

BARNARD FIRE DISTRICT
Regular Meeting
November 12, 2024

Present: Commissioners Cappon, Gerhard, Williams, Norris, Chief Andrews, Secretary/Treasurer Pattie Morris, Secretary/Treasurer Sandy Ballou, Lt Jamie Ballou, absent Commissioner Bob Diederich.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

We were led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Chief Andrews

Chairperson Gerhard asked to join him in a moment of silence for all the people who were part of the Barnard family and those who were touched by the Barnard family that are no longer with us. Keeping in our thoughts and prayers all our men and women first responders who do battle every day. Keep in your thoughts and prayers for our Commissioner Bob Diederich who is recovering from a serious illness. Also, a thank you to all of the men and women who serve in our Armed Forces in honor of Veteran's Day.

Anyone from the public need to bring anything to the Board currently?

No one from the public was in attendance, therefore no one came forward.

Chairperson Gerhard asked if we have received any correspondence since our last meeting and asked if there are any special dates that need to be noted.

- *Next Monroe County Fire District Officers meeting on November 21st at Red Fedele's Brook House.*
- *A thank you letter from Philip Sladden – Thanking the Board for their support in training throughout the year and continued work to ensure that we are as prepared as possible for any and all event we may be called to.*

MOTION: *Commissioner Cappon seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from October 14, 2024. All commissioners present were in favor. No one opposed, Motion carries.*

MOTION: *Commissioner Norris seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from October 31, 2024. All commissioners present were in favor. No one opposed, Motion carries.*

Monthly Chiefs Report ~ November 12, 2024

Year 2024 Total Runs 3253

January 345 February 339 March 270 April 310 May 341 June 285 July 372 August 347

September 309 October 335

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<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Incident Type</u>
2	42	Fires in Structures
0	3	Vehicle Fires
3	9	Brush, Field, Outside Fires
1	17	Dumpster, Rubbish and all other fires
5	80	MVA
231	2303	EMS
0	3	Rescue events (land searches, rope, water/ice, RTF, trench, elevator)
36	275	Auto Alarms
3	54	Mutual Aid Given
10	127	Hazardous Conditions (fumes, gas leaks, CO, wires down)
44	340	All other Service calls (lock outs, water problems, good intent etc.)

Updates from the Fire Chief;

A great job by all with the house explosion on Stone Road.

A review of the MCI/MPI response to Chili on Route 490 will be provided at the meeting.

With the recent overnight break-ins to vehicles, the rear parking lot light fixture (RG&E) has been upgraded to an LED fixture with more lumens. Thank you, Lt Ballou, for arranging for this prompt service call.

Our newest career, FF Monty Shoemaker, has been assigned to Group 4 and is settling in well. He is a welcome addition to our crew.

The electric car fire blankets provided by the Department were delivered and are in-service on the 3 engine companies. Rollout training was developed and provided by Lt. Hyman.

All NYS certifications for ALS First Response as well as the certified vehicles have been updated as required annually by Captain Johnson. We anticipate an on-site inspection from DOH this month.

The Hazardous Materials Response SOG is under final review and the updated document will be rolled out next week. Thank you to Chief Dorgan for the extensive research conducted for this lengthy document.

Lt Cyr, Captain Johnson and I will be attending a 2-day incident command class in Oriskany this month.

The repair estimate for the manhole cover damages to E-223 were approximately \$16,000.00 The notice of claim is being prepared for Monroe County.

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We are in the home stretch of the additional remodeling and upgrades to the lower level and the apparatus room. Still on track for completion and close out in 2024.

Community Risk Reduction Division:

October 2024

Submitted By: *Dean Smith*

October was Fire Prevention Month and Fire Prevention Week was October 6th through 12th. The National Fire Protection Association's campaign theme for this year was: "Smoke Alarms: Make them work for You!". This year's campaign focused on the importance of having working smoke alarms in your home and how they can dramatically increase your chances of survival in a home fire.

Fire Prevention Week began with Barnard hosting our first ever Town of Greece Fire Service Open House on Sunday, October 6th. In the past each fire district would hold their own Open House during the month. It was decided to combine our efforts and have one large community event. Each fire district along with the Greece Police Department, Monroe Ambulance, Monroe County Fire Bureau and the Greece Central School District were on hand with static and interactive displays. The weather was nice and I felt the event was well attended by the public. The new Open House format will become an annual event and will rotate through the town with each fire district getting a chance to host the event. The event will follow the Town Memorial Service rotation. Following the Open House event, Barnard hosted the Town of Greece Memorial Service.

