

BARNARD FIRE DISTRICT  
Commission Meeting  
May 12, 2025

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 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.

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.

- Chief Andrews, Sandy & Pattie are working out the details for our inspection ceremony on June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5 p.m.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Williams seconded by Commissioner Cappon to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from April 14, 2025. All commissioners present were in favor. No one opposed, Motion carries.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Diederich seconded by Commissioner Cappon to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from April 24, 2025. All commissioners present were in favor. No one opposed, Motion carries.

**Monthly Chiefs Report ~ May 2025**

**Year 2025 Total Runs 1,258**

January 353 February 288 March 296 April 321

<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Incident Type</u>
8	25	Fires in Structures
0	0	Vehicle Fires
1	2	Brush, Field, Outside Fires
1	1	Dumpster, Rubbish and all other fires

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11	40	MVA
207	860	EMS
0	0	Rescue events (land searches, rope, water/ice, RTF, trench, elevator)
25	75	Auto Alarms
4	10	Mutual Aid Given
15	51	Hazardous Conditions (fumes, gas leaks, CO, wires down)
49	196	All other Service calls (lock outs, water problems, good intent etc.)

**Updates from the Fire Chief.**

- *This week, Pattie, Sandy and I attended an all-day seminar at Brighton FD. This was an update and overview of the NYS Retirement System for the Employer.*
- *The new 2C-32 Tahoe is expected to be here in quarters later this month and we have EV Lighting ready to address the outfitting of the lighting, radios etc. and cabinetry.*
- *The approximate delivery time for the cab and chassis for the Squad refurbishment project is 4 months. So, this will be after Labor Day.*
- *The Points report for the Department FF's is posted on the website. Currently we have 8 volunteer FF's and 1 fire police.*
- *An update on the RSI program. For the year 2025, we have responded to 5 mutual aid requests for an RSI Tech. Given that we are staffing this resource 50% of the time, the need is clearly present for this resource locally.*
- *The CAD change over to the unit-based model occurred smoothly on 4/28. The few minor glitches were quickly addressed by ECD and corrected in the system. Their support and resourcefulness were greatly appreciated throughout this project. A shout out to Battalion Chief McKenna for his extra support and work on this project.*
- *R-228 was the first apparatus to be sent to Kenworth for chassis annual service and PM work for the current year 225. The rescue was completed in 2 days and returned without issue. The engines will begin rotating next, working around the need to have the 3<sup>rd</sup> engine in District for details and training.*
- *Sandy requested an update from Monroe County for our claim for damages to E-223 from the manhole cover incident on Dewey Ave. We did receive a follow-up Friday requesting our final repair invoice to be provided. We had originally included the estimate at the time we filed the claim.*
- *We will be sending 1 engine along with RR and NG to the Town of Greece Memorial Day Parade.*
- *We will be sending 1 engine to live fire training in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of June.*

**Community Risk Reduction Division:**

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**April 2025**

**Submitted By:** Dean Smith

*Last month I completed my winter/spring fire safety education program for the school year. Every grade level that does not participate in the Hazard House Program has received their second classroom visit. I am working on developing new lesson plans for visiting the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classes at Longridge and English Village Schools and Longridge's 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes. Students in second grade will learn about the science behind fire safety. Using the fire triangle, explaining how Stop, Drop & Roll works to put a fire out or how heat rises and why you crawl low under smoke are topics that will be explored. Students in 4<sup>th</sup> grade, as part of their science curriculum, are learning about electricity, circuitry and how electricity is transmitted. I am working on an electrical safety lesson that addresses these topics. Scheduling classes around Hazard House and other end of school year activities will be difficult. If I can work it out, students in these grades will receive three visits this school year.*

*The 2025 Hazard House season began last week. Our schedule began April 22<sup>nd</sup> at Northwood School, and the program concludes at Paddy Hill School on June 12<sup>th</sup>. We have already had to reschedule the date due to inclement weather. The Hazard House Program is presented to every first, third and fifth grade classroom in the Town of Greece over twenty-two dates in concert with the town's other fire districts. This spring Firefighter Josh Shoemaker and Commissioner/ Past Chief John Norris will be assisting me with the program. A final summary of the program will be submitted at the conclusion of the school year.*

*I will not be attending the Public Safety Educators Seminar sponsored by the New York State Fire Chiefs Association and the Office of Fire Prevention and Control this year as originally planned on May 9<sup>th</sup>. My son Evan is Graduating from St. John Fisher University that day. The University has changed its program's ceremony time from late afternoon to midday.*

*Our monthly Child Passenger Safety Seat Fitting Station that was held at Lake Shore on April 8<sup>th</sup> received some local media attention. Channel 10's Brett Davidson will be running an investigation report story on counterfeit car seats. Firefighter Hliebowicz and I were filmed interacting with the public while Jean Triest from Monroe County Office for Traffic Safety was interviewed for the story. The story will be run sometime in the coming weeks, but I have not been told an exact date.*

*The week of May 6<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> I will be attending the Child Passenger Safety Technical Conference in Lake Placid, New York.*

**Summary of Programs**

<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Program</u>
Derech HaTorah Academy	3/19/25	Fire safety grades kind., 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup>
Derech HaTorah Academy	3/20/25	Fire safety grades 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>
Lake Shore FD	4/8/25	CPS fitting station, 8 seats inspected

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Northwood School	4/22/25	Hazard House, 6 classes, 127 students
Northwood School	4/23/25	Hazard House, 7 classes, 138 students
Paddy Hill School	4/24/25	Hazard House, 6 classes, 80 students

**Scheduled Programs**

Hazard House		
Beatric Place	5/2/25	Safety Fair
Barnard FD	5/14/25	Child Passenger Safety Seat Fitting Station
Lake Placid	5/6- 5/8/25	CPS Technical Conference

**Respectfully Submitted,**



**Stephen M. Andrews**

**Fire Chief**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Williams seconded by Commissioner Diederich to approve Chief Andrews report for May 12th as read and discussed. All Commissioners present were in favor. No one disapproved. No abstentions. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Our Jumbo Municipal CD Comes due on May 28<sup>th</sup>, we are suggesting keeping this going for another 60 days. Interest should be the same as it was - approximately 4.2% - we won't know until it gets closer to the date.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Williams seconded by Commissioner Cappon to approve rolling over our Jumbo Municipal CD that comes due on May 28<sup>th</sup> for another 60 days. All Commissioners present were in favor. No one disapproved. No abstentions. Motion carried.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Diederich – He enjoyed the banquet and was happy to see the turnout.

Commissioner Norris – Absent

Commissioner Williams – He enjoyed the banquet.

Commissioner Cappon – He enjoyed the banquet and thought there were some nice touches.

Chairman Gerhard – Sent a note to the district as he was proud, as the GPD had kind words about Barnard and felt that they treated GPD like family and they appreciate being able to use our facility.

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**MOTION:** Commissioner Diederich seconded by Commissioner Cappon to approve all invoices as audited and approved April 14, 2025. All Commissioners present were in favor. No one disapproved. No abstentions. Motion carried.

**MOTION:** By Commissioner Williams seconded by Commissioner Diederich to approve the Treasurer Report for April 2025. All Commissioners present were in favor. No one disapproved. No abstentions. Motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Ballou, Pattie Morris  
Secretaries  
Barnard Fire District