

SARATOGA COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 27, 2021

7:00 pm

City/Town Representatives: **Present:** Bill Crawford – *Ballston*, Aaron Dyer – *Charlton*, Graham Champagne – *Corinth*, Robert Williams – *Greenfield*, Art Hunsinger – *Halfmoon*, Pete Shaw – *Malta*, Joseph Dolan – *City of Saratoga Springs*, Brian Myers – *Saratoga*, Don Baldwin – *Waterford*, William Morgan – *Wilton*

Excused: Patrick Champagne – *Clifton Park*, Matt Dunn – *City of Mechanicville*, Kevin Krogh – *Milton*, David Houston – *Providence*

Absent: Alex Rockwell – *Edinburg*, Billy Winslow – *Hadley*,

John Smith Jr. – *South Glens Falls*, Tom Wood – *Northumberland*

On Phone: Kevin Barkley Jr. – *Galway*, Tom Rinaldi – *Stillwater*, Commissioner Zeilman, Director Gordon, Dr. Mike McEvoy

Present: Fire Coordinator Ed Tremblay

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 August minutes second by Bill Crawford, unanimous.

Commissioner Zeilman information

- Reported on Training Center Improvements and progress
- Gave brief update about COVID issues within the County
- Reported plenty of PPE still available
- Reported on a tree issue with Halfmoon tower that will be handled.
- Still waiting on Mechanicville tower equipment to complete that project.

Fire Coordinator Tremblay

- Updated the following items:
 - Cause and Origin response numbers for 2021
 - Firefighter 2 finishes this week
 - Fire Officer development classes are ongoing at Training Center
 - Firefighter 1 Blended learning class to begin in October.
 - Truck Company Operations to begin September 30th
 - VROL class will be announced and starting soon

Director Gordon

- Reported that the Toys for Tots event will be November 7th this year.

Mike McEvoy information

- Reported on the following:
 - EMT class @ Global Foundries has begun
 - EMT class for Veterans to begin this fall
 - Soft Launch of verified response to begin soon via pulse point
 - Updated COVID booster situation

Chairman Shaw

- Discussion was held in reference to ARP monies given to the County and Towns by the Federal Government.
- Annual Firefighter's Memorial will be held on October 5th in Albany.

Vice Chairman Rinaldi information

- Announced FF memorial will be inside this year.

Committee Reports

- Hazmat – Bill Morgan
 - LEPC had a drill last week
 - Team recently attended Haz Mat drill at the Watervliet Arsenal
 - There is a planned drill for October 21st @ SSFD#2
- Mutual Aid
 - no information to bring forward
- Personnel
 - No information at this time
- Fire Training Center - Bill Crawford
 - Looking good, lots of pallets.
- Legislative information – Tom Rinaldi
 - Nothing new
- Budget - Art
 - Reminds everyone to contact their Supervisor to support our items in next year's budget

- Radio information – Art
 - Finishing up training program to be released to locals soon.
 - Aaron Dyer reported on a problem with repeater at Saratoga Race track and that Pittsfield is working on rectifying problem.
 - Mike McEvoy working to refine EMS to fire calls.

- Recruitment & Retention information – Art
 - Gave a presentation that hopefully will be going public soon.
 - Firefighter for a day program will be postponed until 2022

Old Business

- No old business

New Business

- No new business to address

Good and Welfare

- The next meeting will be Monday October 25, 7:00 pm in the meeting room at the new Public Safety Building.

Brian Myers made a motion to close the meeting seconded by Bill Crawford.

Pete Shaw