

MINUTES

Niagara County Fire Advisory Board

Date | time 12/15/2000 |7:03pm *Meeting called to order by* Chairman Gurnett

Pledge to the Flag and Prayer

Arthur Kroening led the Pledge to the flag and Prayer

Approval of Minutes

Previous Meeting Minutes 10/10/22 – Motion by Art Kroening, seconded by Jeff Baes to approve the minutes - PASSED

Correspondence:

No Correspondence currently.

Fire Coordinator: Jonathan Schultz

- Jonathan was at the Fire Academy last week, many changes coming to NFPA over the next few years. The one item coming for 2024 will be the change in NFPA 1403, Live Fire Training. Starting in 2024 ALL live fire training scenes will need to have a certified Live Fire Instructor and a Live Fire Instructor in Charge present. This would be for any live fire training, for example Fire Tower, Vehicle Fire etc. This will take some work to make sure the County has people that are trained in these two positions.
- The office is also working on an updated Mutual Aid plan for the State.
- On the County website is a list of best practices from OFPC, on what we should be training on.

Change of meeting layout:

- A motion was made by Jeff Dewart and seconded by Jeff Baes to adjourn the Reports for the County Clerk to give the Oath of office to the Fire Advisory Board Members. PASSED
- County Clerk Joseph Jastrzemeski gave the Oath of Office to all members present.
- Chad Shepherd went through nominations of officers:
- Chairman – Paul Gurnett, Motion by Jeff Dewart to close nominations.
- Vice Chairman – Arthur Kroening, Motion by Jeff Dewart to close nominations.
- Secretary – Michael Kislack, Motion by Jeff Dewart to close nominations.
- County Clerk Joseph Jastrzemeski gave the Oath of Office to the newly elected officers.
- Meeting to resume regular schedule.

Training

- Dan Leven had said that the office had requested many training classes for the upcoming year. Several of them have already been approved for and have scheduled several of those.
- A reminded that ISC 200 online will end at the end of December for online and will become a in person class in 2023.

ALS:

- Tom Eggert gave an update on the County Ambulance service, they are looking at a start date of June 2023, and that could change due to many different factors.
- They had placed a bid on a used ambulance and were awarded the bid, they plan to pick it up on January 3rd, 2023.
- On January 14th, 2023, the Supervisor Civil Service test will be given.
- All requests and forms are moving forward as planned.

Area 1:

- Pat Barney reported that Lewiston #1 had one commercial fire at 744, 746 and 748 Center St Lewiston. Had several mutual aid companies were involved.
- Next Area 1 meeting TBD
- Pat also informed everyone that he had turned in his retirement paperwork effective 12/31/22. Congratulations!

Area 2:

- No report as Bob Walker was excused.

Area 3:

- Jeff Dewart reported that the next Area 3 meeting will be February 1st, 2023, at Cambria at 7:00pm.

Area 4:

- Jeff Baes reported that the next Area 4 meeting will be February 21st, 2023, at Middleport at 7:00pm.

EMS Deputy:

- The County has had several Mutual Aid's and Standby's and thanks everyone for helping for their help.

Fire Investigations:

- No Report

Haz-Mat:

- Reported by Fire Coordinator that the City of Niagara Falls had a Haz-Mat call at one of the hotels for an employee that mixed the wrong chemicals together for the pool. The hotel at the time only had two guests and they were both evacuated right away.

TRT:

- No Report

Fire Police:

- No Report

LEPC:

- No Report

Lockport City:

- Fire Coordinator reported that Chief Quagliano wanted to thank everyone that had showed up on 12/14/22 to the City Council meeting showing support for Lockport Fire Dept. This coming Monday 12/19/22 The Council will hold a vote on two resolutions. Resolution 1 will be to return Ambulance service back to the Lockport Fire Department, Resolution 2 will be for the City to enter into a contract with an Ambulance provider to provide services.

Niagara Falls City:

- No Report

North Tonawanda City:

- Jim Diernmyer had no report

Niagara Falls Air Base:

- No Report

Sheriff's Office:

- Mark Kasprzak reported that they had one new employee that was in training and doing well.
- They also have their very first person put in for retirement for early 2023.
- The tower project is still moving ahead and doing well, equipment that has been on back order is now starting to come in.

State Chiefs:

- No Report

Legislators:

- Legislator Irene Myers shared her Thanks to everyone for everything that the Volunteers do for the Citizens of Niagara County.
- Legislator Richard Abbott also wanted to share his Thanks to everyone.

- Legislator Shawn Foti also shared his Thanks to everyone, and also noted that the County Ambulance service is moving forward, and the money was put into the Budget.

Tower Committee:

- Lockport Tower: No Report
- Wheatfield Tower: Mike Kislack reported that everything was good.

Old Business:

- If anyone from the Fire Advisory Board is interested in joining the Critical Stress Debriefing Team, please let the Fire Coordinator know.

New Business:

- Nothing

Discussions:

- Some discussion on the misinformation that is going around on the County Ambulance.

Good of the Organization:

- Bill Perry from the EMO office wanted to let us know about the new website and wanted more information from the board. Also, all minutes of the meetings are posted on the website.
- Next County Chiefs Meeting will be January 12th, 2023, at South Wilson.
- Next County Meeting will be January 15th, 2023 at South Lockport and this is also the Memorial Service.

Next Meeting

February 16th, 2023 / 7:00pm, PSTF

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:12pm by Jeff Dewart and seconded by James Diermyer – Passed

Respectfully submitted,

Michael A. Kislack

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Secretary