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**Sullivan County Fire Advisory Board**

**Date:** May 22, 2017

**Meeting called to order at:** 7:30 pm

**Pledge to the flag was held**

**Attendance:** 7 out of 15 members present

**Minutes:** Accepted as read

Bethel: George Roosevelt

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Callicoon: Jim Doughty

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Cochecton: Jason Knack

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Delaware: Tom Dent

A

Fallsburg:

Forestburgh: Zachary Petrowsky

A

Fremont: Shane Cruz

A

Highland: Philip Deyermond

A

Liberty: Carlton Fritz

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Lumberland: Donald Hunt

P

Mamakating: Tim Koestler

A

Neversink: Don Starner

P

Rockland: Michal Juron

P

Thompson: Ray Stevens

A

Tusten: Craig Burkle

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There was not a quorum, this meeting is unofficial.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read.

**Coordinators Report:**

John thanked Jack for filling in for him at our last meeting.

John attended a Coordinators Conference with discussion Statewide Mutual Aid in disaster situations. They discussed how resources are allocated and costs that are involved. Be advised that the home departments are responsible for any costs that are involved.

Line of Duty deaths and how the community and individuals was discussed. Ulster County has a task force for help when there is a line of duty major injury or death. The task force is available to Sullivan County as well.

The State Fire Academy is not closing. The new facility in Oriskany will be the first of its type and offer specialty classes.

Forest Rangers expect that any vehicles the Fire Service uses to asset them be owned by the department, not individuals.

Be aware of the problem of bulling and spreading rumors on Social Media. A female firefighter committed suicide because of the harassment she suffered.

Also discussed were heart attacks in the Fire Service. The average age is 45-55 which is much too young.

The Burn Ban is off as of May 14.

There will be some open houses locally for the Recruit New York drive.

The Sherriff has passed 29 background checks since the beginning of the year.

Membership of active firefighters has been decreasing.

Training classes are going well, all courses are running. New courses are available.

The Dive Team plan.as well as others are being worked on.

Alex could not be here tonight. There are only a couple of departments that are not online with the new system yet but fall will be online in the next couple of weeks. Alex wanted to let everyone know he appreciates their patience in the process. There have been a few paging issues that are being addressed. The new towers will help with the dead spots. All and all things are going well.

**Committee Reports:**

Arson Task Force: None

**Radio:** Nothing further

**Communications:** None

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** There will be no meeting in July unless an issue arises.

**Good and Welfare:** None

**Next meeting September 25, 2017 at 7:30pm at the Government Center**