

Saratoga County Firematic Officer's, Inc Organized in 1976

April 18, 2022
Meeting Minutes

Meeting held in the rooms of the Galway Fire Department.

Meeting Called to Order by President De Long at 19:00 Hours.

Pledge to the Flag led by Chief P. Shaw

Moment of Silence / Prayer Chaplin J. Mahar.

Vice President pointed out emergency exits and bathroom locations.

Agency Roll Call: 11 Agencies Represented

[x] President [x] Vice-President [x] Secretary [x] Treasurer

Directors Present: Brousseau, Mehan and Ellsworth.

Report of the Officer's:

Reading of the past recorded minutes (February, 2022):

Motion by K. Krogh 2nd: P. Shaw Carried

Correspondence Received

Treasurer's Report:

Motion by Vischer Ferry 2nd Middle Grove Carried

Report of the Fire Advisory Board: Chief P. Shaw – Chairman

- * Selection of training center operator has been delayed, hope to appoint a candidate within the next month
- * PR Firm hired by County for recruitment & retention. Questionnaire sent out.
- * HazMat team putting together a SOP relative to Lithium battery responses. Should be finalized in a few months.

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Fire Coordinator / Training Report – FC Ed Tremblay:

- * blended learning course in the summer, multi county
- * Engine Company Ops at Maple Ave 5/2
- * Pump Ops

- * Funding for Training Center – moving forward – plans for the building
- * Municipal water for hydrant system out to bid
- * Social Networking - only 4 responses returned to the Coordinator
- * Finalizing mutual aid plans. A lot of corrections to be done, state has required more defined information to complete the mutual aid plans.

EMS Council / Coordinator Report – EMS Coordinator Mike McEvoy:

- * Saratoga County EMS agencies declining mutual aid requests from out of county agencies. Neighboring county agencies have a decrease in ambulances / staff. Saratoga County traditionally would have between 24 and 28 ambulances county wide, down to 8 ambulances due to decline in staff.
- * looking into incentives to draw folks in. BOCES looking to do an EMT course, SHEN also interested.
- * DOH extended EMT cards for another year. You may contact Mike to check on your expiration date. Their is a portal available to check and print out current cards if needed.
- * VET class has finished – currently doing their 10 hour ride time. Assigned to busier agency's.
- * A study is being conducted, Saratoga County is participating M95 masks with inhale/exhale filters. More comfortable. FIT test required to have proper fitting. Currently in use in NYC – great feedback. Will be available to F.D.'s after EMS are set up.
- * EMS assist program. Department's changing their para dime. Hopefully those agencies that stopped doing medical assists may reconsider the program.
- * Sheriff's department received a grant to send deputies to special training – dealing with Mental Health issues (C.I.T.). May send EMS candidates as well. Increase continues with MHU calls.
- * A new nation wide number to replace suicide hotline number, 988. The call will be screened and information passed on to the proper agencies identified by area code of the caller. Problem with this is that person may not be physically in the area of that area code. Mike will be sitting on this committee.
- * Changes with the CME recert program. State submission determines if paid or not. Reach out to Mike McEvoy if you have questions or concerns.
- * COVID still increases in certain parts f the county. If you are sick, you should test yourself (self home kit). If you are exposed, you should be testing as soon as possible, then 5 days after exposure. There is a medication the Feds have available, cost of the medication will be payed for by the federal government (\$1200 per dose, 1 dose per day). Small window to obtain medication.
- * Will be seeing COVID issues most likely for the next 10 – 12 years.

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- * Flu like symptoms, PAY ATTENTION to symptoms, TEST yourself. Self home test kits are available to you.
- * Test / Treat Pharmacies are coming.
- * Test Positive for COVID – 5 day quarantine – 5 days symptoms decrease – should wear mask when around others
- * CDC has new website – Q & A. Has a quarantine calculator based on input. Pretty solid.

Office of Emergency Services – Specialist Mike Stanley:

- * Mike spoke about CAD – resource changes, increase / decrease your resources (box assignments)
- * In process of moving boundary lines from the center of the street to the side of the roadway (white fog line). Center line boundary causing issues with agency recommend. Currently finished up 8th department.
- * EMS assists. Now can specify what determinant your agency chooses to respond to. Suggest that if you are doing EMS assists have a designated EMS tone assigned, which will be your old siren tone.
- * Field Ops – Line Notes update live ** Important for COVID issues
- * Field Ops can be added to district issued Ipads and Chief's cell phones.

