Westchester County Fire Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
September 28, 2017

Present: Bergson, Olenik, Lyman, Marshall, Stern, Caparelli, Iantorno.

Excused: Klaus, Hoffarth, Outhouse, Tockstein.

Absent: Campbell, Roza

- Joint meeting of Fire Advisory Board, EMS Advisory Board, Fire Coordinators and EMS Coordinators
- Stated purpose was a joint meeting to review progress on the proposed county replacement of the current trunking radio system and the acquisition and distribution of equipment under a SIG3 Grant
- DES Commissioner Cullen opened the meeting and introduced the groups and meeting purpose and agenda
- EMS Advisory Board Chairman Dawson led the group in the pledge of allegiance
- Fire Advisory Board Chairman Bergson reminded the group that there next meeting was Nov 16, 2017 at DES at 7:00 pm and that meeting would elect 2018 officers those interested in running should contact Chairman Bergson;
- Tom Raffaelli Project Manager for the County DOIT radio group was introduced.
- Key Points of note:
  - Microwave at towers complete
  - New Fox Lane tower pending
  - No final determination if new system will be UHF T band or 700mhz answer anticipated by 2020
  - Project funding anticipates replacing current county supplied trunking mobiles and portables with new system radios on a one for one basis.
• Receipt of SICG3 grant to supply all band radios to coordinators and departments that had significant requirements to communicate with out of county or out of state agencies due to frequent mutual aid (both given and received).
• At present Motorola APX 8500 is only unit to meet this requirement
• Motorola representatives presented various configurations and accessories that would be available.
• Attendees were encouraged to communicate with their various groups and contact DES with what configurations they felt would best meet their needs
• Unit distribution priorities will be established by DES based on frequency of out of area mutual aid interaction.
• Meeting adjourned 8:10 pm