



ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

48 Court Street Canton, New York 13617-1169

Fire Advisory Board Meeting Minutes October 15, 2015

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

Present were; Adrian Bush, Bob Kerr, Craig LaPlante, Dan Basford, Travis Dann, Jeff Hammond, Jim Lowery, Joe Finnegan, Joe Gallagher, Kevin Crosby, Kevin Durant, Mike LeCuyer, Mike Farrell, Robert Crowe, Ron Streeter, Scott McRobbie, Tom Popham, Vincent Ferry, and Art Howie.

Excused were; Augie Weiss, Bob White, Dale Gardner, George Brouse, Jerry Wilson, Rick Rusaw, and Rick Coller.

A moment of silence was observed for our LODD's.

Minutes from the August 20th were read, M/M by Jeff Hammond to accept, 2nd by Ron Streeter, carried.

BOL Travis Dann; We have a tentative Budget, there are still some adjustments that need to be made.

There were some questions on how Emergency Services made out, Director LeCuyer said that he is down about \$2,400.00 at this time, there will be a Budget review meeting to finalize the budget and he will know more after that.

Director LeCuyer; There are still some Communications Grants that are still open and he is moving forward with the tower replacements. We need to contact our local Legislators to push for the funding to continue.

There are concerns about staffing. Overtime has been cut in half, Director LeCuyer says that he has to have time to train a new employee before they can go on their own.

There is still discussion going on with the State Police about dispatching, and we are working with the Sheriff on this issue.

Director LeCuyer handed out and went over the calls for the year on who answered what calls.

The new ID system is in and Director LeCuyer will be training the Deputy Coordinators on how to use it and then they will be doing the ID tags in their District.

Russell BFIR Issue - they are still not in compliance with this issue, at this time we are losing about 250 training hours over this. There is still discussion going on how to deal with this.

Complaint Forms- a question was brought up if Mike receives these, the answer is yes as long as they cc him as directed in the instructions when the complaint form is sent in, otherwise he doesn't know about it.

Training - Bob Kerr; There are two projects going on at the Training Center, first is a 50' perimeter around the facility is to be blacktopped, seconded, the steel is there for the expansion, this will not be done until spring.

There was a training session with Corning last week.

There is a FF1 class going on and the training calendar is out for the rest of the year.

We need to find a home for the Foam Trailer until we get a decision from ALCOA on whether they will be able to store it for the winter. This needs to be a heated storage area.

We are looking at a State Fire Chief's course and checking the availability.

We had a HAZ-MAT Training session with Jefferson County and Ft Drum.

Our FPS is Jennifer Nicole Harris Reed and we have not seen much of her, Director LeCuyer will be talking with OFPC about this.

Scott McRobbie asked about the possibility of a FF1 class for people that have to travel for work and cannot make all of the classes. There was discussion about this and they have 2 years to make up the classes that they have missed, also there is a 2 1/2 week course that they could take at the Fire Academy if they choose.

Guest Speaker Marcus Ford gave a presentation on FAST/RIT Teams and Training. There was a lengthy discussion on this subject, along with questions. We would like a formal request/offering sent to Director LeCuyer and more discussion on this subject along with what the training will consist of. We decided for him to come to the December FAB Meeting with a layout of everything involved with this program and putting a team together.

At this time there is no more business, our next meeting will be December 17, 2015 at the PSB.

M/M to adjourn by Bob Crowe, 2nd by Jeff Hammond, meeting adjourned at 21:10.

Respectively submitted,

Craig LaPlante