

ONEIDA COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD

Anthony Picente, County Executive

Robert Eaton, Chairman

Neil Southerland, Co- Chairman

Hobart Dana, Secretary

Kevin Revere Director of Emergency Services

The September meeting of the fire advisory board was opened at 1900 hrs. By Chr. Eaton who also lead the pledge to the flag. The minute of the April meeting were read and approved on motion by D. Petrie, and second by N. Blau.

Report by Director of emergency services;

Asst. Director Lapman reported that radio testing is ongoing and that K. Revere is currently in the field conducting some of these tests. Countywide testing will begin on Thursday and continue for several days. It will be done on the main mutual aid frequency while the system is still in use, all are asked to be understanding as there will be every effort to not interfere with normal traffic but some may happen. Training requests have been reviewed and the list has been forwarded to OFPC for approval.

Fred reported on the progress of the tower part of the radio upgrade project.

Re: the tablets for apparatus, there are tablets available for departments.

Re: the use of IAR to acknowledge calls, the program has been made available to all departments.

A brief discussion of the recent meeting between County Exec Picente and the county chiefs was conducted with several board members requesting the board be included in any such future meetings.

Leg Mandryck asked that the DES provide a briefing to the legislature about the radio system upgrades as was done at the meeting in Maynard. He also spoke on the need to relook at the sparkler law.

Leg. Porter spoke concerning equipment purchases vs. actual need.

Leg Flisnick spoke to the need to prioritize spending.

Leg Calandra requested that Legislators be advised when meetings are scheduled.

Fire prevention; no report

Fire police; reported on activities since our last meeting and those planned for the near future.

EMS; no report

Cause & Origin; no report

Volunteer Firemen's Assoc; No report

Chiefs Assoc.; the annual clambake was held in Clayville

Old Business; nothing further

New Business; Chr Eaton suggests that all should avail themselves of the chance to visit the 911 center. He recently did and found it quite worthwhile.

Staffing at the 911 center was discussed with Fred noting that there are 4 current openings with 2 having been offered to prospective candidates and 2 more set up for interviews. There are two items that stand out when trying to fill positions, the job is sometimes very stressful and also we face a competitive disadvantage in the area of salary.

Motion to Adjourn by D. Petrie, with second by N. Blau.

Respectfully submitted,
Hobart Dana, Secretary