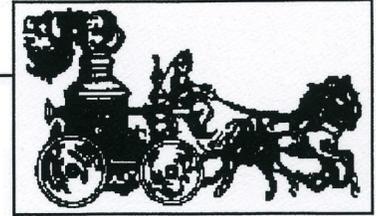


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MINUTES - FIRE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING - MAY 12, 2022

Call to order at 7:02 pm by Chairperson Tom Giblin.

Motion by Rob Brady, second by Wayne Sherwood, to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2022, meeting. Carried.

EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT: Deputy Fire Coordinator Jerry Launt reported:

- Radio system is moving forward. Towers are installed. Coverage certification is 95-98%; sending crews out to test coverage.
- Two wildland search classes in Lisle. Getting battalion personnel trained so we have enough in each battalion to do a search.
- In the fall we are planning a class on Maydays by Chief John Salka at Windsor High School.
- Meridian did a good course on electric vehicles on Monday at Windsor High school.
- Brian Curtis has retired from fire investigation. Jason Ellis is now the lead fire investigator and is getting recertified.
- Stephen Winsor is the new Deputy Coordinator and Coordinator for Battalion 2.
- Tim Dahulich is the Battalion 4 coordinator.
- Hope to start handing out portables in September. It will take one year to install all mobiles. So far coverage has been good.
- Have replaced the tech rescue with 1 ton truck. The dive team equipment will go in the tech rescue.
- Coordinator got a new vehicle and his vehicle has gone back into cycle for OES staff.
- Will we replace the tow vehicle for the haz mat trailer? Like to but don't currently have funding.
- If portables work well why use mobiles? Could be liability issue if they won't work.
- Coordinators have been issued portables to get experience. They are easy to use and Deputy Coordinators will train others how to use them.

BYLAWS: No report.

PREVENTION/EDUCATION: Only a couple dates scheduled so far for the fire safety trailer.

HAZ Mat: report.

LEGISLATURE: No report.

SPECIAL TEAMS: No report.

LINK FIELD: No report.

CONSOLIDATED MAINTENANCE: No report.

FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOC:

- Still need host for some 2023 meetings.
- Rev. Dave Piatt spoke at our May meeting about importance of Chaplains
- June meeting is June 3, at Town of Binghamton, Mike Carron of FASNY will speak.
- Recruitment day had poor participation only about 15 fire departments and only a few applications.

BROOME COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS' ASSOC: Next meeting is June 2, at West Colesville.

SOUTH CENTRAL FIRE POLICE: They are meeting tonight at Berkshire. Irv Soden was elected president of the Association.

NYSAFC: No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Jeff Buckler and Tom Giblin are meeting with Dan Reynolds to talk about possibility of a property tax discount for volunteer firefighters. Rob Brady was interested in attending the meeting, to attract younger members he suggested free college attendance for volunteer firefighters. . Monroe County just had a property tax exemption approved for their county by the state legislature.
2. Question about Fire Coordinator annual review. Now that Fire Coordinator is overseen by Director of Emergency Services, there is no need for the Fire Advisory Board to do this, it will be done by Director OES.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. False alarms: We are having too many. Volunteers not turning out to respond.
2. When alarm companies are working on a system there is no reason for an alarm activation, they should contact alarm company and let them know not to turn in any alarms when working on a system.
3. NYSEG has had some long response times. If wires are down the fire department needs to stay on the scene until NYSEG arrives. There is a liability if you leave before they are on scene. NYSEG brought in 300 people from other counties to work on lines down.

Next meeting is September 8.

Motion by Rob Brady, second by Wayne Sherwood to adjourn at 7:53 pm. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

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