Westchester County Fire Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2016

Present: Chairman Bergson, Vice Chair McDonald, Commissioner Cullen, Coordinator Dingee, G Tockstein, J Iantorno, R. Moon, J Caparelli, K Hoffarth, R Campbell, R Lyman

Chairman H Bergson opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 1930 hours.

- Accepted minutes from last meeting.
- Accepted resignation from R Benz (career)

13 members total; current vacancies: 1 Career, 1 WCVFF’s. Board seeks recommendations for members

- Commissioner Cullen has reported to County Executive Astorino that the FAB is functioning well.
- Commissioner Cullen declared that the Fire Advisory Board is designated as the lead recommendation/referral agency to steer the development of the new County wide communication system.
- Communications/EMS Chief M. Volk will be sending out a questionnaire to all Fire Chiefs seeking recommendations for the development of the new communications system.
- Chief Volk also sent out request to update the mutual aid running cards and discussed the difference of automatic aid.

Chiefs should frequently check the status of apparatus listed in/out of service available for mutual aid.

Commissioner summarized the 2015 run statistics. 60 Control dispatched a total of 132,251 runs last year while dispatching for 52 out of 59 Westchester agencies.
Construction: 60 Control dispatch rehab has begun.

- The EMS and Communications/CADS office has relocated to a trailer.
- Locker and bathrooms are to be rebuilt.
- Tower rehab is being evaluated; Tower is currently closed above the 3rd floor.
- Lower 3 floors are usable. Work expected to begin during latter half of 2016.

A building to house the light trailers and other support apparatus that are housed outside is expected to be constructed.

Chief Caparelli stated that 60 Control lacks a “structured fire dispatch component” that negatively impacts a community’s ISO rating.

The Career Fire Academy is expecting to commence a class to start in March. A financial commitment from participating Departments will be due sometime in February.

Classroom upgrade will hopefully begin...

New 1403 Live Burn Policy will be issued to all CFI’s and will be implemented. A gear inspection/check off will be included. Turnouts cannot be more than 10 years old.

Active shooter training is expected to start including a fire service component.

- A full scale Westchester County Airport Drill will take place on May 7, 2016
- Fire reports for 2015 need to be completed and submitted!
- Next meeting March 24, 2016

Meeting adjourned at 2008 hrs.