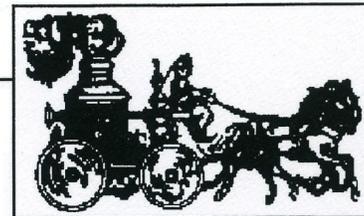


# BROOME COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD

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## MINUTES - FIRE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING -MAY 11, 2023

Call to order at 7:00 pm by Vice- Chairperson Bill Gorman.

The minutes were e-mailed out to all members. Motion by Rob Brady, second by Bob Weslar to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2023 meeting. Carried.

### **EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT:** Deputy Fire Coordinator Jerry Launt reported:

- Radio system update:
  - Battalion 2- in process
  - Battalion 1- 100% complete- radios and portables.
  - Battalion 4- in process
  - Battalion 3 - in processThere have not been a lot of complaints about the system. After all radios are done there will be an upgrade for everything. Tri County has now been approved as a vendor for the system.
- New truck for rescue, dive and special teams: Hope to get this in service by the end of May. Will start moving equipment next week.
- Personnel and Equipment Inventory: Important to get your foam inventory to the Fire Coordinator. Looking at getting "Green foam" to replace the old foam. The old stuff is very hazardous. Contact the land fill if you need to get rid of some of this.
- Spring Smoke Divers went very well. Will have another one in October- the same or maybe an advanced class.
- Dispatch is currently short-handed.

**HAZ MAT:** No report.

**BYLAWS:** Copy of new bylaws was sent out to members.

**PREVENTION/EDUCATION:** Fire safety trailer is back at Endwell. If you want to use it please contact Alice Fiacco. We have three dates on the schedule so far.

**RECRUITMENT DAY:** Not much interest; a poor showing at the press conference. District Attorney Mike Korchak and School Resource Officer Mark Ayers are working on generating some interest in volunteering at the high schools.

Suggested that we have another event during Fire Prevention week. Have some hands-on activities that might help get kids interested. Campville Fire has a public service announcement that is on nearly every day but it really hasn't resulted in an increase in volunteers.

**LEGISLATURE:** Legislators are glad to see that the radio system is going well.

Broome County just announced a state of emergency to avoid having bus loads of immigrants sent to our area from New York City. New York City is paying \$1,000 per month for a room to house these. Broome County's law includes a \$2000 per day fine for any hotel that accepts them.

Why are we having trouble getting volunteers? Suggested that Fire Advisory Board do a study to find factors that are causing this. Board would have to request funds from the County Executive to do a study on this.

Legislators Jason Shaw and Scott Baker, Firefighters Association President Rob Brady and Fire Advisory Board Chair Tom Giblin met to discuss the lack of new volunteers. Some factors include: state training requirements, requirements for physicals every year, large commitment of time, and younger generation has different priorities than older generations.

For the next Fire Advisory Board meeting we should consider having a study done on this. There is currently an EMS study being done.

FASNY is trying to increase the tax credit. It would also be helpful if employers would release firefighters for fires. Some used to do it but not any more.

**SPECIAL TEAMS:** No report.

**LINK FIELD:** Have \$45 million from State and Federal Funds for renovation of terminal and parking. Now have a customs house for international travelers.

**CONSOLIDATED MAINTENANCE:** No report.

**BROOME COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOC:** Next meeting is June 2 and there will be a speaker from the National Weather Service.

**BROOME COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS' ASSOC:** Next meeting is June 1 at Endwell.

**NYS AFC:** F.I.R.E. 2023 is in Syracuse, June 14-17. This has some great training classes.

**SOUTH CENTRAL FIRE POLICE:** They are meeting tonight.

**OLD BUSINESS:** No report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Training:**

We have not had enough registration for upcoming classes so some have been cancelled. If classes are just a couple people short they are canceled. We have little control over this since its state mandated.

County could pass a "Home Rule Resolution" to step away from State OFPC and have our own training. Village and City Fire Departments are allowed to have their own MTO's so they can control their own training. If we started do this on our own we would have control of the classes and the number of students. We would continue to follow the state curriculum. County would have to pay instructors. Suggested we contact other counties that do this to see what's involved and costs associated with this such as salaries. County Instructors would have control over training and could teach to a higher level of training than currently being done now. Rockland and Nassau Counties currently do this, we should get information from them about this.

Motion by Rob Brady second by Bob Weslar to adjourn to 8 pm. Carried.

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Next meeting is September 14, at 7 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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