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## **Fire Advisory Board Meeting Minutes October 18, 2012**

Meeting was called to order at 19:00 by Chairman Bush with 14 members present.

Present were Craig LaPlante, Scott McRobbie, Jerry Wilson, Bob White, George Brouse, Jim Lowery, Adrian Bush, Rick Coller, Robert Kerr, Joe Gilbert, Jeff Hammond, Lonny Scott, Vinny Ferry, and Joe Gallagher.

Excused were Joe Finnegan, Gary Lutz, Tom Popham, Bob Crowe, Kit Smith, Brian Sullivan, Jim Houmiel, Augie Weiss, Steve Badlam, and Frank Burns.

Minutes from August 16, 2012 were read M/M by Jeff Hammond to accept, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob White, carried.

Training: Bob Kerr, FF1 starting 10/18/12, Scene Support starting sometime in November, Haz-Mat Ops and Refresher on November 6<sup>th</sup>. When we exhaust these hours we will ask for more hours from the pool.

Fundraising for the Training Center: The team has done mailings and has received about \$5100.00. A total of around \$60,000.00 in donations so far. State Senator Ritchie and Griffo have announced that they have campaigned for our cause and secured \$100,000.00 coming in for our Center.

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Director Gilbert: On 11/17-19/12 there will be a Community Preparedness Forum at the Lockwood Arena in Ogdensburg.

We have joined a Haz-Mat Consortium with Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Oswego, Washington, and Warren Counties.

We received \$5,000.00 in the Haz-Mat Training fund from the Canton College Incident.

The Training Seminar on 10/17/12 was good. We need to have members of the local departments join NYSAFC which helps bring these seminars here to our area.

Discussion on the new Communications system: Narrow banding, how close are we on this?

We need to get this done; right now there are 5-7 departments that are not ready to switch over. We can not delay this any longer, we will have a test on November 5<sup>th</sup> at 17:00 which is our latest deadline to test and make any corrections. We will switch over to this on 1/1/13 no matter what.

Rick Coller gave a presentation on a fundraiser campaign for the Training Center. There will be a Tee shirt made up for sale with profits going to the fund; the price will be \$20.00 a shirt.

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Good of the Order: none.

At this time there is no more business, M/M by Joe Gallagher to adjourn,  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Vinny Ferry, meeting adjourned at 19:47.

Respectfully submitted

Craig LaPlante

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