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Sullivan County Fire Advisory Board

Date: May 18, 2009

Meeting called to order at: 7:34pm

Pledge to the flag was held

Attendance: out of 15 members present

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

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

Coordinators Report:

There has been progress with the County regarding upgrading communications. The Legislature has approved projects for the Elk Point tower and they will go out to bid. The Time Warner tower in Wurtsboro Hills will be providing backup communications with a fiber optic link to both the State Police and the Control Center if the microwave link goes down.

The recent forest fire in Mamakating was one of the largest in recent years. It was not just another brush fire. Over 30 departments responded and there was cooperation between departments, the forest service and police agencies. The Mutual Aid plan worked as well. There were no serious injuries. The fire was close to the Time Warner tower but no homes were in danger. If the fire happened in other parts of the County, homes could be a problem.

A contract with Blue Wing will be approved this week for a needs assessment.

One of the blended training courses has been cancelled. The money was not in the State Budget. It may come later in the year.

The CDL Bill has been amended but it is not quite right yet. While you can drive to calls with no CDL, you cannot drive for drills, parades as yet. It will eventually be changed.

There will be meetings with members of law enforcement, the county, emergency workers and members of our summer communities to head off any potential problems. The economy is a problem, locally as well as nationally but we seem to be holding our own.

The recent rainstorms brought back memories of the flooding, but so far there have not been any major problems.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1) **Training Facility:** The projects are going back out for bid.
- 2) **Tax Abatement:** no report
- 3) **EMS:** no report
- 4) **Arson Investigation:** There were 3 investigations in April and 6 so far in May.
- 5) **Radio:** See under Coordinators Report.
- 6) **Winter Residential Heating:** no report

Correspondence: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

There is information available on the calls handled by the 911 center. The numbers can be misleading due to the fact that some departments respond to EMS calls as well. Dick will be doing a monthly report that breaks down the calls by type. There will be Fire calls, except medical, Medical calls by fire departments, a total for Fire, EMS calls, Police calls and a total for all.

Good and Welfare: There will be no meeting in July, we will meet in September.

Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn Time: 8:00pm

**Next meeting September 28, 2009 at 7:30pm at the
Sullivan County Government Center**