

Tim Schadt  
Chairman

Bernie Deutsch  
Vice Chairman

Mary Ann Drobysh  
Secretary

### **Sullivan County Fire Advisory Board**

**Date:** January 25, 2010

**Meeting called to order at:** 7:32pm

#### **Pledge to the flag was held**

**Attendance:** out of 15 members present

Bethel: Ed Lubniewski	P
Callicoon: Paul Hemmer	P
Cochecton: Gary Cochrane	P
Delaware:	
Fallsburg: Bernard Deutsch	P
Forestburgh: Arthur Salomon	P
Fremont: Anthony Wayne	P
Highland: Tim Schadt	P
Liberty: Don Sherwood	P
Lumberland: Charlie Fallon(Jake Knibbs)	P
Mamakating: Joe Roe	P
Neversink: Tom Matthews	P
Rockland: Michael Juron	P
Thompson:	
Tusten: Craig Burkle	P

Elections: Tim Schadt and Bernie Deutsch were both reelected. Mary Ann Drobysh reappointed as secretary

**Reading of minutes from previous meeting:** Minutes accepted as read.

#### **Coordinators Report:**

Dick thanked everyone for their service last year on this Board and noted that everyone was reappointed except the parties from Thompson and Delaware.

Beginning in February a small group from the Fire Service will be working with Risk Management and families of injured firefighters to help make the process smoother for insurance claims.

There was an accident involving a fireman on January 24. Bill Lothrop contacted Dick who happened to be on the road returning from a trip. Dick went straight to Horton Hospital and found the situation was under control; the patient was stabilized and was about to be transferred to Westchester. Dick stressed that when someone is injured as a result of a call that it is very important that you let the hospital know that the injured party is a firefighter so that Workmen's Comp. will be billed. It should not go to their personal insurance. One of the District's Fire Commissioners as well as the Chief will also have to be contacted and involved in the process with Risk Management.

The Blue Wing Report is due any day. Once it is released Dick will set up a review. The review will not be a part of the battalion meetings, it will probably be held at the Government Center. Blue Wing is working with a vendor about buying frequencies for our use. Simulcast will also be used.

Please confirm that Dick has your correct email address.

There has been a 35% cut across the board with the State Budget. The State will be looking to merge several departments to help cut costs. They will include Homeland Security, SEMO and the Office of Fire Prevention and Control under NYS Homeland Security and Emergency Services and Fire, Correction and State Police under Public Safety. With the combination of services the cuts will not be too bad. Our Fire Academy classes look okay.

A Homeland Security Training Center will be built the help of the Federal Government.

The County Budget cut out Dick's Secretary. If you need him please leave a message or send an email.

The Feds will be buying a new car for us through the Homeland Security budget. The footings are now in at the Training Center site but the weather is delaying any further work right now.

In October there will be a joint weekend at the Fire Academy with Orange County. There will be a maximum of 198 people. 7 Classes will be offered.

The first Sunday in May there will be a memorial service, possibly with family of deceased members of the fire service as well as active members. They hope to have the monument in place for the service.

The storms we had today were not as bad as expected. There has only been some minor flooding but no roads have washed out.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1) **Training Facility:** no report
- 2) **Tax Abatement:** Congressman Hinchey is trying to obtain some type of Federal tax breaks for the volunteer fire service.
- 3) **EMS:** no report
- 4) **Arson Investigation:** no report
- 5) **Radio:** no report

**Correspondence:** None

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Dick has received a \$10,000.00 grant for equipment purchase. \$5,000.00 will go to the Wildland Search and Rescue Team and \$5,000.00 to the Dive Team. He has sent the lists of equipment to the State for their approval.

**Good and Welfare:** none

**Adjournment:** Motion to Adjourn      **Time:** 8:00pm

**Next meeting April 5, 2010 at 7:30pm at the  
Sullivan County Government Center**

**Please arrive a few minutes early for the swearing  
in of all members**