

**UNION CENTER FIRE COMPANY**  
**ANNUAL COMPANY MEETING**

February 4, 2012

**PRESENT:** M. Henry, W. Miga, B. Dieffenbacher, A. Green, K. Miga, D. Hoefflein, J. Mann, J. Brown, G. Greenlee, J. Hardik, M. Belensky, J. VanKuren, A. Holton, D. Kerila, T. Mason, C. Sorochman, F. Trzcinski, R. Serowik, B. Bealo, C. Hoyt, B. Smack, D. Hill, K. Serowik (late), S. Bealo (late), B. Gazdik (late)

**CALLED TO ORDER:** 17:05

**MINUTES FROM 01/09/2012 ACCEPTED:** Motion by J. VanKuren, seconded by B. Bealo

***TREASURER'S REPORT***

Activity checking:	\$9,756.24	Activity:	\$3,679.76
General checking:	\$17,185.43	2% Money:	\$5,519.71
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Total checking:	\$26,941.67		

Motion to accept: J. VanKuren, seconded by F. Trzcinski

***BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS***

Kelley Henry is doing much better and appreciates all of the support being given to her as her cancer treatment continues.

Broome County Health Department announces "National Child Passenger Safety Certification Course" to be offered at the Broome County Sheriff's Office on April 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> from 08:30 to 17:00. (Discussion regarding whether or not we should participate in this for liability reasons.) We decided that we will provide our station as a location for the sheriff's department for the installation of car seats.

***BOARD COMMUNICATIONS***

We have estimates for the repairs for the flood damage to Station 1. B. Dieffenbacher will be bringing this information to the FEMA representative. Decisions regarding these repairs are forthcoming.

A. Green ordered the signage for Station 1 and it should be arriving in the very near future.

The land deal is in the hands of the lawyers and we are awaiting an update, but according to our last information it appeared that things were progressing well.

We are ordering 20 black chairs similar in style to the ones that we already have for Station 1.

Key fobs will be issued to the members of the auxiliary.

## ***OFFICER REPORTS***

**CHIEF:** No report.

**FIRST ASSISTANT CHIEF:**

- Maine Fire is changing their run card. We will run the tanker and Squad to structure fires for mutual aid. This hasn't been changed at the County level yet; please listen to the dispatcher carefully. This arrangement will get manpower on the scene faster due to the greater number of members operating out of Station 2.
- Especially within the last month, the training that people have received has been noticed and has been very well-received. Keep up the good work.

**SECOND ASSISTANT CHIEF:**

- This is probably the busiest year that we have had on record and we have made it through with zero work-related injuries, thanks to our training and everyone watching out for one another.

**DAY CAPTAIN:**

- Everything is going well with training.
- Please send an e-mail out to the membership if you are setting up Engine 98. We are running Engine 98 again next Friday. There is still one seat left (as of now).
- Keep up the good work.

**NIGHT CAPTAIN:**

- Engine 98 crews please send out a quick text to let people know that Engine 98 is in service via IAMRESPONDING.

**FIRST LIEUTENANT:** Vacant.

**SECOND LIEUTENANT:** Vacant.

**FIRE POLICE CAPTAIN:** No report.

**EMS:**

- The hitch to pull the rehab trailer has been installed on the EMS. There is a draw bar and ball in the passenger side rear door compartment. The 4-to-7-prong electrical adapter is on the trailer and is to stay there. I will be doing trailer qualifications for non-EMS members who are not yet signed off on driving the EMS/trailer combo. If you are qualified to drive the utility/trailer, you can drive the EMS/trailer as the two are very similar.
- A couple of our active crew chiefs are going to be issued first-in bags and radios as per our announcement last month regarding this.
- Congratulations to S. Bealo and Chris Dyer (mutual aid from Maine) who have completed recertification and are back in active service as crew chiefs.
- EMS training will be Thursday, 02/16/2012 at 17:00 at Station 1. The entire rehab training program will be the topic.

**FIRE MARSHAL:**

- I talked to the gentleman from ISO this week. Our report is submitted to the next level. None of our numbers were changed. Official report will be arriving in 2 to 3 months. (Discussion about getting recommendations to improve our numbers). I will get information from ISO about improving our numbers.

**SAFETY OFFICER:** No report.

**MAINTENANCE:**

- Repairs to the Squad were completed last week, including repairs to the leaking generator.
- Thank you to T. Mason, D. Hill and their assistant L. Hill (Logan) for taking care of the dead battery on the pumper-tanker.

