BARNARD FIRE DISTRICT
Commission Meeting
September 14, 2026

Present: Commissioners Cappon, Gerhard, Norris (Late), Williams, Chief Andrews, Assistant Treasurer Andy Hinds, President Bardeen. Absent: Secretary/Treasurer Sandy Ballou, Commissioner Hayes

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 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.

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.

- None Noted

MOTION: Commissioner Williams seconded by Commissioner Cappon to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from August 10, 2026. All commissioners present were in favor. No one opposed, Motion carries.

MOTION: Commissioner Cappon seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from August 27, 2026. All commissioners present were in favor. No one opposed, Motion carries.

Monthly Chiefs Report ~ September 2026

Year 2026 Total Runs 2448

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

August 344

Month YTD Incident Type

13	91	Fires in Structures
1	3	Vehicle Fires
1	6	Brush, Field, Outside Fires
2	14	Dumpster, Rubbish and all other fires
12	79	MVA
196	1534	EMS (55 %)
1	6	Rescue events (land searches, rope, water/ice, RTF, trench, elevator)
15	156	Auto Alarms
13	184	Hazardous Conditions (fumes, gas leaks, CO, wires down)
90	719	All other Service calls (lock outs, water problems, good intent etc.)
37	247	Mutual Aid Given
9	98	Mutual Aid Received

YTD Mutual was received from:

Ridge Road 69
North Greece 34
St Paul 7
Lake Shore 3
Gates 2
West Webster 7
Iro F 1
Hen F 1
Ppl F 1

YTD Mutual aid was provided to:

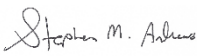
Ridge Road 136
North Greece 60
St Paul 6
Lake Shore 15
Gates 10
RFD 2
IroF 6

Updates from the Fire Chief;

- IMA between the Barnard and Henrietta Fire Districts to complete the final outfitting of E-225 is ready to be signed this evening.
- We have completed a "tuning" and alignment of all portable and mobile radios with our vendor. This has resulted in several failures that we were not aware of, with the functionality of the portables. These radios will be sent to Motorola for repairs, and we have now purchased an extended warranty to cover the repairs. This is the first time we have invested in tuning and alignment for the full inventory.
- An update of the final steps to placing E-225 in service will be provided at the meeting. We are currently on schedule.
- Our 2 recruits continue to be successful with the RFFT academy underway. This past week was their first "live fire" evolutions.
- We do have interested buyers currently looking at the old E-225.
- A sincere thank you to our personnel that assisted with the September 11th flag ceremony at the Barnard Station. The turnout was appreciated, and the honor guard provided the formality the ceremony deserved, as we remembered those that lost their lives that day, and the impact felt by our fellow New Yorkers and our entire nation.

- October 4th will be the Town Wide Fire Dept Open House from 10:00 – noon at Lake Shore HQ's and the memorial service will follow at 13:00 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,



Stephen M. Andrews

Fire Chief

Community Risk Reduction

August Submitted By: Dean Smith

September means going back to school. It is an exciting time for students, teachers, and school administrators. It is also a busy time of year for our community risk reduction programs. The new school year brings new opportunities. It provides a fresh start with new classroom audiences and gives John and me the opportunity to put new ideas and lesson plans into operation. In the coming weeks, I will be returning to the schools, introducing myself to new teachers, preparing our fall fire safety schedule, taking inventory, and ordering supplies for the upcoming school year.

One of our new goals for the 2026–27 school year is to reach the home-schooling community. Home schooling is an emerging trend and represents an audience that can sometimes be overlooked. Our goal is to provide a series of educational workshops throughout the year where home-school students and their families can receive the same important fire and life-safety messages being presented to students in our public schools.

The week of September 20–26 is National Child Passenger Safety Week and Fall Prevention Week. I hope to use the sign in front of the fire station, along with our social media outlets, to promote these important safety initiatives and provide our community with useful information.

The month of October is dedicated to fire prevention. This year, Fire Prevention Week will be October 4–10. The National Fire Protection Association has selected "Charge into Fire Safety, Safe Charging is a Superpower!" as the 2026 campaign slogan. The campaign focuses on educating the public about battery safety and stresses the importance of properly storing, charging, and recycling batteries.

