

Tim Schadt
Chairman

Bernie Deutsch
Vice Chairman

Mary Ann Drobysh
Secretary

Sullivan County Fire Advisory Board

Date: May 24, 2010

Meeting called to order at: 7:30pm

Pledge to the flag was held

Attendance: 15 out of 15 members present

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

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

Coordinators Report:

The EMS Advisory Board has had an organizational meeting. Albee Bockman is the Chairman. They will meet the first Thursday in June then every other month.

The Blue Wing Report is done and there are many areas that need to be addressed.

There will be a 6 person committee to look into. John Hauschild and Gary Smith are already on the committee and we need 4 members from here. The commissioners will need to be involved as well. See under Radio Committee for appointments.

Dick has forwarded emails about 3 more firefighter fatalities.

There will be a meeting in June with Legislator Goodman, law enforcement officials and Hatzolah to prepare for the summer influx of people.

The classrooms are moving along, most of the equipment has been purchased and is ready to move in when the classrooms are complete. A lighting request has been submitted and that may take a year or two to get funded.

There was some discussion on the Blue wing report and Dick will look into a couple of questions that were raised. We will need at least 8 towers, we now have only 5. The possibility of sharing cell phone towers for space will be investigated. Dick is also checking with neighboring counties to see if there is any interest in sharing towers. Pike is interested; Delaware would like to share the Tennanah Lake tower but can not help us. We could check with Orange County but their Otisville tower would only really help Lumberland. Tom suggested that we check with Ulster County, they have a tower on Bellayre Mountain that we may be able to utilize. Ulster has just commissioned a study similar to ours. We will know more once Ulster has their report back.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1) **Training Facility:** no report
- 2) **Tax Abatement:** no report
- 3) **EMS:** see coordinators report
- 4) **Arson Investigation:** Through the end of April we are 22 investigations ahead of last year.
- 5) **Radio:** We need 4 members to serve on a committee; Tim will notify all involved of meetings. Tim, Bernie, Joe and Michael are the appointments.

Correspondence: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

There is some conflict regarding the State's Fallen Firefighter Memorial Committee. There are 10 members on the committee, one of which is the State Fire Administrator and the other 9 represent various organizations. The Office of General Services is responsible for maintenance. There is a split between a group on the committee who want it to be a "heroes" monument and those who feel it should be dedicated to all firefighters who have lost their lives in the line of duty. There are benefits available to family members of firefighters who appear on the monument.

There was quite a struggle to get them to accept George Davidson from Sullivan County and other areas have had members who have been rejected. Some areas of the State would like the committee abolished and a law to be put in effect regarding eligibility.

Dick will be attending a meeting and keep us advised.

A motion to skip July's meeting was made, seconded and carried. We will meet again in September.

Good and Welfare: none

Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn **Time: 8:04pm**

SPECIAL MEETING

**Next meeting August 30, 2010 at 7:30pm at the
Sullivan County Government Center
To discuss the Blue Wing Report**