

Craig Burkle  
Chairman

Don Starner  
Vice Chairman  
**Sullivan County Fire Advisory Board**

Mary Ann Drobysch  
Secretary

**Date:** September 23, 2019

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

**Pledge to the flag was held**

**Attendance:** 8 out of 15 members present

**Minutes:** Accepted as read

Bethel: George Roosevelt	P
Callicoon: Jim Doughty	P
Cochecton: Jason Knack	A
Delaware: Tom Dent	A
Fallsburg: Harry Barrett	A
Forestburgh: Zachary Petrowsky	A
Fremont: Shane Cruz	A
Highland: Philip Deyermond	P
Liberty: Carlton Fritz	P
Lumberland: David Hook	P
Mamakating: Thomas Morrow	A
Neversink: Don Starner	P
Rockland: Chris Tuleweit	A
Thompson: Robbie Green	P
Tusten: Craig Burkle	P

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and accepted as read.

**Coordinators Report:**

We has 100% Fire reporting for 2018 and will receive \$1,000.00 scholarship from the State.

2019 fire reporting needs to be at 100% as well, check with your departments.

The Chief's Conference was cancelled due to the lack of participation. It is a shame as a lot of work went into the planning for it.

The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Woodstock went off well, thunderstorms were the only problem. 102 people have signed up for the County weekend at the Fire Academy this year, that is more than last year. It is our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the County weekend.

We are in the process of updating several SOP's. Those that involve multiple agencies will need to be reviewed here and sent to Public Safety, while others will only need to be reviewed and voted on here.

Rick has worked hard to get a policy in place for the Respiratory Fitness machine and testing. There are a couple of issues that are still being worked on. There is a NYS Respiratory Protection Course available in order to administer the testing and the machine can be signed out to departments that have qualified administrators. It would save districts money if 2 members from each department would get certified. Signup has been light so far. The County will maintain the machine but if it is damaged by a department they would have to pay for repairs. The unit's base cost was \$13,000.00.

There is an EMT Protocol update out for EMS Agency codes numbers, please make sure everyone updates. The agency codes were sent out to the chiefs. Contact EMS coordinator if you have questions.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Arson Task Force:** There are 3 new Fire Investigators, we now have 8 total investigators.

**Radio:** There are 2 new dispatchers at the Control Center. There are still some paging issues being worked out. There are 5 or 6 areas that are still a problem and Motorola is working on it. Paging will never be 100% due to terrain issues. In the last search that was done in the County they had to use a relay system with 4 wheelers. There were some discussion as to why Hatzolah does not seem to have the same type of issues as we do. We are adding repeaters and portable repeaters to help with the problems. Hatzolah seems to have the same issues with cell service that we do. The idea of doing both tones and text paging was also discussed. It may help in certain areas.

There was discussion on protocol when a department does not respond at all. There was an issue with Orange County and who was sent to respond to a Sullivan County fire. Each County has their own protocol and the Control Center's function is to dispatch according to that protocol.

**Communications:** None

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Robbie asked if there could be clarification on departments doing their own respiratory fit tests. John will send out another email.

**Good and Welfare:** Thanks to Rock Hill for hosting the parade this year. Everyone have a Happy Halloween!

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:01pm**

**Next meeting November 25, 2019 at 7:30pm at the  
Government Center**



# SULLIVAN COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD

## Appointment Form

This Letter serves to advise

**the Sullivan County Legislature that the Town of:** \_\_\_\_\_ **nominates**

<b>Name:</b>	_____
<b>Address:</b>	_____ _____
<b>Home Phone:</b>	_____
<b>Buss. Phone:</b>	_____
<b>E-Mail:</b>	_____
<b>Other:</b>	_____

**To be our representative to the Sullivan County Fire Advisory Board for the year 2020.**

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Supervisor, Town of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please Fax or Email form on or before December 31<sup>st</sup> to: Clerk of the Board to the Sullivan County Legislature

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