

*BARNARD FIRE DISTRICT
Commission Meeting
August 10, 2026*

Present: Commissioners Cappon, Gerhard, Norris, Williams, Chief Andrews, Secretary/Treasurer Sandy Ballou, Assistant Treasurer Andy Hinds, absent Commissioner Hayes

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

We were led in the Pledge of Allegiance by President Bardeen.

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.

Break Taken 6:05pm, to Swear in newly hired: Firefighters, Nathan Bardeen, Derrik Wightman, Bret Woerner. Back into session 6:35.

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.

- Thank you from Chief Napolitano and family of John Joseph
- Town of Greece Zoning Notice
- Letter from President Bardeen regarding an alternative fundraising Committee using Barnard Park for the Annual 9/11 Motorcycle Ride, sponsored by NY Legacy for Heros, Inc.

MOTION: Commissioner Cappon seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from July 13, 2026. All commissioners present were in favor. No one opposed, Motion carries.

Monthly Chiefs Report ~ August 2026

Year 2026 Total Runs 2448

January 325 February 299 March 376 April 332 May 389 June 343 July 384

Month	YTD	Incident Type
19	78	Fires in Structures

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0	2	Vehicle Fires
1	5	Brush, Field, Outside Fires
3	12	Dumpster, Rubbish and all other fires
11	67	MVA
208	1338	EMS (55 %)
1	5	Rescue events (land searches, rope, water/ice, RTF, trench, elevator)
19	141	Auto Alarms
24	171	Hazardous Conditions (fumes, gas leaks, CO, wires down)
98	629	All other Service calls (lock outs, water problems, good intent etc.)
18	210	Mutual Aid Given
23	89	Mutual Aid Received

YTD Mutual was received from:

Ridge Road 60
North Greece 31
St Paul 6
Lake Shore 3
Gates 2
West Webster 7
Iro F 1
Hen F 1
Ppl F 1

YTD Mutual aid was provided to:

Ridge Road 117
North Greece 54
St Paul 6
Lake Shore 11
Gates 9
RFD 2
IroF 2

Updates from the Fire Chief;

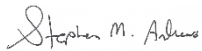
- Another busy month of alarms for our District.
- Smoke Detector Neighborhood canvassing has been underway for 3 weekends with continued success. The Commission would like these numbers broke out.
- Our ALS CON has been successfully renewed until 2028.
- FF Bardeen has now cleared with Barnard as a Paramedic.
- Multiple groups and personnel have been working on the list of concerns from our recent Perma inspection. We are nearing completion of these tasks.
- The apparatus bay floor drains were successfully snaked and cleaned by a new plumber and are once again flowing as they should. Several exterior light fixtures have also been replaced recently. And the issue with the front LED message sign has been diagnosed after much persistence from Captain Ballou. The parts are expected to be very inexpensive and are being shipped for our personnel to install. This should resolve the problem.
- The Training Division has been busy, which has our crews and groups busy. In July crews switched and completed some cross training with Irondequoit crews. Crews also went to the RG&E operations center on Scottsville Road and completed the Live Wire training. Lt

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Wood also completed a refresher on the radio room procedures and storm operations with each group.

- Both Recruits continue to progress very well and will be ready for the start of the RFFT program in 2 weeks. Besides the PT portion of the day, they have been busy training with the engine crews and have already made several trips through the mazes at Gates, NG and Webster. Bailout training has also been completed already.
- Last week I represented Barnard at the airport annual AEP tabletop exercise as we continue to support the Alert 3 with 1 engine for water supply on the field and the other engine for the anticipated MPI response.
- New Engine 225 punch list still to be done, unfortunately Churchville is about 5 weeks out. We are looking into a mechanic with Henrietta to do the work. The Chief has reviewed the details of the working relationship with the Henrietta Fire District for the purposes of apparatus service and maintenance. The inter-municipal agreement (IMA) is being developed at this time to represent and protect the interests of both Districts.
- We have one interested party in old engine, if this doesn't work out we will move the handling of the sale to another vendor.
- Finally, we congratulate North Greece Fire Chief Kevin Battaglia as he begins his retirement in early September. Chief Battaglia has been a true partner in the Town, as a fellow Fire Chief and I will miss him. Chief Joe Lissow has been named as his successor, and I look forward to working with Chief Lissow.

Respectfully Submitted,



Stephen M. Andrews

Fire Chief

Community Risk Reduction

July Submitted By: Dean Smith

The summer season is traditionally a slower time of year; however, John and I have remained busy working on several projects. One of our primary goals has been to expand our community outreach programs, particularly to our older adult population. We have been in contact with area churches and senior living communities within the district to offer programs focusing on fire safety for older adults, slip, trip, and fall prevention, and community CPR training.

