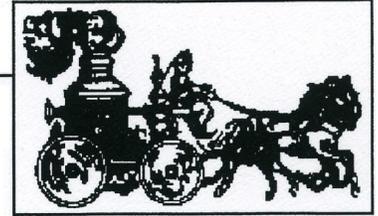


BROOME COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD

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MINUTES - FIRE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING - MARCH 11, 2021

Call to order at 7:00 pm by Chairperson Tom Giblin.

Motion by Wayne Sherwood, second by Tom Palazzo to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2020, meeting.

EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT:

Deputy Fire Coordinator Jerry Launt reported:

- Radio system progress: Five towers being built. There have been some minor delays.
- Will be testing the radio system the 4th quarter of 2021 or 2022.
- NYS Training: Courses we can offer are limited and they fill up quickly.
- Battalion engines: Policy changes for Engines 97, 98, 99 start on Monday March 15, and are similar to former policies:
 - There is now a 4-hour minimum shift to run.
 - Fire departments will be notified when there is an on-duty crew.
 - Fire departments need to sign up ahead of time and paperwork must be submitted to the fire coordinator.
 - Office must sign off on all members who participate. Once you are approved for participating in Battalion engine you can participate in any of the Battalion engines.
- Reminder to Chiefs to turn in their Inventory sheets.
- UAV has been working with the sheriff. This will be used more in 2021.
- Will be adding the UAV on response on larger fires.

Question: If members in classes have vaccine will state allow increased numbers in class? We will check on this.

Would appreciate it if Fire Coordinator would provide reports for Firefighters' Association meetings and for their newsletter. About 600 issues of their newsletter go out every other month so this is a good way to get information out.

BYLAWS: No report.

PREVENTION/EDUCATION: Have not had any events for the fire safety trailer. Last year all events were canceled due to Covid. Hoping the trailer will be used more this year. Firefighters' Association is still trying to get new tow vehicle for the trailer.

LEGISLATURE: Broome County Legislator Mary Kaminsky, who is new to the board, introduced herself to members. She represents District 14, which includes part of the eastside, northside, downtown and 1st ward of the City of Binghamton.

SPECIAL TEAMS: Haz Mat team had a good response for call at SUNY Broome.

LINK FIELD: Today there was an alert at the airport but it was cancelled almost immediately

CONSOLIDATED MAINTENANCE: Available for fire departments who are interested: rescue tool maintenance, aerial testing and pump testing.

FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOC: They had a zoom meeting last week. Hoping to meet in person at East Maine on April 9.

BROOME COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS' ASSOC: Hoping to restart Smoke Divers class in October.

SOUTH CENTRAL FIRE POLICE: Zoom meeting tonight.

NYS AFC: No report.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Election of Officers: Deputy Coordinator Launt took over chairing the meeting to elect officers.

Motion by Joe Griswold, second by Wayne Sherwood to elect the same officers for 2021: Chair- Tom Giblin; Vice-Chair- Bill Gorman; Secretary - Alice Fiacco. All aye; carried

Rob Brady noted that the Firefighters' Association is still selling Save Around books.

Motion by Robert Brady, second by Wayne Sherwood to adjourn at 7:20 pm. Carried.

Meetings this year: May 13, September 9 and December 9, 7 pm, at the 2nd floor meeting room at the Public Safety Facility.

Respectfully Submitted,

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