Ross Campbell, Bill Rosa, George Tockstein and Joe Iantorno were excused from the meeting.

In attendance were: DES Commissioner John Cullen, Director Bill Dingee, Chairman Hank Bergson, D. Klaus, J. Marshall, J. Olenick, R. Lyman, J. Caparelli, K. Hoffarth, P. MacDonald

Chairman Hank Bergson opened the meeting at 7:31 PM.

Hank introduced a new board member, John Marshall from Mount Kisco, is the Battalion 16 Coordinator is assigned as a member at Large. Hank informed the board that Bob Moon has resigned from the Board due to personal opportunities. At this time there are two openings on the Board.

There was a motion to accept the December meetings, it was seconded and all voting aye.

**Radio System**

There will be a joint meeting of the Fire Advisory Board and the EMS Board to meet with the County’s Radio Consultant on April 12th at 6:30 PM at DES. The Consultant will present the results of the Radio Survey. The surveys were sent out over a three week period and the feedback was not great. The time was extended and the people that received the survey were increased. DES heard back from almost all departments. Hank asked that the Board Members please make every effort to attend the meeting. Hank went on to say that there were some items that were left out of the previous radio system due to time and budget constraints, these items have been included this time in the initial pass. Additional radio towers, microwave backup between towers, etc. The new system will be digital. Radio allocations should be better this time around. All trunking radio needs should be satisfied. We hope to have all the radios supplied by the County. It is important to give this new system a lot of thought, we have a lot of input on the design of the system, and we want to try to make sure the system has what we want this time around. Please give us your ideas. Commissioner Cullen mentioned that one of the items talked about is a “status system”, so rather than radioing in a company’s status a button can be keyed and it will acknowledge that the apparatus is responding, in service, out of service, etc. Paging will continue on 46.26 for now, although a new paging system will be proposed in the new system. Cross banding by each agency will still be allowed and fire grounds will stay at the existing frequencies. The last system was a mobile based system, the Consultants are tasked with making this a portable based system, should be able to work through light construction. Please
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go back to your organizations and generate wish lists. Try to direct all comments and questions through the Fire Advisory board.

Commissioner Cullen reported on the Training Center & DES – The CAD and radio room are almost complete. The Public Safety Department in on the same CAD system. The Emergency Operations Center, 60-Control and Public Safety now have all similar equipment and layouts, people can now move between these areas as needed and be familiar with the equipment and software. The Tower in the training yard has been condemned above the 3rd floor; it is probably about a year out for repair. There are two new supervisor vehicles, the old vehicles will be handed down, and there is also a new pickup truck. Engine 7 will be replaced. Departments will no longer need to send apparatus down for proby School. There is currently a Career Academy running, there are 16 people in the class, none have had previous Fire Fighter experience. The Trench Rescue prop now has Instructor authorization from the State; they are working out what training they will need. Fire Fighter 1 National Certification testing will be done this year. The County Haz-Mat team responded to the Tug Boat Accident on the Hudson River they were decontaminating the divers. The Cause and Origin team is now working with cities within the County; we should be able to get more statistics now. The annual report will be out soon, look for it on the DES website.

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The joint meeting with the Radio Consultants will be April 12th @ 6:30 p.m. at DES
The next regularly scheduled FAB meeting is September 15th at DES @ 7:30 PM

There was a motion to adjourn at 8:00 – all present voting aye.