**AIR/CASCADE:**

- Air packs were all flow-tested for 2012 and all passed. All have new batteries in them. No problems were noted with the regulators this time, so not using tap water at Station 2 appears to have fixed that problem.
- Make up fit testing is next Saturday at 09:00 at Maine Fire. Bring your mask and get in line if you have not had fit testing yet.

**TRAINING:**

- Incentive program will be sent out soon. I am working through a few discrepancies but will send it out in the near future.
- Congratulations to J. Mann and B. Gazdik for completing Introduction to Fire Officer.

**HEALTH/SAFETY:** No report.

**AUDIT:** No report.

**PARADE:**

- St. Patrick's Day parade is Saturday, 03/03/2012. Meet at Station 2 at 11:45. (Please see attached sheet for details).

**SOCIAL:** No report.

**BYLAW:**

- Nothing for this month, but next month I am thinking of working on proposals regarding adding absentee ballots to the bylaws and removing ICS-400 from the qualifications for Chief.

**B. C. FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION:**

- Annual County-wide Recruitment Days are 04/21/2012 and 04/22/2012. (Discussion regarding whether we will participate and if so, on which date? A decision will be made next month.)

**WEB SITE:**

- Updates are being worked on. (Discussion about including the auxiliary on the web site.)

**RETENTION/ RECRUITING/ MEMBERSHIP:** No report.

**ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS:**

- Cameron Sorochman's probation is ending. He is definitely recommended for membership by the EMS team. (He can now vote in the election.)

YES: 16

NO: 0

Abstain: 1

**SUNSHINE:**

- Sympathy arrangements were sent to the Henry, Houghton and Estrella families.
- Sympathy card and \$100 donation were sent to the family of Tom Prosman.
- Sympathy arrangement was sent to the Winchell family
- Gift card returned by the Baileys was sent to the Union Center Methodist Church to use for their food pantry.
- Thank you letter was sent to the Baileys for returning the gift card and explaining where it was donated.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- M. Belensky made a motion for a donation to a fund for Adam Mancini, son of Johnna and Trooper Marco Mancini of \$100. Adam was born with rare congenital birth defects and is facing complex surgeries. He has already had eight surgeries and is scheduled for four more this summer. Motion was seconded by B. Bealo:

YES: 15

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

- Regarding the nominations for February 4, 2012 elections:

The Board received a written objection to the nomination of A. Silvestri and J. VanKuren for the chief and assistant chief positions. A written objection is supposed to address the qualifications for the positions as outlined in the bylaws. While valid points are made, the objection for A. Silvestri does not specifically address these qualifications. The objection about J. VanKuren has to do with the fact that he resides outside the district. The Board discussed this extensively and we have decided that since the membership voted not only to waive the residency requirement for him but also elected him to a captain's position, and as there is no mention in the bylaws of a residency requirement for the assistant chief positions, then J. VanKuren's residency cannot prevent him from running for the assistant chief positions.

Per the bylaws each office has specific requirements, which are primarily education requirements and length of service time. In some cases we know that the classes have not been taken and that the requirement for length of service time has not been met. In other cases we don't yet have the documentation that the education requirements were fulfilled. We are going to remove the all of the names from the nomination board except those of the people we know are qualified at this time. J. Hardik has also removed her name as she does not wish to run for EMS Captain at this time. D. Hill and J. VanKuren temporarily removed their names from the board as well.

This is how the nomination board looks now:

- Chief:
- 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief:
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief:
- Day Captain:
- Night Captain:



## **NEW BUSINESS**

The 2012 election took place. Line officer positions take effect on 03/01/2012, with the exception of the lieutenant positions. As these positions were empty prior to the election, according to the bylaws the new lieutenants take office immediately. It's not too late to sign up for a committee; let K. Miga know if you want to sign up. (Please see attached sheets for all election details.)

CHIEF:	M. Belensky
1 <sup>st</sup> ASSISTANT CHIEF:	C. Hoyt
2 <sup>nd</sup> ASSISTANT CHIEF:	A. Silvestri
DAY CAPTAIN:	J. VanKuren
NIGHT CAPTAIN:	D. Hill
1 <sup>st</sup> LIEUTENANT:	B. Gazdik
2 <sup>nd</sup> LIEUTENANT:	J. Mann
EMS CAPTAIN:	R. Serowik
FIRE POLICE CAPTAIN:	T. Mason

PRESIDENT:	M. Henry
VICE PRESIDENT:	W. Miga
TREASURER:	B. Dieffenbacher
SECRETARY:	K. Miga
DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE:	A. Green

AUDIT:	F. Trzcinski, J. Drotar
PARADE:	B. Bealo, S. Bealo
SOCIAL:	A. Green, D. Kerila
WEB SITE:	M. Belensky, W. Miga, G. Greenlee
BYLAW:	T. Mason, J. VanKuren, K. Miga
MEMBERSHIP:	W. Miga, D. Hoeflein, J. VanKuren
SUNSHINE:	K. Miga

**REFRESHMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING:** C. Hoyt

**NUMBER ATTENDING:** 25 (some arriving late)

**VOTING:** 17 prior to the election (some voting members went on a med call during the meeting) and 22 for the election (with C. Sorochman now voted off probation).

