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Sullivan County Fire Advisory Board

Date: November 25, 2019

Meeting called to order at: 7:29 pm

Pledge to the flag was held

Attendance: 8 out of 15 members present

Minutes: Accepted as read

Bethel: George Roosevelt	P
Callicoon: Jim Doughty	A
Cochecton: Jason Knack	P
Delaware: Tom Dent	A
Fallsburg: Harry Barrett	P
Forestburgh: Zachary Petrowsky	P
Fremont: Shane Cruz	A
Highland: Philip Deyermond	P
Liberty: Carlton Fritz	P
Lumberland: David Hook	A
Mamakating: Thomas Morrow	A
Neversink: Don Starner	P
Rockland: Chris Tuleweit	A
Thompson: Robbie Green	A
Tusten: Craig Burkle	P

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and accepted as read.

Coordinators Report:

There was 100% fire reporting and we will receive a \$100.00 scholarship training. All 6 Battalion meetings are finished. Only 2 departments missed the meetings. Many good discussions were had.

The cardiovascular testing drew a little over 50 firefighters and family members. The number of participants was underwhelming. Multiple notices were sent but people still claimed that they were not aware this was available. This will be offered again next year.

There was decontamination training that was available and there will be another class in April at the Chiefs meeting. Individual departments can do this as well. Please check with your chiefs for details. The process is simple, just spray with a hose and scrub. Turnout gear as well as any exposed parts of your body need to be cleaned as well. There is a YouTube video demonstrating the process. There will be a new shower installed at the Control Center as well.

There were 100 people that attended the County weekend. We are working on the one for next year already, dates booked for October.

The SOP's will be updated. Some only need approval here, others need to go to Public Safety and the full Legislature for approval.

Training for the year is almost completed. There is an active shooter rescue course left and it is full.

The fit test machine went to all the districts and was discussed. There were no questions or concerns. 8 departments showed up for the course but only 1 has expressed interest in doing it. There may be liability issues if you do your own testing.

An email went to all chiefs regarding the cancer bill. You need to refile, and additional information may be needed if you participated last year. If you did not participate last year you can sign up for this year.

Alex was here to update us on the paging issues. There are still some problem areas and Motorola are working on those.

Hatzalah use a phone line from a tower to Brooklyn to help with their issues. It costs them thousands of dollars. They also saturate the areas they cover the most. They have the same issue in outlying areas that we do.

We will be renting out tower space to Verizon Wireless to generate additional revenue. This will also help with some of the spotty cell service in the area.

If you are still having paging issues, please make sure your pagers are not on scan.

Text paging for chiefs would be difficult, there is no way for the Control Center audit a manual or individual page. CAD is being updated, looking to go live in 3 weeks. If that cannot be worked out Alex will look for another way.

EMS Protocols need to be updated by the year's end.

Committee Reports:

Arson Task Force: No report, but they have been busy.

Radio: Nothing further.

Communications: None

Old Business: None

New Business: Please have next year's Appointment letters sent in to AnnMarie as soon as possible. We are aware that some appointments will not be available until after the new year.

Good and Welfare: Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 pm

**Next meeting January 27, 2020 at 7:00pm at the
Government Center**