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Westchester County Fire Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

November 20, 2014

Present: Chairman Bergson, Vice Chair McDonald, Commissioner Cullen, A Ochs, B. Gray, T Cain, J Iantorno, R. Moon

Chairman H Bergson opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 1935 hours.

Nominations for officers commenced, opening for secretary will be filled by Byron Gray. Also uncontested was the desire to leave Chair Bergson and Vice Chair McDonald in their respective positions for 2015.

Chief Tom Cain reports that this will be his last meeting with the Advisory Board and that the Career Chiefs will be recommending his replacement. Chief Cain was thanked for his 9 years of service to the County on this Advisory Board.

- Copies of the power point presentation from the last meeting regarding the communications system were sent out to all Board members via email.
- Request for Proposal for consultants for new communication system went out.
- System to emphasize data transfer and microwave redundancy, more towers and must have reliability using portable radios.
- System to be in the 700mhz band spectrum.

Commissioner Cullen reported on capital projects for 2015:

- Construction of an equipment storage building in area of upper lot where current fenced in area is. Estimate 6.6 mil.
- Creation of a gear/locker room building equipped with showers. Apx 5.5 mil.
- Rehab the training tower and burn building.
- Current upgrades slated for the radio/dispatch center have stalled.

Commissioner Cullen pointed out that some of the budget lines in the DES 2015 budget have been reallocated to other departments and that they have not resulted in a loss of positions/personnel to DES.

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Changes in the NYS Firefighter 1 curriculum were discussed and the resulting increase in hours is to align with the National curriculum.

60 Control is upgraded to Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) protocol/standards and is actively working toward a “structured dispatch” for Fire.

FAB meeting dates for 2015 are scheduled as follows:

Jan 15, March 19, Sept 17, Nov 19.

The Board wishes all members a Happy, Healthy and Safe Holiday Season!

Meeting Adjourned at 2029 hrs.

June 27

September 26

November 21

The meeting was adjourned at 2038 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

DC McDonald