**TIME ADJORNED:** 19:45

**NEXT MEETING:** March 5, 2012

Respectfully submitted by **Karen S. Miga**

## QUALIFICATIONS BALLOT

### **CAPTAIN:**

Waive the requirement for Fire Officer 1 in the event that all qualified candidates refuse the nomination or are elected to a higher office.

<b>YES</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>0</b>
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### **ASSISTANT CHIEF:**

Waive the ICS-300 requirement.\*\*\*

<b>YES</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>0</b>
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Waive the Fire Officer 1 requirement.\*\*\*

<b>YES</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>0</b>
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Waive time-in-office requirement of serving two (2) years as a Fire Line Captain or higher within the Company within the past five (5) years.

<b>YES</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>0</b>
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### **CHIEF:**

Waive the ICS-400 requirement.\*\*\*

<b>YES</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>0</b>
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Waive the ICS-300 requirement.\*\*\*

<b>YES</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>0</b>
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Waive Fire Officer 1 requirement.\*\*\*

<b>YES</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>0</b>
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Waive the time-in-office requirement of serving in the Company for two (2) consecutive years as an Assistant Chief or a Chief in the past three (3) years.

<b>YES</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>0</b>
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\*\*\*Board recommendations.



## 2012 ELECTION RESULTS

**CHIEF:** (A. Silvestri and C. Hoyt declined nominations for this position)

- M. Belensky:                    Yes: 20                    No: 2                    Abstain: 0

**1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF:**

- C. Hoyt:                            15
- A. Silvestri:                        5
- J. VanKuren:                        2
- Abstain:                            0

**2ND ASSISTANT CHIEF:**

- A. Silvestri:                        13
- J. VanKuren                        8
- Abstain:                            1

**DAY CAPTAIN:**

- J. VanKuren:                        18
- D. Hill:                            4
- Abstain:                            0

**NIGHT CAPTAIN:**

- D. Hill:                            Yes: 17                    No: 4                    Abstain: 1

**1ST LIEUTENANT:**

- B. Gazdik:                        12
- J. Mann:                            9
- Abstain:                            1

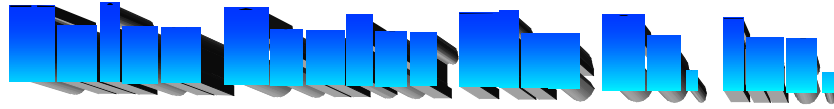
**2ND LIEUTENANT:**

- J. Mann:                            Yes: 20                    No: 1                    Abstain: 1

**EMS CAPTAIN:**

- R. Serowik:                        Yes: 21                    No: 1                    Abstain: 0





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## **Fire Marshal**

- No Report

## **Health and Safety**

- State SH 901 for is completed

## **Safety officer**

- NO report

## **Parade**

- The Hibernian's ( St Patrick's day) Parade is March 3
  - Meet at 11:45 lineup at 12:30

## **Broome County Fire Fighter Association**

- Fire police meeting March 8 at west Corners
- April 21 & 22 is NYS and Broome County's Recruitment day
- July 17-20 is Central Convention



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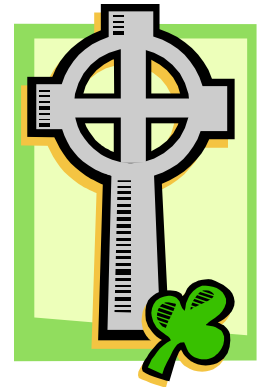
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# Parade Detail



**St Patrick's Day Parade**  
Saturday, March 3, 2012  
Meet at station 2 at 11:45  
Department Jackets or duty shirt



**Engine 53 and Utility 53, Possible Brush 53**  
Line up at 12:30 TBA

Please drop me an e-mail if you and any family are going at  
[FireMarshal53@gmail.com](mailto:FireMarshal53@gmail.com)



Union Center Incident Type Report (Summary)



