

MINUTES

Niagara County Fire Advisory Board

Date | time 10/19/2023 | 7:00pm *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 8/17/23 – Motion by Jeff Baes, seconded by Nick Baes to approve the minutes - PASSED.

Correspondence:

No Correspondence

Fire Coordinator: Jonathan Schultz

- The initial CGR report has come out and it has basically said for the County to move forward with getting the County Ambulance service up and running.
- Mercy has sent a letter to the County stating that they would not be renewing the contract, and they would be done at the end of October. We have reached out to AMR and Twin City to see if they had any interest in helping and they have agreed to put one ambulance each in the County until the end of the year.
- We have received 42 applications in the first four days, interviews will be set up for early November.
- We also have had 285000 hits on the Facebook post since it was listed on Monday.
- The tentative go-live date is set for mid-December.
- The new Lockport Hospital is now open.
- April 8th, 2024 will be the Solar Eclipse, and the best place to see it is going to be Niagara County. We are going to have a large amount of people in the County to see this eclipse.

Training: Dan Leven

- Aerial Operator
- Truck Company Operator
- Principal of Instructor
- Instructor 1
- We are looking for another State Instructor for the County.

Area 1: Edward Zimmerman

Excused: Report sent by email.

Not a whole lot to report out of area 1 at this time, we held our last meeting at the Niagara Falls Air Base Fire station. and have a few items to bring up.

1. Lewiston 1 Dryer fire on Saturday sept 30th. mutual aid companies included Upper Mountain Fire Company and the air base.

2. The air base responded mutual aid to the fire in Lockport on oct 11th. I'm sure this will be brought up in another report.

October 21st Lewiston 1 set up a live burn drill and invited several of our area companies, at this time it sounds like there will be a solid turnout.

We discussed several topics including upcoming training together, recruitment, fire prevention and the big item.....County Ems. With that being said, I would like to thank the Fire Coordinators office, the fire advisory board and all the fire department Chiefs for all the time and effort that has been done and continues to be done to get this program in service.

I have not scheduled our next area 1 meeting at this time, the next couple months get very busy with elections, installations, and the holidays in general so realistically I think it will be after the new year. I do my best to connect with all our area chiefs on a regular basis and if anything comes up, we handle things accordingly.

Thank you all, respectfully submitted Ed Zimmerman Area 1 Deputy Coordinator.

Area 2: Robert Walker

- September 18th, 2023, Recreation Vehicle fire at 3366 Niagara Falls Blvd. Town of Wheatfield. At the scene Adams with one engine and one rescue, St. Johnsbury with one engine and one rescue, NC Sheriffs Office, Twin City Ambulance, Niagara County Cause and Origin, car 32-2 and 32-6. Standby: Bergholz at St. Johnsbury to cover St. Johnsbury and Adams area. Fire is under investigation.
- October 18th, 2023, Garage Structure Fire at 6988 Jennifer Ct. Town of Wheatfield. At the scene, Bergholz with two engines, Frontier with one engine, St. Johnsbury with ladder, NF Air Base with one engine and Fast Team, Tri-Community Ambulance, NC Sheriff, National Fuel, National Grid, Wheatfield Code Enforcement, NC Cause and Origin, Car 32, 32-a, 32-2. No Standby
- Next Area 2 meeting is October 24th, 2023, at Frontier at 7:00pm.

Area 3: Jeff Dewart

- Next meeting will be November 1st at Wrights Corners.

Area 4: Jeff Baes

- October 11th, 2023, Structure fire at a 24-unit apartment complex on Robinson Rd on the 2nd floor. Several people were trapped. We had eight Ambulances on scene and four people were transported.
- October 19th, 2023, Structure fire at a three-story building with ten apartments at Locus and Genesee St Lockport.
- Next Area 4 Meeting will be February 20th, 2023.

EMS Deputy: Chad Shepherd

- Excused

NC EMS: Thomas Eggert

- No Report

Fire Investigations:

- No Report

Haz-Mat: Kevin Hodgson

- No Report

Fire Police: Mark Walter

- September 24th, 2023, Olcott Car Show
- October 11th, 2023, Structure Fire
- Next meeting is November 21st, 2023, at Wendelville.

LEPC:

- No Report

Lockport City: Chief Luca Quagliano

- Excused
- No Report

Niagara Falls City: Chief Joe Pedulla

- Excused
- No Report

North Tonawanda City: Chief Joe Sikora

- We are currently 100 calls behind last year.
- The boat was taken out of the water for the winter on October 18th.

Niagara Falls Air Base:

- No Report

Sheriff's Office: Mark Kasprzak

- Reported that Shawnee and Wilson sites have been turned on and Barker is all wired now.
- On Monday Niagara Falls Police will start using the County Radio with Fire coming on shortly.
- The NYS Power Authority has installed a new system inside the plant that will allow our radios to work inside. They are doing all the testing at this point on the new system.

State Chiefs:

- No Report

Legislators:

- Legislator Shawn Foti – No Report
- Legislator Rich Abbott – A new Dispatcher was approved.
- Legislator Dave Godfrey – No Report

Tower Committee:

- Lockport Tower: Everything is good, and the tower is being used.
- Wheatfield Tower: Everything was good.

Critical Stress Debriefing:

- No Report

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Dan Leven brought up that North Tonawanda is no longer doing Radio check, is this something that we should discuss of doing also.
- Greg Robertson questioned why CT scans are down so much at the Hospitals, and it is due to staffing shortage.

Discussions:

- None

Good of the Organization:

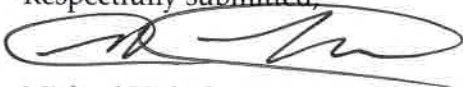
- Next County Chiefs meeting will be November 9th, 2023, at Gasport.
- Next County Meeting will be November 19th, 2023, at Frontier at 10:00am.

Next Meeting

December 21st, 2023 / 7:00pm, PSTF

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:00pm by Jim Mihalko and seconded by Jeff Dewart – Passed

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Kislack

Secretary

Niagara County Fire Advisory Board Meeting Attendance Record

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NC Volunteer Firemen's Assoc. (5)

John Voutour
Peter Smith
Arthur Kroening- Vice Chairman
Greg Robertson
Michael Kislack - Secretary

Signature

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Arthur Kroening
Greg Robertson
Michael Kislack

Niagara County Chiefs Assoc. (5)

Lowell Dickinson
Jim Mihalko
Nicholas Baes
Paul Gurnett - Chairman
Mickey Sutor

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Jim Mihalko
Nicholas Baes
Paul Gurnett
Mickey Sutor

City of Lockport (2)

Luca Quagliano
Joseph Prica

Excused

Excused

City of Niagara Falls (2)

Joseph Pedulla
Bernard Lucantonio

City of North Tonawanda (2)

Joe Sikora
Jim Diermyer Jr.

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Legislators (5)

Richard Abbott
Dave Godfrey
Christopher Robins
Shawn Foti
Irene Myers

Excused

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Ex-Officio Members (14)

Jonathan Schultz
Dan Leven
Ed Zimmerman - Voting Member
Robert Walker - Voting Member
Jeff Dewart - Voting Member
Jeff Baes - Voting Member
Chad Shepherd
Dennis McAvoy
Mark Hain
Les Myers
Mark Walter
Marc Kasprzak
Richard "Red" Kennerson
Kevin Hodgson

Excused

Excused - at NYS DOH Vital Signs Conference

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Guests

Print Name

Signature

Miranda Hayes

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