

Ross Turner
Chairman

Jason Kraack
Vice Chairman
Sullivan County Fire Advisory Board

Mary Ann Drobysch
Secretary

Date: March 27, 2023

Meeting called to order at: 7:05: pm

Attendance: 8 out of 15 members present

Minutes: Accepted as read

Bethel: Peter Maltese	A
Callicoon: Ross Turner	P
Cochecton: Jason Knack	P
Delaware: Tom Dent	P
Fallsburg: Chris Sutoski	P
Forestburgh: Michael Rommell	P
Fremont: George Conklin	A
Highland: Dave Preston	A
Liberty: Don Sherwood	P
Lumberland: David Hook	A
Mamakating: William Tobin	A
Neversink: Michael Kelly	A
Rockland: Guy Baker	A
Thompson: Ed Walsh	P
Tusten: Craig Burkle	P

Coordinators Report:

John attended a conference at Montour. There is a new program from the state for training and capital improvements. John will meet with the commissioners and explain the process.

There are incentives being offered from NYS for the completion of the BEFO class, Interior Firefighting class and Officer's Training. For each participant the chief must complete and submit the appropriate paperwork. Each department can decide the time restrictions that must be met. Paperwork can be held for up to 2 years before submitting.

There is also a stipend being offered to firefighters that is being administered by a fire district rather than the state. You can only apply for the state or the fire district, not both. John will meet with the chiefs and commissioner together for further details.

Fire Districts, as well as individual departments can ask for the grants.

Montour will be having limited classes for the time being, renovations are being done to the facility.

The paperwork for the cancer program needs to be submitted to the state.

Training is going well, there are 19 classes scheduled from December to March. The information has been forwarded to all the chiefs.

There was a class on Terrorism in December.

The BOCES Program is going well, departments should push for the firefighter class for the fall.

Recruit and retention has had some success, in Livingston Manor they had several kids interested in the program.

10 departments out of 40 have agreed to send 2 members each to work with task force on a school program to get and retain new members.

The Rehab vehicle is ready for the winter, there have been several classes and training for it.

There is no list of doctors for the workman's comp program yet. There are some changes coming. Hopefully we will have more information in January,

Alex was unable to attend tonight so John will give his report.

The Rock Hill Tower is up and running. Westbrookville is being upgraded. New antennas are being added to Wurtsboro.

There are discussions for new towers in Jeffersonville and Rockland. The permitting process is being worked on.

There are some new dispatchers at the control center, and they are looking for more people to hire. Charlie Rampe is the new Chief Dispatcher.

Committee Reports:

Arson Task Force: They have been very busy the last couple of months. Art attended a Fire Investigators course at Montour.

Radio: Nothing Further

Activated Alarm Committee: Nothing Further.

Communications: None

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Old Business: None

New Business: Would everyone please respond to the emails I send out regarding meeting attendance.

Good and Welfare: Happy Holidays to everyone.

Meeting Adjourned 7:25 pm

Next meeting January 29, 2024 at 7:00 pm

Fire Advisory Board Meeting Schedule 2024 All Meetings are at 7:00 pm

January 29

March 25

May 20

July 29

September 30

November 25