

SARATOGA COUNTY FIREMATIC OFFICER'S., INC  
BALLSTON SPA, NEW YORK

August 16, 2021 – Meeting Minutes  
Edinburg Fire Department

**Meeting called to order** at 19:30 Hours by President De Long.

**Pledge of Allegiance** led by Garrett

**Prayer and Moment of Silence** by Chaplain Mahar.

\* Special mention the passing of past Asst. Chief Rhett Croteau – Malta Ridge Fire Co, Keith Murphy, Fire Police – Galway Fire and recent hospitalization of past Department Chief Dave Gardner – Northside Fire.

**Roll Call:** 8 agencies represented

I welcomed everyone in attendance. I thanked the members and officers from Edinburg Fire for hosting this evenings meeting and providing refreshments afterwards.

**Officer's in attendance:** President De Long, Vice-President DeRidder, Treasurer Mehen. Directors Brousseau, Mehen and Ellsworth.

Excused: Ron Clousen – Secretary.

Absent: Directors Wood and Bonesteel.

**Officer's report:**

\* **Reading of the April 2021 minutes.** Minutes were not available as the secretary was excused. Note the June meeting had been canceled.

\* **Correspondence:** I received an email from Fire Coordinator Tremblay asking to speak before the board of directors to consider changing the time the association meets bi-monthly.

\* **Treasurer's Report:** B. Mehen read the report prepared for the June meeting and a second report for this evenings meeting. Both reports reflected income and no disbursements.

Motion by Edinburg to approve both reports, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vischer Ferry. Motion carried.

**Report of the Fire Advisory Board:**

There was no representation from the FAB. I read highlighted minutes from the June and July Meetings.

**Report of the Fire Coordinator & Training – Ed Tremblay:** Absent

**EMS Council / EMS Coordinator Report – Mike McEvoy:** Absent

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**County OES Report – Carl Zeilman:** Absent

**Sheriff's Department – Director Gordon:** Absent

**Special Committees:**

- \* **Spring Training Seminar.** I brought the topic up of trying to put something together for 2022 depending on where we stand with COVID. Consensus was to wait until 2022 for maybe a fall seminar or Spring 2023.
- \* **Annual Dinner Meeting-** I have been in contact with SGF Ladies Auxiliary. They are willing to cater the December meeting. I have not followed up yet for menu and costs. Hopefully COVID will not play into another year of canceling the dinner. I will have the board decide on a December date at the October board meeting.
- \* **Election of Officers:** No one present was willing to canvas the agencies for a December ballot. I appointed Jay Ellsworth, Jeri Mehen and Jeff Mahar to canvas the fire departments for an election ballot for December.

**Old Business:**

I spoke of the County Fair and why I did not solicit agencies to be on display this year. The fair was reduced to three days roughly, I could not see taking the time to clean the building, set it up and take it down for the short time. The display needs improving which in 2019 Shawn Brimhall had offered to assist on obtaining new updated display material.

Russ DeRidder was in hopes to have a truck on display for a little while. I said that this year Ballston Spa Fire Department had a truck on display with a recruitment booth. It seemed to do okay. I also mentioned that Chief Krogh hopes to have the booth again next year with personnel and by doing so, he may solicit neighboring agencies to cover what are known as grandstand events. This however will be looked at next year. Also, agencies at the Chief's booth may also do a recruitment drive during their assigned slot.

**New Business:**

- \* In the Fire Advisory Board minutes, there is mention of repairs to the fire training tower. Status and or updates on repairs.

Discussion from the floor:

- Why doesn't the pump work? It has not worked in years, why? Agencies have to provide a truck and crew to provide water for classes.
- The heat shield has been removed from one section of the burn building
- There has been a problem with the propane training area
- When was the last time the building was inspected by a certified inspector?
- The Fire Coordinator should be keeping up on this building, repairs should be taken care of immediately. The budget should include expected repairs and upkeep.

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- Hydrant system maybe leaking
- What is the status of the old building? It was set up to have a collapsing floor? Is it still in use?

One agency voiced that they go out of county for training and another is considering going to a neighboring county to use their facility. There has been an increase of use at Greenfield Fire Districts facility and it is starting to show the extra usage.

The attending membership has asked I call for a special meeting be held on Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 12 Noon at the County Fire Training Center with a walk thru of the buildings. In addition, address the Fire Advisory Board, the Fire Coordinator, Commissioner of OES and the County Public Safety Board of the various findings after the special meeting.

