

Fire Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2020 7 PM Meeting was called to order Chairman Finnegan

Members Attending: Chairman Finnegan, Director Denner, Larry Denesha, Bob Kerr, Larry Whitton, Scott McRobbie, Rick Rusaw, Mark Bomyea, Don McCarthy, Pat O'Brien, Chris Sherwin, Nick Friot, Vinny Ferry, Tom Conklin, Gary Lutz, Tom Miller

Excused: Tom Popham, Bob Crowe, Erik Johnson, John Lashomb, Steve Parker

Chairman Finnegan asked for feedback from August meeting minutes. No comments or concerns. M/M Pat O'Brien, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mark Bomyea to accept minutes. Carried.

Chairman Finnegan turned the floor over to Larry Denesha for legislature update. Larry discussed the county 2021 budget. Tax Rate down 9 cents per \$1,000. Sales tax revenue up 4.7% compared to 2019 figures. Larry mentioned some of the states monies have been diverted to other programs rather than come directly to the county or local levels.

Larry passed on that a resolution was passed by the full board to include officers/members of the county training center under workman's comp.

Chairman Finnegan turned meeting over to Director Denner for report.

The following is a report of CAD calls for SEPTEMBER 2020:

	SEPT 20	YEAR 2020
FIRE DEPTS DISPATCHED	374	3,081
EMS DISPATCHED	1,588	13,509
LOCAL PD CALLS TO 911	399	3,072
NYSP DISPATCHED BY SLC ES	322	2,307
INFORMATIONALS CALLS*	1,116	10,087
SHERIFF'S CALLS FOR SERVICE	<u>1,148</u>	<u>9,152</u>
TOTAL CALLS DISPATCHED IN SLC	4,947	48,186

\*Informational calls include pocket dials, hang up calls, and test calls

The following are law enforcement calls dispatched by their own dispatchers  
CAD cards created for the Law Enforcement Departments (from their start date)

NYSP DISPATCHED BY B-COMM	1,131	9,813
CANTON PD DISPATCHED	398	1,130
MASSENA PD DISPATCHED	565	2,424
POTSDAM PD DISPATCHED	808	4,999
OGDENSBURG PD DISPATCHED	<u>809</u>	<u>2,640</u>
TOTAL OUTSIDE LAW DISPATCHED CALL	3,711	21,006

Phone calls handled in dispatch center incoming and outgoing by line:

Emergency Services Dispatchers handled:

911	2,728
EMS	3,500
TEXT-2-911	2
NYSP	130
SHERIFF	<u>3,150</u>
TOTAL	9,510

YTD: 79,989

Update on the tower project:

Gouverneur; This tower is 99% complete the only thing we are waiting on is the tower inspection. We did receive a quote to place 3 new antennas on this tower. This will be a new added repeater to our system you will need to add this to your radios.

Waddington; This is 75% done. Working on bringing power into the site. Tower is up. Shelter, generator, and propane tank on site. When it gets closer we will get a price for antennas. Lights were installed yesterday. We are also looking at adding a County Highway repeater to this site. Expected completion date 10/31/20. This is a new added site to our system radios will have to be programmed to this repeater.

Hammond; The foundation is complete, right now we are waiting on the cure time. The week of 10/26/20 the tower will be set, shelter will be delivered on the 29<sup>th</sup>. The completion date for this site is 12/4/20. This is getting new equipment but we are using the same PL tone as the one located at Hammond School. So once it's up you should be good to go.

It is expensive for the tower inspections and to place antennas on the towers, that being said not sure if contractor will wait and do all inspections at the same time or not. We might have to do the same for the antennas as well. We do currently have the antennas and repeaters here ready to go.

Director Denner stated he would be attending a communications system meeting in Jeff County. He also reported briefly on status of the Investigation Team, Haz Mat Team, and the progress of a proposed Tech Rescue Team. Help coming from Franklin County Director Ricky Provost in the form of SOGs, training etc.

Possible renovation and move of dispatch to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the public safety building, work continuing. Larry Denesha is serving as Chair of the committee looking into the project.

Jim Chestnut will be leaving his Dispatch Supervisor position. There is still a part time dispatch position open.

Covid-19 update: 341 cases, 11 active, 4 deaths. Slides from the state were shown regarding various statistics and hot spots within NY. Some towns and villages have submitted plans for conducting Halloween events.

Helicopters will be flying in the area of Norfolk as crews work on new power project.

Solar project in Oswegatchie under way. Concerns with batteries being stored and system. More information is needed for the safety of first responders.

Director Denner pointed out that there are too many no shows when chiefs sign up people for state classes. Stated he has talked to a couple chiefs. Recommends limiting violators to only 1 or 2 signups if problem continues.

County Chiefs Association President Mark Bomyea reported on the date for next meeting November 19, 2020 in Louisville. Joe Finnegan mentioned the need to get Firefighter of the Year nominations into the committee ASAP as the December deadline is fast approaching.

Bob Kerr gave short report on training center. Looking for a new Co-Chairman at the center. Ladder testing October 20<sup>th</sup>. Looking to shut the pump down and winterize things at the center following the November 7<sup>th</sup> BEFO class.

#### Old Business:

The rehab policy was discussed again. Forms for documenting blood pressures and other baseline information has been sent to chiefs. HIPA concerns were mentioned as it related to personal information and performing rehab on scenes.

New Business: Mark Bomyea asked about the safety of doing mask fit test and the ability to clean, sanitize fit test machine regulators. Director Denner stated deputy coordinators have been briefed on cleaning/disinfecting units between each test. Pat O'Brien reported he had recently had a PESH inspection and had some information on cleaning procedures. He would share with the office. As part of fit test everyone needs to remember no facial hair is allowed to interfere with sealing of the mask.

For good of the order: Chairman asked if anyone had any other business to discuss. No further comments. 1940 hrs M/M Scott McRobbie, 2<sup>nd</sup> Larry Denesha to adjourn. Carried.

Next meeting December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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