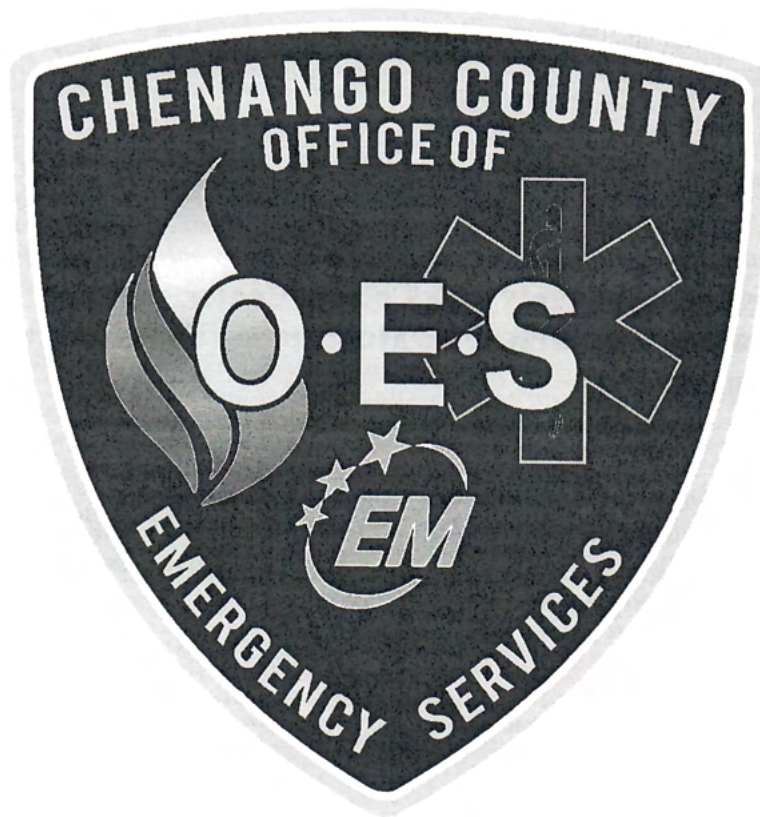


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I. Objectives
A. Updates

- Submitted by the County Fire Coordinator August 29, 1961
- Recommended for adoption by the County Fire Advisory Board October 9, 1961
- Adopted by the Board of Supervisors November 13, 1961
- Admitted to the State Fire Mobilization and Mutual Aid Plan by the
State Fire Bureau of Fire Mobilization and Control January 29, 1962
- Up-dated by the County Fire Coordinator November 1, 1971
- Up-dated by the County Fire Coordinator August 1, 1975
- Re-admitted to the State Fire Mobilization and Mutual Aid Plan by the
State Fire Bureau of Fire Mobilization and Control September 1, 1975
- Up-dated by the County Fire Coordinator September 1, 1981
- Up-dated by the County Fire Coordinator October 1, 1983
- Re-admitted to the State Fire Mobilization Plan by the
NYS Office of Fire Prevention and Control January 15, 1983
- Up-dated by the County Fire Coordinator June 1, 1993
- Up-dated by the County Fire Coordinator August 15, 1998
- Up-dated by the County Fire Coordinator October 14, 2003
- Up-dated by the County Fire Coordinator.....February 25, 2013
- Adopted by the Chenango County Board of Supervisors..... December 9, 2013
- Up-dated by the County Fire Coordinator.....January 29, 2020
- Updated by the County Fire Coordinator.....January 26, 2023

B. Purpose

The purpose of this document is to establish a framework and guidelines by which the resources of participating fire departments are utilized for fire protection and other emergency incidents which require fire service responses within Chenango County.

C. Definition of Mutual Aid

Mutual Aid is organized, supervised, coordinated, cooperative, reciprocal assistance in which personnel, equipment and physical facilities of all participating Fire Departments or Companies, regardless of type or size, are utilized for fire or other emergencies in which the services of firefighters would be used throughout Chenango County. In accordance with Section 450 of Title 19 of the Official Compilation of Code, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York, the County of Chenango shall constitute fire mobilization and mutual aid zone.

D. Amendments and Recommended Updates

Amendments to this plan may be made periodically and will follow this procedure:

1. Will be prepared by County Fire Coordinator
2. Recommended by the County Fire Advisory Board
3. Submitted to the County Board of Supervisors
4. Adopted by the County Board of Supervisors
5. Admitted to State Fire Mobilization and Mutual Aid Plan.

E. Annual Review

This plan will be reviewed annually by the County Fire Coordinator and corrections or changes will be processed and duly recorded on the Update Section of said plan.