Alarm Date Between {01/01/2012} And {01/31/2012}

Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Pct of Losses
<b>1 Fire</b>				
111 Building fire	1	3.22%	\$0	0.00%
114 Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney	1	3.22%	\$0	0.00%
142 Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	1	3.22%	\$0	0.00%
	<b>3</b>	<b>9.67%</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>3 Rescue &amp; Emergency Medical Service Incident</b>				
321 EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with	5	16.12%	\$0	0.00%
322 Motor vehicle accident with injuries	1	3.22%	\$0	0.00%
	<b>6</b>	<b>19.35%</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>4 Hazardous Condition (No Fire)</b>				
412 Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	1	3.22%	\$0	0.00%
444 Power line down	1	3.22%	\$0	0.00%
462 Aircraft standby	1	3.22%	\$0	0.00%
	<b>3</b>	<b>9.67%</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>5 Service Call</b>				
522 Water or steam leak	1	3.22%	\$0	0.00%
553 Public service	1	3.22%	\$0	0.00%
571 Cover assignment, standby, moveup	2	6.45%	\$0	0.00%
	<b>4</b>	<b>12.90%</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>6 Good Intent Call</b>				
611 Dispatched & cancelled en route	14	45.16%	\$0	0.00%
651 Smoke scare, odor of smoke	1	3.22%	\$0	0.00%
	<b>15</b>	<b>48.38%</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>

Total Incident Count: 31

Total Est Loss: \$0



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### Union Center Alarm Time Analysis



Alarm Date Between {01/01/2012} And {01/31/2012}

Alarm Hour	Count	Percent
02:00	1	3.22%
04:00	3	9.67%
05:00	1	3.22%
06:00	3	9.67%
07:00	1	3.22%
08:00	2	6.45%
09:00	2	6.45%
11:00	3	9.67%
12:00	2	6.45%
13:00	3	9.67%
15:00	1	3.22%
16:00	3	9.67%
17:00	2	6.45%
19:00	1	3.22%
22:00	2	6.45%
23:00	1	3.22%



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13:00	3	9.67%
15:00	1	3.22%
16:00	3	9.67%
17:00	2	6.45%
19:00	1	3.22%
22:00	2	6.45%
23:00	1	3.22%



### Union Center Incidents by Day of Week/Shift

Alarm Date Between {01/01/2012} And {01/31/2012}

Day/Shift	Count	Pct
<b>Sunday</b>		
* < No Shift Specified >	5	16.12 %
	<hr/> 5	<hr/> 16.12 %
<b>Monday</b>		
* < No Shift Specified >	6	19.35 %
	<hr/> 6	<hr/> 19.35 %
<b>Wednesday</b>		
* < No Shift Specified >	5	16.12 %
	<hr/> 5	<hr/> 16.12 %
<b>Thursday</b>		
* < No Shift Specified >	5	16.12 %
	<hr/> 5	<hr/> 16.12 %
<b>Friday</b>		
* < No Shift Specified >	6	19.35 %
	<hr/> 6	<hr/> 19.35 %
<b>Saturday</b>		
* < No Shift Specified >	4	12.90 %
	<hr/> 4	<hr/> 12.90 %





# Union Center Fire Co. Inc.

## NFPA Fire Experience Survey

01/01/2011 to 12/31/2011

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### Part II: MAJOR FIRES

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Date	Name of Occup/Owner, Address and Property Use	Civilian Fire Deaths	Property Loss
11/26/2011	No Occupant or Owner Listed 1029 Briarwood DR 1 or 2 family dwelling	0	1,000.00



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## NFPA Fire Experience Survey

01/01/2011 to 12/31/2011

### Part III: BREAKDOWN OF STRUCTURE FIRES AND OTHER FIRES AND INCIDENTS

A. FIRES IN STRUCTURES BY FIXED PROPERTY USE	Number of Fires	Civilian Casualties		Property Damage
		Deaths	Injuries	
1. Private Dwellings	3	0	0	1,000
2. Apartments	0	0	0	0
3. Hotels and Motels	0	0	0	0
4. All Other Residential	0	0	0	0
<b>5. TOTAL RESIDENTIAL FIRES</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,000</b>
6. Public Assembly	0	0	0	0
7. Schools and Colleges	0	0	0	0
8. Health Care/Penal	1	0	0	0
9. Stores and Offices	0	0	0	0
10. Industry/Utility	0	0	0	0
11. Storage in Structures	0	0	0	0
12. Other Structures	0	0	0	0
<b>13. TOTAL STRUCTURE FIRES</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,000</b>
<b>B. OTHER FIRES AND INCIDENTS</b>				
14a. Highway Vehicles	1	0	0	0
14b. Other Vehicles	0	0	0	0
15. Non-Structure/Non-Vehicle	0	0	0	0
16. Brush/Grass/Wildland	1	0	0	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
17. Rubbish/Dumpsters	0	0	0	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
18. All Other Fires	0	0	0	0
<b>19. TOTAL FOR FIRES</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1000.0000</b>
20. Rescue/Emergency Med	84	XX		
21. False Alarms	16	XX		
22. Mutual Aid (Given)	82	XX		
23a. Hazmat Responses	20	XX		
23b. Other Hazardous Responses	13	XX		
24. All Other Responses	265	XX		
<b>25. TOTAL FOR ALL INCIDENTS</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>XX</b>		