Barnard participated in another Fire Prevention Week program this year. Barnard, along with the other fire districts in town, the American Red Cross and Mark's Pizzeria held a pizza delivery night. The fire department delivered the family's food order. If the family had working smoke alarms in their residence they received a coupon for a free pizza. If the family didn't have working smoke alarms in their home the fire department and Red Cross installed them for free. The promotion was held over two nights and was well received. The event also received positive media attention and was on the evening news and various social media outlets.

Our "Win a Ride to School on a Fire Truck" contest has resumed this year. Students from our local elementary schools were asked to make a home fire escape plan and practice a fire drill with their family. One student from each school is the grand prize winner and receives the ride. Winners have been selected and rides will be scheduled in the coming month.

The Hazard House Program made a return this fall. This program is a very demanding program that takes place every spring. It was decided last spring that we would try something different and break the program up. We completed the public schools in town in the spring. Last month we offered the program to the private schools in town. Students at St. Lawrence School and Derech HaTorah Academy participated in the program.

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I have completed a little more than half of my fall fire safety presentations in our public schools. I plan on completing my fall programs before the holiday break in December. The Derech HaTorah Academy will be scheduled for the first of the new year. This fall Firefighter Ewa Hlebowicz has been assisting me with our school-based programs and has brought a fresh perspective and ways to improve our programs.

Program Summary

Location Date Program

*St. Lawrence School 9/24/24 Hazard House 5 classes, 113 students
Derech HaTorah Academy 9/30/24 Hazard House 7 classes, 122 students\
English Village School 10/2/24 2nd Grade, 5 classes, 109 students
Barnard FD 10/6/24 Fire Prevention Week Open House
Longridge School 10/7/24 5th grade, 6 classes, 128 students
Lake Shore FD 10/8/24 Car seat fitting station, 4 seats inspected
Marks Pizzeria 10/15/24 Community smoke alarm program
Marks Pizzeria 10/16/24 Community smoke alarm program
Ridge Road FD 10/21/24 Home school program
Barnard FD 10/23/24 Lifetime Assistance Tour
Longridge School 10/24/24 2nd grade, 5 classes, 105 students
Longridge School 10/25/24 3rd grade, 7 classes, 147 students
1577 Ridge Rd 10/27/24 Trunk or Treat*

Scheduled Programs

*English Village School 10/30/24 Kindergarten programs
English Village School 11/5/24 1st grade programs
Barnard FD 11/12/24 Car seat fitting station
Longridge School 11/14/24 1st grade programs
Bethany Church 11/20/24 Senior program
Longridge School 11/22/24 Kindergarten programs
Longridge School 11/22/24 Community event, Longridge Friendsgiving
Longridge School 11/26/24 4th grade programs*

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen M. Andrews

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Fire Chief

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MOTION: Commissioner Williams seconded by Commissioner Cappon to approve Chief Andrews report for November 12, 2024, as read and discussed. All Commissioners present were in favor. No one disapproved. No abstentions. Motion carried.

Commissioner Diederich – Absent

Commissioner Norris – No Report

Commissioner Williams – No Report

Commissioner Cappon – No Report

Chairman Gerhard – Thank you to Matt Edick for coordinating infant CPR for the Gerhard's. He did a fantastic job.

MOTION: Commissioner Cappon seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve all invoices as audited and approved November 12, 2024. All Commissioners present were in favor. No one disapproved. No abstentions. Motion carried.

MOTION: Commissioner Norris seconded by Commissioner Cappon to approve Pattie to continue the savings CD at 4.55% for another 30 days after withdrawing \$500,000 to go back into the savings account. All Commissioners present were in favor. No one disapproved. No abstentions. Motion carried.

MOTION: By Commissioner Williams seconded by Commissioner Norris to approve the Treasurer Report for October 2024. All Commissioners present were in favor. No one disapproved. No abstentions. Motion carried.

MOTION: by Commissioner Norris seconded by Commissioner Williams to adjourn. All Commissioners present were in favor. No one opposed it. No abstentions. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pattie Morris/Sandy Ballou
Secretaries, Barnard Fire District