II: Participation

A. Extent and Limit of Participation by the Fire Departments

All cities, towns, villages, and fire districts in Chenango County may participate in this plan. These Fire Departments presently are:

Afton	New Berlin
Bainbridge	North Norwich
Brisben	Oxford
City of Norwich	Plymouth
Coventry	Pharsalia
Earlville	Preston
Greene	Sherburne
Guilford	Geneganstlet (Smithville Flats)
McDonough	Smyrna
Borden Hose Company No. 1 (Mount Upton and Rockdale)	South New Berlin
	South Otselic

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B. Extent and Participation with the Five Contiguous Counties

Participation in the Plan, which is filed as a portion of the NYS Fire Service Mobilization and Mutual Aid Plan, allows for the fire departments or fire companies with Chenango County immediate access to the fire service resources of the five contiguous counties of: Broome, Cortland, Delaware, Madison and Otsego

Mutual aid is received from these counties through their respective County Fire Control Centers under the direction of their County Fire Coordinator or legally appointed deputies. Participation in the Plan also obligates the fire departments or fire companies in the County of Chenango to render reciprocal mutual aid as requested to the fire service within the five contiguous counties.

C. Obligation to Respond

Each participating Fire Department or Fire Company must respond forthwith to any call for assistance for another Fire Department or Fire Company made pursuant to the provisions of this plan.

D. Entering and Participating in the Plan

Any duly established Fire Department or Company may participate in this plan by filing a copy of a resolution adopted by the Fire Department or Company in the office of the County Fire Coordinator.

Such a resolution shall state that such Fire Department or Company elects to participate in the Chenango County Fire Mutual Aid Plan and will comply with the provisions of such plan. The resolution shall state that the Fire Department or Company shall recognize a call for assistance from another Fire Department or Company through the Chenango County Fire Control Center

There shall also be filed with the County Fire Coordinator a copy of a Resolution adopted by the legislative body of each participating City, Village, Board of Fire Commissioners, or other governing body having jurisdiction over each participating Fire Department or Fire Company of the municipality or district with the meaning of Section 209 of the General Municipal Law which would affect the power of such Fire Department or Fire Company to participate in the Chenango County Fire Mutual Aid Plan.

E. Request for Mutual Aid

1. Each participating Fire Department or Fire Company may request assistance from another Fire Department or Fire Company pursuant to the provisions of this plan. All such requests are to be routed through the Chenango County Fire Control Center.
2. Said request shall be filled to the fullest extent possible by the department(s) requested to answer call for assistance.

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- a. The jurisdiction receiving mutual aid assistance is responsible for “any loss or damage to, or expense incurred in the operation of, fire apparatus and other equipment...” (SS 209, General Municipal Law)
- b. The County Box Alarm System includes the automatic dispatch of resources to specific emergencies to encourage compliance with NFPA 1720 “Standard for the Organization and Deployment of Fire Suppression Operations, Emergency Medical Operations, and Special Operations to the Public by Volunteer Fire Departments”. Acceptance and Participation in this plan includes acceptance for these mutual aid resources.

F. Additional Participation Requirements

1. As required by Homeland Security Presidential Directive # 5 and New York State Executive Order #26 NIMS Certification is required for:
 - a) All County Firefighters shall have NIMS certifications in:
 - i. I-100 - Introduction to Incident Command
 - ii. I-700 - An Introduction to National Incident Management System
 - b) All Line Officers shall have NIMS certification in:
 - i. I- 200 - ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents
 - c) All Chief Officers and Deputy Fire Coordinator Staff shall have NIMS certification in:
 - i. I- 300 – ICS Intermediate

Any department choosing not to meet this requirement shall notify the Fire Coordinator in writing advising that they are taking exception to this clause. This is the only clause a department may choose to take exception to.

 - d) Director/Fire Coordinator and Assistant Director of Fire and Emergency Management shall have NIMS certification in:
 - i. I- 400 – ICS Advanced
2. Participants using large diameter hose shall standardize to the Storz ¼ turn style of couplings and manifolds.
3. All apparatus are to be adaptable to 1 ½” National Standard Thread and 2 ½” National Standard Thread for fire hose and equipment as defined by the National Bureau of Standards.
4. Mutual Aid Insurance certification shall be forwarded to the County Fire Coordinator by each participating fire department or fire company.

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5. Each Fire Chief shall at least annually submit a report of inventory change in his department to the County Fire Coordinator who is responsible for maintaining and updating the County's Emergency Services Inventory.
6. The County Fire Coordinator will ensure on an annual basis that the County's Emergency Services Inventory is up to date and accurate and will submit any and all changes to the New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Control.

G. Withdrawal from the Plan

Any Fire Department or Fire Company may elect to withdraw from this plan by adopting a resolution to such effect. Such withdrawal shall become effective thirty (30) days after filing such notice with the Chenango County Fire Coordinator.

The withdrawal shall remain in effect until reinstated by appropriate resolution pursuant to Section 209 of the General Municipal Law.

If the outside service activities of a participating Fire Department or Fire Company are restricted pursuant to Section 209 of the General Municipal Law, notice of any restriction shall be given promptly to the Chenango County Fire Coordinator. Any such restriction imposed by the legislative body of a City, Village or Town by the Board of Fire Commissioners of a Fire District shall take effect in accordance with the resolution imposing the restriction.

Any Fire Department or Company withdrawing from this plan, upon effective date shall surrender and return to the Chenango County Fire Coordinator all county owned equipment.

Withdrawal from this plan will result in the suspension of mutual aid pursuant to this plan to the Fire Department or Company taking such action. All radio licenses, identifiers and call signs issued to such Fire Department or Company are cancelled on the effective date of withdrawal.

