

Ross Turner
Chairman

Jason Kraack
Vice Chairman

Mary Ann Drobysch
Secretary

Sullivan County Fire Advisory Board

Date: September 30, 2024 Pledge to the Flag recited.

Meeting called to order at: 7:07 pm

Attendance: 8 out of 15 members present

Minutes: Read and accepted as read.

Bethel: Peter Maltese	P
Callicoon: Ross Turner	P
Cochecton: Jason Knack	P
Delaware: Tom Dent	A
Fallsburg:	
Forestburgh: Michael Rommell	A
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	P

Coordinators Report:

It has been a busy few months with calls, John would like to thank everyone for their work and support.

The Recruit and Retention program has several leads on candidates from various programs around the County.

Training is going well.

The Youth Academy in July was successful. The program had some intensive training, and the students performed very well. They got their first aid and cpr cards, a certificate of completion as well as some equipment. There will be another program next July, flyers should be going out soon. The County was very helpful with this program.

There were not enough participants to have the firefighter classes at BOCES. We will try again next year.

The EMT class was held at the hospital rather than the training center this year, it should be bank at the training center next year.

Public comments for the new OSSA requirements have ended. Next there will be a public hearing, information has been sent to all chiefs. OSHA is a federal program and New York State is an OSHA state that is governed by PESH. Pesh is understaffed at the moment.

Departments should start to budget for physicals with the new requirements, they could be as high as \$1,300 each, and maybe more. There will be several categories within a department and the required physicals change with the category level. Some departments are hiring administrators to process the paperwork. The new standards are out and everyone should familiarize themselves with them. John is always updating the information and passing it on to all the chiefs and the districts. There have been several presentations done locally on this issue. There is some talk about treating volunteer departments differently than paid departments.

Larry asked about some problems there are with communication between Orange and Sullivan Counties. John asked that they document the events as they happen and report it to Alex. He will investigate it the meantime.

The Old Dutch Church in Bloomingburg will have a repeater tower and siren operational soon.

We have lost our instructors for Fire Police. And are working on replacing them. We hope to have a class in November or the spring.

Committee Reports:

Arson Task Force: We have a new fire investigator, Michael Glinski, he is working out well.

911: Alex could not make it tonight. Resolutions for the Jeffersonville tower are being done. The Rockland tower is being worked on.

EMS: The County fly cars are working out well, they are cutting the time for medical response. ALS fly cars should be approved soon.

Communications: None

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Old Business: None

New Business: John was honored at the SCVFA Brunch with a lifetime achievement award.

Arson Control Plan is done, HazMat Plan has been sent to the State for review. The Mutual Aid Plan is being worked on, once this Board reviews it will go to the State for review.

Good and Welfare:

Meeting Adjourned 7:30 pm

Next meeting November 25, 2024 at 7:00 pm