- \* I made mention that the Fire Advisory Board has been working to get a position created to over look the training center, groundskeeper position. It Is unclear if part time or full time. Body is in agreement.
- \* I asked the membership to approve the application of a debit card. There are times a card is useful, especially when renewing the website, as it is charged against my personal card annually.

Motion by Edinburg to approve a debit card, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Round Lake. Carried.

- \* I submitted an amendment request to the bylaws committee on behalf of the Fire Coordinator reflecting the meeting time.  
Phil Brousseau read the amendment. There was no further discussion.

Motion was made to accept and second. Motion was carried.

Meetings will begin at 7 PM starting with the October 18<sup>th</sup> meeting at West Charlton.

- \* I brought up the topic that several year ago it was in the Assembly and Legislature to increase the tax credit for Volunteer EMS workers and Firefighters from \$200 to \$600. I noticed in February while doing state tax return it is still \$200. I would like to send a letter to our politicians to ask that they support this increase.

No further discussion, motion made and second to write letters. Carried.

**Good & Welfare:**

- \* Past Department Chief Dave Gardner from Northside was taken ill recently and has been in ICU at Albany. A spaghetti dinner fundraiser has been set for Sunday, August 22 from 3PM to 7 PM or until sold out. Also a go fund me page has been set up, link is on the Association website for those who would like to donate.

\* 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Bands Fair in Mayfield

\* Upstate Truck Fire Expo at Glens Falls Civic Center September 3<sup>rd</sup>

\* Stabilization University is holding a class in Cortland, September 11<sup>th</sup>. Worthwhile Class

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\* Phil commented that the Capital District Fire Investigators are working with the State Forest Rangers with a cooperative agreement to investigate wildland fires as this is uncharted territory for fire investigators.

**Agency Report:**

- Ballston Spa – nothing to report
- Galway - 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to be celebrated August 26, 2023.
- Middlegrove - 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 2022. In the planning stage. Another truck being delivered for Porter Corners. Sutfin.
- Providence – nothing to report
- Round Lake – nothing to report.
- Stillwater – nothing to report.
- Vischer Ferry – New Engine Rescue in October, 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2022.
- Edinburg – Chief Seelow 20 years as Chief.


I asked for a standing round of applause for Chief Seelow.

**Next Meeting** will be Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at West Charlton – Eastern Avenue. **\*\*\* Note, meeting will start at 7 PM.**

**Motion to adjourn** by Middlegrove, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Round Lake. Carried.  
**Meeting closed** at 2018 hours.

The minutes may lack some information as the voice recorder did not record the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Stan J De Long  
President



***Saratoga County  
Firematic Officer's , Inc.  
Ballston Spa, New York***

**From the Desk of the President**

**Dear Chiefs,**

Another year is passing by us quickly and it is time to solicit candidates for the 2022 calendar year for this Association. If you or any of your line officers or past Chiefs are interested in an elected position, please reach out to Jay Ellsworth (Middle Grove - 5183612041), Jeri Mehen ([Jeri590@nycap.rr.com](mailto:Jeri590@nycap.rr.com)) or Jeff Mahar (Stillwater [mahar.jeffrey@gmail.com](mailto:mahar.jeffrey@gmail.com) ) with your intent. Nominations will be canvassed from the floor at the October meeting with the election held at the December meeting.

I have listed the positions to be filled and those who currently serve in that position.

**Stan De Long  
Russ DeRidder  
Ron Clousen  
Bill Mehen**

**President  
Vice-President  
Secretary  
Treasurer**

**Les Bonesteel  
Phil Brousseau  
Jay Ellsworth  
Jeri Meehan  
Bob Wood**

**Director  
Director  
Director  
Director  
Director**

**Firematically,**

**Stan De Long, President**



Secretary - Attach  
Meeting Minutes

SCFOA President <scfoa.ny@gmail.com>

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## August SCFOA Meeting

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Ed Tremblay <ETremblay@saratogacountyny.gov>  
To: SCFOA President <scfoa.ny@gmail.com>

Thu, Aug 5, 2021 at 10:52 AM

Hello Stan,

I sent to Chiefs, Deputy Fire and EMS Coordinators and the Fire Advisory Board.

Could I bring up a topic for discussion at the board meeting?

Changing the Start time from 7:30 PM to 7:00 pm?

You can do what you want and I won't be insulted if you don't.

I'm just thinking maybe an earlier start meaning earlier finish will draw more people to the meeting.

Just a thought do with it what you wish.

Have a Fantastic Day!