All radio equipment furnished by the county shall remain the property of Chenango County. No radio equipment owned by Chenango County shall be sold or otherwise disposed of without consent of the Fire Coordinator. Any radio equipment damage or destroyed by neglect will be repaired or replaced by the Fire Department.

III. Extent and Limit of Authority of County Fire Coordinator and Staff

- A. **County Fire Coordinator** – As chief fire officer at the county level for the fire service will have the following duties and responsibilities.
 1. Administers the County Fire Mutual Aid Plan for intra-county and inter-county operations.

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2. Serves as Aide to Fire Chiefs, other Officers and the Incident Commander, in case of mutual aid, alarms of fire or other incidents requiring the services of the Fire Coordinator
3. Administers, Supervises, Controls and Maintains the Chenango County Fire Radio System under the authority of the Federal Communication Commission.
4. Administers and directly supervises the Chenango County Fire Control Center with regards to all Fire/EMS dispatching.
5. Maintains the county inventory of manpower and equipment.
6. Administers the state fire training program and any and all training programs developed by the State of New York or the Office of County Fire Coordinator, throughout the County of Chenango.
 - a. Selects and establishes locations for courses.
 - b. Supervises instruction by the state fire instructors.
 - c. Determines the need for existing courses and new courses.
 - d. Maintains records indicating manpower in the county, including the type and extent of training in each department.
7. Acts as liaison officer between the fire service of Chenango County, and the State of New York, as well as the County Board of Supervisors and the Safety and Rules Committee of the Board of Supervisors.
8. May appoint and remove Deputy County Fire Coordinators, in accordance with Section 401 of the County Law, Section 3 of the Public Officers Law and Civil Service Law.
9. Plans and estimates the need for additional or unique equipment for the county.
10. Issues statements to the press, radio, television and other media.
11. Arranges for speaking engagements and programs to promote better public relations.
12. May plan a county fire prevention program and cooperate with all other agencies in establishing fire prevention programs.
13. Is notified as established in Chenango County Fire and Emergency Management Policy 0506 "Coordinator Staff Notifications" and may automatically respond at his discretion.
14. Plans and administers a county "Arson Control Plan" which includes the Chenango County Bureau of Fire Juvenile Fire Setter Intervention Program (J-Fire). The goal

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of the J-Fire program is to identify the underlying reasons for the fire setting behavior and provide intervention services.

15. With the assistance and cooperation of the Fire Chiefs of Chenango County, Prepares and Implements a "Box Alarm System" including County Wide Mutual Aid to assist Chenango County Fire Departments with meeting the recommendations of NFPA 1720 "Standard for the Organization and Deployment of Fire Suppression Operations, Emergency Medical Operations, and Special Operations to the public by Volunteer Fire Departments.

B. Deputy County Fire Coordinators – Directly responsible to the County Fire Coordinator with the following responsibilities:

1. Perform any of the duties or instructions of the County Fire Coordinator when so directed or authorized by the County Fire Coordinator.
2. Shall possess the power of and perform the duties and functions of the County Fire Coordinator during the absence of the County Fire Coordinator or during his inability to act, in accordance with the provision of the chain of command elsewhere set forth in this plan, and pursuant to Section 401 of the County Law.

IV. Line of Authority

- A. **ABSENCE** of County Fire Coordinator – The County Fire Coordinator shall designate in writing and file in the office of the County Clerk and in the office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors the order in which Deputy County Fire Coordinators are to possess the powers and perform the duties of the County Fire Coordinator during his absence or inability to act, pursuant to Section 401 of the County Law.
- B. **VACANCY** in position of County Fire Coordinator – The 1st Deputy Fire Coordinator shall possess the powers and perform the duties of the County Fire Coordinator until a successor is appointed by The Chenango County Board of Supervisors, and has qualified pursuant to Section 401 of the County Law.
- C. **Chain of Command:** The chain of command shall follow the natural identification and number identifier of Deputy Coordinator Staff in the absence of the Fire Coordinator of any subordinate Deputy Fire Coordinator.
 - Car 1: Fire Coordinator
 - Car 2: First Deputy Fire Coordinator
 - Car 3: Deputy Fire Coordinator/Supervisor Fire Training
 - Car 301: Deputy Fire Coordinator / Assistant Supervisor of Fire Training
 - Car 4: Deputy Fire Coordinator/Supervisor Fire Investigation
 - Car 401: Deputy Fire Coordinator / Assistant Supervisor of Fire Investigations
 - Car 5: Deputy Fire Coordinator/Supervisor EMS
 - Car 501: Deputy Fire Coordinator / Assistant Supervisor of EMS
 - Car 59: Deputy Fire Coordinator / Medical Director
 - Car 6: Deputy Fire Coordinator/Supervisor Fire Prevention

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Car 7: Deputy Fire Coordinator/Supervisor Special Teams
Car 8: Deputy Fire Coordinator/ Supervisor Communications

