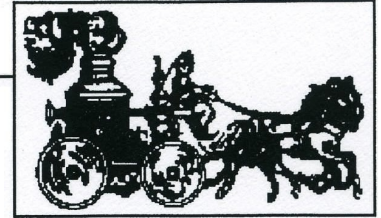


BROOME COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD

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MINUTES - FIRE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING -SEPTEMBER 12, 2024

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

The minutes were e-mailed out to all members. Motion by Gil Senger, second by Mike Redding to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2024 meeting. Carried.

EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT: Fire Coordinator Jeff Buckler reported:

1. Radio system upgrades being done. Battalions 1 and 2 are complete.
2. OES Director Patrick Dewing resigned, Acting Director is Neal Haight. County is looking for a candidate to fill position.
3. Deputy Fire Coordinator Dahulich resigned and Brian Curtis has been hired to fill the position. He will be the Battalion 4 Coordinator with his main responsibility being the Fire Service Intelligence Liaison Officer (ILO), which we have not had since Brian Botsford left, and he will provide back up for making ID tags.
4. FI-1- New fire investigation vehicle is having the utility body installed. We hope to receive this vehicle in October.
5. AFFF Foam: We are having some difficulty returning the old foam as the cleanup company requires SDS sheets for each foam manufacturer and a couple have gone out of business and the SDS are not available.
6. Roll-Off Container: No update
7. EV Fire Blankets: (4) EV blankets have been received and will be placed in various locations for response- FDs 28, 59, 66. The fourth blanket will go in the county office building parking garage in a cabinet.
8. Station Number vs. Department Name for dispatch: There has been no decision on this yet, the committee chair has requested a meeting to discuss the issues on both sides.

BYLAWS: No report.

PREVENTION/EDUCATION: Rob Brady reported that the fire safety trailer has been out a lot, being used several times in October. The new tow vehicle is licenced and had some work done on it- brakes and alternator. We need to send this to Crofts to get tow accessories.

Legislator Bob Weslar suggested that the organization apply for a Small Community Grant program to help cover cost of repairs. He also would like to get this vehicle into the county vehicle rotation so that it is replaced every 3-4 years.

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LEGISLATURE: County Legislator Bob Weslar reported:

- County Executive's budget presentation was tonight. Looking at a .31% tax increase.
- The radio system is going well, the phone charge to pay for this goes away in 2032.
- County Budget includes funds for housing projects.
- An additional \$2 million has been allocated to the Broome County Sheriff's Office.
- Department of Social Services is working on improvements to providing mental health care.
- District Attorney's office and Sheriffs Department are developing a new program to support youths ages 10-21.
- Looking at Training Facility for county. The fire training site in Vestal was renovated but the County needs a centrally located training facility.

HAZ MAT: There was a battery fire at the Town of Union building.

LINK FIELD: Renovations at the terminal are ahead of schedule.

BROOME COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS' ASSOC: Next meeting is October 3 at Endwell.

BROOME COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOC:

- About 200 people attended the clambake, it was a nice time as always.
- They are selling Save Around Books at a discounted price of \$20.
- The Memorial Service will be Friday, October 11 at Port Crane St #1.
- They had planned a Cornhole Tournament but it was cancelled due to lack of registrations.

NYS AFC: No report.

SOUTH CENTRAL FIRE POLICE: They are meeting tonight.

OLD BUSINESS:

Russ Carey from Communications attended to talk about the requested change from using department numbers to using department names for mutual aid dispatching. He has found this is not a simple change and has put together a committee to review. Russ went over screens from the CAD system. The data field where the department is identified does not have room to put a location/fire department name, only space for an ID number. We have a lot of inexperienced dispatchers and many do not know department names and numbers. It takes about two years of training to bring new people up to speed on everything. He encouraged fire departments to bring their personnel to communications to see the 911 center in operation.

For now suggested that when requesting resources, to be sure Chiefs get the requested fire department, that you specify the department name. Felt that the Fire Advisory Board acted too quickly in requesting this, it should have gone to the Chiefs for discussion first. This will be studied but the final decision will be made by the Director of Emergency Services.

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NEW BUSINESS:

The Broome County Firefighters' Memorial Service is Friday, October 11, at 7:30 PM at Port Crane fire station#1. There will be a dinner at 6:30 pm prior to the service.

Next meeting is December 12 at 7 pm. Motion by Rob Brady, second by Gil Senger to adjourn at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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