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

**Date:** September 29, 2010

**Meeting called to order at:** 7:30pm

**Pledge to the flag was held**

**Barbara Burton attended our meeting and read a statement that dealt with her concerns with some of the development going on in Orange County. A full copy of her statement will be attached to the minutes.**

**Attendance:** out of 15 members present

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

**Reading of minutes from previous meeting and the minutes from the special meeting in August:**  
read and accepted as read

#### **Coordinators Report:**

At the State Fire Service Council meeting it was announced that the OFPC would be moving its offices to offices in the Department of State Facility. The current location had furniture provided but the new offices will not provide furniture. EMS will not be moving at this time, the Department of Health has to okay that move.

George Davidson's name will be placed on the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial; a local contingent will be going there for the ceremony.

There is still a good deal of dissension for the New York State Memorial. For now it will remain as one wall although some committeemen wanted to split it into 2 walls, one a wall of heroes, and the other for anyone else.

Our training hours have been approved for now, they may be cut in January or February if the State does not have the money to fund them.

The courses for the Sullivan/Orange weekend has been set.

The County Budget is very tight; there has been talk of layoffs and early retirement.

There is a lot going on with the radio system. Dick thank everyone who came to the August special meeting. Tower sites are being reviewed, leases need to be negotiated and municipally owned property is also being looked at. There may be zoning or environmental issues as well. Alex could not be here tonight but please contact hi, if you have any questions. There have been 2 Chief's meetings with details and discussions. Digital paging and simulcast will be part of the new system. There are still many things to be worked out. Battalion meeting will be held in October, Dick will email the dates. The legislature has committed to the radio project. Blue Wing will be around for awhile in the process.

Orange and Rockland would like to meet with the Fire Chiefs to discuss some of the proper procedures needed in the event of a substation fire. They will provide training at a local firehouse. There are some special circumstances when it comes to substations. In the future they could address issues with the generators at Rio. Dick will also approach NYSEG about this.

The Fire Training Center is about 90% completed. The rear of the property is paved, the ceilings are done and floors are almost done. The plumbing and cable are finished. Hopefully it will be completed by early November.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- 1) **Training Facility:**
- 2) **Tax Abatement:** This committee has been disbanded
- 3) **EMS:** No report
- 4) **Arson:** There were 31 investigations through the end of August. Dick wanted everyone to know what a great job Charlie does. Now that Marilyn is no longer working for Dick, Charlie takes care of getting reports out. There will be 6 people from Sullivan going to an annual seminar for Fire Investigations. Charlie is also a fire investigator in Orange County. Port Jervis has had several arsons of late and the fire investigators there are working with police agencies and showing them what they need to look for.
- 5) **Radio:** See Coordinators Report

**Correspondence:** none

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Good and Welfare:** none

**Adjournment:** Motion to Adjourn      **Time:** 8:12

**Next meeting November 29, 2010 at 7:30pm at the  
Sullivan County Government Center**