V. Status of the Local Fire Department

- A. Maintenance of Individuality:
 - 1. Each Fire Department of Company participating in this plan shall retain its internal command and individuality.
- B. Every Department will operate their incidents in accordance to the ICS requirements set forth by NIMS.
- C. Authority or "Requesting" Fire Chief or Officer-in-charge:
 - 1. A "requesting" Fire Chief or officer-in-charge is one who requests the mutual aid for his/her department in accordance with this plan.
 - 2. The "Line of Command" at a fire of other emergency in which mutual aid is requested remains with the "requesting" department.
 - 3. The Fire Officer in command of the fire or emergency will work with the Chief or Officer of the department or company providing mutual aid. The Firefighters of assisting departments or companies will be supervised in accordance with ICS who in turn are commanded by the Officer of the requesting department.
- D. All automatic Mutual Aid Plans shall be in writing, updated yearly, and approved by the County Fire Coordinator.

VI. Operation of the County Fire Control Center

- A. Location: Chenango County Public Safety Building, 279 County Rd 46, Norwich NY 13815
- B. Supervision and Dispatching Service:
 - 1. The Sheriff is responsible for all activities in the County Fire Control Center and 911 Center.
 - 2. Fire coordinator is responsible for Fire/EMS dispatching policies and procedures.
- C. Radio Communication Regulations:
 - 1. All radio procedures shall conform in every respect with that prescribed by the Federal Communication Commission and the County Fire Coordinator.
 - 2. Authorization to use non-county owned radio transmitter – receivers
 - 3. No radio may operate in the many frequencies allocated to the Chenango County Fire and Emergency Medical Services unless authorized by the Fire Coordinator.
- D. Upon recommendation and request of the local Fire Chief, the Fire Coordinator may approve and issue Authorized Identifier Cards. This does not apply to Fire Chiefs – Assistant Chiefs or Deputy Fire Coordinator.

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- E. At the expiration of his term of office or his termination of membership as a fire person or squad person the authorization and identifier are automatically canceled terminating all privileges to operate unit or units on any county fire frequencies.
- F. The Fire Chief will submit on a yearly basis a list of recommended radio identifiers for their Department to the Fire Coordinator for recommended approval. The Fire Coordinator has the right to approve any or all of the recommendations made by the Fire Chief.

VII. Participation in the State Fire Mobilization and Mutual Aid Plan

A. Procedure to obtain activation of plan:

- 1. The County Fire Coordinator or a Deputy Fire Coordinator in the line of authority designed pursuant to Section 401 of the County Law, after utilizing all available assistance from the Counties of Broome, Cortland, Delaware, Madison and Otsego, may call the State of New York to obtain activation of the State Fire Mobilization and Mutual Aid Plan.
- 2. The procedure shall conform with that specified in the "Guide to Fire Mobilization and Mutual Aid Plan in the State of New York.

B. Authority and Responsibility of the Regional Fire Administrator:

- 1. The authority and responsibility of the Regional Fire Administrator under the activated State Fire Mobilization and Mutual Aid plan is established in the Executive Department of the State of New York.

C. Retirement provision to the position of Regional Fire Administrator:

- 1. Should the County Fire Coordinator also hold the position of Regional Fire Administrator, and should be separated from the office of County Fire Coordinator, he shall be automatically retired as Regional Fire Administrator. The State of New York is authorized by law to appoint to this position.

D. County number issued under the State Fire Mobilization and Mutual Aid Plan:

- 1. The County of Chenango shall utilize the County Number nine (9) assigned to Chenango County by the State Fire Mobilization and Mutual Aid Plan.

E. Standard Thread:

- 1. Apparatus to adapt to the NH thread for Fire Hose.
- 2. All apparatus participating in this plan shall be equipped to adapt to 1 ½" NH, 2 ½" NH, national standard threads for fire hose and equipment as defined by the National Bureau of Standards.

VIII. Miscellaneous

A. Inventory:

- 1. The County inventory records shall be located at the Fire Control Center.
- 2. The County Fire Coordinator is responsible for maintaining an inventory of manpower and equipment of Chenango County.

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3. Each Fire Chief shall immediately submit a report of inventory change in his department to the Fire Coordinator.
4. This inventory shall be reviewed annually by the County Fire Coordinator.

B. Coordination with other Emergency Services:

1. Informal agreements exist with other services and close liaison is maintained with Police, Office of Emergency Management and other Public Agencies.

C. Fire Reporting:

1. Each Fire Chief or other designated personnel shall report to the Fire Control Center the movement of all pieces of equipment under his command.
2. For each fire, explosion or other emergency response occurring in Chenango County there shall be a basic field incident report filed with the NYS Office of Fire Prevention and Control.
3. For each injury or death to a person as the result of fire, explosion or other emergency response a casualty report shall be filed with the NYS Office of Fire Prevention and Control.
4. All reports must be filed within thirty (30) days of the incident.
5. All forms will be supplied by the NYS Office of Fire Prevention and Control and will be available through the Fire Coordinator's Office.

D. Training

1. The State Fire Training Program shall be adopted as the standard for the County of Chenango.

Appendices

LINE OF AUTHORITY

A. In the absence of the County Fire Coordinator

In accordance with authority designated by Chenango County Board of Supervisors, the following line of authority is authorized, in order, to possess the powers and duties of the County Fire Coordinator during his absence or disability.

