

Fire Advisory Board Minutes

Meeting August 20, 2015

Attendees : V. Ferry, D. Gardner, R. Rusaw, T Popham, J. Hammond, A. Howie, Kevin Crosby, G. Brouse, R. Streeter, K. Durant, A. Weiss, J. Wilson, J. Gallagher, M. LeCuyer, R. Coller, B. Sullivan, L. Scott.

Excused : S. McRobbie, M. Farrell, B. Kerr, C. LaPlante, B Crowe, A. Bush, B. White.

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm.

Minutes of previous meeting accepted. Motion by R. Streeter second by A. Weiss.

Director's Report:

| E911 calls for July 2015 | | Year to Date 2015 |
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| Fire Depts. Dispatched | 300 | 2392 |
| EMS Dispatched | 1550 | 10,263 |
| Local PD Calls for Service | 160 | 1,006 |
| NYSP Dispatched | 236 | 1,336 |
| Information Calls | 811 | 2,570 |
| Sherriff's Calls for Service | 729 | 5,066 |
| Total Calls Dispatched | 3,786 | 22,633 |

Phone calls handled in Dispatch Center incoming and outgoing by line:

Emergency Services Dispatchers handled:

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| 911 | 3,154 |
| EMS | 3,370 |
| NYSP | 506 |
| Sherriff | 3,277 |
| TOTAL | 10,307 |

NYSP Dispatchers Handled:

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| 911 | 36 |
| EMS | 778 |
| NYSP | 3,056 |
| Sherriff | 77 |
| Total | 3,947 |

Discussion about NYSP dispatch transfer to Lewis N.Y. SPs have signed a new 3 yr. contract with SLC. Transfer probably not going to happen anytime soon. If and when it does occur, SPS would be required to give at least 90 days notice.

Several new dispatchers have been hired. Most are showing promise. QA/QI Program has been established. Still a work in progress. Dispatcher Curt Newtown is due to retire shortly.

QA Program - New complaint forms have been mailed to individual depts. This is being done to hopefully better inform the Dispatch Supv. in a timely manner to enable quicker resolution of complaints. Depts. are asked to copy Mike on complaints – this will allow Mike to keep an eye on JC. In the last week there has been 3 complaints received. 1 valid, 2 unfounded.

Budget – Cuts to the 2015 Budget have been requested from the Legislators. Mike reports budget is already so thin there is not much to find to cut. The budget has already been decimated over the last several years.

- Some training seminars have been cut
- Replacement chairs for dispatch have been cut
- Some other misc. equipment has been cut

Radio System Upgrade – Mike is looking to locate a backup PSAP in the Massena area. Possible location would be the county office complex at the MaGinn property behind Kinney Drugs on Main St.

The new communications system will have a new tower/repeater located in the Massena area.

Training –

- FF1 scheduled for Sept. 14th - 25 currently registered. Still need several course applications from 5 individuals to verify course pre requisites. If not received the alternate list will be used.
- Pump Operators class Sept. 9th in Gouverneur
- Firefighters for Cancer Seminar at SUNY Canton Sept. 16th
- EVOC class in Morristown Sept. 28th

Grain Bin Rescue Tubes – Grant applications to purchase equipment have been submitted by 6 depts. There has been 1 approved for Canton. Additionally Waddington is buying one through a donation from an individual. Training on their use will be held later in Aug. – Sept.

BFIR's – Only 2 scofflaws left in county. Edwards has 6 outstanding. Russell has continued to submit none for the past several years. Ongoing efforts to convince the Russell hierarchy have failed.

ROUNDTABLE :

Question about submitting complaints regarding the Dispatch Supervisor. If complaints are directly related to the Dispatch Supervisor, send them directly to Mike.

Mutual Aid Plan – Kevin Crosby reported the committee met and made several changes. Generally cleaned up outdated and obsolete verbage and equipment. Motion to accept as reported by V. Ferry, second by K. Durant. Motion unanimously approved .

Fire Training Center: Dale Gardner reported a request has been made by the family of firefighter who died in the line of duty. The family has requested to name 1 room in the new burn bldg. in honor of the firefighter in return for a significant donation. Discussion followed regarding setting a precedent for such a move as well as criteria required for such a decision.

Fire Investigation Team report: Brian Sullivan reported 2 new investigators have been added to the roster from the apprentice list. They are Justin Perry, Potsdam, and Dave Weitz, Waddington. He also reported 2 new apprentices. They are Nick Friot, Heuvelton, and Eric Johnson, Canton.

Motion to adjourn by A. Weiss, second by Kevin Crosbie.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm

Respectfully submitted by J. P. Gallagher