Ed

### Ed Tremblay

Deputy Commissioner/ Fire Coordinator

Saratoga County

Office of Emergency Services



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**From:** SCFOA President <scfoa.ny@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, August 5, 2021 1:10 AM

**To:** Ed Tremblay <ETremblay@saratogacountyny.gov>

**Subject:** August SCFOA Meeting

[Quoted text hidden]

**To:** Saatoga County Firematic Officer's, Inc.  
By-Law Committee Chairperson

**From:** Stan J. De Long, President's

**Date:** 7 August 2021

**Ref:** By-Law Change, Article III, Section 2

I have been in receipt of an email from County Fire Coordinator Ed Tremblay regarding the opening time of the Associations bi-monthly meeting. I have been asked if I would be in favor of changing the meeting time from 7:30 PM to 7:00 PM to be consistent with other Association meeting times as well as an earlier start time allowing an earlier adjournment time.

As a result of this inquiry, I am proposing the following attached by-law change to be brought before the membership at our August 16, 2021 meeting for discussion and acceptance to move forward with said change.

**Firematically,**  
*Stan J. De Long*  
**Stan J. De Long**

Article III – Meetings

Current by-law reads as;

Section 2 – Regular Meetings

Regular meetings will be held at 19:30 hours on the third Monday of every other month beginning on the second month of the year. Meeting will be rotated throughout the county to different departments with the exception of the Annual December Meeting.

Proposed change of Article III, Section 2;

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Discussion Affair

Submitted by: Alan Kelly <sup>Belief Ed to</sup> Date: 8/16/21 2021

Date of Reading: 8/16/21 2021

Voted on: 8/16/21 2021

(10) meads  
(2) Stallman

Approved

Denied



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Discussion Allowed.

Submitted by: Stan De Long 

Date of reading: 8/16/21

Voted On: 8/16/21

Date: 16 August 2021

Motion to Accept: Middle Grove

Second by: Stillwater

Approved

Denied

cc: By-law Committee Chair  
Recording Secretary



## SPAGHETTI DINNER BENEFIT FUNDRAISER

Help support one of our own who has served our community and others over the past 30+ years in all fields of first response..Fire, Police and EMS.

Past Chief and current Safety Officer David Gardner has been unexpectedly hospitalized due to an unfortunate illness and is currently in the intensive care unit at St. Peter's hospital. David and his family will have a long road ahead with months of recovery in his future and would greatly appreciate our support for his many years of service to the community. All proceeds from this event will be donated to the Gardner Family to assist with medical bills and any other expenses that they may face in the coming months. We thank you in advance for you support. #TheDavidStrong

**LOCATION- 85 SARATOGA AVE, WATERFORD**

**DATE- SUNDAY AUGUST 22nd**

**TIME- 3-7/SOLD OUT**

**PRICE-\$10**

**Pre-orders accepted until 8/18 via facebook  
@F.B. Peck Hose Company**

**ALL DONATIONS GREATLY APPRECIATED!!**

# SARATOGA COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 28, 2021

7:00 pm

**City/Town Representatives:** **Present:** Aaron Dyer - *Charlton*, Patrick Champagne - *Clifton Park*, Graham Champagne – *Corinth*, Robert Williams - *Greenfield*, Art Hunsinger - *Halfmoon*, Pete Shaw - *Malta*, Kevin Krogh - *Milton*, Tom Wood – *Northumberland*, Joseph Dolan - *C/O Saratoga Springs*, Brian Myers - *Saratoga*, Tom Rinaldi – *Stillwater*, Bill Morgan – *Wilton*

**Excused:** Bill Crawford - *Ballston*, Kevin Barkley Jr. - *Galway*, David Houston - *Providence*

**Absent:** Alex Rockwell – *Edinburg*, Billy Winslow – *Hadley*, Matt Dunn - *C/O Mechanicville*, John Smith Jr. - *South Glens Falls*, Don Baldwin – *Waterford*

**Present:** Fire Coordinator Ed Tremblay, Commissioner Carl Zeilman, Dr. Mike McEvoy - OES, Les Bonesteel – OES

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

Bill Morgan made a motion to accept the May minutes second by Aaron Dyer, unanimous.

## Commissioner Zeilman

- We are working on installing four radio channels (1-law enforcement, 2-fire, 1-EMS) at the Mid-Rise Apartments in Mechanicville to see how they work on the system. This will give us an idea if an ASR site might work in that area.
- We set up a mutual aid tour with the Kesselring site for July. There will be an exercise with mutual aid companies at that location.
- We have hand sanitizer available if anyone needs it. You can call the office for pick up.
- We completed a fiber installation at the Fraker site in Edinburg and a microwave dish as well. This project is now complete and it should strengthen the radio redundancy and alleviate any issues we've had in the past with the old T1 line.