George W. Hanslmaier.....Deputy County Fire Coordinator

B. Vacancy in the position of County Fire Coordinator

In accordance with authority designated by Chenango County Board of Supervisors, the following Deputy Fire Coordinator is authorized to act as County Fire Coordinator until the Chenango County Board of Supervisors shall appoint a County Fire Coordinator under Section 225A of the County Law.

George W. Hanslmaier.....Deputy County Fire Coordinator

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**RESOLUTION BY FIRE DEPARTMENT OR
FIRE COMPANY ELECTING TO
PARTICIPATE IN THE CHENANGO COUNTY FIRE MUTUAL AID PLAN**

Mr. offered the following resolution and moved its, adoption:

Resolved that the

.....

elects to participate in the Chenango County Fire Mutual Aid Plan, and will agree to recognize a call for assistance through the

County Fire Control Center and will comply with the provisions of such plan as now are in force and as amended from time to time.

And be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be filed with the County Fire Coordinator.

Mr. Seconded the resolution.

Voted: In favor Opposed Not Voting

Carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Signature

Signature

Date

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**RESOLUTION BY THE MUNICIPALITY OR FIRE DISTRICT BODY HAVING
JURISDICTION OVER THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OR FIRE COMPANY AUTHORIZING
PARTICIPATION IN THE CHENANGO COUNTY FIRE MUTUAL AID PLAN.**

Mr. offered the following
resolution and
moved its' adoption.

Resolved that this board encourages the participation by the
.....in the Chenango County Fire Mutual Aid Plan as now in
force and as
amended from time to time, and certifies that no restrictions exist against, "outside service" by such Fire Department
or Fire Company
within the meaning of Section 209 of the General Municipal Law which would affect the power of such Fire
Department or Fire
Company to participate in such plan. And be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be filed with the
Chenango County Fire
Coordinator.

Mr.seconded the
resolution.

Voted: In Favor Opposed..... Not Voting.....

Carried.

Signed _____
Municipality or Fire District

By _____

Title _____

Date

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STATE OF NEW YORK
CHENANGO COUNTY

FIRE COORDINATOR
NORWICH, NEW YORK

Enclosure A

In accordance with authority conferred upon me by a resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Chenango,

under date of December 1, 1982 and in accordance with the provisions of Section 401 of the County Law.

I, Matthew L. Beckwith, Fire Coordinator of the County of Chenango, New York, do hereby designate the following Deputy

County Fire Coordinator as authorized to act as County Fire Coordinator, in the event there should occur a vacancy in the office of

County Fire Coordinator, until the Chenango County Board of Supervisors shall appoint a County Fire Coordinator under Section 225A of County Law:

George W. Hanslmaier
3702 County Road 18
New Berlin, NY 13411

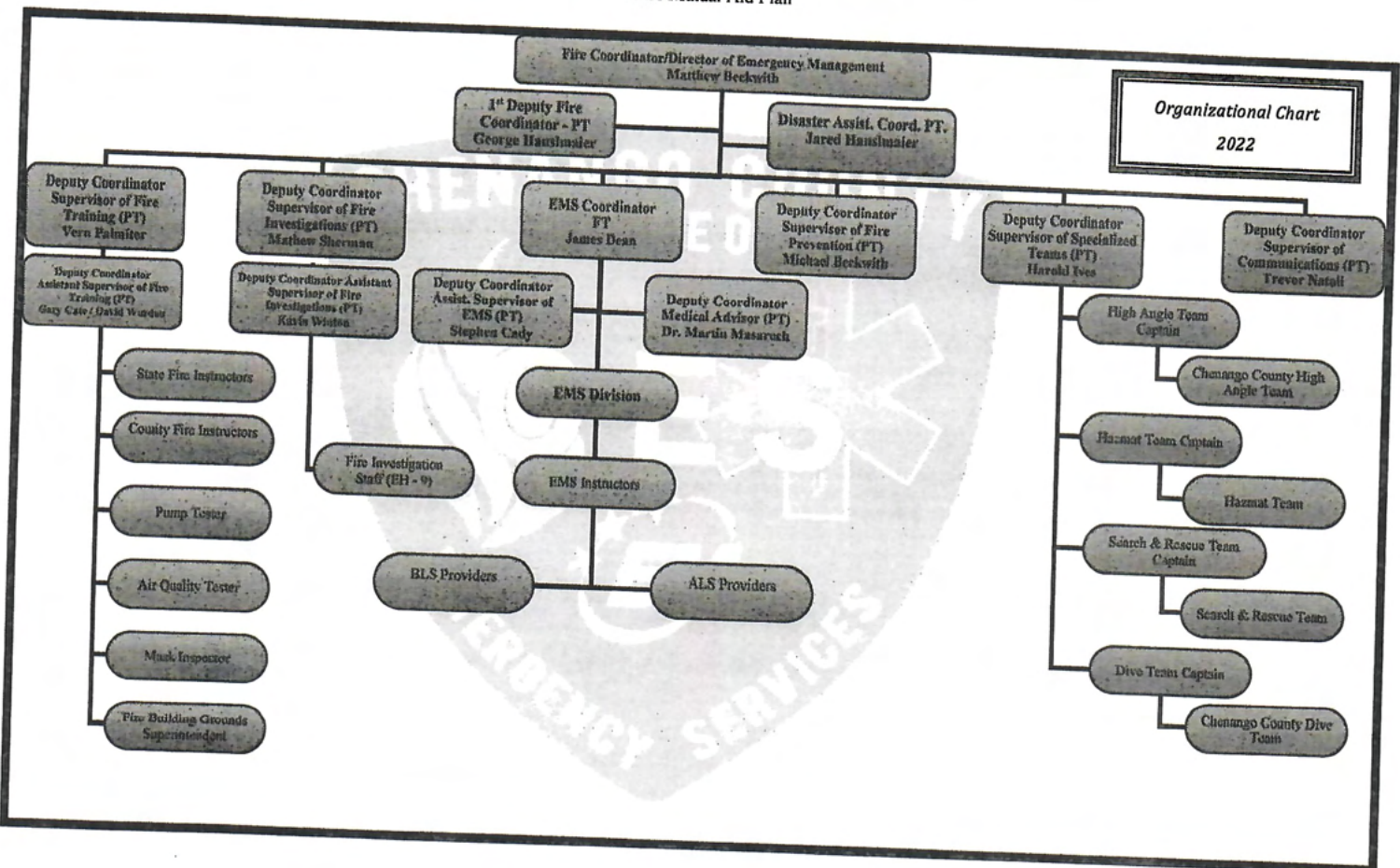
Matthew L. Beckwith
Chenango County
Fire Coordinator

