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Sullivan County Fire Advisory Board

Mary Ann Drobysch
Secretary

Date: March 27, 2023

Meeting called to order at: 705: pm

Attendance: 7 out of 15 members present

Minutes: Accepted as read

Bethel: Peter Maltese	P
Callicoon: Ross Turner	P
Cochecton: Jason Knack	A
Delaware: Tom Dent	P
Fallsburg: Chris Sutoski	A
Forestburgh: Michael Rommell	A
Fremont: George Conklin	A
Highland: Dave Preston	P
Liberty: Don Sherwood	A
Lumberland: David Hook	P
Mamakating: William Tobin	A
Neversink: Michael Kelly	A
Rockland: Guy Baker	P
Thompson: Ed Walsh	P
Tusten: Craig Burkle	A

Russell Reeves was here to swear members in. Anyone not present will need to go the County Clerk's Office and be sworn in by either Russell or his deputy, Doreen Huebner. No quorum present for this meeting.

Minutes were read and corrected to show that the EMT Class is at the Training Center and is sponsored by SCCC.

Coordinators Report:

John gave the annual report for the classes offered last year. There were 29 classes, 27 completed with one cancelled and one postponed. 37 out of 40 departments participated.

The Fire Report showed that calls for 2022 were up 5% from 2021. There was one line of duty death and one serious injury.

John will be sending out information to all the chiefs regarding a class being offered by OFPC on cancer awareness. Officers who attend will be issued a decontamination kit. There are incentives being offered by the state for training, but questions remain on how the program will make payments, how long members must remain in the program, as well as many other details.

The issues with lithium-ion batteries was discussed at the battalion meetings. These fires can be very dangerous and fast moving. The smoke can kill you. They are used in e-bikes, laptops, and cell phones.

Critical incident stress debriefing is available if needed.

Chief's conferences will be starting up again. FAB members are invited to attend.

Multiple topics will be covered and coffee and lunch will be provided.

Burn Ban is still in effect. There have already been multiple brush fires this year.

The Rehab vehicle was used 3 times last summer and once over the winter.

Deployment time is usually within one hour. It is there for use by the first responders.

BOCES project is moving forward and set to begin in the fall. There are age limitations on the FF 1 class, you would need to be at least 16 by the end of the class. Equipment is needed if anyone has some to donate. This is for New York Certification, they are working on getting national certification.

Committee Reports:

Arson Task Force: No report

Radio: No Report

Activated Alarm Committee:

At our next meeting we will get some numbers together for a report on activated alarms by town and what towns have procedures in place to deal with them.

As far as the Air B&B's, will then draft a letter to the legislature and have them discuss with the towns and get recommendations as to how to proceed. We must get the Board and the Towns to act on this issue. We will need to have a quorum present to act on this.

Communications: We received a response from Aileen Gunther Office and they cannot attend tonight. We will continue to try and work out a meeting with her office.

Kauneonga Lake sent a letter about some issues with Workman's Comp. A copy will be attached to the email with the minutes. Whenever there is an incident, no matter how minor, get a claim number. When you call to report the nurse will give you one and it can be done in just a few minutes. If you receive a bill and you have a claim number, do not pay. It is difficult to get the money back if you pay out of pocket. If the injured party needs to go to the hospital, please send an officer with them and a deputy coordinator will also go to the hospital. Make it clear to the hospital that it is a workman's comp case and t the paperwork to risk management as soon as possible.

The issue with some doctors or institutions not participating is being looked into by the county. John will try to get a list of participating doctors.

Old Business: Meeting time has been moved to 7pm.

New Business: None

Good and Welfare: None

Meeting Adjourned 7:50pm

Next meeting May 22, 2023 at 7:00 pm