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Sullivan County Fire Advisory Board

Date: March 28, 2016

Meeting called to order at: 7:31 pm

Pledge to the flag was held

Attendance: 11 out of 14 members present

Minutes: Minutes accepted as read.

Bethel: George Roosevelt	P
Callicoon: Jim Doughty	P
Cohecton:	
Delaware: Isaac Green-Diebboll	P
Fallsburg: Bernard Deutsch	P
Forestburgh: Zachary Petrowsky	P
Fremont: Shane Cruz	P
Highland: Philip Deyermond	P
Liberty: Carlton Fritz	P
Lumberland: Charlie Fallon	A
Mamakating: Tim Koestler	P
Neversink: Russell Turner	A
Rockland: Michal Juron	P
Thompson: Ray Stevens	A
Tusten: Craig Burkle	P

Coordinators Report:

The Training Center is running at full blast. The sheriffs and corrections officers are using it as well. Right now there is training going on for DWI testing is taking place. There are 4 volunteers, the sheriff's department picks you up and takes you home. You are provided with drinks as well as snacks. Your behavior and consumption are all noted and observed. It is a good training session.

There were over 80 people in attendance at a victim impact session for admitted DWI's. The state has cut back training hours for the rest of the year but it will not impact us. We have the hours we need. There is a waiting list for some of our classes.

There have been more meetings trying to iron out the FF 1 class and hours. Right now it looks like 2 sections, the basic certificate and then Haz Mat training. Part 2 will be skills classes on how to use equipment and how well you use it. The class is 136 hours and you have up to 2 years to complete it. You can take a break between sections 1 and 2. It will utilize the same textbook we use now and will be in September 2016.

There will be a summer boot camp.

A new Fire Officer Class will be rolled out.

The State Emergency Management met with Homeland Security.

There are no plans to close Montour Falls for training but there may be an expansion to Oriskany, near Rome. The facility is clean and well kept. There is a track as well as a rock pile training area.

There has been a lot going on with the new radio system. The County has approved a contract with Mid State Communications. The process for obtaining the licensing and frequencies has begun. Blue Wing will make the formal application to the FCC.

Motorola in anxious to meet with departments regarding equipment, as is Kenwood and Harris.

They are running out of room for equipment at the 911 center. The new equipment is larger than the current equipment. We will need a storage building to house some of it. There will be a meeting tomorrow in Albany on the "Moving Forward" program for the fire service. They are focusing on keeping older members active and recruiting new members. The possibilities being discussed are tax breaks or gas cards, under certain circumstances, as financial incentives. There is a need to both keep existing members as well as getting new, younger people involved.

We need to discuss and approve amendments to some of our existing plans. We will take 3 of them up under new business. All plans need to be reviewed every couple of years. We have over 20 at the present time.

Mysteryland will be back again this years. More details will follow once the planning is underway.

Be aware of the increased risk for fires due to the dry conditions.

High winds are expected tonight and NYSEG will crews available if needed.

Everyone have a good Easter.

Committee Reports:

Arson Task Force: The team is running well

Radio: no further report

Communications: None

Old Business: None

New Business: Updates to Plans and Procedures:

Fire Investigation Team: No substantial changes were made. Eligibility and application process were discussed. Motion made to accept changes made and passed.

Emergency Service Training Center Class Registry: Procedure discussed. Walk-Ins made it necessary to develop a specific procedure. Chief or officer must certify you are eligible for the class before you can attend. There is a form that they will need to complete. If class is full you will be put on a waiting list. If there are no shows or cancelations John will follow up with those on the waiting list. Motion to accept made and passed.

Photo ID and Accountability Tags: The chief needs to sign a form indicating if you are an interior or exterior firefighter, then your picture is taken with your full name and you are issued 3 tags. If you are an interior FF you cannot have a beard. One tag is to be left at a central location at a scene. The Chief needs to be able to account for everyone involved. If there are any questions contact Jack, he is fully familiar with the laws and procedures required. Motion to accept made and passed.

Good and Welfare: The Memorial Service will be on May 1. The SCVFA will be sending out a letter.

Meeting adjourned 8:24pm

Next meeting May 23, 2016 at 7:30pm at the Government Center