## Fire Coordinator Tremblay

- State Classes
  - Live Fire
    - Clifton Park – 32 registered
    - Charlton Fire – 23 registered
    - Porter Corners – 20 registered
    - Gansevoort – 20 registered
  - Blended Learning – Daytime class
    - FTC – 22 registered – about half Saratoga County and half out of county
  - Apparatus Operator: Pump Operations
    - Corinth finished with 18
    - Burnt Hills finished with 17
  - FF2
    - Ballston Spa finished with 20
    - Vischer Ferry – 14 attending

- I am working on setting up additional classes.
  - Incident Management Class
  - Highway Incident Management Class
  - Fire Police
- The policy and procedure update sent out isn't going very well so it will be sent out again. Just as a reminder, we need to switch to the TAC to talk to other units, but need to go back to Fire 1 to talk to Fire Comm. I will be putting it in an official format then sending it to the stand-bys.

#### Director Gordon information

- See TAC information above

#### Mike McEvoy information

- The EMS call volume has spiked from 30% baseline to 225% pre-COVID numbers with many of the calls being mutual aid to other counties and is 150-160% normal. We structured our system in Saratoga County about eight or nine years ago, so we don't use a lot of out of county mutual aid. We usually handle the calls internally, but are now often being sent to Schenectady, Albany, Rensselaer, Warren and Washington Counties because of staffing shortages and increased call volumes.
- It is increasingly difficult for agencies to hire Paramedics and EMT's; many agencies are having openings that they are unable to fill. Some of that has to do with minimum wage increases; people can make the same money at Walmart, Hanneford etc. that the ambulances pay. That is something that Carl and I are going to talk to the Supervisors about, to see if we can strategize something to deal with that.
- If you know of anyone that needs a vaccine, ambulances are still doing home vaccination and ambulances have Johnson and Johnson available. Clifton Park will be holding an event the Fourth of July and vaccine will be available for anyone that wants one. It's very easy now to just walk in to any pharmacy or supermarket that has a pharmacy, to get a vaccine. The [vaccinefinder](#) site shows you the inventory of pharmacy stock and what types of vaccine are being administered. There are some delays with the Pfizer vaccine being approved for children as young as five years old. Some of the reason is that there has been a rash of myocarditis, or swelling of the heart in 14-16 year olds that have gotten the vaccine. It has been temporary and none of them has had any permanent effects. This has had the FDA concerned about lowering the age. I'm not sure exactly when that's going to happen, but probably before school starts.
- With the end of the State of Emergency, the whole Public Health System was drawn into a bit of a tizzy, because most of our executive orders that authorize changes expired when the Public Health Emergency ended. However, a lot of that is rumor. For example, the Community Paramedicine Program was somehow thought to have ended. The Health Commissioner announced that this is not the case. Most of the things that had to do with Public Health during the pandemic were actually extended until the end of this year. If you hear of rumors, please let me know and I will clarify.
- A question people have about the variants. We are doing isolated COVID testing around the country. When we test somebody, we determine what strain it is. What we are seeing now, is that a little over half of those are the Delta variant, which is the variant that came from India. It is much more infectious, 60 times more infectious than the Alpha variant, which is 60 times more infectious than the one we saw at the start of the pandemic last year. Overall, you are 80 times more likely to be infected if you are unvaccinated. All the vaccines that are out there cover the Delta variant. It is also affecting younger people, primarily ages 10-45, who are catching it much more frequently than older populations, which is who is most susceptible to the last two variants. We expect that in the Fall, that is going to be a huge problem for younger people when the weather gets colder and circulating viruses increase. Those who are vaccinated should not have a problem.

- Mask requirements in schools have not been decided on yet. As our Health Commissioner says, you can be a school district, run a summer camp in one room and no one needs a mask, but run summer school in the classroom next to it where they all need masks.

#### Chairman Shaw

- I want to meet with Carl, Ed and the Recruitment and Retention Committee regarding the possibility of county funding to start something at the county level with maybe yard signs or something like that.
  - Art – I spoke to my Supervisor about the possibility and he’s in favor of it.

#### Vice Chairman Rinaldi

- We need to keep moving forward on the Mutual Aid Plan and the radio training etc.