OFPC – Shawn Brimhall:

- * Fire reporting for 2021 -some departments have not submitted reports. Some are missing only a few months.
- * If you have no calls for a reporting month, must still submit a report indicating such. System will not accept a zero.
- * Discussion about the legacy course.
- * Changes in fire dynamics, testing, materials, outdated while in print.
- * New OFPC website Site is difficult to navigate
- * Two added courses coming out soon, geared for code enforcement, but this course is good for the Officer's to have an understanding; (a) Fire Alarm Systems (b) Fire Sprinkler Systems . 6 Hours courses. CME credits for code enforcement personnel.
- * Additional instructors added to the rolls.

Sheriff's Department: (no representation)

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Special Committees:

- Bill Mehan Report:

- * Hudson-Mohawk will meet 4/21 at Stillwater
- * Hudson Valley will meet 4/27 at Kingston Holiday Inn
- * FASNY - 150th Anniversary – Tarrytown
- * Hudson-Mohawk Convention July 21 & 22

- Annual Dinner Meeting:

- * Discussion to attempt to have annual dinner in firehouse setting or try an area venue. President voiced some feedback from last years attempt.
- * Jeff Mahar will investigate some possibilities but warned all that beef prices have increased and that will reflect on the cost per plate.

- County Fair:

- * County Fair will be in full swing. July 19th thru 24th.
- * Need members to assist with the booth (set up, etc) Assist Shawn Brimhall. If no one can assist, booth can remain closed this year. Members complained how poorly the booth looked (pre-covid), need members to step up. This is your booth!

Old Business: (no old business brought forward)

New Business:

- * Association Chaplain appointed, Jeff Mahar. Accepted.
- * E-mail sent to the executive board to approve covering the cost of training for fire departments – Electric vehicle Fires presented by Calderwood Training Solutions. A weekend date, morning and afternoon session. 50 persons per session. \$725. Locate a facility along the Interstate corridor.
- * Discussion – have three dates covered by the Association. West Crescent will host a date. Greenfield can host. Check to see if Wilton will host their station.
- * Chris Menge present, presentation will not be until July / August.
- * Motion by West Crescent, 2nd by Ballston Spa for the Association to cover the cost per date scheduled for training. No Opposition. Motion Carried.

Miscellaneous Business:

- * Thank you to those who participated in the wake detail with Galway Fire prior to the meeting.
- * Recognized Susan Heggen who retired after 32 year service in the Sheriff's Communications Center.
- * All remaining meeting dates have been filled, June in Rexford, Rock Cit Falls in August, Round Lake is tentative for October.

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Good & Welfare:

- * Chief DeRidder has raffle tickets available, \$10 each, fund raiser for their 100th anniversary, 2023.
- * Galway will be having a pancake breakfast on Father's Day
- * Galway will have their Philly Steak Sandwich fund raiser on May 27th. DRIVE THRU Only.

Agency Report:

- * Ballston Spa – FAST Team / Ops drill recently. Various neighboring departments. Went well. 18 Members that are FAST certified. Currently restricted to 6 PM to 6 AM.
- * Burnt Hills – Joint Mutual Aid with Ballston Lake 24/7 to structure fires and car crashes (south of Charlton Road)
- * Galway – 20 MSA packs
- * Greenfield – all good
- * Middle Grove – all good
- * Malta Ridge – Nothing to report
- * Providence – nothing to report
- * Rexford – no to report
- * Rock City Falls – nothing to report
- * Stillwater – nothing to report
- * Vischer Ferry – Took delivery of an Engine Rescue; this year is 75th Anniversary.
- * West Crescent – Nothing to report

Association will meet next on Monday, June 20th – 7 PM at Rexford FD.

Motion to Adjourn by Vischer Ferry, 2nd by West Crescent. Carried. Meeting closed at 20:03 hours.

/ sjd

Floor turned over to Chris Menge, Calderwood Training Solutions. Chris gave a brief synopsis of what training is available. CPR and First Aid training, OSHA required training, Electric Vehicle Fires and any topic that you can think of, (we) can tailor a training session to your needs, topic specific. Business has 15 instructors on hand.

PARTICIPATION REPORT

NYS Division of Homeland Security
and Emergency Services
Office of Fire Prevention and Control
As of: 04/14/2022

