

Chris Tuleweit
Chairman

Ross Turner
Vice Chairman

Mary Ann Drobysh
Secretary

Sullivan County Fire Advisory Board

Date: February 28,2022

Meeting called to order at: 7:30 pm

Elections were held, Chris Tuleweit was elected as Chairman, Ross Turner as Vice Chairman

Attendance: 10 out of 14 members present

Minutes: Accepted as read

Bethel: Peter Maltese	P
Callicoon: Ross Turner	P
Cochecton: Jason Knack	P
Delaware: Tom Dent	P
Fallsburg: Eric Akerley	P
Forestburgh: Michael J. Rommell	P
Fremont: George Conklin	A
Highland: Ken Anderson	A
Liberty:	
Lumberland: David Hook	A
Mamakating: Charles Griswold	P
Neversink: Michael Kelly	A
Rockland: Chris Tuleweit	P
Thompson: Ed Walsh	P
Tusten: Craig Burkle	P

Minutes from the previous meeting, November 29, 2021, were read and accepted as read.

Coordinators Report: Jack was here for John.

Jack thanked Craig for the service as Chairman.

There are links to all of our policies and procedures as well as past minutes on the County website on the Bureau of Fire page.

Jack had suggestions for projects this Board could undertake this year, standardized activated alarms policies and procedures, Air B & B regulations or a Chief's Handbook. See discussion under new business.

Jack gave the year end report on calls and types of calls along with the comparison to 2020. Most types of calls saw an increase this past year, there is no one reason for the increases.

Committee Reports:

Arson Task Force: Plan is still waiting for the State to approve along with the Mutual Aid Plan.

Radio: The issues that come up are constantly being worked on. If you have an issue, contact John, Alex or one of the deputy coordinators so that it can be addressed. The biggest issue is still the use of the scan feature. Chiefs need to educate members and enforce policies. Car radios are more effective than portables.

Communications: None

Old Business: none

New Business: Mary Ann was reappointed as secretary.

Each member should check to see what policies and procedures are in place in their respective towns that deal with activated alarm issues, such as definitions, fines, and reporting. The policies differ from town to town, as well as fines and reporting, we should have consistency in reporting in the county.

As far as fines collected, most feel that the monies collected should go to the fire departments rather than the town as they are the ones who have the time and expense involved in investigating these incidents.

Any information regarding Air B & B should also be obtained. Each Town should already have regulations in place.

Please forward them to Mary Ann so she can compile a listing for discussion.

Once we have more information, we could possibly take it to a countywide Town Supervisors meeting for their input.

Good and Welfare. None

Meeting Adjourned 8:33pm

**Next meeting March 28, 2022 at 7:30 pm via
ZOOM
Details to follow**