

Ross Turner  
Chairman

Jason Kraack  
Vice Chairman

Mary Ann Drobysch  
Secretary

**Sullivan County Fire Advisory Board**

**Date:** February 2, 2026 (January Postponed due to weather) Pledge to the Flag recited.

**Meeting called to order at:** 7:05 pm

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

Elections were held, Jason Kraack is the new Chairman and Tim Hornicek is the Vice Chairman Mary Ann reappointed as Secretary

**Minutes:** Read and accepted as read

Bethel: Peter Maltese	A
Callicoon: Ross Turner	P
Cochecton: Jason Knack	P
Delaware: Tim Hornicek	P
Fallsburg:	
Forestburgh: Michael Rommell	A
Fremont: George Conklin	A
Highland: Dave Preston	A
Liberty: Don Sherwood	P
Lumberland: David Fein	P
Mamakating: Anthony Fello	A
Neversink: Tim Dexheimer	P
Rockland: Nathan Routledge	P
Thompson: Tet Tun	P
Tusten: Stephen Stuart	P

**Coordinators Report:**

John welcomes the new and returning members.

He thanks all the emergency services for their hard work during the extreme weather conditions we are having.

The Rehab Team is ready to go/

The Recruit and Retention program has received a \$25,000.00 grant. They will use it for a tandem trailer and supplies.

The Youth Academy will be July 20-24. It is for 14-16 year olds. Registration may be in March, deadline is May.

Training Center courses are going well, Haz Mat is not full, others are maxed out. The Spring and Summer schedule is being worked on.

A Health and Wellness survey was sent out to Law Enforcement. Fire and EMS are already done.

Announcements must be given to Erin at the Control Center the Friday before they need to be made.

Last year there were 119 background checks completed by the Sheriff's office. Some departments are not using the Sheriff, possibly using 3<sup>rd</sup> party vendors.

John gave the results of the 2025 annual report for the Control center and classroom usage.

Fire Calls were down about 300 from 2024. False Alarms and activated alarms increased. The breakdown of calls is available on the website.

The new Fire Reporting system is online. Everyone should be using it. We are doing better than some other counties, only 1 department is still trying to set it up. Windows 10 or better is needed. A generic password will be issued in order to use the system and once the chief supplies demographic information a new password must be set up. You can also use the "forgot password" option. After the password is created the profile and the department can be confirmed. You then can add in each incident. Apparatus can be added via a drop-down menu. Jack has made crib sheet available on the website if you need help. It is under "forms" on the website. Mutual Aid numbers for departments are listed as well. Jack is also available if anyone has questions.

The DEC Grant, and possibly other grants will require the Neris account number. John has sent out an email regarding injury reporting to all the chiefs and commissioners.

PESH has been doing inspections on several departments.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Arson Task Force:** They have been very busy; they had 77 calls last year. There are new standards that must be followed. All our investigators have State and National Certifications.

**911:** Jeff Tower is continuing to move forward. They hope to have it completed by 2027. The new channel plan should be out soon. A question was asked about the timing of the new frequencies, Alex was not here and he would have that information. Portables will need to be reprogrammed, and the county will pay for it, you should contact your vendors. Pagers will not have to be done.

Battalion meetings will be ongoing this month and will discuss storm modes, A list will be created to contact stations.

The Communications Committee that came about last year after the Battalion Five letter has met and the issues raised are being addressed. The results will be discussed at the Battalion meetings.

There will be discussion at the Chief's meeting on procedures at fire scenes and the flow of information about personnel and equipment from the chief on down. The procedure will be finalized by the committee, possibly by May. This will also be discussed at the Battalion meetings.

**EMS:** Fly Car is working well.

**Radio:** Nothing further

**Communications:** None

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Good and Welfare:** None

**Meeting Adjourned 7:45 pm**

**Next Meeting March 30, 2026 7:00pm**