The Lake Shore Fire District will host the Town of Greece Memorial Service this year on Sunday, October 4, at 1 p.m. Our annual Fire Prevention Week Open House is scheduled for the same day from 10 a.m. to noon.

Last year, a decision was made to hold one annual Open House, combine our resources, and host one town-wide event rather than having each fire district host its own individual event. Each fire district will take a turn hosting the event, similar to the rotation used for the Town of Greece Memorial Service.

Other activities planned for Fire Prevention Week will include our annual "Win a Ride to School on a Fire Truck" contest and visits to area schools.
John and I are also working with Mark's Pizzeria and the Greece Central School District to establish a smoke-alarm and pizza-delivery program. The idea is similar to a program we conducted in the past. The fire department, along with Mark's Pizzeria, will deliver the food order and, when needed, install smoke alarms in the home.

This year, we have added another important community partner to the program. The Greece Central School District will identify and connect families in need through its community schools' program and assist families with signing up for the program. This partnership will allow us to reach residents who may otherwise be difficult to connect with through traditional fire prevention programs.

Over the summer, John and I have also been working to establish stronger relationships with local churches in our area. Our goal is to expand our audience and provide programs that address the specific needs of their congregations. Potential programs could include fire safety for older adults, fall prevention, and CPR training.

As summer comes to an end and the school year begins, our schedule will once again become busy. The fall season provides us with many opportunities to reach our community with important fire and life-safety information. We look forward to another successful year of working with our schools, community organizations, and residents to help make our community a safer place.

Summary of Programs

Location	Date	Program
LSFD	8/11/26	Monthly car seat fitting station, 8 seats inspected
Greece Town Hall	8/23/26	Taste of Greece Festival
Beatrice Place	8/24/26	Fire safety for older adults

Scheduled Programs:
Monthly Child Passenger Safety Seat Fitting Station @ Barnard FD Tuesday, September 8th
Fire Prevention Week, October 4th- 10th
Town of Greece Memorial Service Sunday, October 4th @ LSFD
Lawson Road Church Wednesday, October 7th Emergency Preparedness

MOTION: Commissioner Williams seconded by Commissioner Cappon to approve Chief Andrews report for September 14, 2026, as read and discussed. All Commissioners present were in favor. No one disapproved. No abstentions. Motion carried

Resolution 26-30: By Commissioner Cappon seconded by Commissioner Williams to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with the Henrietta Fire District to provide a mechanic qualified to upfit and service Barnard Fire District Fire Apparatus to put it in service at an agreed upon rate. This agreement is attached.

Poll of Board Members –

Commissioner Cappon	- yes
Commissioner Hayes	- Absent
Commissioner Norris	- Absent
Commissioner Williams	- Yes
Chairman Gerhard	- Yes

3 Yes Votes – 0 No Votes, 2 absent

TREASURERS REPORT:

- Treasurer's Report
- Next year's NYSLRS employer contribution rates were released this week. The rates for ERS went down slightly, and the rates for PFRS went up 0.8-1.6 percentage points, with Tier 6 being the highest.
- Budget Discussions

MOTION: By Commissioner Williams seconded by Commissioner Cappon to approve the Treasurer Report for August 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 37 invoices totaling $37,376.42. All Commissioners present were in favor. No one disapproved. No abstentions. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

- No Report

President Bardeen – Gave financial updates regarding Bands at Barnard's fundraising season as well as updates on the 100th anniversary banquet.

MOTION: by Commissioner Cappon seconded by Commissioner Williams to dismiss the invoice to the Department for the EMS coverage for Bands at Barnard. All Commissioners present were in favor. No one opposed it. No abstentions. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Cappon – negotiations are ongoing

Commissioner Hayes – Absent

Commissioner Norris – No Report

Commissioner Williams – Career Committee MCFDOA Meeting, discussed primarily labor rates due to volunteer situations.

Chairman Gerhard – Has not heard the date yet for public safety mtg with the Supervisor

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 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Andy Hinds on behalf of Sandy Ballou
Treasurer/Secretary
Barnard Fire District