

Tim Schadt
Chairman

Bernie Deutsch
Vice Chairman

Mary Ann Drobysh
Secretary

Sullivan County Fire Advisory Board

Date: April 5, 2010

Judge Meddaugh swore in the members of the Board.

Meeting called to order at: 7:35pm

Pledge to the flag was held

Attendance: 15 out of 15 members present

Bethel: Ed Lubniewski	P
Callicoon: Paul Hemmer	P
Cochecton: Gary Cochrane	P
Delaware: Tim Hornicek	P
Fallsburg: Bernard Deutsch	P
Forestburgh: Arthur Salomon	P
Fremont: Anthony Wayne	P
Highland: Tim Schadt	P
Liberty: Don Sherwood	P
Lumberland: Charlie Fallon	P
Mamakating: Joe Roe	P
Neversink: Tom Matthews	P
Rockland: Michael Juron	P
Thompson: Gary Smith	P
Tusten: Craig Burkle	P

Reading of minutes from previous meeting: Minutes accepted as read.

Coordinators Report:

The Blue Wing report is complete and will go to the Legislature on Friday. The report is well done and there will be some decisions that the County will have to make.

Please make sure we have your correct email address.

There has been an increase in line of duty injuries and deaths around the country. The National Fire Academy is concerned by this and would like to see the numbers decrease.

Monticello firefighters were injured recently. Both are recovering. One of the fire commissioners was helping with paperwork.

There have been 4 injuries in the County recently, 2 in training and 2 at fires. We need to try to work safer; the numbers need to be reduced.

The Commissioners organization or OFPC has information regarding rope safety. Each department needs to do an assessment.

The plumbing is being roughed in at the new training center building.

The State Police are trying to set up a meeting for the end of May with various agencies and the leaders for some of our summer residents in order to try and prevent any problems or issues this summer.

The February snowstorms caused all sorts of problems, some areas received over 5 feet of snow in less than 1 week. There were no serious injuries or catastrophic events.

O&R was at the last commissioners meeting to try and resolve some of the problems that occurred.

Charlie Fallon had a busy weekend, there were 4 fire investigations. Dick thanked him for his hard work.

Tim suggested that everyone check with their Towns and make sure they have an emergency plan in place to deal with events, such as the recent snowstorms.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1) **Training Facility:** no report
- 2) **Tax Abatement:** no report
- 3) **EMS:** no report
- 4) **Arson Investigation:** There were 10 investigations for January and February
- 5) **Radio:** no report

Correspondence: None

Old Business: None

New Business: There was a great deal of calls to the 911 center with the snowstorms in February, most dealing with utility problems. They will be working on trying to have a couple of people dedicated to working with the utility companies during major storms. A new phone and procedure will be developed to keep the 911 lines open. Other counties already are doing this.

Good and Welfare: none

Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn **Time:** 7:50 pm

**Next meeting May 24, 2010 at 7:30pm at the
Sullivan County Government Center**