

# COLUMBIA COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD

85 Industrial Tract, Hudson, New York 12534

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The April 21, 2010 Columbia County Fire Advisory Board meeting was called to order by Chairman Henry Swartz at 7:00pm with the following people answering roll call:

Henry Swartz, CCVFA, Chairman  
James Briscoe, CCFCA  
Joseph H. Loeffler, CCVFA  
Tab Eigenbrodt, Deputy Fire Coord.  
Gary Tuthill, Emergency Management

Ron Rifenburg, CCFCA, Vice-Chairman  
Wally Engel, CCFCA  
Mike Stelling, CCVFA  
Gary Mazzacano, CCFCA  
Janet Shumsky, Secretary

A motion to approve the minutes of January 20, 2010 was made by Mike Stelling and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Loeffler. Motion carried.

## Correspondence:

- Letter from Red Rock concerning Fire Advisory Board response to their request.

## Fire Coordinator's Report:

Deputy Fire Coordinator Tab Eigenbrodt reported on the following items:

- There are numerous fire schools in session or scheduled. For a complete list see the Fire School announcement.
  - Firefighter 1 started in Niverville on April 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Firefighter 1 will begin in Hudson on April 26<sup>th</sup>
  - Firefighter Survival has 18 people in class in Copake
  - Firefighter Survival class full in Spencertown beginning May 18<sup>th</sup>
  - ICS-200 scheduled to begin May 10<sup>th</sup> in Stuyvesant Falls
  - Apparatus Ops Emergency Vehicle course to be held in Spencertown on June 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Apparatus Ops Emergency Vehicle course to be held in Craryville on June 21<sup>st</sup>
  - NIMS 700 to be held at Kinderhook on May 24<sup>th</sup>
  - Live Fire Safety to be held at New Lebanon Fire Station on June 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Conducting Live Fire Training Evolutions at New Lebanon on June 9<sup>th</sup>
- There will be a full Battalion meeting on May 17<sup>th</sup> at Chatham station at 7:00pm. All Chiefs and Line Officers are encouraged to attend.
- There will be a chemical suicide class scheduled in the near future. The date and place will be announced.

## Instructor's Report:

Mike Stelling reported that all schools are well received and most are full.

## EMS Coordinator's Report:

- No report.

## Emergency Management Report:

Gary Tuthill submitted the following report:

- The Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan is still being worked on and will take quite some time to complete.
- Gary Mazzacano brought up that there is supposed to be a meeting with emergency responders and emergency management on the proposed Metalfest concert that is scheduled to happen on the grounds of Meadowgreens. No further information is available.

**911 Center:**

Rob Lopez reported on the following items:

- The 2009 HazMat grant has been received for \$84,700 to enhance the county's equipment capabilities.
- The radio installation is moving along. Scheduling of the installation of the microwave will be done this week. During the installation there will be minimal downtime. The old radio system is being kept in good working order.

**HazMat Team:**

Matt Larabee sent report:

- There have been no calls since the last meeting
- Seven members attended the annual Hazmat conference in Montour Falls in February. The team placed 2<sup>nd</sup>, one point behind the Dutchess County team placing first.

**Cause and Origin Team:**

Wally Engel reported:

- The team has responded to 4 calls so far this year.

**Supervisor's report:**

No report.

**Old / Unfinished Business:**

- Ron Rifenburgh questioned the status of Red Rock responding to all emergency calls in their district. Tab explained that Red Rock is still not being dispatched to priority 1 and 2 calls and would like to see the Fire Advisory Board give their opinion on the matter. A letter was written by Red Rock asking that the Board's opinion be put in writing to them. Tab explained that a letter was already given to 911 Center requesting to be dispatched to all calls. Red Rock received a letter from the County Attorney's office, which he shared with the Board. Joe Loeffler said the Board supports Red Rock going to whichever calls they choose as the "home rule" should take precedence. Board members feel that we have gone as far as we can and it is now a County issue. A motion was made by Mike Stelling and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Mazzacano to have the Secretary send a letter to Red Rock stating that this Board supports them with the home rule. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

- None.

**Next meeting:**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 21st at 7:00pm at Public Safety Building, Industrial Tract, Hudson.

**Adjournment:**

With no further business to conduct, a motion to adjourn was made by Joe Loeffler and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Mazzacano. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet L. Shumsky, Secretary  
Columbia County Fire Advisory Board