

Bernie Deutsch
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Secretary

Sullivan County Fire Advisory Board

Date: May 19, 2014

Meeting called to order at: 7:40pm

Pledge to the flag was held

Attendance: 8 out of 14 members present

Minutes: Accepted as read

Bethel: George Roosevelt	P
Callicoon: Jim Doughty	P
Cochecton: Gary Cochrane	A
Delaware: Paul Hendershot	A
Fallsburg: Bernard Deutsch	P
Forestburgh: Art Salomon	A
Fremont: David Hirsch	A
Highland: Warren Wagner	P
Liberty: Don Sherwood	P
Lumberland: Charlie Fallon	P
Mamakating: Lou Tunno	A
Neversink: Russell Turner	P
Rockland: Michael Juron	A
Thompson: Brain Soller	A
Tusten: Craig Burkle	P

Coordinators Report:

The State Police, Mobile Medic and the 911 Center are all getting ready for Mysteryland. Dick will keep all the Chief's and EMS Captain's updated. Mysteryland has their own operational procedures. They have put on many concerts in Europe with far bigger crowds. They are working with the NYS Department of Health, the State Police, Sheriff's Office, Mobile Medic, Mobile Life and TransCare. They will be utilizing people from out of this area so we can maintain full service to the County on a holiday weekend. There will be 3 medical tents on the premises. There will be camping at Lander's and also onsite. Campers from Landers will be bussed in to alleviate any traffic issues. A command Center will be set up in the rear of the Bethel Woods stage. There appears to be only one house that will be affected by road closures in the area and arrangements are being made. If all goes well and as planned they will be back next year.

Dick will get copies of disks from the PESH presentation and send them out. There is a lot of paperwork involved with PESH. It may be useful to have someone learn all the work involved and act as a consultant for multiple departments.

Fred Edwards passed away recently. He died of a massive heart attack. He had just had a physical 10 days before in order to drive a fire truck. He had been working that day for the fire department but the proper paperwork was not completed. Liberty does not pay for health related deaths. They are working on getting some benefits for his wife from the fallen firefighter's fund. It is very important that good records be kept on all activity. Two full classes for ICS 300 have been completed, the classes included some members of the State Police. Two ICS 402 for elected officials have been done as well, Dick also took the course to see what was in it. More classes will follow.

There was a National Weather Service conference in Endicott. The greatest concern is the earth warming and the issues it will cause. This is a global problem that needs to be addressed.

There are repairs going on at the training center to the tower and the 2 burn rooms, this is normal wear and tear and the estimated cost is around \$16,000.00. Additional damage was found when the repairs began and the additional costs will be around \$12,000.00. The repairs should be finished in mid-June. The FF1 class may have to be relocated or delayed until the repairs are done.

The facilitators are in place for those wishing to utilize the training tower and facilities. There will be an upcoming class by Columbia Gas for companies along the pipeline. There will be a class for recruits in July at the training center. Warren asked about doing 2 boot camps, Dick will check on this.

There was training classes for the Sheriff's Department on the use of ATV's done by Scott Steingart and Neil Watt. The course took place over 3 days. Warren pointed out that Orange County has a class like this for firefighters, it is a little different than the one taught to the police agencies. 16 local departments have ATV's, maybe we should offer a course here. It would take some time to get it up and running. Work is set to begin on the Thunder Hill Tower this week and Tennenah Lake by the end of June. Bids are going out for the next 2 towers.

Committee Reports:

Arson Task Force: There have been 15 investigations through March, none in April. There was a fire in May that was investigated together with the State Police where the owner may not have been fully insured.

Recruit NY: The program is finished for this year. Hopefully it was successful, some departments got new members while others did not. Not all departments responded to Jack's email about this program. Some departments said they did not receive his emails.

Communications: None

Old Business: Please have your towns complete their emergency management plans and submit them to the County.

New Business: May 1, 2015 at 2:00pm is the date for the Fallen Firefighters memorial service at the Government Center.

We need to set up some committees for work on the County Mutual Aid Plan and the Sullivan County Fire Advisory Board by laws. WE will make the appointments at the September meeting. Warren and Russ offered to be on the Mutual Aid plan committee and Lou and Bernie have offered to be on the FAB committee. Please let us know at the September meeting if anyone else is interested.

We will hold off deciding on the July meeting until sometime in June or July.

The Department of Labor has put a decision on the Bailout system on hold for now.

Good and Welfare: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

**Next meeting July 28th 7:00 at
the Neversink Fire House**