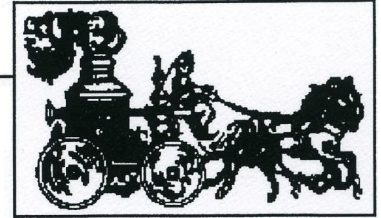


# BROOME COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD

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## MINUTES - FIRE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING -DECEMBER 8, 2022

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

Correction: It was Nick Griswold who made the motion to approve the minutes of the September meeting. Motion by Wayne Sherwood, second by Rob Brady, to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2022, meeting as corrected. Carried.

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

- Radio system is moving along quickly.
- DPW's - most have switched over.
- Battalions will start moving over in December or early January.
- Be sure to get your Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) in to the County right away. Battalions can't be switched over until all fire departments have these in.
- Deputy Fire Coordinator Edwards has resigned. Nick Griswold is now the Deputy Fire Coordinator for Battalion 1 and Haz Mat Team.
- Gabe Tenant is now Senior Investigator for Fire Investigation. They are working more closely with Sheriff's Department
- Looking at purchasing Chenango's Truck which will replace the Dive Team Truck. This will also have equipment for rope rescue, wildland search, CERT, and water rescue.
- County now has two Incident Command Cases which are good for large incident tracking. You can request from communications. Also have one for the airport. Hoping to eventually have one for each battalion.
- Fall Smoke Divers class was held; good class, had fewer participants.
- Will be scheduling classes for start of 2023.
- FAST team program being changed:
  - Will emphasize self-rescue or rescue by other interior crews.
  - We need to have a committee to review FAST.
  - FAST teams often end up doing fire suppression.
  - Endicott's FAST was responding to many fires, but this has been discontinued though it still is listed on many run cards. Where they are listed as FAST, another department is being sent in their place.

**BYLAWS:** We need to update bylaws to reflect election of officers now being held in March.

**PREVENTION/EDUCATION:** The fire safety trailer is done for the season, it was much busier this year than last year. Last use was October 31. We have some repairs to do before it is put away. We also have a new prop- a burning trash can. We will be storing it in Port Crane for the winter. Looking at a vehicle for sale in Owego which might be a good tow vehicle.

**HAZ MAT:** Officers met with Fire Coordinator to update training. They currently have just 12 members on the team. They could use some more people on the team.

**LEGISLATURE:** No report.

**SPECIAL TEAMS:** No report.

**LINK FIELD:** Have more flights flying out of the airport.

**CONSOLIDATED MAINTENANCE:** No report.

**BROOME COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOC:** Elected a new director, Bob Bealo. Have one open director position. Mike Redding of Pennsylvania is interested in being a director. We will need to request a non-resident waiver for him. Next meeting is January 6 at West Corners.

**BROOME COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS' ASSOC:** They met last night. Officers are the same except Tom Palazzo is now the Secretary.

**NYSAFC:** Seminar with Mike Ciampo is February 16 at Susquehanna Valley High School. F.I.R.E. 2023 is in Syracuse.

**SOUTH CENTRAL FIRE POLICE:** No report.

**NYSAFC:** No report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Tom Giblin, Jeff Buckler, and Rob Brady met with Broome County Legislator Jason Shaw to discuss incentives for recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters. Most departments are low on volunteers and have problems responding especially during the day. They discussed a property tax for volunteers, a 10% discount on their taxes. This would only be for the county. They would like to meet again with Jason Shaw and Scott Baker. If you have any ideas please let them know.
2. Rob Brady would like to see enforcement of false alarms. Constant ones at the same address should be penalized, especially when alarm is tripped by alarm company working on system. They should know enough to notify their dispatch if they are working on a system. These constant alarms deter fire department response.
3. The county recently appointed a group and authorized a study of EMS in Broome County.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Legal notice should be placed in regard to Fire Advisory Board meetings. 2023 meetings are:
  - March 9
  - May 11
  - September 14
  - December 14

Next meeting is March 9 and will include any newly elected Board members. There will be election of Fire Advisory Board officers for 2023.

Motion by Rob Brady, second by Wayne Sherwood to adjourn at 7:30 pm. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

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