

Craig Burkle
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Sullivan County Fire Advisory Board

Date: September 27, 2021

Meeting called to order at: 7:35 pm

Meeting is unofficial due to the lack of a quorum.

Janet Lybolt was in attendance as well.

Thomas Farney, our new Public Safety Commissioner is joining in by phone

Attendance: 6 out of 15 members present

Minutes: Accepted as read

Bethel: Peter Maltese	P
Callicoon: Jim Doughty	A
Cochecton: Jason Knack	P
Delaware: Tom Dent	A
Fallsburg: Eric Akerly	P
Forestburgh: Zachary Petrowsky	P
Fremont: George Conklin	A
Highland: Ken Anderson	P
Liberty: Carlton Fritz	A
Lumberland: David Hook	A
Mamakating: Mark Wharton	A
Neversink: Gary Frear	A
Rockland: Chris Tuleweit	A
Thompson: Chris Bastone	A
Tusten: Craig Burkle	P

Minutes from the previous meeting, May 24, 2021 were read.

Coordinators Report:

John introduced Thomas Farney. He is the new Public Safety Commissioner.

Our Covid numbers are on the rise again. Mask mandates are in place for all County facilities. For now, booster shots are available to those 65+ or that have health issues. Vaccines for 5-11 years old are expected soon. Please be diligent, wear PPE properly when on a call. Ian Cooperstein recently passed away, he was only 38.

New members for this year should go to the County Clerk's Office to be sworn in if you have not done so already. Call first to make sure Russell is available.

The Recruit and Retention program is going well, the booth at the bagel Festival produced 30 possible leads. They will also be going to the High Schools in the coming weeks.

The Rehab Team is not up and running as of yet, hopefully sometime this fall. The vehicle has been backordered due to supply issues. Once it arrives we can begin training.

The State still is reviewing the Mutual Aid Plan. The Arson Control Plan will be done soon. Once they are available we will review them here and then pass along to the Public Safety Committee and then the full Legislature.

Committee Reports:

Arson Task Force: They have been very busy. The Fraser Road Fire was arson. The fire investigators and the sheriff worked quickly to find the party and make an arrest.

Radio: Alex was unavailable tonight. The dispatchers are split between the 911 Center and the State Police in Liberty due to Covid.

The new Verizon tower in Rick Hill probably will not be available until spring due to back ordered equipment.

Pete brought up an issue with ground channels in Rock Hill. John asked that in the future you report the problem so he can go out and recreate the problem and test. In this case and in the case in Lumberland it may have been a user being on scan mode

Communications: None

Old Business:

Our training schedule may have to be called back due to Covid. There are multiple classes currently in progress.

Specialized QPR, question persuade and refer training was done. The class was well attended, and the course was excellent. We need to take care of our own people. Covid, job loss and financial difficulties are hard on everyone. Emergency Services continued to work all through Covid. Stress levels are high for all.

There was positive feed back for the class on how to keep and mentor new members.

Craig sent letters to the supervisors regarding the attendance issues we are having.

New Business: We will have a new board in January. We need to start having quorums at our meetings. We only meet 5 or 6 times a year. Everyone should attend at least 4.

Good and Welfare. None

Meeting Adjourned 7:59PM

**Next meeting November 29, 2021 at 7:30 pm via ZOOM
Details below**

John Hauschild is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Sullivan County Fire Advisory Board Meeting

Time: Nov 29, 2021 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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