

Tim Schadt
Chairman

Bernie Deutsch
Vice Chairman

Mary Ann Drobysh
Secretary

Sullivan County Fire Advisory Board

Date: November 29, 2010

Meeting called to order at: 7:30pm

Pledge to the flag was held

Attendance: 8 out of 15 members present

Bethel: Ed Lubniewski	A
Callicoon: Paul Hemmer	A
Cochecton: Gary Cochrane	A
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	A
Rockland: Michael Juron	A
Thompson: Gary Smith	A
Tusten: Craig Burkle	A

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

Coordinators Report:

Dick is still working on the budget; there is a lot of back and forth with the Legislature. The classrooms are almost finished. They hope to be done by the first of the year. The Sullivan Orange weekend was a big success. There were approximately 140 attendees. They are already working on next years classes.

The Radio project is moving along, Alex will give a report.

On October 5 George Davidson's name was added to the Fallen Firefighter's Memorial at the State Capital. There are still some ongoing issues within that statewide committee.

Dick will be working on updating our Mutual Aid Plan. Once he is done he will bring it here for approval then to the Legislature.

The Battalion meetings went fairly well

Colombia Gas met with John Hauschild, Joe Mellon and Mike Bastone regarding the millennium line and the potential problem associated with it. There will be a presentation in January at the trading center. Dick is trying to contact a company that did a presentation in Honesdale on response to gas well fires. We need to know how to protect the community in the event wells are drilled. Delaware County may want to join in that presentation.

Dick wishes everyone a happy holiday season.

Alex Rau gave us updates on the radio upgrades. They are still trying to acquire frequencies. Motorola has some available and negotiations are taking place. The Blue Wing report gave 3 options and the County has selected option 2. Blue Wing is continuing to work with us.

The radio equipment still needs to be purchased.

Bernie questioned if the 911 center is going to be run by the Sheriff and how that would affect the call volume and the dispatchers. Alex said that there are approximately 20 counties in the State that have that setup and it can be worked out. Alex would still oversee the 911 center. Problems would show when there was a large scale event, a storm or some kind of disaster. A migration plan is being worked on. If anyone has any questions please contact Alex.

Alex plans to have all of the end user costs could be for the new radio system. He will also list a couple of vendors.

There have been a couple of problems at the 911 center. If you have a problem or some kind of issue please let the supervisor on duty know as soon as possible. If you do not receive a response email Alex or Chella.

Alex wishes everyone a happy holiday.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1) **Training Facility:** no report
- 2) **EMS:** no report
- 3) **Arson Investigation:** The dog assigned to them has cancer; they will need to find a replacement. There have been 38 investigations to date. There were 54 last year. There are currently 3 people training which will bring the total of investigators to 8. That will give them more flexibility and better coverage. They are finding that the Chief's and the departments are being more cooperative in the investigation process. Charlie asks that they leave the scene as intact as possible until the investigator arrives. The Monticello fire was not an explosion; there was a problem with the chimney. There has been some issues in Mamakating with buildings that have bad wiring. The Building Inspector will be looking into them. Charlie feels that the process has improved over the last year or so.
- 4) **Radio:** No additional report

Correspondence: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

The County has designated an area for a County Fallen Firefighter Memorial, to be located on the Sturgis Road side of the Government Center. They are looking at placing a Maltese cross and the price would be around \$8,000.00. The Fire Association has pledged \$4,000.00 and if each Fire Department would contribute \$100.00 that would reach the \$8,000.00 mark. The first Sunday in May is the designated Memorial Day. They also are looking into placing bricks around the Memorial in memory of fallen members. Dick would like to have the money by the end of January, he is coordinating the efforts. Letters have been sent to the secretaries for each department. Please make sure your departments have received theirs.

Please send out you appointment letters for next year.

Good and Welfare: Happy Holidays to everyone.

Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn Time: 8:20pm

**Next meeting January 31, 2011 at 7:30pm at the
Sullivan County Government Center**

**Please try to arrive a few minutes early
for your swearing in by the County Clerk**