SARATOGA COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 27, 2022

7:00 pm

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

Graham Champagne – Corinth, Kevin Barkley Jr. – Galway, Robert Williams – Greenfield, Art Hunsinger – Halfmoon,

Pete Shaw – Malta, Tom Wood – Northumberland, David Houston – Providence, Joseph Dolan – C/O Saratoga Springs,

Brian Myers – Saratoga, Tom Rinaldi – Stillwater, Bill Morgan - Wilton

***Absent***: Alex Rockwell – Edinburg, Billy Winslow – Hadley, Matt Dunn – C/O Mechanicville, Kevin Krogh – Milton,

John Smith Jr. – Moreau, Don Baldwin – Waterford

***Present:*** Fire Coordinator Ed Tremblay, Director Carl Zeilman

***Guest***: Ralph Mariani – Motorola, Les Bonesteel – Deputy Fire Coordinator

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 Bill Morgan by, second by Bill Crawford, the minutes of the April 25, 2022 meeting were

unanimously approved.

Guest – Ralph Mariani - Motorola

* 1500’s, 2500’s, 5000 series radios have reached the end of life and limited parts will be available for repairs. Repairs, depending on availability of parts for a radio, is about 10 years after production ends.
* 4000’s, 4000 enhanced and AXP900‘s are available with some models having Wi-Fi capability and encryption.
* 6000’s, 800’s are still available.
* APX Next series are new and AT&T seems to offer the best service coverage. A demo can be arranged if interested.

Director Zeilman

* Waterline should be finished in a couple of days; multiple hydrants have been put in.
* The County signed a contract with Motorola for a microwave and CAD refresh.
* The antenna came in for Mechanicville.
* We have COVID test kits available; contact our office if you need any.
* We have hand sanitizer that has expired and will be disposed of. If you have any that is expired you can also dispose of it.
* We are getting new lighting at the Taddeo Road building.

Fire Coordinator Tremblay

* State Classes coming up
* Truck Company Operations – July 13, 16x2, 18, 21, 27, August 1, 2, 2022
* Live Fire Training – NFPA 1403 – July 16, Fire Training Center
* Apparatus Operator – Emergency Vehicle Ops – July 18, 22, 27x2, 29, 30x2, 2022
* Fire Police – August 9, 11, 16, 18, 25, 27x2 – Fire Training Center
* Fire Officer – Module Series – September 12 – Fire Training Center
* FTC
* Still waiting for grant funds to clear for the new burn building. Starting to get price information together received from vendors.
* Municipal water project will begin June 23.
* Reminder to close up the windows and doors on the buildings after each use.
* Still working on the Training Center Operator positions.
* Miscellaneous
* Mutual Aid Plan changes being made; add HAZMat, Radio Plan included frequency and line codes (?), Arson Control. Various inventory and resource lists.
* Fire Investigation Unit stats – January - 10, February - 7, March – 5, April – 10, May – 8, June – 8. There have been 48 calls as of June 20, 2022.
* Board of Supervisors allocated $100,000 to Fire and EMS Agencies (volunteer and paid) for recruitment efforts (about $2,200 per agency). There will be an application process, more information to follow.
* An announcement was sent out about a concert benefit, performed by an orchestra, arranged by Quick Response.
* Recruitment project – 20 individuals have shown interest in various agencies and 25 agencies have yet to commit to the Social Media as “Featured Station of the week”.

Chairman Shaw

* No information to bring forward

Vice Chairman Rinaldi

* No information to bring forward

Committees

* Hazmat – Bill Morgan
* LEPC drill May 23 went well, 8 hours of real work response into a two-hour drill. Ballston Spa was the host and many learned the number of personnel and agencies required to deal with a HAZMAT event.

Participants – Momentive Silicones HAZMAT Team, Saratoga Springs Fire Department, 12 members of Saratoga County Volunteer HAZMAT Team along with other agencies.

* Consortium received lithium ion battery storage containers that can be used to store and ship for disposal of lithium ion batteries after an incident. Kits consisting of CellblockEX and drums will be picked up this week for storage at Saratoga Springs Fire. We will be contacting the CellblockEX manufacturer for material storage requirements.
* Two potential incidents in the area with lithium ion fires.
* Hudson Falls, but to date we are unable to confirm with Washington County or OFPC.
* Saratoga Springs – A jump pack was connected to the wrong power cord and caught fire. The fire was quickly extinguished with a class D extinguisher.

* Mutual Aid
* No additional information
* Personnel – Patrick Champagne
* No report
* Fire Training Center – Bill Crawford
* Low on hay.
* Remember to clean up after use.
* Someone is burning in the tower area.
* Legislative – Tom Rinaldi
* Several bills were passed in both chambers – not yet signed by the Governor.
* Budget – Art Hunsinger
* If anyone has suggestions for props etc. to put into the budget, let us know.
* Radio – Art Hunsinger
* Thank you Carl and Ed for having Motorola come in.
* Recruitment and Retention – Art Hunsinger
* No numbers back from FASNY on Recruit NY.
* The recruitment grant fund applications will be coming out soon with roughly $2,000 available for each if all departments apply.

Old Business

* No old business to address.

New Business

* No new business to address.

Good and Welfare

* Pete- Please check my list to see if there is a Jr. Program in your community and if not listed, please write in contact information.
* Carl will talk to Ralph about coming to the August FAB meeting to demo new radios.
* The next meeting will be Monday July 25, 7:00 pm at the Fire Training Center.

On a motion made by Art Hunsinger, second by Tom Rinaldi, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Kelly Cook

Office of Emergency Management