83.8%

Participation Report

Report 1.1

For: 01/01/2021 - 12/31/2021

SARATOGA COUNTY

FDID	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
46001-ARVIN HART	16	11	13	19	14	19	23	15	19	9	16	22	196
46002-BALLSTON LAKE	3	3	10	13	12	8	12	12	8	5	5	7	98
46003-BALLSTON SPA	25	34	23	20	26	31	45	35	38	32	30	31	370
46004-BURNT HILLS	10	5	12	10	14	15	15	20	15	13	11	10	150
46005-CHARLTON	16	12	17	22	21	18	26	16	27	24	14	23	236
46006-CLIFTON PARK	58	52	52	58	62	62	77	90	56	72	51	57	747
46007-CORINTH	19	15	16	17	30	27	26	23	23	26	22	22	266
46008-EDINBURG	4	5	8	12	16	1	1	NR	NR	1	NR	NR	48
46009-GALWAY	22	12	20	24	25	29	27	34	20	28	25	24	290
46010-GANSEVOORT	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	0
46011-GREENFIELD	51	37	67	68	90	78	85	62	75	98	81	85	877
46013-HALFMOON	63	53	70	69	NR	NR	83	87	71	79	67	93	735
46014-HARMONY CORNERS	16	6	5	14	15	10	16	18	11	17	8	13	149
46015-HILLCREST	20	22	22	34	21	35	21	33	20	26	16	26	296
46016-JONESVILLE	90	75	84	47	85	77	85	80	90	102	74	92	981
46017-MALTA RIDGE	36	28	43	30	36	46	52	55	42	57	48	54	527
46018-MECHANICVILLE	62	53	55	62	76	63	80	50	67	69	67	78	782
46019-PECK HOSE	8	10	15	16	20	10	23	21	21	21	11	20	196
46020-PROVIDENCE	4	3	8	4	9	8	3	4	2	10	7	5	67
46021-QUAKER SPRINGS	8	10	7	7	10	11	15	8	16	4	9	15	120
46022-REXFORD	7	10	13	13	11	12	13	19	14	15	8	13	148
46024-MILTON EAGLES	18	7	12	13	18	9	20	18	15	23	23	25	201
46025-ROUND LAKE	38	32	41	42	37	52	57	54	50	53	46	49	551
46026-SARATOGA SPRINGS	431	363	411	402	454	487	540	609	514	545	453	482	5691
46027-SCHUYLERVILLE	6	8	10	7	13	16	10	9	17	13	10	12	131
46028-30 GLENS FALLS	30	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	30
46029-STILLWATER	7	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	7
46030-VICTORY MILLS	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	0
46031-VISCHER FERRY	18	18	14	24	23	18	20	36	20	29	22	18	260
46032-WATERFORD	6	8	10	9	16	13	14	14	19	10	4	10	133
46033-WEST CHARLTON	9	5	7	16	16	8	17	16	5	15	8	10	132

Legacy course bridging to NYS Firefighter-1 2021 Edition

In order to participate in the SCBA/ Interior Firefighting Operations course, the student will need to meet one method of the prerequisites listed below to gain equivalency to Basic Exterior Firefighting Operations w HMFRO 2021 Edition:

Bridge for previous BEFO (2015) and Scene Support Ops (SSO) students need to attend the following units from the 2021 BEFO w/ HMFRO course

Overhaul, Property Conservation, & Scene Preservation & activities (3 hr.) Unit 18 New BEFO (2021)

Tactical Ventilation presentation/ Forcible Entry presentation (3 hr) Unit 15 New BEFO (2021)

Forcible Entry skills (1.5 hr.) Unit 16 New BEFO (2021)

SSO students- Confined Space Awareness/ FF decontamination (3 hr.) Unit 19 New BEFO (2021)

3 units (pre 2016 BEFO students) or 4 units (previous SSO students) -plus the following:
Hazardous Materials First Responder Operations (Units 22-25 New BEFO) (16 hrs) +CPR +
Present proof of Basic First Aid/ CFR/ EMT Training **OR** Complete Unit 20 First Aid Provider/skills
in New BEFO (2021)

Bridge for previous Basic Firefighter and Essentials FF need to attend the following units from the 2021 BEFO course

FD Communications (3 hr.) Unit 4 New BEFO (2021)

Building Construction (3 hr.) Unit 5 New BEFO (2021)

Fire Dynamics-NEW material (3 hr.) Unit 6 New BEFO (2021)

Forcible Entry Skills (1.5 hr.) Unit 16 New BEFO (2021)

Overhaul, Property conservation, & scene preservation and activities (3 hr.) Unit 18 New BEFO (2021)

Confined Space Awareness/ FF decontamination (3 hr.) Unit 19 New BEFO (2021)

Basic Firefighter students- Ropes/ Knots & skills (6 hr.) Unit 8 & 9 New BEFO (2021)

6 units (previous Essentials students) or 8 units (previous Basic Firefighter students) -plus the following:
Hazardous Materials First Responder Operations (Units 22-25 New BEFO) (16 hrs) + I-100+ IS-700+CPR
+Present proof of Basic First Aid/ CFR/ EMT Training **OR** Complete Unit 20 First Aid Provider/skills
in New BEFO (2021)

In a county in which a high demand exists for the Firefighter-1 course this option may not be available.
Refer to the TAD assigned FPS for further direction.