

SARATOGA COUNTY FIREMATIC OFFICER'S ASSOCIATION

Stan De Long
President

Russell DeRidder
Vice-President

William Mehan.
Treasurer

Don Baldwin
Secretary

August 2018
Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to Order at 1930 hours.

Pledge of Allegiance Led By Deputy Chief E Petkus

PRAYER: Chief Mahar, Chaplain

ROLL CALL: 17 Companies represented

Association Officers: P Stan De Long, President
 P Russ DeRidder, Vice-President
 E Don Baldwin, Secretary
 P William Mehan, Treasurer

Reading of the June minutes.

Motion to waive the reading of June's minutes and accept as distributed and posted by Vischer Ferry FD; Motion 2nd by Greenfield Center FD.

Discussion allowed, All in favor, carried.

Correspondence: I sent out sympathy cards to the family of Paul Lent, The Shakerley's (West Crescent), and Raymond Galusha (Galway Fire). Get well card to Tom Rinaldi (Arvin Hart) and Tyler Farrar (Ballston Lake).

I (president) sent a letter to MacBoston18Truck of their acceptance as a social status agency. I was informed they did not know they had been accepted.

Treasurer's Report:

Prepared by the (President) for the Month's of April thru August 20th. Expenditures and deposits read with ending balance on hand. The directors reviewed the check book and bank statements during the board meeting.

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Discussion allowed.

Motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented, by Stillwater FD, motion 2nd by Ballston Lake FD. All in favor, motion carried.

County Fire Advisory Board:

No representation. I read a few key points from the July meeting minutes of the FAB. (Those minutes can be viewed on this associations web site at www.saratogacofire.org)

Fire Coordinator's Report & Training:

Ed not present.

OFPC Report - Shawn Brimhall:

OFPC is canvassing for fire instructors. Two additional instructors are needed to help with the class demands. Resume's must be filed by August 25th.

Swift water training is up and running at Oriskany. Agencies or members who desire training, form a swift water rescue team, etc, must file application / registration thru Oriskany, not OFPC. There is an on-line application process available.

<http://www.dhSES.ny.gov/sptc/> click on venues

Ed Tremblay had sent out a resources update sheet, it is important that agencies fill this sheet out and return to Ed ASAP. This information is shared with the State. (boats, snowmobiles, UTV's, hose, foam, etc).

EMS Council / EMS Coordinator:

I read part of an e-mail sent out to EMS agencies by EMS Coordinator Mike McEvoy that was received via Homeland Security – dangerous chemicals added to drugs. Responders be aware and be safe at drug overdose calls.

Sheriff's Office:

No representation

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Special Committees:

Bill Mehan Report – Hudson Mohawk had a successful event on August 19th. Steaks, clams, shrimp, corn on the cob and sundaes were served to those who attended.

Hudson Valley legal conference will be on September 23rd at 10 am. Conference will be at the Firemen's home. There will be a parade at 2pm. All are welcome.

Hudson Valley Firemen's Association recently made changes to their by-laws. Each county in NYS has a representative which serves as a Vice-President. Saratoga County is one of many that has not had any representation, as a result, the by-laws have been changed to allow a County Association to submit a name or names for consideration to fill the vacancies.

(If anyone is interested in filling this vacancy to represent Saratoga County, please submit your name and agency you belong to – to me (Stan De Long) at e-mail: SCFOA.NY@gmail.com.

I have suggested adding this position to the annual ballot for the December election of officers.

Polo Shirts are available. See me (Stan De Long) if interested. Information and design can be found on the main page of the Association's web site. www.saratogacofire.org

Polo's can be order in a cranberry, green, black, cobalt blue, navy blue, gray and white colors. Polo's are \$33 each, emblem is \$10. If your want your name or writing on the right breast, that is an additional \$8.00.

