

Craig Burkle  
Chairman

Carlton Fritz  
Vice Chairman

Mary Ann Drobysh  
Secretary

**Sullivan County Fire Advisory Board**

**Member swearing in by Russell Reeves**

**Date:** January 27, 2020

**Meeting called to order at:** 7:05 pm

Elections: Craig Burkle as Chairman (suspending 3 year rule)  
Carlton Fritz as Vice Chairman  
Mary Ann Drobysh reappointed as Secretary

**Pledge to the flag was held**

**Attendance:** 11 out of 15 members present

**Minutes:** Accepted as read

Bethel: George Roosevelt	P
Callicoon: Jim Doughty	A
Cochecton: Jason Knack	P
Delaware: Tom Dent	A
Fallsburg: Harry Barrett	P
Forestburgh: Zachary Petrowsky	P
Fremont: Shane Cruz	A
Highland: Philip Deyermond	P
Liberty: Carlton Fritz	P
Lumberland: David Hook	A
Mamakating: James Hughes	P
Neversink: Glenn Vandenberg	P
Rockland: Chris Tuleweit	P
Thompson: Chris Bastone	P
Tusten: Craig Burkle	P

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and corrected to read \$1,000.00 scholarship for 100% fire reporting. Minutes accepted as corrected.

**Coordinators Report:** Jack Halchak was here for John.

Jack welcomes all the members and he appreciates their service.

There are 22 classes scheduled. Information can be found on the website and Facebook.

We need to update 2 policies, Mutual Aid and the Arson Task Force. Once they have been updated they will be brought here for discussion, if passed then to Public Safety and the full legislature for their approval.

There will be a Commissioners class on 3/28, registration available on the website.

Fire Reports: There are still some missing. If we do not get 100% reporting the amount of the scholarship declines from the \$1,000.00. If anyone needs help contact the Control Center.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Arson Task Force:** No report

### **Radio:**

There are still a few issues with paging. Motorola is working on the problems. CAD has been updated. There was some text paging that was lost. If you have a problem, contact Alex and it will be taken care of.

There are going to be some staff changes at the control center, 1 person is now in training and 2 other positions need to be filled. Time stamps on text pages only show when it is received, not when it was sent. Alex has been trying to fix this.

Alex is working on funding for IM paging. It should be approximately for \$25,000.00 per year for Fire, EMS and the specialty teams.

**Communications:** None

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** There have been some issues with the billing from the County for physicals. Please know that there are other providers. The Fire Commissioners are looking into the problems. Harry will possibly coordinate between the commissioners and this board.

The sheriff is looking to control the 911 call center. Craig briefly described the events that occurred. Basically, the sheriff's office and a few legislators tried to push this through without public input. There was a great deal of pushback after the initial Public Safety meeting and the full legislature tabled the motion for 90 days. We need to be proactive on this issue.

We need someone to liaison with the legislators. Harry will attend all the Public Safety meetings and advocate on behalf of the fire service.

On suspending the 3-term limit on the Chairman, we will need to amend the FAB Policy and add new language then present to Public Safety and the full Legislature for approval. This will be tabled until the March meeting.

**Good and Welfare:** None

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:29 pm**

**March 30, 2020 cancelled due to Covid 19  
Next Meeting May 18, 2020 via Zoom**