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Secretary

Sullivan County Fire Advisory Board

Date: March 21, 2011

Meeting called to order at: 7:30pm

Pledge to the flag was held

Attendance: 12 out of 14 members present

Bethel: Timothy Blais	P
Callicoon:	
Cochecton: Gary Cochrane	P
Delaware: Tim Hornicek	P
Fallsburg: Bernard Deutsch	A
Forestburgh: Arthur Salomon	P
Fremont: Anthony Wayne	A
Highland: Tim Schadt	P
Liberty: Don Sherwood	P
Lumberland: Charlie Fallon	P
Mamakating: Joe Roe	P
Neversink: Russell Turner	P
Rockland: Michael Juron	P
Thompson: Gary Smith	P
Tusten: Craig Burkle	P

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

Coordinators Report:

Planning has begun for the Memorial Day weekend Phish concerts. The expectation is for a large and rowdy crowd. Around 20,000 people are expected each day. Bethel Woods will have additional security for the event. The command center at the training facility is expected to be running all weekend.

Alex, together with the County and the contactor are working on getting the tower sites lined up. The County has taken possession of 14 acres on Firetower Road in Mamakating. AT&T is looking to add more cell phone towers but may want money for the emergency services to use them as well. SBC is looking to add towers in the Eldred area but want to charge for usage as well. The Tennenah Lake tower need to be taller but there are potential issues that could be raised before they get their permits. We may need to attend planning board meetings.

Alex will be providing to the fire chief's the specs for the new equipment needed. The Training classes are going well.

Battalion meetings are coming up.

Chief Madison will be retiring at on May 1st. No replacement has been named yet. OFPC will have a Coordinators conference at the end of the month.

Dick attended a class at the National Fire Academy on command for catastrophic incident.

The THR ran an article recently on disaster planning. Our main concerns are weather related problems, ice, snow, wind, flooding and the like. An extended power outage would pose some difficult problems for us as well.

Dick wants to thank the Fire Investigation Team for all of their hard work. They are doing a great job.

The State Fire Association will be doing a program called "Recruit NY" for both Fire and EMS in April.

The Memorial Service for fallen firefighters will be held on May 1st, and on the first Sunday in May in the years to follow. Dick would like to see a good turnout. The Maltese cross will be in place.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1) **Training Facility:** The Firefighters Association has purchased a 3rd container unit for the obstacle course. A second level will be added by cutting into the roof. Negotiations with NYSEG and O& R are taking place for a safety demo.
- 2) **EMS:** no report
- 3) **Arson:** As of February 28 there have been 10 investigations and there are 2 open cases. There will be a case going to trial soon.
The 3 new investigators are working out.
Charlie and 2 other investigators will be taking a class on car electrical fires.
The Bloomingburg fire that caused a huge amount of damage has been investigated by the insurance company and the claim was paid. The SC Fire investigators report agreed with the insurance companies report. The Fire Chief is responsible for supplying information for the investigations and Charlie is always available if information is needed.
- 4) **Radio:** See Coordinators Report

Correspondence: None

Old Business: NYSEG may do a presentation later in the year on weather related issues with electrical service.

New Business: none

Good and Welfare: none

Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn **Time:** 7:56pm

**Next meeting May 23, 2011 at 7:30pm at the
Sullivan County Government Center**