County Fair booth: set up went well, Gina, Russ and myself cleaned, set up, ready for the fair. Gina opened and closed, was at the booth during the day and afternoon. Some feed back was received by agencies participating; obviously the booth needs some upgrades, new pictures, photo's of the fire stations, deputy fire coordinators, and some sort of video presentation that can run on a loop. I have reached out to Nate, a former explorer with the Sheriff's who is in college for video production, he is willing to put something together as so long as this organization provides the photo's and any video footage desired. Get a few folks for narration. This will be a winter/spring project. Compensation will be discussed next year.

I thank the agencies and members who took the time to participate at this years fair. Your dedication is much appreciated !

Rehab Committee: Word at the Fire Advisory Board meeting is that the policy is just about completed if not already and in the draft stages for proofing by the committee. Deputy Fire

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Coordinator J Cooper confirmed that the draft was sent out for review and feedback to the EMS Coordinator. More to follow when it becomes available.

Old Business:

Reminder Burnt Hills 100th Celebration event is at the Elmms farm in September (Saturday the 15th) from 12 noon to 6 pm. There will be food and games. Grit N Whiskey will be the band playing. <https://www.gritnwhiskey.com/>

New Business:

Election of Officer's will take place at the December Meeting, in the mean time, if anyone is interested in holding an office for the 2019 calendar year, please reach out to one of the director's so they may put together a slate of officer's. Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the October meeting. The directors are Phil Brousseau, Bob Wood, Les Bonesteel, Bill Lewis and Geri Mehan.

President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and five (5) director positions will be up for nominations. You may also send an e-mail to the Association e-mail address at SCFOA.NY@gmail.com

Miscellaneous Business:

Flier received "Remembering our Fallen" – hosted by the Mechanicville – Stillwater Elks Lodge at 300 Park Avenue City of Mechanicville. A wall honoring all New York Service Men And Women who have fallen during the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars.

Ballston Lake Fire Department is having a chicken BBQ at the Firemen's Grove, Main St, Ballston Lake. Proceeds will go to Tyler Farrar who was injured at a mutual aid fire. The flier is attached to the minutes. Please support one of our own by making it a sell-out success.

Meeting Calendar for 2019:

February 18th @ Edinburg; April 15th @ Burnt Hills FD; June 17th – tentatively Waterford Visitor's Center; August 19th @ Hillcrest Fire Department; October 21st @ Stillwater FD; and December 13th TBA.

NYS Fair – Tuesday, August 28th, firefighters entrance fee waived with agency photo I.D. Maybe I will see some of you out there!

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Chief Ellsworth spoke about a "Safe House" that was constructed in the Town of Greenfield. A recap since first mentioned at the February meeting. It is important that you be made aware of these houses in your district. Firefighter safety. This particular house has 16 inch thick walls with mesh, walls are moveable, controlled by a hydraulic piston system to react and allow the walls to crush anything and anyone. The town was aware of the construction but did not share the type home with fire officials. Usually you will find this type construction in a high end constructed home. All windows are normal (on the particular house).

Good & Welfare:

Thank you to those who took the time to pay final respect to the Shakerley Family, Family of Paul Lent, Ray Galusha and Patricia Brust.

Chief Brousseau reports Mike Stanley has returned to work.

Agency Report:

- Arvin Hart – new chief's vehicle on order
- Burnt Hills – nothing to report
- Galway – Thank you to everyone who has supported Galway Fire this year, has been a difficult year with deaths.
- Greenfield Center – New brush truck
- Middlegrove Fire – progress
- Maple Ave – new pick up truck on order
- Hillcrest FD – Nothing to report
- Rexford – cooking
- Rock City Falls – Same. Recent structure fire, help from mutual aid agencies were a great help, went smoothly.
- Round Lake – two new engines to arrive this summer. Station 1 is expected to be completed by September 2019.
- Stillwater – Scott Air compressor system to fill air bottles being installed.
- Victory Mills – Chicken BBQ on September 15th - 70th Anniversary.

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- Waterford – Bid process hopefully complete by end of the year for the new station. Expect to break ground by Spring.
- West Crescent – FirstNet will be at West Crescent on to discuss AT&T system for first responders, giving authorized phones priority over general public during disasters, etc.

- The presentation will be offered both daytime and nighttime. Details will be announced soon.

