BOCES - POTTER ROAD VOCATIONAL CENTER

1972 – 1974

TECHNICAL ELECTRONICS I AND II

ERIE COMMUNITY COLLEGE - NORTH CAMPUS

1974 – 1976

ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN

FCC LICENSE COMMUNICATIONS

REFERENCES | MEMBER OF VARIOUS FIRE SERVICE RELATED ORGANIZATIONS

REFERENCES PROVIDED UPON REQUEST

PETER W. SPILSBURY, JR.

OBJECTIVE

Reappointment to the Erie County Disaster Preparedness Advisory Board for the Erie County Fire District Officers Association.

FUNCTIONAL SUMMARY

I have lived, worked and served in the West Seneca community for my entire life. I have worked for the West Seneca Central School District as the Head Groundsman for 33 years and I have served with Seneca Hose Volunteer Fire Company for over 39 years.

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- ❖ February 1977 Seneca Hose Co. #1 West Seneca, NY
 - January 1980 through December 1982
 - EMS Lieutenant
 - January 1983 through December 1983
 - Captain
 - January 1984 through December 1985
 - 2nd Assistant Chief
 - January 1986 through December 1987
 - 1st Assistant Chief
 - January 1988 through December 1989
- ❖ 2015 West Seneca Fire District Officers Association
 - 2015 to present
 - President
- ❖ 1990 Erie County Advisory Board
 - Mid 1990's for approximately 2 years
- ❖ 1990 West Seneca Assistant Disaster Coordinator
 - Mid 1990's for approximately 2 years
- ❖ 1970s Boy Scouts of America
 - Eagle Scout

EDUCATION

Essentials of Firemanship
Fire Department Management
Ladder Company Operations
NYS DEC Hazardous Waste Initial Response & Enforcement
OSHA Training
National Fuel Gas Safety
Tactical Operations I
Preparing for Incident Command
Fire Command
Fire Ground Supervision
OSHA Confined Space Awareness Training
National Fire Academy
 → Firefighter Health & Safety Program Implementation
 → Building Construction Principles – Wood & Ordinary
 → Tactical Operations for Company Officers 1
 → Commanding the Initial Response
 → Preparing for Incident Command
National Emergency Management Home Study Courses
 → The Emergency Program Manager
 → Emergency Management USA
National Incident Management System
ICS National Training Curriculum
 → IS-00700
 → I-200

Initial Fire Attack
Fire Pump Operators
Accident Victim Extrication
Emergency Vehicle Operations
Basic Rescue Operations
Hazardous Materials Management
Niagara Mohawk Utility Fire Training
Mercy Flight Ground Safety
Firefighter Safety & Survival
Structural Fire Attack for the Company Officer
Rescue Skills & Techniques
Disaster Control
International Disaster Management Conference
Fire-Rescue Service Basic Rescue
Scott Air Pack Breathing Apparatus Maintenance
Public Safety Critical Incident Management
Hazardous Materials Incident Command
Bus Vehicle Rescue
Fire Attack 2
Erie County Rescue Task Force Training

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- ❖ West Seneca Town Chiefs
- ❖ Erie County Fire Chiefs Organization
- ❖ New York State Fire Chiefs Association
- ❖ West Seneca Fire District Officers Association
- ❖ Erie County Fire District Officers Association
- ❖ New York State Fire District Officers Association
- ❖ Erie County Disaster Preparedness Advisory Board