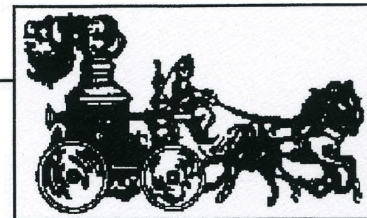


BROOME COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD

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MINUTES - FIRE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING - MARCH 14, 2019

Call to order at 7:00 pm by Chairperson Tom Giblin.

Motion by Wayne Sherwood, second by Gil Senger to accept the minutes of the minutes of the December 13, 2018, meeting. Carried.

EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT:

Fire Coordinator Jeff Buckler reported:

- **New paging-** All agencies have now transitioned to the new paging channel.
- **Radio Project-** The resolution passed the county legislature to apply for home-rule funding at the state level, which would increase 911 surcharge monies to help fund the project.
- **OFPC:**
 - **Mutual aid plan-** Need a resolution passing the revisions to the plan as submitted.
 - **Key Personnel & Inventory sheets-** We currently have 22 fire departments that have submitted these for 2019.
 - **UAV Team -** Still waiting on funding through the Federal Government.
 - **NYS Training-** We had the scheduling meeting for Spring/Summer with 9 additional courses being scheduled.
 - **Near-Miss Incident-** Our office has been actively involved in a Near-Miss Incident Review that occurred on January 7, and the final document should be coming out soon.
 - **Capital Project-** We have submitted a project to replace the Technical Rescue (Dive) Truck in 2020. We are hoping to purchase another fifth wheel tow vehicle and trailer to replace this unit.
 - **Firefighters physicals-** We had an issue appear this week in which fire departments are allowing members to attend state classes and respond to alarms inclusive of SCBA usage prior to having an initial firefighter physical. More to follow on this, it has the potential of becoming quite complicated.
 - **Staff Changes-** Deputy Fire Coordinator Ruck will be leaving us sometime in the near future, at such time DFC Launt will become Senior Deputy Fire Coordinator. OES is in the process of hiring Mike Heide to assume the Aswad Facility duties as well as assist DFC Edwards with Haz-Mat Team Maintenance items.

There was a question about fire reporting. We had 87% of fire reports submitted last year. Software problems are usually the cause of reports not being submitted.

BYLAWS: No report.

PREVENTION/EDUCATION: The fire safety trailer will be going out soon to events. Contact the Firefighters' Association if you are interested in using this for an event. Last year's media event was disappointing. Still hoping to raise funds to be able to purchase a newer tow vehicle.

LEGISLATURE: Legislator Scott Baker reported that the radio project was approved by the County Legislature. They will be bonding for part of the money, the phone charges are home rule funding and will have to be approved by the State Legislature. We have talked to our area legislators- Senator Akshar, Assemblyman Crouch and Assemblywoman Lupardo- and they are all on board with this.

HAZ MAT: No report.

LINK FIELD: They will be holding a table top drill.

CONSOLIDATED PURCHASING: Last year hose and ladder testing were offered at a special price arranged by Broome County. Fire departments could contact vendors directly for this, so we are not sure how many fire departments took advantage of this. There were ten fire departments that took advantage of the pump testing. Information for this year will be going out to chiefs soon.

FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOC: President Rob Brady reported:

- They are selling the Save Around books as a fund raiser for the fire safety trailer.
- Next meeting is April 5 at Kirkwood.
- At the last meeting Mike Korchak talked about the District Attorney's office.
- Always looking for information for the newsletter.
- April 27 is the Recruitment Open House. FASNY has posters and other free materials to promote this event.

BROOME COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS' ASSOC: Next meeting is April 4 at West Windsor. The smoke divers class will be held in April and the class is already full.

NYS AFC: Convention will be June 12-14 at the On-Center in Syracuse.

FIRE POLICE:

- Meeting tonight at West Corners.
- They have a training scheduled for April 13.
- Fire Police Seminar will be at Montour Falls on March 16.

We are unsure about the status of the fire police class. NYS DOJ is not supporting this class so for now Traffic Incident Management Class (TIMS) is the course recommended for fire police.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Gil Senger, second by Wayne Sherwood to adopt the revisions to the mutual aid plan as presented. Carried. The plan now goes to the Broome County Legislature for final approval.

Noted that revisions that affect interior firefighters will be held off until the next revision to give firefighters time to take required training to meet standards.

2. Election of officers for 2019:
Chairperson - Jeff Buckler nominated Tom Giblin. Motion by Gil Senger, second by John Haggerty that the polls be closed and the Secretary cast one ballot for Tom Giblin for Chairperson. Carried.

Vice chair- Craig Terrell nominated Bill Gorman. Motion by Chad Benedict, second by Craig Terrell that the polls be closed and the Secretary cast one ballot for Bill Gorman for vice-chair. Carried.

Secretary - Rob Brady nominated Alice Fiacco. Motion by Rob Brady, second by Scott Baker that the polls be closed and the Chairperson cast one ballot for Alice Fiacco for Secretary. Carried.

3. Discussion of lowering the number for a quorum. Motion by Rob Brady, second by Wayne Sherwood to change the number to 9 for a quorum. Carried.

4. Still have some members not in attendance. All members are asked to please make an effort to attend all meetings.

Motion by Rob Brady, second by Scott Baker to adjourn at 7:30 pm. Carried.

Next meeting is May 9, at 7 pm, second floor meeting room at the Public Safety Facility.

Respectfully Submitted,

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