

ERIE COUNTY FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

Regular Monthly Meeting May 9, 2008

The regular monthly meeting of the Erie County Firefighters Association was called to order by President Jim Petrone (Belle Valley) at 19:00 hrs May 9, 2008 at the Erie County Public Safety Building with the pledge of allegiance to the US flag. An opening welcome was given by Joe Weindorf and Pat Newbold (Fuller Hose Co.#1) gave invocation. Roll call of departments revealed 17 persons representing 14 Fire Departments.

Minutes: Motion by John Furdak (Wattsburg), seconded by Ron Allen (Kuhl Hose) to accept the April 2008 minutes. Carried.

Communications: nothing

Treasurer's report: Cliff Moon (West Lake) gave the report. Motion by John Furdak (Wattsburg), seconded by Mike Zentis (Perry HiWay) accept the Treasurer's report. Carried.

Bills: PFESI \$50.00, Norris Pace \$ fuel for PFESI meeting, Belle Valley \$97.00 Fire Safety House, Ollies Outlet \$28.59 tile for the fire safety house.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fire Safety House: Jim Petrone (Belle Valley) problem getting information and approval from feds regarding federal surplus program. Jim gave rundown of the repairs to the old house and our attempt at purchasing a trailer from federal surplus program. Get reservations in as soon as possible to make sure to have for your event. Call the Belle Valley secretary at the fire hall for reservations. PHONE: 825-4359.

Recruitment and Retention: none

Fire School Grounds/Mercyhurst: There currently is a problem with Canadians and the Butler school. Jim Petrone gave report. 20 out of 30 days there was a training program at the grounds.

Inventory: none

Audit: none

Publicity: For addition to the publicity e-mail database, contact Dave Duberow at duberow@velocity.net or the county secretary at ecffa@velocity.net.

By-Laws: none

State Association: PFESI – Norris Pace: Ryan White act not renewed (infectious disease act with respect to ems). Chris Kangas issue: lost cause as of this time. Denial of claims. Bingo act: group acting to work on bingo project. (from Carnegie Mellon) collecting financial information on non-profits that utilize the game and the adverse effects of for-profit gaming institutions. Motion by Jim Carstater (Fairview), seconded Dave Duberow (Fairview) to back the program and encourage all Erie county fire companies to provide financial information to Dr. Robert Straus of Carnegie Mellon. Carried.

Local games of chance: has expanded the act.

Pfesi: voted to not to support the movement of the ems out of the dept of health Ambulance association.

Annual Awards Dinner: Cliff Moon gave closing report on the 2008 banquet.

Radio Communications: Joe Weindorf gave a rundown of the grants currently being looked into by the Chiefs. A rundown of the new building was given and an invitation to tour the site tonight.

ORGANIZATIONAL REPORTS

Museum: nothing

Fire Chiefs: nothing

Erie County Volunteer Fire Police Association: Bob Craig (Harborcreek, President ECVFPA) gave a report on the associations work to publicize the new mobile command vehicle recently purchased and worked upon with a grant and help from Representative Jim Sunney's office.

Dale Robinson: Mass casualty trailer will be open for fire department tours on May 28th for orientation. There will be a disaster logistics course (5 days in length) scheduled for later in the year.

Gabe Miehl: Gabe Miehl: community emergency response exercise to be run in Edinboro.

Jim Petrone: gave a rundown of the Title 35 information. After the investigation of the winter incident of last year the investigators decided "scrap PEMA" and start over. Jim Carstater gave synopsis regarding laws and legislation on the act. Met with representative Jim Horneman regarding the information.

Old Business: The Lake Erie Speedway is going to have a Firefighter appreciation night July 26th, 2008. Fliers will be coming out to each firehouse and the neighboring 5 counties.

New Business: draft report on the LODD ariel with Lawrence park on NIOSH website. See information on the Secret List website.

Good of the Association: PHHC firefighters are hosting another chili cookoff August 9-10th 2008 at the John V Shultz company.

Motion by Dave Duberow (Fairview), seconded by John Furdak (Wattsburg) to adjourn. Carried at 21:00.

Location of next meeting: The next meeting will be the held *May 13th, 2008 at the Erie County Public Safety Office.*

Respectfully submitted:

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Secretary
Erie County Firefighters Association