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### **Sullivan County Fire Advisory Board**

**Date:** March 30, 2009

**Meeting called to order at:** 7:32pm

**Pledge to the flag was held**

**Attendance:** out of 15 members present

Bethel: Ed Lubniewski	P
Callicoon: Paul Hemmer	P
Cochecton: Gary Cochrane	P
Delaware: Bob Simon	P
Fallsburg: Bernard Deutsch	A
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	P
Rockland: Michael Juron	P
Thompson: Gary Smith	A
Tusten: Craig Burkle	P

Judge Meddaugh was at the meeting to swear in the members.

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

#### **Coordinators Report:**

The CDL Legislation is being worked on. There is a problem with the law as written. Dick is keeping track of the progress and should know something in the coming weeks. We have a grant that is ready to go but not funded. There have been some reports that the problems have been resolved but that appears to be incorrect, they are being worked on.

There was a meeting in Utica regarding the State required training and options for funding. The Fire Service needs to take a position and make our voice heard at the State level if we want to have an impact on the State's decision, otherwise we might not like what we get. There will be additional meetings on this as well.

The tentative OFPC budget has a slight increase and includes raises for the instructors. It is possible that the budget will be limited later on.

The County Haz Mat Team will reorganize in the next couple of months. There will be both Fire and Police on the team. It won't need to be a very large.

The State Fire Chiefs will be meeting this year at Turning Stone.

The ICS 300 class is coming up.

John will give a report on training under new business.

The Chiefs' Academy is ready to go next Sunday. Tom Lavallo will be the keynote speaker. There will also be a commissioner's class. Tom questioned why the commissioner's class is not available online, as the ICS Class is. Jack believes that it is for a fee of \$100.00, but he will double-check.

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1) **Training Facility:** no report
- 2) **Tax Abatement:** no report
- 3) **EMS:** no report
- 4) **Arson/Fire Investigation:** Charlie gave his report on the activity since the beginning of the year. The team also has a new member. He also informed us that the 2 arsonists in Fallsburg have pled guilty. Because of the training and continuing education being done the hours put in by the investigators is down from last year. The evidence gathering and determinations are being done quicker.
- 5) **Radio:** No report.
- 6) **Winter Residential Heating:** Jack asked everyone to remind their chiefs to send in reports, even if there is minimal information. He also reminded us that fire reports to the State are due. There is a new link for the Fire Advisory Board on the County Website through the Bureau of Fire page. The information for each company is listed. If there are any corrections please contact Jack.

**Correspondence:** None

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

John gave his report on training. There were 47 classes last year with an average of 19 people per class. 926 firefighters finished for a total of 1353 hours.. The online registration is working well. The requests from the chiefs go directly to John and he makes sure that any required prerequisites have been completed. The class requests can be either emailed or faxed. He hopes to have between 1200 and 1400 classroom hours this year. 38 Classes have been approved so far, 22 have been completed with 407 firefighters taking part. He is also going to try and track what departments take training courses. Last year there were 5 departments that did not take classes. His goal is to get everyone involved and so far this year 4 out of those 5 have taken a class.

**Good and Welfare:** Chuck Meyers is looking for members of the emergency services who working at Woodstock at the time of the festival in 1969. If there is anyone have them contact Myron Gittel at 794-3772

**Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn      Time: 8:15pm**

**Next meeting May 18, 2009 at 7:30pm at the  
Sullivan County Government Center**