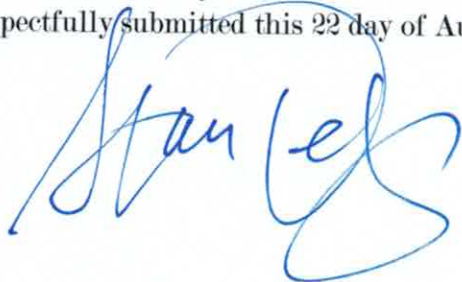
Thank you to the Officer's and members of Rexford Fire Dept for hosting this evening and preparing a meal.

** October Meeting will be at Corinth Fire Department, NYS Forest Rangers will be speaking **

Motion to adjourn at 2009 by Rock City Falls, Motion 2nd by Rexford. Carried.

Guest Speaker was Adam from IaR (IamResponding) – very very informative presentation.

Minutes recorded by President Stan De Long.
Respectfully submitted this 22 day of August 2018.



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Roll Call

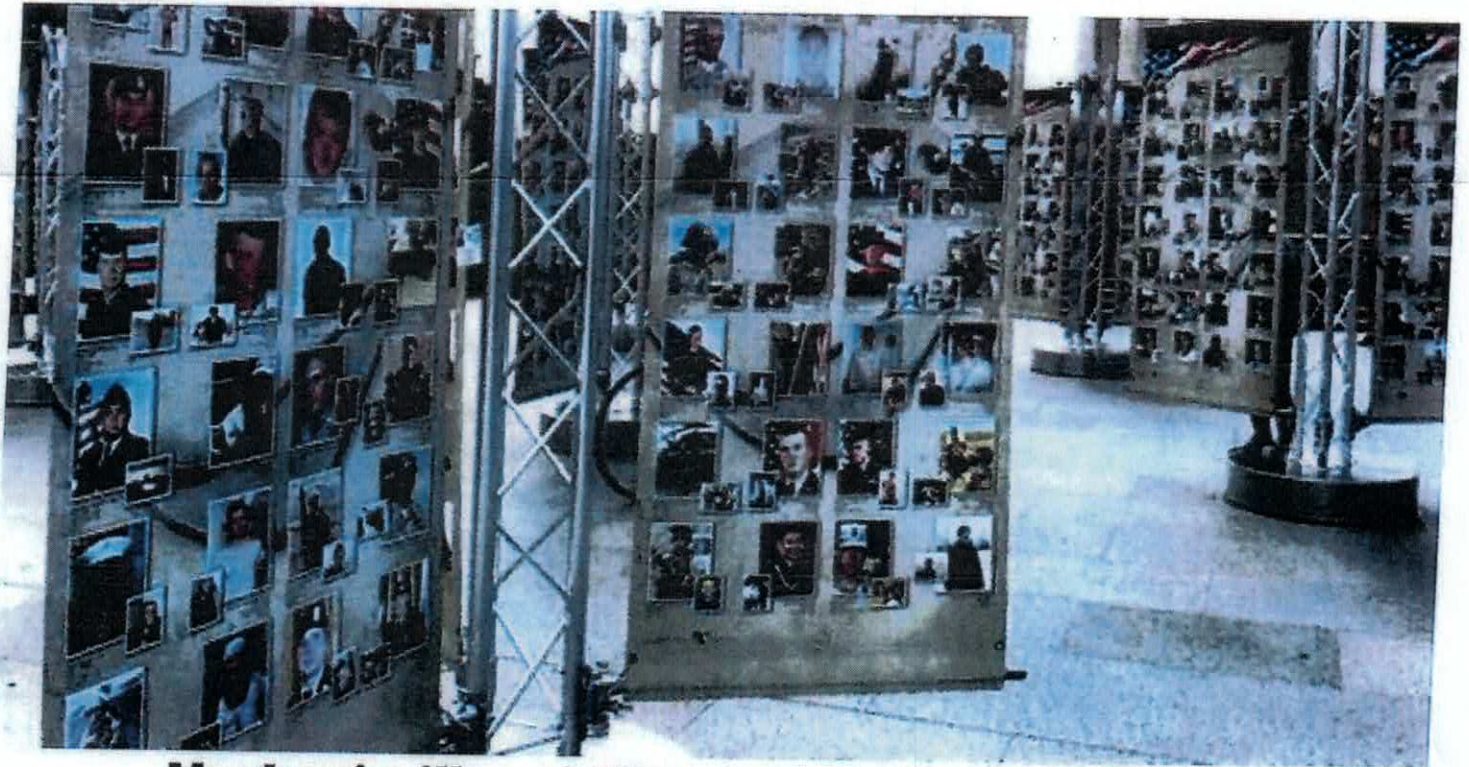
Arvin Hart	✓	Malta Ridge	A
Ballston Lake	✓	Mechanicville	A
Ballston Spa	✓	Northside	A
Burnt Hills	✓	Providence	A
Charlton	A	Quaker Springs	A
Clifton Park	A	Rexford	✓
Corinth	A	Rock City Falls	✓
Edinburg	A	Round Lake	✓
Galway	✓	Saratoga Springs	A
Gansevoort	A	Schuylerville	A
Greenfield Center	✓	South Glens Falls	A
Porter Corners	A	Stillwater	✓
Middlegrove	✓	Victory Mills	✓
Maple Avenue	✓	Vischer Ferry	✓
Luzerne-Hadley	A	Waterford	✓
Halfmoon-Waterford	A	West Charlton	A
Harmony Corners	A	West Crescent	✓
Hillcrest	✓	Wilton	A ✓
Jonesville	A		
		MacBoston 18 Truck	

