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## **Fire Advisory Board Meeting Minutes May 11, 2017**

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Finnegan at 19:00 with 12 members present.

Present were; Craig LaPlante, Augie Weiss, Ronald Streeter, Robert Kerr, Adrian Bush, Tom Miller, Larry D. Denesha, BOL, Nicole Harris Reid, OFPC, Tom Popham, Scott McRobbie, Joe Finnegan, and Director Michael LeCuyer.

Excused were; Bob Crowe, Pat O'Brien, Vinny Ferry, Art Howie, Rick Rusaw, Mike Farrell, and Kevin Crosby.

**Director LeCuyer:** Went over the Dispatch calls for the month - 8,974, year to date - 43,358.

The new tower projects have started again. Due to the weather, they were on hold. We will start to move equipment to Massena around June 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Ogdensburg site needs some ground work. Again, this is going slow due to the weather.

The next site to begin will be Kimball Hill, supplies are due there on June 1<sup>st</sup>, then White Hill. All sites are supposed to be completed by August of 2017.

We have received a continuation grant for \$758,000.00 for the projects.

NYSP Dispatch - we took over the NYSP dispatch on April 6<sup>th</sup>. There were some issues but they have been resolved.

Potsdam PD had asked us for help dispatching, we have approval for this for 7 nights a week. The times will be determined depending on call load and times will vary. Potsdam PD has some technical challenges to address before this can take effect.

Chiefs Summit – Approximately 30 Chief's attended representing several area departments. This went well this year and will continue next year. Date and Time will be discussed.

EMS All Call paging frequency has been added to dispatch consoles. The Office is working with EMS agencies to assist with programming. This is a work in progress.

Dispatch Status - We are down a Dispatcher at this time. There also will be an opening at the end of June. We are stretched thin and are using Senior Dispatchers and the Dispatch Supervisor to fill in. The next Exam will not be until January of 2018.

**B.O.L.:** Nothing at this time. Larry Denesha was introduced to the Board.

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Michael LeCuyer, Director

**OFPC:** Training classes are booked for the summer. ALCOA will be doing some training at the Training Center. FF Survival and FAST are going to be combined at some time.

**Training:** Corning will be using the Training Center later this year.

We were offered a Fire Pump from the General Motors Plant for the Training Center but it is too big for our needs.

There are not enough Departments using the Live Burn portion of the center. We need to get more Departments to utilize this.

**Old Business:** Firefighter Rehab - no news on this, it will be discussed at the next EMS Advisory Board Meeting.

BOCES - we have had discussions with them about incorporating a Firefighter course into their Public Safety Training. This is still in discussion and will not be part of the curriculum until the 2019 school year.

**New Business:** Vinny Ferry is resigning due to his appointment to Deputy Coordinator. Motion made by McRobbie to recommend Larry Whitton to replace him on the FAB, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kerr, carried.

EMT CC – Scott McRobbie reported on the status:

1. Continue the CME-based refresher program for CC's.
2. No longer approve CC Original courses starting 1/01/18.
3. No longer approve CC Refresher or CC Rapid Refresher courses starting 6/1/19.
4. DOH will create an automatic advanced standing CC to Paramedic Bridge Program, which will be available to any currently online CC who has three years of active experience as a CC. This program will run until at least 1/1/28.

At this time there is no further business. Our next meeting is possibly scheduled for June 15, watch for information on this.

Motion made to adjourn by Weiss, 2<sup>nd</sup> by McRobbie, meeting adjourned at 20:25

Respectively submitted,

Craig LaPlante

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Michael LeCuyer, Director