Craig Burkle   Don Starner   Mary Ann Drobysh
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Sullivan County Fire Advisory Board

Date: April 24, 2017
Meeting called to order at: 7:30 pm
Pledge to the flag was held
Attendance: 9 out of 15 members present
Minutes: Accepted as read

Bethel: George Roosevelt	P
Callicoon: Jim Doughty	A
Cochecton: Jason Knack	P
Delaware: Tom Dent	P
Fallsburg: Bernard Deutsch	A
Forestburgh: Zachary Petrowsky	A
Fremont: Shane Cruz	P
Highland: Philip Deyermond	P
Liberty: Carlton Fritz	P
Lumberland: Donald Hunt	A
Mamakating: Tim Koestler	A
Neversink: Don Starner	P
Rockland: Michal Juron	P
Thompson: Ray Stevens	A
Tusten: Craig Burkle	P

A moment of silence was held in memory of Bernie, who passed away earlier today.

Coordinators Report:
Jack Halchak was here to give the Coordinators Report.
There was a Chief's meeting last week, 34 out of 40 attended.
Jack has put the Workman's Comp booklet online, everyone should read and familiarize themselves with the proper procedures in the event of an injury.
Joe Mellan had an incident but is oaky and back ins service.
The Red Cross always does a great job, when contacting them try and have information on the parties requiring assistance, gender, age, and if there are pets, etc.
The Dive Task Force had a call that was cancelled.
If you an encounter an oil spill or the like, do what you can to contain the spill and contact the DEC. The DEC will contact the owners to resolve the issue.
Fire Police are on site to assist in the traffic flow, not to just watch the incident.
There was discussion on the distinction between a Brush Fire and a Wild Fire. In general a brush fire is more easily contained, a wildfire would involve multiple departments.
A survey was sent to all the Chief's on what classes they would like but only 11 were returned. It is important that you respond to these so a class list can be put together that meets everyone's needs.
The new class list should be out this week. They may try some daytime classes.
There are some concerns with mutual aid calls and who is responding, especially in the daytime when volunteers are harder to come by. There needs to be an effort to make sure the responding party has people left at their departments as well. At the minimum, there should be a driver, an officer and 3 interior firefighters at each call.

There is only 1 fire report still outstanding. Jack is working on getting it. If we have 100% reporting there will be $1,000.00 in money that can be used for the fire investigators to attend classes. If anyone is having any issues with the software, contact Jack and he will help. Also, if reports need editing he can do that as well.

Training on SCBA's needs to be documented.

When dealing with electric meters you need to be careful, you never know what can be behind them. Shut off the main whenever possible.

We will be working on the policies for Communications, Dive Task Force, and Electrical Protocol. We need a committee to work on them. Once changes are made they will be brought here for approval, then Public Safety, Full Legislature, and onto the State, if needed.

It has been pretty busy so far, this year, lots of fires and investigations, a lost person, a death and a potential drowning.

All 39 classes for the radio system have been completed. High Band paging is being added every Wednesday in batches, testing must be completed before the addition. High Band should be completed and online the first week of June for all departments. Do not use high band to call Sullivan Fire, even if there is no answer on low band. There were some paging issues due to damaged equipment, they have been resolved. EMS is now on high band dispatch as well as the Sheriff and DPW. They can communicate with ambulances.

Committee Reports:
Arson Task Force: None
Radio: Nothing further
Communications: None
Old Business: None
Good and Welfare: We will send a condolence card to Bernie's family and a get-well card to Joe Mellan.

Meeting adjourned in memory of Bernie at 8:08pm

Next meeting May 22, 2017 at 7:30pm at the Government Center