#### Committee Reports

- Hazmat – Bill M.
  - We had a drill last week
  - Will not be fully equipped anymore
  - Kevin Barkley Jr. is working on a SOP
  - The call in Ballston Spa was handled well.
    - There was a problem with members not being notified via IaR or pagers.
  - Ed – We planned on using two tones, but that had interference so we are going to a single tone. Mike Stanley is working with Pittsfield on tones.
- Mutual Aid
  - no information to bring forward
- Personnel – PJ Champagne
  - no information to bring forward
- Fire Training Center
  - Pete Shaw – I spoke to Bill Crawford and there doesn’t seem to be any new issues although we do need more hay.
- Legislative information – Tom Rinaldi
  - Over 13,000 items were introduced in this Legislative session.
  - This session was overall successful for the Fire Service with 22 items going before the Governor for his signature. See attached.
- Budget
  - Art - I met with my Supervisor to discuss the Training Tower Operator Position.
- Radio information– Art
  - Discussion took place regarding radio service in certain locations.

- We are working on the training video.
  - We plan to have the video ready to go in September for use both online and a dvd for departments to use.
  - Ed - Communications has done well on their side with procedures.
- Recruitment & Retention information – Art
  - Unfortunately, there are no numbers back from FASNY yet on how Recruit NY went this year.
  - I was assigned to the Task Force and have been traveling to stations looking for ideas.
  - In September or October, we plan to hold a “Firefighter for a day” at stations for ages 14+ to experience what it would be like to be a firefighter with several stations set up.
  - Discussion took place regarding why we aren’t getting more recruits.

#### Guests

- nothing to bring forward

#### Old Business

- PJ Champagne - Any plans to follow up on the building? Ed – yes, it’s in the works.

#### New Business

- No new business to address

#### Good and Welfare

- PJ Champagne - I spoke to Chief’s Dolan and Krogh regarding our county having a FAST Team. Chief Dolan spoke about the pros to having a FAST Team trained and ready to respond. Pete – Can we talk to Schoharie County for a plan? Can we send out a letter of interest? Bill M. – I know of some members that may be interested. Ed – A FAST class is a good idea. Kevin Krogh – Ballston Spa Fire is putting together a FAST Team to support our Mutual Aid Companies.
- PJ Champagne – Is there any possibility of a pavilion being built to hold classes outside?
- The next meeting will be Monday July 26, 7:00 pm in the meeting room at the new Public Safety Building.

Brian Myers made a motion to close the meeting seconded by Aaron Dyer.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Cook

Saratoga County Office of Emergency Services

## SARATOGA COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 26, 2021

7:00 pm

**City/Town Representatives: Present:** Bill Crawford - *Ballston*, Aaron Dyer - *Charlton*, Patrick Champagne - *Clifton Park*, Graham Champagne – *Corinth*, Art Hunsinger - *Halfmoon*, Pete Shaw - *Malta*, Kevin Krogh - *Milton*, Tom Wood – *Northumberland*, David Houston – *Providence*, Brian Myers - *Saratoga*, Bill Morgan – *Wilton*

**Excused:** Kevin Barkley Jr. - *Galway*, Tom Rinaldi – *Stillwater*

**Absent:** Alex Rockwell – *Edinburg*, Robert Williams - *Greenfield*, Billy Winslow – *Hadley*, Matt Dunn - *C/O Mechanicville*, John Smith Jr. - *South Glens Falls*, Joseph Dolan - *C/O Saratoga Springs*, Don Baldwin – *Waterford*

**Present:** Fire Coordinator Ed Tremblay, Director Steve Gordon – Sheriff’s Department, Mike Stanley – OES

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

Tom Wood made a motion to accept the June minutes second by Bill Morgan, unanimous.

### Commissioner Zeilman information

- We are planning to replace the generator at the Clifton Park 911 tower site.
- Mike S. – As of this morning, the CAD training environment is back up and running. This allows us to push zone and district line updates again.
  - We will be reaching out to departments who have zone lines split up the middle of the street to get the line moved to one side of the roadway or the other. Streets split up the centerline are causing an issue determining the correct response zone for incidents that occur on the roadway. Moving forward, we will be keeping zone line divisions on the “fog line” of the roadway as opposed to the “center line”. This should correct the issue.

### Fire Coordinator Tremblay

- State Classes
  - Fire Police – September
  - Fire Officer 1 - September
- We met with the County Administrator and the Public Safety Chairman about:
  - Fire Training Center position – The response was very positive and HR will be assigning a job description, which may be titled Grounds Keeper or something along that line.
  - Recruitment and Retention in our County – A positive response from them on that as well – Art will explain more in the Recruitment and Retention Committee report.