Norwich, New York

2020

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Organizational Chart
 2022



Definition:

Advance Life Support (ALS)

- A level of patient care provided under medical control by advanced emergency medical technicians of the critical care or paramedic levels.

Alpha

- Non emergency BLS response – non-life threatening

Ambulance

- An ambulance is a vehicle for transportation of sick or injured people to, from or between places of treatment for an illness or injury, and in some instances will also provide out of hospital medical care to the patient.

Assistant Chief

- An officer who is fully capable of fulfilling job responsibilities of the fire chief during his/her absence and completes other duties as assigned

Basic Life Support (BLS)

- A level of patient care provided under New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) EMS protocol by certified first responders or emergency medical technicians at all levels.

Bravo

- Emergency BLS response – non-life threatening

Box Alarm

- A pre-established dispatch of specific resources to an identified location (target hazard) or type of structure or other type emergency. Box Alarms may be identified by address or a pre-established numbering system. i.e.:
 - Residential Box Alarm
 - Box 28-1 May identify a specific geographic area in a fire district.
 - Special Box: For hazardous materials, motor vehicle accidents, or technical rescue.
- Additionally Box Alarms can be expanded to meet the needs of the incident to include multiple alarms for the same Box (address) as the incident becomes more serious.
 - 1st Alarm: Initial Response
 - 2nd Alarm: Additional Engine and/or Truck Companies
 - 3rd Alarm: Additional pre-designated resources as needed.

Charlie

- Stable ALS patient - Emergency Response – Mandatory ALS

Chief

- Person in charge to plan, direct, manage and oversee the activities and operations of the Fire Department, including fire suppression, fire prevention, hazardous materials mitigation, fire and life safety code compliance, emergency medical services, public education programs, and administrative support services.

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Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM)

- A method of post incident psychological care, wherein a debriefing process allows for timely intervention to lessen the psychological after-effects of the incident, with the intention of preventing long-term effects.

Delta

- Unstable ALS patient - Emergency Response – Mandatory ALS.

Echo

- Not breathing – unstable/life status in question emergent response – Mandatory ALS (any EMS agency within 10 minute ETA and available may be responded)

Emergency

- Any unanticipated situation in which a person has need of medical assistance to relieve acute suffering, and/or reduce the likelihood of death and/or long term disability.

Engine Company

- Any various large motor vehicles that carry firefighters and equipment to a fire and support extinguishing operations, as by pumping water.
- Types: As designated by FEMA/NWCG
 - Type I: Minimum 1000 GPM Pump, 400 Gallon Booster Tank, All NFPA 1901 Minimum equipment and appliances, Minimum four person crew including an operator and three interior firefighters. (Class A Structural Engine)
 - Type II: Minimum 500GPM Pump, 400 Gallon Booster Tank. NFPA Minimum Equipment and Appliance, three person crew. Typically a water supply engine.
 - Type V or VI: Brush Trucks

Exterior Firefighter

- An exterior firefighter is one that does not enter a burning structure. Exterior firefighters operate hand lines or apparatus or perform other such firefighting duties from the outside of the involved structure. Exterior firefighters are also used when so much of the structure is involved in fire that there is little or no benefit to risking the safety of interior firefighters by inserting them into the structure.
- Minimum training: It is suggested that as a minimum an “exterior firefighter will have a least the following training and safety:
 - Hazardous Materials First Responder Operations Training
 - NYS Scene Support Operations Training or Equivalent
 - High Traffic Safety Training

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Fire Company

- An organization whose purpose is to extinguish fires; a single emergency response unit and its personnel within a fire department, i.e. an engine company, truck company, rescue company.

