

Ross Turner
Chairman

Jason Kraack
Vice Chairman
Sullivan County Fire Advisory Board

Mary Ann Drobysch
Secretary

Russell Reeve was present to swear in members in attendance

Date: January 27, 2025 Pledge to the Flag recited.

Meeting called to order at: 7:05 pm

Attendance: 7 out of 15 members present No Quorum

Minutes: Read

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

Coordinators Report:

John welcomes the new and returning members and thanks all fire, EMS and DPW for all their hard work.

The DEC grants have been awarded, up to \$5,000.00. If you applied and qualified you should have heard by now.

Last year's Youth Academy was very successful, and we will be doing another one this July, the 21-25. Emails will go out to all departments.

Recruit and Retention will be holding a seminar at the Casino on March 9. They are hoping for over 100 participants. There will be refreshments served. Emails have gone out and it is posted on the Facebook page.

In 2023 we had 100% fire reporting. 2024 is close to that mark. John thanks everyone for keeping up on the reporting.

The Firefighters Challenge has 17 departments participating this year. There were 19 last year. This program is a great opportunity for grant funding and comradery.

Background checks are mandatory for all new members, transfers or members who left and have since returned. Last year 116 checks were done, in 2023 there were 125.

Please support any members taking classes and make sure they have the proper equipment in good working order.

The County has hired a part-time Rabies Control Officer.

There is now a Wellness and Safety Coordinator. We have also added additional fire instructors and a Deputy Fire Coordinator.

John listed the statistics for the training classes, coordinators calls, and control center calls for 2024. Unfortunately, 7 classes had to be cancelled last year. 37 out of 40 departments participated in training.

Training courses are posted on the website.

Committee Reports:

Arson Task Force: No report

911: The Jeffersonville Tower is being worked on by the attorneys, they hope to break ground in April. Planning for the Rockland and Eldred towers is underway.

EMS: The Fly Car is working out very well, the response time is down to 15 to 17 minutes. Information is being sent out to all Fire chiefs and EMS captains.

Communications:

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Old Business:

There will be committee meeting regarding the Battalion 5 letter at the Training Center. The county attorneys are working on the IM paging issue.

New Business:

The question was asked if everyone would prefer Zoom meetings or in person meetings. We will leave it at in person for now but can revisit if there is enough interest.

Good and Welfare: Please keep Dick Martinovic in your prayers, he had a stroke and is in Achieve.

Meeting Adjourned 7:35 pm

Next meeting march 31,2025 at 7:00 pm

Any members not in attendance for the January meeting must go see Russell Reeves or Dori Huebner at the County Clerk's Office to be sworn in.

Fire Advisory Board Meeting Schedule 2025

January 27

March 31

May 19

July 28

September 29

November 24