- Pete – When we met with the Personnel Committee, we drafted a job description for the Fire Training Tower position. We combined the operating guidelines that we now have and the job description the Town of Colonie has and made a draft document. We will get that out for review once it is all put together.

#### Director Gordon

- We are making progress on people switching to the TAC channels. We are still having a couple of issues, but I have been sending them to Ed and Mike as they occur and they are addressing the issues with the individual departments. I think it is working smoother and have not gotten any negative feedback. Thank you to everyone that is diligent in switching to the TAC after signing in route. We will continue to work with the agencies that are still having issues.
- We have several events coming up starting the next two weeks through Labor Day. You may hear some non-Fire and EMS traffic on TAC's 30-90 due to this. We will try not to use these channels, but I wanted to make you aware just in case we have to.

#### Mike McEvoy information

- Ed – Mike put out an IaR regarding the virus and due diligence in watching for symptoms and remembering to stay away from EMS and firehouses if you display any symptoms.

#### Chairman Shaw

- I have nothing additional to add to the Personnel and Fire Training Center Committee information.

#### Vice Chairman Rinaldi information

- no information to bring forward

#### Committee Reports

- Hazmat – Bill Morgan
  - We had two hazmat calls -
    - Jonesville - chemical spill
    - Clifton Park - CO2 leak in a soda machine
  - Ed – We are working on hazmat tone changes – two tones are going out at this time.
    - Aaron – We are planning for Travers.
- Mutual Aid
  - no information to bring forward



- Personnel – PJ Champagne
  - We are working on the job description for the FTC tower position. Ed to talk to HR on a title.
- Fire Training Center - Bill Crawford
  - several pallets near the burn tower
  - several loose panel in the burn building
  - not being cleaned out after use
  - there are only a few bales of hay – Ed – I called for more hay
- Legislative information – Tom Rinaldi
  - The Capital Bulletin is sent out weekly with updates.
- Budget - Art
  - We had a good meeting, thank you Carl for organizing that.
    - The County Administrator proposed using funds from the discretionary fund to pay for the tower position this year as it is not in the 2021 budget and should be placed in the 2022 budget requests.
- Radio information – Art
  - We did some testing last month – no updates at this time.
- Recruitment & Retention information – Art
  - Some departments have low numbers for Recruitment and Retention while others seem to be doing well.
  - We gave them an estimate of possible between \$300,000 to \$500,000 for a County wide project. Supervisor Lant suggested putting it into the 2022 budget.
  - The Task Force should be meeting soon – if you have any input, please let us know.
  - Kevin Krogh - Ballston Spa held a recruitment and Retention exhibit at the fair and once kids took part in the truck tour, the families became interested.
  - Art – We would like to start getting into high schools.
  - Pete Shaw – We will work on a date to meet to gather ideas.
  - Bill Morgan - An event is coming up at Maple Avenue.
  - Art – We will be holding a firefighter for a day program in Clifton Park with 5-6 station set up. We will be inviting the public to come and check out the stations to see what it would be like to be a firefighter. We will have the fire simulation trailer there so they can grab a hose and put out the fire. It's a concept that hasn't been done yet, but we think it will draw people in. We will be having a press conference in August. Perhaps other stations will want to do the same thing at their station.

### Old Business

- Pete – We had a meeting with a representative to go over floor plans for a County in West Virginia that had several of the things we want for the new burn building. Handouts will be available to look at after the meeting and we can get some ideas from them. It looked like the cost was conceivable for what we may want compared to what we now have and stay within the grant we will be getting. It has a couple of different rooms, mazes, roof levels and areas for forcible entry, roof ventilation and movable ceiling panels. The proposed Tower Operator position will be key in a building like this as there will only be two rooms that you can burn in. We can't have people trying to burn in a room that isn't designed for that.

### New Business

- No new business to address

### Good and Welfare

- Kevin – We had a follow up with Mutual Aid Companies to discuss Ballston Spa Fire Department FAST Team for support.
- Pete – At the meeting with the Supervisor and County Administrator, was the pavilion idea discussed? Art - No, we will follow up with FTC committee.
- The next meeting will be Monday August 30, 7:00 pm in the meeting room at the new Public Safety Building.

Bill Crawford made a motion to close the meeting seconded by Kevin Krogh.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Cook

Saratoga County Office of Emergency Services