Fire Department

- An organization, often part of a local government, whose purpose is preventing and extinguishing fires. May provide other emergency services as well.

Fire District

- A separate unit of local government that is established for the purpose of providing fire protection and response to emergencies.

Incident Command System (ICS)

- A management system under NIMS guidelines designed for controlling, directing, coordinating the total response to an emergency incident.

Intercept

- A response by an EMS agency to provide ALS care required by a patient, which this primary EMS agency caring for the patient is unable to provide.

Interior Firefighter

- A member of a fire department that fights fires by going into the burning structure in an attempt to extinguish the blaze from inside the structure, minimizing property damage from fire, smoke and water. Requires a minimum of four fully equipped firefighters; an entry team of at least two to enter the structure and fight the fire and two standing by to rescue or relieve the entry team.
- Minimum training: It is suggested that as a minimum an “interior” firefighters subscribe to the following minimum training regimen
 - Firefighter I and II
 - Hazardous Materials First Responder Operations
 - Firefighter Survival
 - Mask Confidence
 - Firefighter Assist and Search/Rapid Intervention Training
 - Firefighter Self Rescue Training

Intermediate Life Support (ILS)

- A level of patient care provided under medical control by advanced emergency medical technicians of the intermediate levels.

Medical Incident Supervisor

- The portion of the incident command system that deals specifically with emergency medical operations at large incidents. May be identified as one of the following:
 1. EMS Group Supervisor
 2. EMS Branch Director

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Mini-Pumper

- A small fire apparatus that is essentially a combination of an all terrain vehicle, mini-pumper, and a wilderness rescue vehicle. These vehicles are often used to fight wildfires or to carry specialized equipment.
- May be classified as Type II (Water Supply Engine) to Type V or VI (Brush Truck)

Multiple-Casualty Incident (MCI)

- An emergency involving a number of patients too great for the primary EMS agency to effectively treat and/or transport.

Mutual Aid

- Mutual aid is an organized, supervised, coordinated, cooperative, reciprocal assistance in which personnel, equipment and physical facilities of all participating Fire/EMS agencies, regardless of type or size are utilized for Fire/EMS or other emergencies in which the services of Fire/EMS personnel would be used throughout Chenango County and adjacent counties.

Nearest Appropriate and Available EMS Units

- An EMS Unit will be considered available for mutual aid if it is appropriately staffed and equipped at the time assistance is required. Appropriate staff means individuals certified at the level required by the EMD determinant. Nearest will mean just that – the unit closest to the call. The PSAP is empowered by the plan to make the best EMS unit assignment possible, based on distance, appropriateness and availability.

Nearest Appropriate Fire Units

- A Fire Unit will be considered available for mutual aid if it is appropriately staffed and equipped at the time assistance is required. Appropriately staffed means that the vehicle will respond with a full complement of qualified firefighters based on the resource request.
- Example: A Type I engine or Truck Company includes a minimum of three interior firefighters and an apparatus operator.
- Nearest means that the unit meeting the resource request that is closest by response distance to the incident to the incident location at the time of request.

NFIRS

- National Fire Incident Reporting System

NYS Fire Mobilization Plan

- The state fire administrator shall prepare a state fire mobilization and mutual aid plan which may provide for the establishment of fire mobilization and mutual aid zones of the state. Upon filing of the plan in the office of the department of state such plan shall become part of the state fire mobilization and mutual aid plan. Such plan may be amended from time to time in the same manner as originally adopted.

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Omega

- Non emergency public assistance BLS – patient generally not transported.

Primary EMS Agency

- The EMS agency which has primary responsibility for EMS response to the location of an incident is considered the primary EMS agency for that incident. This will normally be the ambulance agency in whose primary operating territory the incident is located. If the location of the incident is included in the primary operating territory of more than one ambulance agency, the primary EMS agency is that which is contracted by the government of the municipality in which the incident has occurred.

Primary Operating Territory

- The primary operating territory of an ambulance service is the geographic area listed on the ambulance service's operating certificate or statement of registration, within which the ambulance service may receive patients for transport. The primary operating territory of a first response agency of the fire district, fire protection district, contracted service area, or property/premise of the fire department, fire company, government agency or private enterprise which sponsors or operates the first response team.

Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP)

- A facility where 911 calls are answered, either directly or through re-routing.

Regional Fire Administrator

- The state fire administrator may appoint and remove a regional fire administrator for each fire mobilization and mutual aid zone established pursuant to the state fire mobilization and mutual aid plan. Before he commences the duties of the office, each regional fire administrator shall take and subscribe before an officer authorized by law to administer oaths the constitutional oath of office, which shall be administered and certified by the officer taking the same without compensation and shall be file in the Office of Fire Prevention and Control.

