BROOME COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD

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MINUTES - FIRE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING - SEPTEMBER 10, 2020

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

Motion by John Haggerty, second by Jason Delanoy to accept the minutes of the March 12, 2020, meeting. Carried. We did not meet in May due to Corona virus restrictions.

EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT:

Deputy Fire Coordinator Jerry Launt reported:

- **Radio Project:** 4 towers are underway, project about 1 month behind schedule.
- **NYS Training:** Training is limited, no information on future classes. Trying to finish up the classes we have started. We have scheduled a few classes and they are filling up quickly.
- Water Rescue: Response for these calls used to be the same for every call, we are now starting to use an alarm system 1^{st} , 2^{nd} , etc., as we do for other calls, so that we get an appropriate response for the call.
- **Regional Engine:** Engine 97, 98, 99 have been renamed Battalion Engines and rules for all have been standardized. Firefighters running on the engines must be vetted to be sure they meet qualifications. Once vetted they can run on any engine.
- ATV -New ATV- a Kawasaki mule- is now at Wayne Street. This has a pump and a stokes basket.
- **Covid Inspections** Deputy Fire Coordinators and fire investigators are doing 24 inspections each week. They are not writing citations, just trying to help people comply.

BYLAWS: No report.

PREVENTION/EDUCATION: The trailer has not been out this year since all events were canceled. We have been thinking about doing a video to post on you tube of kids going through the trailer.

LEGISLATURE: Budget meeting is tonight.

SPECIAL TEAMS: Haz mat team is meeting the second Wednesday of each month. They are looking for new members.

LINK FIELD: No report.

FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOC:

- Clambake attendance was way down.
- Next meeting is tomorrow night at West Windsor.
- October 9 at Port Crane, will be the annual Memorial Service. Concerned about having too many in attendance; trying to limit families of deceased members to 1 or 2 people attending.

BROOME COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS' ASSOC:

- Have 3 new policies that we need to get information out on: accountability, water rescue calls, battalion engines.
- Next meeting is October 1, at Aswad Center on Wayne Street in Endwell.
- Chiefs' Association accepting applications for scholarship, due by Sept. 25.

SOUTH CENTRAL FIRE POLICE:

Zoom meeting tonight.

NYSAFC: They have a class on "Hoarder Fires' but none are being held near Broome County.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. There will be a September 11th Memorial Service tomorrow night, 6:30 pm, at Highland Park in Endwell.
- 2. Binghamton Fire is hosting a 9/11 Stair Climb on Sept. 27 at NYSEG Stadium
- 3. Firefighters' Association will be getting 2021 Save Around books soon, selling them for \$20 each.
- 4. Battalion engines will start sometime in October.

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

Next meeting is December 10, at 7 pm, second floor meeting room at the Public Safety Facility.

Respectfully Submitted,

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