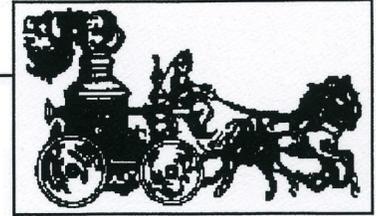


BROOME COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD

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MINUTES - FIRE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING - OCTOBER 9, 2025

Call to order at 7:00 pm by Chairperson Tom Giblin. The meeting was postponed by from September 11, due to scheduling conflicts with several events commemorating September 11th.

The minutes were e-mailed out to all members. Motion by Mike Redding, second by Gil Senger, second by Mike Redding to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2025, meeting. Carried.

EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT: Deputy Fire Coordinator Jerry Launt reported:

- Following the resignation of Tom Tamaro, Ken Roe has taken over the Battalion 3 coordinator position.
- Kyle Doyle has taken over Fire Investigation.
- Using a roll out container filled with water to extinguish a vehicle fire creates the problem of what to do with the water which is now considered a hazardous material.
- Working on countywide fire rehab. Currently western Broome Fire Departments are doing a pretty good job of doing rehab at fire scenes. Coordinators are looking at what they are doing to come up with a countywide plan.
- UVES is involved in a lot of the rehab in Western Broome and currently they do not bill for rehab at the scene. Only time there would be a charge would be if someone was treated or transported to the Hospital. Some insurance policies have \$500 for emergency response. Can that be used to cover rehab? Some ambulance squads do not have procedures in place for fire rehab.
- Rob Brady wondered if Clean Harbors or the County landfill could help get rid of contaminated water from electrical car fires.
- Paramedic fly cars available 8 am to 6 pm Monday to Saturday.
- Chief Sitek of West Colesville Fire will be included in the 2026 line of duty death ceremony at Albany. Chiefs' Association is looking at sponsoring a bus to go.
- Training schedule should be posted in the next two weeks.
- Suggested that we try to get the State Class on Electrical Vehicles taught in Broome County.
- County purchased six more electrical buses which will be parked inside the County bus garage in Vestal.

BYLAWS: No report.

PREVENTION/EDUCATION: Rob Brady reported that the fire safety trailer is being used in Vestal, Newark Valley and twice in Johnson City this month. Silver Lake many also want to use it. The new vehicle needs a lot of work, it has rusted tire rims so the tires keep going flat. We had put in a request for a community fund grant for a new generator and are hoping to hear on that. We will be putting the trailer in Port Crane for storage over the winter. Vestal Chief Paffie advised that, if they wanted, they could store it in the old station #4 until the building is sold.

LEGISLATURE: No report.

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HAZ MAT: Nick Griswold reported that they have had some false alarms with the lead batteries in fork lifts setting off CO detectors.

LINK FIELD: Renovations are continuing.

BROOME COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS' ASSOC: They are looking at a proposed bylaw that will reduce the number of officers they have, as they are having difficulty filling all their director positions. Their next meeting is December 4 at Five Mile Point.

BROOME COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOC: They are not doing well financially. Insurance and other expenses have increased and they are spending more than they are taking in. Printing their newsletter is a big expense. Suggested that they do not mail out newsletters any more, only do an e-mail edition to save money. Fortunately they are reimbursed for postage by NBT Insurance.

They recently held their annual Memorial Service which was very well attended.

NYS AFC: No report.

SOUTH CENTRAL FIRE POLICE: No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Rob Brady is selling Save Around books for \$20.
- Nick Griswold is selling Gaudet challenge coins.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Chiefs' Association is looking to change their bylaws to decrease their number of directors. This will require a change in the Fire Advisory Board bylaws to reflect the new number and also require Legislation from the County to reflect this.

Next meeting is December 11, at 7 pm. Motion by Rob Brady, second by Wayne Sherwood to adjourn at 7:39 pm. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Secretary