



St. Lawrence County Fire Advisory Board

Agenda March 10th, 2022

In-person meeting Format

Meeting called to order – 1900 hrs by Tom Conklin

Attendance; Present: Matt Denner, Vinny Ferry, Larry Whitton, Erik Johnson, Jeff Hammond, Mark Bomyea, Don McCarthy, John Lashomb, Bob Crowe, Bob Kerr, George Massarotti, Art Howie, Steve Parker, Steven Wilson, Tom Conklin, Kevin Crosby, Chris Velez, Scott Mcrobbie, and Jacey LeConey
Excused: Larry Denesha, and Joe Finnegan

Motion to accept minutes of January 13th, 2022 meeting (Distributed earlier electronically)

Motion by Eric Johnson, Second by Tom Conklin, Carried

Reports:

Risk Management -Jody Wenzel has been working doing fire departments.

Flooding – the county has gotten notice of possible flooding.

Staffing – still at a low

Fit testing machines – 2 new machines added, both have ID program installed to make it easier for chiefs to get ID's printed.

Upcoming meeting/training – Peer Counseling (May)

Office of Emergency Services — Director Matt Denner (Emailed earlier)

Fire Calls (see attached)

EMS Calls (see attached)

Police Calls (see attached)

Communications Project: Matt has been in contact with the committee looking to set up new towers/obtain new radios to clear up issue previously discussed. Major concern from department members is cost of new radios for their departments. Looking into possible ways to fund this project on top of emergency funds that were received throughout the county.

County Fire — Dispatch center should be built/moved within 1 year - Consolidation with police agencies across the county seems to be progressing.

Discussion about dispatchers and PTSD. There needs to be an avenue for them to get counseling/training for dealing with PTSD. Matt has upcoming meetings regarding this with River Hospital.

OFPC Report - George Massarotti: No Report

* ALL members need to be signed up for LMS to be able to sign up for training, multiple inactive members through all departments.

Schedule Updates — Bob Kerr

Mark Bomyea reporting: Youth in the Fire Service will be held on August 20th all help will be appreciated.

Training Center — set for an April 2nd start, NFP standard, live training FI 1 and 2, discussed holding a FI class but need more than 6 people to be worth it, discussed to send requests to chiefs about class interest. Discussed holding more training with Franklin County to limit need for travel. NY Lead class/clinic for fire/dispatch.

Fire Investigation Team - Tom Conklin: No Report

SLC HazMat Response Team — Matt Denner: No Report

Dive/Rescue Team —: No Report

Old Business — Newton Falls FD being dissolved is a possibility, Fine FD not responding to mutual aid calls.

New Business — Participation reports still unfinished, Gary Loomis seminar, possible grain tube training with anyone in the county who received tubes. EMT cert was extended by 1 year, no new cards needed.

Other Items/Concerns /Discussions- all board members

Possible “Firematics” type event to be held by Morristown FD this summer.

Next meeting: Thursday, May 12th, 2022

Adjourned at -19:54 hrs.