

Craig Burkle
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Sullivan County Fire Advisory Board

Date: May 25, 2018

Meeting called to order at: 7:30 pm

Pledge to the flag was held

Attendance: 10 out of 15 members present

Minutes: Accepted as read

Bethel: George Roosevelt	P
Callicoon: Jim Doughty	A
Cochecton: Jason Knack	P
Delaware: Tom Dent	P
Fallsburg: Harry Barrett	A
Forestburgh: Zachary Petrowsky	A
Fremont: Shane Cruz	A
Highland: Philip Deyermond	P
Liberty: Carlton Fritz	P
Lumberland: Donald Hunt	A
Mamakating: Thomas Morrow	P
Neversink: Don Starner	P
Rockland: Michal Juron	P
Thompson: Robbie Green	P
Tusten: Craig Burkle	P

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and accepted as read.

Coordinators Report:

It has been a busy winter; all services have coordinated well.

Training is going very well; Tier 3 Training will be on May 23.

There is new AV equipment at the Training Center.

Fire Reports are missing from 2 departments. If we get 100% reporting, we can get \$1,000.00. They need to be in by the end of May. Jack was here and explained what needs to be done if you are locked out of your account. If you need help, please contact Jack.

We are trying to set up a meeting with Hatzalah before summer begins.

We will have Montour to ourselves this year, but we need to get our numbers up or we will have to start sharing the weekend with other counties. It is the 4th weekend in October this year. Emails will be sent to all Chief's.

John mentioned the importance of filling out incident reports for injuries, even if you do not go to the doctor or hospital. They should be filled out and put in the department's personal file. They only need to be sent to the County if there is a doctor or hospital involved.

The fire in Fallsburg at the bungalow colony was a major incident.

EMS had a presentation on the importance of SCBA's, we may look not having one for the Fire Service.

There will be a Fire Chiefs Conference at SCCC on September 29. It is a half day program that begins at 8:30.

Committee Reports:

Arson Task Force: No report.

Radio: There are some issues still being worked out. People are not moving over to fireground frequencies. Most of the issues people have with fireground not working are because their radios are on scan mode, it needs to be off scan.

There was some damage with the storms and the microwave was knocked out briefly. There was some minor damage to some of our towers.

Communications: None

Old Business: None

New Business: There are 5 SOP's up for review.

1. Sullivan County Emergency Services Training Center Class Registration Policy
2. Fire Service Policy & Procedures for use of the Emergency Communications System
3. Line of Duty Death & Injury Policy & Procedures
4. Mayday Policy & Procedure Emergency Evacuation Policy & Procedure
5. Sullivan County Bureau of Fire Photo ID Policy and Accountability Tag Use

There was questions and some concerns regarding the after-action review for the Fallsburg fire. Robbie was concerned about the use, or lack thereof of accountability tags. Since there are 3, he feels each should serve a purpose. John pointed out that all departments do not have tags and some just do not bring them. Some people do not move the tags from equipment to equipment. John said he will take Robbie's ideas under advisement for now as not all departments have been using them. It is difficult to implement changes unless all are using the same system. There are also several departments that need to update their paperwork. This matter was brought up at the last Chief's meeting as well. If anyone needs additional ID Tags more can be obtained. Jack had sent out an email to the Chief's with instructions as to what they need to do with the TIMS list. They either need to update the lists themselves or delegate the work to someone.

People need to wear the appropriate dress when working brush fires. Drills should be held so everyone knows what they need to wear and do.

Robbie suggested that the Towns should be contacted about some of the issues we have. John said the proper procedure was to contact the Commissioners first but acknowledged that they are not always receptive.

After additional discussion a motion was made to forward the SOP's to Public Safety for approval for their June 7 meeting. The motion was passed, and we will forward them on.

Good and Welfare: The Memorial Service went well. No July meeting will be held.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00

Next meeting September 24 at 7:30pm at the Government Center