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## Sullivan County Fire Advisory Board

**Date:** July 25, 2016

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

**Pledge to the flag was held**

**Attendance:** 9 out of 15 members present

**Minutes:** Read and accepted as read

Bethel: George Roosevelt	P
Callicoon: Jim Doughty	A
Cochecton: Jason Knack	P
Delaware: Isaac Green-Diebboll	P
Fallsburg: Bernard Deutsch	A
Forestburgh: Zachary Petrowsky	P
Fremont: Shane Cruz	A
Highland: Philip Deyermond	P
Liberty: Carlton Fritz	P
Lumberland: Charlie Fallon	A
Mamakating: Tim Koestler	A
Neversink: Russell Turner	P
Rockland: Michal Juron	P
Thompson: Ray Stevens	A
Tusten: Craig Burkle	P

### **Coordinators Report:**

Jack Halchak gave the report tonight for Dick

There was 100% fire reporting in Sullivan County this year that earns a \$1,000.00 scholarship to the Fire Academy. We usually use it for the Fire Investigators.

Jack was the deputy in charge at the Minnewaska Fire. The afternoon planning session created the incident plan for the following day to deal with the people and equipment available. There is not a lot of time to fulfill the needs. A phone chain is set up and that does not always work well. There were several smaller brush fires going on as well. Jack thanked all for their hard work.

There is a SOP that requires full turnout gear for brushfires, anyone not properly dressed were not allowed.

The classes are filling fast for the Count weekend at the Fire Academy.

The Monticello tower is going up, the weather has cooperated with most of the tower work. Most sites are complete.

Bids will be in soon for 3 vendors for the radio equipment. You can use one of them or choose your own as long as the specs are met. There is no State bid available.

When responding to an incident you need to respond directly to 53 Control, they will in turn acknowledge your response. When the new system is up and running we should be able call in and dispatch at the same time.

Oriskany may get a training center.

An email was sent out regarding the changes for FF1. It details the requirements and breakdown of training, what is mandatory or optional. Some of the specs may have been covered by prior training, the email spells it all out.

There will be a new class list coming out soon.

As far as the Training Center, CES has donated a tank truck, the stadium lighting is completed and the locker room will be placed by the trailers.

**Committee Reports:**

Arson Task Force: Art Hawker is the new senior Investigator.

Radio: See Coordinator's report

**Communications:** None

**Old Business:** The plans we approved in March were passed by the County and are available online.

**New Business:**

A question was raised on downed electrical wires and how much responsibility we should assume. Jack stated that we are not electricians and we do not work for the utility company. He recommended that in general, you set up lights or flares and contact the police to let them know the wires are down and unmanned. If the wire is down in a roadway try to set up a barricade and wait onsite for assistance. Use your best judgment in a given situation.

There was a logger rescue class given by the Pennsylvania Forestry Service. They also give a chain saw handling class. Jason will see if there is a possibility of getting them to come here and give the class, or series of classes, perhaps at one of the river department's firehouses.

The County should think about sponsoring one, or perhaps a farm safety course.

**Good and Welfare:** Bernie is in the hospital, keep him in your thoughts and prayers. Russ thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting.

Meeting adjourned 7:55 pm

**Next meeting September 26, 2016 at 7:30pm at the Government Center**