

Bernie Deutsch  
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Vice Chairman

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### Sullivan County Fire Advisory Board

**Date:** May 21, 2012

**Meeting called to order at:** 7:32pm

**Pledge to the flag was held**

**Attendance:** 10 out of 15 members present

Bethel: Timothy Blais	A
Callicoon: Paul Hemmer	A
Cochecton: Gary Cochrane	P
Delaware: Tim Hornicek	P
Fallsburg: Bernard Deutsch	P
Forestburgh: Chris Cavello	P
Fremont: Anthony Wayne	P
Highland: Warren Wagner	A
Liberty: Don Sherwood	A
Lumberland: Charlie Fallon	P
Mamakating: Joe Roe	P
Neversink: Russell Turner	A
Rockland: Michael Juron	P
Thompson: Robert Yakin	P
Tusten: Craig Burkle	A

**Reading of minutes from previous meeting:** Correction of the name of George Shlor. Minutes accepted as corrected.

#### **Coordinators Report:**

52 people attended the class on the I 86 corridor. It went well.

There will likely be delays on 17 this summer due to the construction of the new bridge over the Neversink in the Bridgeville area. The DOT is working with the contractor.

The training data for the volunteer firefighters will be merged into a database with other State agencies. It will take some time to get the data into the system. It will be helpful in the future in determining class requirements and prerequisites. We may in the future be able to print certificates for people upon course completion.

The new HazMat books will be in soon. There will be at least 1 for every truck.

Alex is working on a Radio Interoperability Grant we would share with several other counties.

The Neversink Reservoir will be open to the public for boating this year. The DEP will have a boat and be doing some patrols. There was some radio testing done and a few trouble spots have been found and are being worked on.

Our mutual aid plan needs some work, when finished it will be brought here for approval.

The 7 policies we had previously approved were sent to the legislature and they also approved them.

Charlie and his team have completed their investigation on the Grandview Palace fire. The investigation required a lot of man hours for Charlie and his team. They did a great job.

There are many consequences to the County due to the fire, the largest part being the lost tax revenue to the Town of Fallsburg and the Liberty School District.

Bernie questioned the status of a County dive boat. It is out of service and is not going to be repaired. Some individual departments have boats available.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- 1) **Training Facility:** no report
- 2) **EMS:** no report
- 3) **Arson:** As far as the Grandview fire, there were multiple local and State agencies involved in the investigation. The Arson Task Force will be submitting a report as well as the OFPC. No dogs were used in the investigation as there were no missing people and trained dogs are difficult to find. The origin of the fire was in the old boiler room in the main building. Security investigating a smell of smoke located the fire. The team is 15 to 20 investigations ahead of last year. Lumberland is buying an airboat, it is fully loaded and there will be no need to launch it in the water, it travels across land as well. They will make it available for County use. Members will be sent to Florida for training.
- 4) **Radio:** no report

**Correspondence:** none

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:**

The fire investigation reports are filed in Dick's office. If a copy is required you need to file a FOIL request with the County Manager's Office. The County needs to maintain a list of who has copies of the filed report in the event of litigation. Dick cannot release without a properly filed request. If there is a criminal investigation involved the report will be frozen and not released until its resolution. If needed for an insurance claim the DA's office will release some information and not the entire report. A Chief can also complete a report and release that. They do not have to follow the same protocols as the County.

Motion made to cancel July meeting and passed. If necessary we will call a special meeting of the Board.

**Good and Welfare:** none

**Adjournment:** Motion to Adjourn      **Time:** 8:07pm

**Next meeting September 24, 2012 at 7:30pm**