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## NFPA Fire Experience Survey

01/01/2011 to 12/31/2011

### Part IV: BREAKDOWN OF FALSE ALARM RESPONSES

Type of Response	Number of Incidents
1. Malicious, Mischievous False Call	0
2. System Malfunction	13
3. Unintentional	3
4. Other False Alarms	0

### Part V: INTENTIONALLY SET FIRES IN STRUCTURES AND VEHICLES

	Number of Fires	Civilian Deaths	Casualties Injuries	Property Damage
1. Structure Fires Intentionally Set	0	0	0	0
2. Vehicle Fires Intentionally Set	0	0	0	0

### Part VI: FIRE SERVICE EXPOSURES AND INJURIES

Total Number of Infectious Disease Exposures.....:	0
Total Number of Hazardous Condition Exposures.....:	0
Total Number of Nonfatal Firefighter Injuries.....:	0

On-Duty Fire Fighter Injuries (Nonfatal) by Type of Duty, and Nature of Most Serious Injury

Nature of Most Serious Injury	Respond/Return	At Fire Ground	Non-Fire Emerg	Train.	Other On-Duty
1. Burns	0	0	0	0	0
2a. Smoke or Gas Inhalation	0	0	0	0	0
2b. Other Respiratory Distress	0	0	0	0	0
3. Burns and Smoke Inhalation	0	0	0	0	0
4. Wound/Cut/Bleeding/Bruise	0	0	0	0	0
5. Dislocation/Fracture	0	0	0	0	0
6. Heart Attack or Stroke	0	0	0	0	0
7. Strain/Sprain/Muscle Pain	0	0	0	0	0
8. Thermal Stress	0	0	0	0	0
9. All Other	0	0	0	0	0
10. TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0

Fire Ground Injuries (Nonfatal) By Cause

1. Exposure to Fire Products	0		
2. Exposure to Chem./Radiation	0		
3. Fell, Slipped, Jumped	0	4. Overexertion	0
5. Stepped on/Contact With	0	6. Struck By	0
7. Extreme Weather	0	8. All Other	0

Number of Injuries Resulting in Lost Time: 0  
 How many shifts were lost as a result of these injuries: \_\_\_\_\_

Fire Department Vehicle Accidents

Accidents involving fire department emergency vehicles: \_\_\_\_\_ Resulting injuries: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Accidents involving firefighter's personal vehicles...: \_\_\_\_\_ Resulting injuries: \_\_\_\_\_



Union Center Aid Responses by Department (Summary)

Alarm Date Between {01/01/2012} And {01/31/2012}

Type of Aid	Count	Type of Aid	Count
<b>0001 New York State Police</b>		<b>04036 West Corners</b>	
Mutual aid received	1	Mutual aid received	1
	<hr/> 1	Mutual aid given	1
			<hr/> 2
<b>0002 Broome County Sheriff</b>		<b>54006 Newark Valley</b>	
Mutual aid received	1	Mutual aid received	1
	<hr/> 1		<hr/> 1
<b>0009 NYSEG</b>			
Mutual aid received	1		
	<hr/> 1		
<b>0331 Union Ambulance</b>			
Mutual aid received	1		
Automatic aid received of Ambulance	6		
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<b>04010 East Maine</b>			
Mutual aid given	1		
	<hr/> 1		
<b>04011 Endicott</b>			
Mutual aid given	2		
Automatic aid given	1		
	<hr/> 3		
<b>04012 Endwell</b>			
Mutual aid received	1		
	<hr/> 1		
<b>04022 Maine</b>			
Mutual aid received	1		
Mutual aid given	1		
	<hr/> 2		
<b>04022A Maine Ambulance</b>			
Mutual aid received	1		
	<hr/> 1		
<b>04036 West Corners</b>			