

Bernie Deutsch
Chairman

Russell Turner
Vice Chairman

Mary Ann Drobysh
Secretary

Sullivan County Fire Advisory Board

Date: January 27, 2014

Meeting called to order at: Unofficial Meeting, no quorum

Pledge to the flag was held

Elections: Current officers reelected pending a vote with a quorum.

Attendance: 7 out of 15 members present

Bethel: George Roosevelt	A
Callicoon: Jim Doughty	A
Cochecton: Gary Cochrane	A
Delaware: Paul Hendershot	A
Fallsburg: Bernard Deutsch	P
Forestburgh:	
Fremont: David Hirsch	A
Highland: Warren Wagner	P
Liberty: Don Sherwood	P
Lumberland: Charlie Fallon	P
Mamakating: Lou Tunno	P
Neversink: Russell Turner	P
Rockland: Michael Juron	A
Thompson: Brian Soller	P
Tusten: Craig Burkle	A

Cora Edwards is present at the meeting. She feels that the legislature has tried to address the issues that we bring before them and hopes to have greater communications between the various Fire Associations and the Legislature.

Coordinators Report:

The fee to use the EOC will be \$50.00.

If there are any fire departments that are having issues with grants being rejected there may be some help available from the County. There are many opportunities for grants but the applications must be very clear and precise. Contact Dick if you need some assistance. Russ asked if the County could give a class in grant writing. Cora suggested that the application that has been rejected be examined as to why it failed, review the score sheet used in the approval/rejection process to find out where the application failed. Dick will look into a process about keeping everyone informed about what grants are available with the application deadlines.

Delaware County has several coordinators that do the various jobs that Dick does alone. The State is working on increasing the hours of several classes including FF1 and 2 as well as Scene Support. There are multiple agencies working on restructuring those classes. We need to work on retaining students starting with the FF1 class. There should be some basics taught to the students prior to a FF class, individual departments must help on this issue.

The State will be ordering and using new books for training classes. There will be a push to more computerization and blended learning.

There is work being done on the State Mutual Aid Plan to help with the response to large scale incidents and to increase the efficiency in equipment requests.

Our training hours have been set for this year.

Recruit NY is set for late April. There is a FASNY Grant for materials for the program.

There is a tremendous need for new members in volunteer departments.

The State is also working on a response procedure for disaster declarations.

Governor Cuomo is supporting a program for emergency training that will be offered through the SUNY system.

The State Fire Academy will be moving to Oriskany, the move will cost \$320,000.00.

There are some mixed views on the move.

There will be list of united concerns to lobby the State about announced soon.

Letters will be going out to Departments requesting donations for the State Memorial Committee. This money is used to help families with the costs associated with attending the ceremonies. The existing fund is almost gone.

The county hopes to have a system in place later this year for usage of the training facility and the procedure for getting a facilitator to open, inspect and close the facility during and after each use. You would call John H. to book the facility and he would then call a facilitator from a list that they maintain. State Classes will have priority over local classes.

There will be a new Fire Protection Specialist fro our area. Les Greenwald has been reassigned.

Our local Memorial Service will take place on May 4, 2014. If there is a department with a deceased member please provide the name and a small bio. Someone form the department will be needed to serve as a host for the family.

The County Past Presidents Dinner will be at the Villa Roma on June 13.

Work is being done on the County Mutual Aid Plan. Once the State Plan is approved we will need to review an update ours, approve it here then send to Public Safety and the full Legislature for their approval.

DPW has been using the Training Center for some non firematic training.

Mark Smar is the PESH (Public Emergency Safety and Health) advisor. He is tying to set up a training class for Chiefs and the Districts.

Columbia Gas is reviewing its procedures for the lines in Sullivan County and could possibly present in some of the Battalion meetings.

A detour plan is being drawn up for the entire length of Route 17. Once it is completed it will be sent out for review. There needs to be an approved plan in place. Chiefs along Route 17 will review and the plans once approved will be loaded into the State Police's computers.

Progress on the Radio System is moving along. Work is being done on tower sites, other sites are being looked at and reviewed and the propagation map is being looked at to identify areas that need more coverage. We will be putting up a tower in Lumberland to improve on coverage there.

There was some heat damage to rooms at the Training Tower; estimates for repair are being worked on.

We had 96% reporting on the County's Fire Reports. There are 3 departments that did not complete the reporting process. Jack is working with them on improving their system.

The target for being on line with the new Radio System is early to mid 2015.

The County Website for the Bureau of Fire has the rules and regulations for our various teams available, as well as the rules and regulations of this board. We may need to update some of them this year.

Brian Soller will be working on the Recruit NY program on behalf of the FAB.

Charlie gave a report on the Arson Task Force. There were 59 investigations, which is about average and 148 man hours. There were 2 arrests and there are ongoing investigations. Sullivan County has closure on all of their files. The team is comprised of 10 members. Charlie is also on the Orange County team, they have 18 members and over 160 investigations a year.

Next meeting March 31, 2014 at 7:30 PM