Earlier this month, John and I attended a training seminar in Oriskany, New York, on the National Fire Protection Association's National Fire Protection Association Step Into Safety program, which focuses on fire safety and fall prevention for older adults. As a result of these efforts, one of our local churches has requested a program on emergency and storm preparedness for

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homeowners. We are currently developing a lesson plan and PowerPoint presentation for this program.

In preparation for the upcoming school year, I am also developing a new fire safety lesson addressing the safe use, charging, storage, and disposal of lithium-ion batteries. John and I have also met with the Greece Central School District regarding the home school program. This is a growing segment of our school community that is often overlooked. We are currently discussing ways to better access and serve this demographic.

Over the coming weeks, I will be returning to our area schools to introduce myself to new teachers, prepare the fall fire safety schedule, inventory and order educational supplies, and finalize pricing for fire safety materials included in the 2027 budget.

The week of September 20–26 is both National Child Passenger Safety Week and National Fall Prevention Awareness Week. I will utilize the electronic sign in front of the fire station, along with our social media platforms, to promote these important public safety campaigns.

October is dedicated to fire prevention, with Fire Prevention Week being observed October 4–10. This year’s National Fire Protection Association campaign theme is, “Charge into Fire Safety: Safe Charging is a Superpower!” The campaign focuses on educating the public about lithium-ion battery safety and emphasizes the importance of proper charging, storage, and recycling practices.

The Lake Shore Fire District will host the Town of Greece Firefighters Memorial Service on Sunday, October 4, at 1:00 p.m. Earlier that day, our annual Fire Prevention Week Open House will be held from 10:00 a.m. until noon. In recent years, the Town of Greece fire districts made the decision to combine resources and host one annual community-wide Open House rather than four separate events. Similar to the Memorial Service, hosting responsibilities rotate annually among the four fire districts.

Additional Fire Prevention Week activities will include our annual “Win a Ride to School on a Fire Truck” contest and classroom fire safety presentations throughout our district schools.

This past week, John and I presented Hands-Only CPR and AED training to students participating in the Villa of Hope summer school program.

Summary of Programs

Location	Date	Program
Villa of Hope	7/24/26	CPR training, 6 classes, 13 students

Scheduled Programs:

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Monthly Child Passenger Safety Seat Fitting Station @ Lake Shore FD Tuesday, August 11th

Fire Prevention Week, October 5th- 10th

Town of Greece Memorial Service & Open House Sunday, October 4th @ LSFD

MOTION: Commissioner Williams seconded by Commissioner Norris to approve Chief Andrews report for August 10, 2026, as read and discussed. All Commissioners present were in favor. No one disapproved. No abstentions. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT:

- We are actively working on the 2027 Budget. The budget hearing is on Wednesday, October 14, so the proposed budget must be adopted at least 3 weeks earlier, which means it needs to be adopted by our first meeting on September 14. It is my desire to have a full package by our August 27 meeting to discuss. Due to tax levy increases over the past couple of years that were lower than the rise of expenditures, the preliminary calculations call for a higher-than-normal 2027 levy increase.
- The \$4m CD matures on August 17. With potentially rising interest rates next month, NYCLASS usually does better. It may be advantageous to renew CD for less and at a shorter term, depending on the rates. CNB current rates are :

30 day CD	3.54%
60 day CD	3.60%
90 day CD	3.70%

We are recommending keeping 3,000,000.00 in CNB for 90 days, and moving 1,000,000 plus interest to NYClass, assuming these rates are still good on the 17th.

MOTION: By Commissioner Norris seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve the renewing the CD for 3,000,000.00 at 3.7% for 90 days, as long as the rates do not change by next week. All Commissioners present were in favor. No one disapproved. No abstentions. Motion carried.

MOTION: By Commissioner Cappon seconded by Commissioner Norris to approve the Treasurer Report for July 2026. All Commissioners present were in favor. No one disapproved. No abstentions. Motion carried.

MOTION: Commissioner Williams seconded by Commissioner Cappon to approve all invoices as audited and approved July 30, 2026. There were 23 invoices totaling \$31,854.99. All Commissioners present were in favor. No one disapproved. No abstentions. Motion carried.

MOTION: Commissioner Norris seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve all invoices as audited and approved August 10, 2026. There were 24 invoices totaling \$26,294.05. All Commissioners present were in favor. No one disapproved. No abstentions. Motion carried.

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ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

- We will be hosting the local Secretaries and Treasurers meeting here at Barnard on Wednesday.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Cappon – We are still meeting with the officer's regarding the contract negotiations. We met with the IAFF Trust and the TPA and the meeting went well.

Commissioner Hayes – absent

Commissioner Norris – No Report

Commissioner Williams – He and Commissioner Hayes will be meeting for a Roundtable discussion with other Greece Fire Districts. This will be the 2nd meeting.

Chairman Gerhard – No Report

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Ballou
Secretary
Barnard Fire District