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PATRIOTIC PRODUCTIONS



**Mechanicville – Stillwater Elks Lodge #1403
300 Park Avenue
Mechanicville, NY 12118**

Will be hosting “Remembering Our Fallen”, A Wall Honoring All New York Service Men and Women who have fallen during the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars.

**Opening Ceremonies Friday, August 24, 7 PM Close 11 PM
Saturday, August 25, 11 AM to 9 PM
Sunday, August 26, 10 AM to 2 PM**

Not too late you'll get to

*any questions - 378-1712
Justin Crowley Director*

Fellow Volunteers:

This year our Chicken Bar-B-Q has a special meaning to our Department.

On July 5th of this year Ballston Lake Fire Dept. responded to a mutual aid call for a structure fire in our neighboring district. During a forced entry into the garage one of our own firemen, Tyler Farrar, was hurt. His surgery and recovery will have him out of work for up to 7 months. Tyler is a volunteer in many ways for his department, his community, and his country. He has served the Ballston Lake Fire Dept. for over 12 years, played Santa Claus for our annual Christmas- drive thru town, and most importantly is serving our country whether active duty in the Marine Corps, or as a current Army Reservist.

Please come out and support our Chicken Bar-B-Q as all proceeds from the event will support Tyler in his time of need. You will not only be helping a fellow volunteer ,but will enjoy a terrific meal for a great cause. For tickets contact Greg Durnford at (518) 857-8370 (cell) or at (home) (518) 384-0347.

Last year we sold just over 425 meals and hope to pass that this year. Walkups are available as always that day, but they do go quickly.

Thank you in advance for all that you do.

Sincerely, Members of BLFD



BALLSTON LAKE

VOLUNTEER

FIRE DEPARTMENT



**CHICKEN
BAR-B-Q DINNER**

**Thursday, Sept. 13, 2018
4:00-7:00pm**

Firemen's Grove

Main Street • Ballston Lake, NY

EAT-IN or TAKE-OUT

DINNER INCLUDES

- *Half Chicken*
- *Baked Potato*
- *Cole Slaw*
- *Beans*
- *Roll*



\$10.00 per person



John McLane Hose Company Giffy's BBQ

**Friday, September 14, 2018
4:30pm-6:30pm – Drive-Thru**

**Rexford Fire Station
1601 Route 146, Rexford, NY**

1/2 Chicken Dinner

Includes baked potato, coleslaw, roll & butter, cookie, and beverage

\$12.00 Per Dinner

To order Tickets: Visit
www.rexfordfire.org