

SARATOGA COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Minutes

March 25, 2019

7:00 pm

Representatives:

William Crawford (E)	T/O Ballston
Aaron Dyer	T/O Charlton
Patrick Champagne	T/O Clifton Park
Andy Kelley	T/O Corinth
Alex Rockwell	T/O Edinburg
Kevin Barkley Jr	T/O Galway
Brandon Ray	T/O Greenfield
Douglas Dutcher (A)	T/O Hadley
Art Hunsinger	T/O Halfmoon
Joe Plewinski	T/O Malta
Matt Dunn (A)	C/O Mechanicville
Joe Spofford	T/O Milton
John Smith Jr. (A)	T/O Moreau
Thomas Wood	T/O Northumberland
David Houston (E)	T/O Providence
Peter Shaw	C/O Saratoga Springs
Brian Myers	T/O Saratoga
Tom Rinaldi	T/O Stillwater
David Gardner (A)	T/O Waterford
William Morgan	T/O Wilton
Ed Tremblay	Emergency Services
Carl Zeilman (E)	Emergency Services
Steve Gordon (A)	Sheriff's Office
Shawn Brimhall OFPC	Guest
John Cooper OES	Guest
Rick Drew	Guest

Chairman Plewinski called the meeting to order.

The pledge was said and a moment of silence was observed for fallen brethren.

Guests welcomed.

Art Hunsinger made a motion to accept the January minutes as written (February meeting was cancelled) seconded by Alex Rockwell, unanimous.

Commissioner's Information – We are still using the IMPACT program for times and numbers for now. Box alarm change requests will be addressed in a few weeks now that the new system is in operation. The new paging system update will not affect users when we go live.

Fire Coordinator – Classes:

Incident Safety Officer class completed with 31

Principles of Building Construction – Jonesville - 34 completed

SCBA/IFO - Burnt Hills – class completed with 15

Truck Company Operations – Clifton Park – 8 registered

- South Glens Falls – cancelled due to lack of registrants

Live Fire – Gansevoort – 39 attending

- Burnt Hills – 35 pre-registered

- Hillcrest – 30 pre-registered

- Middle Grove – 21 pre-registered

Apparatus Operator – Aerial Devices – April

-Wilton – 18 preregistered

- Clifton Park – 12 preregistered

Firefighter 2 – West Crescent – April -12 pre-registered

- Wilton – June – 16 pre-registered

I will be meeting with a welder regarding repairs to the burn building.

- There is a ceiling panel issue 2nd floor next to tower section. In the process getting it repaired.

You should see this in your walk through

- Please use caution when using the hydrant system. Not sure if there is a leak causing mud to be drawn in. If used, give it a good flushing to evaluate the quality of the water. I have a repair request in to have it checked/ flushed. If someone gets to it, please let me know.

- Also going to the pump contractor for repair of the pump to try to get it up and operational.

Funding has been approved for a part time position for someone to oversee operations at the FTC. A description and qualifications for the position needs to be reviewed with Human Resources.

Sheriff's Department Information – no information

Chairman – The Committee assignment list was circulated for sign-ups.

Changes to the mutual aid plan will need to be completed due to the new CAD system.

Radio procedures will be reviewed and updated.

Vice Chairman – no information to report

Hazmat Committee – We had a code red training last month.

We will begin familiarizing ourselves with the new suits this week.

We had two “show and tells” – Jonesville and one at the auto shop call we went to.

There will be a regional hazmat training at the arsenal on May 4th.

Module 5 in May and July and module 3 & 4 back to back in the Fall.

Mutual Aid – no information to report

Personnel Committee – We received approval for a part time person to oversee activities at the Fire Training Center, qualification information will be put together.

Fire Training Center – The grant we applied for for the new burn building is still being processed.

Legislative Committee – Fire Service Legislative Day is May 20th in Albany, a day you can bring your concerns to your elected representatives in Albany.

Several fire service related items are in the legislation, a few are regarding; VFBL amounts, cancer law documentation for fit test, EMS billing, sale of upholstered furniture, volunteer tax credits, foreign fire insurance tax, fire extinguishers in rented apartments, etc. Documentation can be found on the Capital Area Association of Fire Districts webpage afdca.org or afdsny.org.

Budget Committee – no information to report

Rehab Committee – no information to report

Radio Committee – Round Lake has requested new station and unit identifiers –

45 – station identifier

45-0 and 45-9 unit identifiers

45-8 utility vehicle identifier

Art Hunsinger asked for time to review the requests and move forward if within compliance.

Bill Morgan made a motion to accept Art's request seconded by Tom Rinaldi, unanimous.

Recruitment and Retention – Recruit New York is April 27th and 28th. You can go to the website to sign up and request materials.

Old Business – no old business to discuss

New Business – Joe Plewinski will be requesting ideas from the Fire Advisory Board on suggested changes to improve the Board.

Guests – Shawn Brimhall – We will be conducting a gross decon training on procedures to decontaminate gear after live fire calls. Information will be released once available.

We will be hiring State Fire Skills Instructors.

We are working to release Fire Officer 2 to the field.

Good and Welfare – The Chief in Defreestville wanted to thank those that we able to attend Ray Swart's services. Ray was a Waterford EMS Supervisor and a Chief at Defreestville.

John Cooper will be stepping down as Deputy Fire Coordinator at the end of June.

The next meeting will be at 7:00 pm on Monday April 29th, at the Fire Training Center.

Andy Kelley made a motion to close the meeting, seconded by Aaron Dyer, unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Cook

Saratoga County Office of Emergency Services