

Craig Burkle
Chairman

Carlton Fritz
Vice Chairman
Sullivan County Fire Advisory Board

Mary Ann Drobysch
Secretary

Member swearing in by Russell Reeves

Date: May 18, 2020 via Zoom

Meeting called to order at: 7:35 pm

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	A
Liberty: Carlton Fritz	A
Lumberland: David Hook	A
Mamakating: James Hughes	P
Neversink: Glenn Vandenberg	P
Rockland: Chris Tuleweit	P
Thompson: Chris Bastone	A
Tusten: Craig Burkle	P

Minutes from the previous meeting were accepted as read.

Coordinators Report:

Any members that have not been sworn in need to contact Russ Reeves at the County Clerk and arrange to be sworn in.

As far as the Covid 19 outbreak, some of our numbers are up while other are trending down. We are still "on pause" and may be for some time yet. We are grouped with other counties who are still having significant issues.

Classes at the Control Center have been on hold, we were slated for 22 classes this spring. Virtual classes are being looked into. It may be fall before we can have in person training.

John is doing weekly calls to try and keep everyone informed.

The mutual Aid and Arson Task Force policies are being tweaked. Once they are done they will be brought here for comment and approval.

The Fire Academy may open June 1.

Some of the county associations have cancelled meeting while others have conducted Zoom meetings.

We have 100% fire reporting and will receive \$1,000.00 and will be used at Montour for training. Thanks to Jack Halchak for all his hard work in getting this done.

We have applied for a Safer Grant as well as a DEC Grant.

John has sent out information regarding fake N95 masks. Please be careful when purchasing.

Worker's Comp has changed on how it is reported. There is an 800# that all the chiefs have. You must call for all injuries and will be given a case number at the time of the call. There will be a nurse available 24/7. A new form will be available soon, until then keep using the old one.

The Fire District Association has cancelled its may meeting, they may try and meet in July.

Committee Reports:

Arson Task Force: There have been several recent fires that are keeping the investigators busy. The County is trying to get them more equipment.

Radio: Nothing further

Communications: None

Old Business:

There are still some issues with the physicals. Harry has not had a chance to find out more information due to the Covid 19 outbreak. Covid 19 has been holding up the entire process of getting physicals. Partners in Safety is doing them in their Middletown office, they are not travelling to individual departments. There is also a place in Liberty on Carrier Street that is doing them, you need to make an appointment and be specific as to the tests you need.

New Business:

911 issues are on hold due to Covid 19. Harry says that it is good thing that Fire and EMS are putting up a united front in opposing the sheriff's plan.

Good and Welfare: Craig thanks John for setting up this Zoom meeting. We will meet in July, whether in person or Zoom. There are some policies that need to be reviewed.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 pm

Next Meeting July 27 at 7:30 pm in the Government Center in the Legislative meeting room

Masks are required