SARATOGA COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 26, 2022

7:00 pm

***City/Town Representatives:*** Bill Crawford – Ballston, Aaron Dyer – Charlton, Patrick Champagne – Clifton Park,

Graham Champagne – Corinth, Kevin Barkley Jr. – Galway, Art Hunsinger – Halfmoon, Pete Shaw – Malta,

David Houston – Providence, Joseph Dolan – C/O Saratoga Springs, Brian Myers – Saratoga, Tom Rinaldi – Stillwater,

Bill Morgan – Wilton

***Excused***: Robert Williams – Greenfield, Matt Dunn – C/O Mechanicville

***Absent***: Alex Rockwell – Edinburg, Billy Winslow – Hadley, Kevin Krogh – Milton, John Smith Jr. – Moreau,

Tom Wood – Northumberland, Don Baldwin – Waterford

***Present:*** Fire Coordinator Ed Tremblay, Dr. Mike McEvoy, Shawn Brimhall – OFPC, Kevin Barkley Sr. – OES,

Rich Shakerly - OES

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm, the pledge was said and a moment of silence was observed for fallen brethren.

On a motion made by Bill Morgan, second by Kevin Barkley Jr., the minutes of the August 29, 2022 meeting were

unanimously approved.

Fire Coordinator Tremblay

* State classes – likely starting after 1/2023
* Fire Alarm Class - 6 hour class
* Sprinkler System Training Class – 6 hour class
* Incident SO
* Tactical Fireground Simulations
* Traffic Incident Management System/Highway IM
* Principals of Construction
* State Classes running
* Fire Officer 1 Module Series – Started September 12 @ FTC
* BEFO/Interior Fire Ops – Started September 7 @ Wilton Fire
* Fire Training Center
* Still waiting for funds to clear for the grant. Starting to get price information together which was requested

 that we received from vendors.

* Municipal Water Project will be in service soon, finalizing reports.
* Training Center Operator is still awaiting Human Resources approval.
* Meeting with a welding contractor on 7/26 to review work needed.
* Miscellaneous
* Mutual Aid Plan status – changes being made, in the works.
* Add HazMat, Radio Plan including frequency and line codes (?), Arson Control
* Various inventory and resource lists
* Fire Investigation Unit calls: August - 2, September – 7, Total as of 9/26 – 62 for 2022
* Recruitment Project brief:
* 25 individuals have shown interest in various agencies

Dr. McEvoy

* New Motorola radios – cheaper ones are available than what we are buying now, more info coming.
* We will have EMT courses starting in the spring, probably February.
* Just finished a BOCES class open to Shenendehowa as an experiment, seven graduated. We plan to open the class up to all schools in the County next summer.
* We had a free academy class last August/September that was open to the public, 14 finished.
* Moderna and Pfizer COVID boosters are available at pharmacies and for homebound. Contact me if you have homebound people. Pharmacy appointments are through www.vaccines.gov.
* We are doing some experimenting with PulsePoint using google to add AED locations.
* The Verified Responder app will be getting new features, such as marking hydrants and preplans.
* The link to apply for PulsePoint VR status is www.surveymonkey.com/r/VRapp.
* Next month – four days training for people who are working in peer support for Fire, EMS and Law Enforcement.
* We are in the process of moving the white board into IaR.

Chairman Shaw

* No information to bring forward

Vice Chairman Rinaldi

* Have we heard anything on lithium ion battery collection of data for dispatch? Ed to follow up.

Committees

* Hazmat – Bill Morgan
* McNeal and Company recently had an on-line training event on Electric Vehicle response. This is their second one this year with the potential of an SOP/SOG sometime this winter. We will be working with Chief Dunn to see if we can update his recent power point and hopefully present it to Chiefs and Officers this winter.
* We will be working with the Saratoga Springs Fire Department to hopefully resume HAZMAT Team Capability training with the interested fire departments as part of their drill cycle. This has not been done since the start of COVID.
* Mutual Aid
* No report
* Personnel – Patrick Champagne
* No report
* Fire Training Center – Bill Crawford
* The pigeon problem continues.
* Ed – I have a contractor giving me an estimate on repairs: windows, ceiling panel and exterior wall.
* Legislative – Tom Rinaldi
* No new information to report
* Budget - Ed
* Asking for $900,000 for a new burn building, $700,000 for a hazmat truck, $25,000 for a pavilion.
* Radio – Art Hunsinger
* I will send information out to the Chiefs on the radios when I get it.
* Recruitment and Retention – Art Hunsinger
* No information from FASNY on numbers.
* Issues discussed at the last State Task Force meeting:
* Leadership, training, hours, bail out – data is being put together – lengthy discussion took place on topics.
* Firefighter for a day will take place this Saturday in Clifton Park, 8am – 2pm. There will be multiple stations/activities and demonstrations taking place.

Old Business

* No old business to address.

New Business

* Letters will be going out to the Supervisors regarding appointments starting 2023.

Guest – Shawn Brimhall

* The state has approved five new instructors. Two are already working; two will be going to training next month and one in November.
* If classes are needed, let me know.
* State is accepting resumes for Superintendent of State Fire Academy and State Fire Administrator.
* Signed legislation for PTSD as a recognizable Line of Duty injury benefit on the Federal level – details to come.
* Legislation passed - firefighting is a known carcinogen.

Guest – Kevin Barkley Sr.

* On behalf of my whole department, we would like to thank everyone that helped with the recent loss of one of our members.

Good and Welfare

* The next meeting will be Monday October 31, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the Public Safety Facility.

On a motion made by Bill Crawford, second by Tom Rinaldi, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Kelly Cook

Office of Emergency Management