

Ross Turner
Chairman

Jason Kraack
Vice Chairman

Mary Ann Drobysch
Secretary

Sullivan County Fire Advisory Board

Date: March 25, 2024 Pledge to the Flag recited.

Meeting called to order at: 7:00 pm

Attendance: 9 out of 15 members present

Elections:

Ross and Jason both re-elected and Mary Ann re-appointed as secretary.

Minutes: Read and amended to reflect the injured firefighter is from Grahamsville, not Neversink. Minutes accepted as corrected

Bethel: Peter Maltese	P
Callicoon: Ross Turner	P
Cochecton: Jason Knack	P
Delaware: Tom Dent	P
Fallsburg: Chris Sutoski	A
Forestburgh: Michael Rommell	P
Fremont: George Conklin	A
Highland: Dave Preston	P
Liberty: Don Sherwood	P
Lumberland: David Hook	A
Mamakating: Larry Arnold	P
Neversink: Tim Dexheimer	P
Rockland: Guy Baker	A
Thompson: Roger Bisland, Jr.	A
Tusten: Craig Burkle	A

Coordinators Report:

The Arson Control Plan has been returned from Albany and sent to members for review. The stipend forms have been sent out and are also available on the county website. Please get them in as ASAP because once the money runs out the program is over. The W-9 form only needs to be filled out once and then will be kept in the system.

The ID tags may need to be updated.

There will be a weeklong program for 14–16-year-olds from 7/22-7/26 as part of the recruitment and retention program. EMS, Fire and Law Enforcement will all be involved. The hours are 9-3. Save the date notices and applications will be sent, A lot of work by the coordinators is being done to make this happen.

There will be an open house with BOCES at the Training Center. We are still looking for more people to help run the meeting.

Alex was unable to attend tonight. The Jeffersonville Tower is not done yet, Rock Hill and Mamakating are up and running. The details for the proposed Rockland Tower are being worked on. If anyone is still having issue please let John or Alex know. There are still some issues in the Roosa Gap area. John repeated that members should not be using the scan function on radios.

Workman's Comp issues are still being worked on, using the emergency room is fine, however with follow ups please make sure your doctor takes workman's comp. If you receive a bill, do not pay, send it to Risk Management or contact John. This is a statewide problem, not just a local one.

Training is going well, though 3 classes have been cancelled.

Committee Reports:

Arson Task Force: They have been very busy, the Bloomingburg call is still being investigated and they also reviewed the Arson Control Plan.

Radio: Nothing further.

Activated Alarm Committee: We will draft a letter with who has policies in place and then we can send out to the Public Safety Committee.

Communications: None

Old Business: The OSHA standards are being revised. The last revision was in 1980. The new plan is over 600 pages and contains updated requirements for physicals, training and much more. There are new medical standards will need to be 1582 compliant for all emergency services and there is health and fitness training. These changes will affect our policies and procedures and wildfire and marine rescues. PESH has some recommendations, but PESH standards cannot be below OSHA standards. Please review these with districts, it may force closure or consolidation of smaller departments.

New Business: There was discussion on the amended Arson Plan. There was some concern regarding the Town of Highland Constable, but John said that is not an issue. A vote was taken and passed to send the amended Arson Plan on to Public Safety.

Good and Welfare: Note that the meeting time on the County Website of 7:30 is incorrect, meetings are at 7:00.

Meeting Adjourned 7:37 pm

Next meeting May 20, 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