Rescue Truck/Rescue Company

- A type of apparatus used for technical rescue situations such as primary fire search, vehicle extrications, rope rescues or other specialty situations. Essentially rescue trucks are giant toolboxes on wheels that carry specialized equipment and tools. Depending on the type of emergency the apparatus should be staffed with a minimum of four (4) person crew qualified for that type of incident.
- i.e.: Fire: 3-4 Interior firefighters including a supervisor.
- Automobile/Machinery Accident: 3-4 firefighters trained in vehicle rescue.

When the incident commander needs additional personnel on the scene but does not need a engine or truck company. The "rescue company" would be the resource request.

Structure Fire

A fire or suspected fire in or on any building occupied or abandoned that me be used for residential, commercial, or storage purposes including buildings that although small

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dimensionally may be close enough to other buildings, vehicles, or equipment as to expose them to fire spread. Includes: houses, mobile homes, barns, apartment building, commercial business's etc.

Tanker/Tender

- A type of fire apparatus with the primary purpose of transporting large amounts of water to the fire ground to make it available for extinguishing operations. These are especially useful in rural areas where fire hydrants are not readily available and nearby natural water resources are insufficient. Many tankers are equipped with fast drain valves on the sides and back of the truck. This allows firefighters to empty thousands of gallons of water into portable pond in just a few seconds.

Truck Company

- Also known as a ladder truck which is a hydraulically powered ladder, mounted on a vehicle that may also carry several different length extension ladders, extrication gear, ventilation equipment, and lighting. May or may not have a bucket or platform on the end

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Chenango County Box Alarm System:

It is the intent of the Chenango County Box Alarm System to assist Chenango County Fire Department with the activation and response of the minimum necessary resources to structure fires and special rescue incidents while maximizing response time and bringing recommended resources on scene in a timely fashion.

Ia. Structure Fire:

The resources dispatched to a high confidence structure fire shall be consistent throughout Chenango County and based on minimum resources needed to implement an initial fire attack. All resources dispatched shall be based on the nearest closest appropriate for the 911 address of the reported location of said emergency. There will be a delineation of resources dispatched on the initial alarm based on the presence or absence of a municipal water system (fire hydrants). For all structure fires where firefighters are operating in the "offensive mode" or in a hazardous area the incident commander shall assemble a "Rapid Intervention Crew" as soon as possible.

1st Alarm: Hydrant Area

- Dispatch of the home fire department having jurisdiction.
- Dispatch the nearest two Type I Engines. (Mutual Aid)
- Dispatch the nearest Truck Company.(Mutual Aid)

1st Alarm: Non-Hydrant Area

- Dispatch of the home fire department having jurisdiction.
- Dispatch the nearest two Type I Engines. (Mutual Aid).
- Dispatch the nearest Truck Company (Mutual Aid).
- Dispatch the nearest two Type I Tankers (Mutual Aid)

2nd Alarm: Non-Hydrant Area

- Dispatch nearest two additional Type I or II Engines for water supply. (Tanker Fill Site or LDH relay).
- Dispatch nearest two additional Type I Tankers .

IIa. Accident with Confirmed/High Confidence Entrapment.

Should a serious personal injury accident occur with patient entrapment, the possibility of patient survival can be seriously impacted by extended disentanglement times and the potential for such incidents to occur in jurisdictions lacking the necessary heavy rescue tools and personnel the following response can be initiated based on a delay in response from the fire department having jurisdiction.

1st Alarm:

- Local Fire Department having jurisdiction of the incident.

2nd Alarm:

- The nearest closest appropriate Type I Rescue with medium to heavy rescue capability.

Note: This decision by the dispatch center would be based on a confirmation or high confidence of patient entrapment and no response from the Fire Department having jurisdiction after the first activation interval.

IIIa. Special Operations (Special Teams).

Special Operations are defined as incidents requiring technical rescue requiring special equipment or training to rescue/recover patients or mitigate hazards and typically includes incidents involving hazardous materials, ice and water rescue, high angle rescue, confined space rescue and other unusual situations where county special teams personnel may be needed. The early activation of special teams personnel is intended to minimize response time.

1st Alarm:

- Local Fire and EMS Department having Jurisdiction.
- Activation of the appropriate **special team** based on incident type. (*haz mat, hi angle, water rescue*)
- Notification of Chenango County Bureau of Fire Personnel.

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Dispatching Procedure

A. Dispatch Procedure

1. The following sequence for activation for an agency or agencies is used for Fire Department response for emergencies excluding Box Alarm System.

Response	Step	Time	Procedure
N/A	Initial Activation	Time of Alarm	Dispatch home Department
No Apparatus Enroute	Reactivation	5 minutes after Time of Alarm	Second Activation of Home Department
No Apparatus Enroute	Reactivation	10 minutes after Time of Alarm	Dispatch next closest agency for response.

2. The following sequence for activation for an agency or agencies is used for Fire Department response for emergencies using Box Alarm System.

Response	Step	Time	Procedure
N/A	Initial Activation	Time of Alarm	Dispatch home Department and Box Alarm Assignments
No Apparatus Enroute	Reactivation	5 minutes after Time of Alarm	Second Activation of Home Department and Box Alarm Assignments
No Apparatus Enroute	Reactivation	10 minutes after Time of Alarm	Dispatch next closest agency for response or to fill out the Box Alarm Assignment