

**Columbia County Fire Chiefs' Association**  
General Meeting                      March 15, 2016                      7:15pm

Meeting called to order by President Tom Rector

Welcomed by Chief Mark Bowmont of the Philmont Fire Company.

Minutes: A motion to accepted the corrected minutes of the previous General meeting Greg Gilliland/Paul Pratt – Carried.

Minutes of the previous Directors meeting read for informational purposes only.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept the report as read by Russ Wheeler,

John O/Gregg Gilliland –  
Carried.

Reports of Committees:

Coordinator's Report: Bill Hunt stated that the first half of the schools are currently full.

There is the possibility of a rehab bus for the well-being of the firemen.

The Haz-Mat truck is capable of operating for 2 hours without backup resources.

10 people have signed up for the Haz-Mat Conference.

Special Opts trailer is at the county garage for lettering. It will then be equipped, and drivers will be sought.

Our position on the Fireworks Law has been presented to the Public Safety Committee. They will be meeting Thursday March 17th at which time they will also be considering 2 sites for the training tower.

Resumes for the vacancy in the coordinators' office have been accepted and interviews will begin Wednesday March 23rd

Radio Committee Chairman, George Keeler and 911 Director, Rob Lopez have begun approving and returning truck numbers.

C&O will meet for certification discussion and recruiting additional team members  
We are working on a plan to get members back on track with certification by the end of the year.

Safety Trailer: Dick Howard is planning a clean-up of the building and having the floor painted.

Education & Training: Tonight's training will be presented by Doug Garrison and is volunteering his services.

Legislative: Jim Brady stated that there are currently 3 bills being considered: increased retirement benefits, firefighters hunting license at no cost, and volunteer firefighters with cancer receiving benefits similar to those of professionals.

Banquet: Laura Foster reported the date of the banquet will be Friday, October 14th at Kozels.

Scholarship Fund: It was suggested that the presentation of the scholarship take place Friday, March 25 at Columbia Greene Comm. Coll. when the Firefighter 1 class graduates.

Communications: A letter was received requesting our support of John P. Farrell, Jr. to the position of 2nd Vice President of FASNY in 2016. Bill Hunt motion to send a letter of support, second by Jim Brady – Carried. The secretary will send the letter.

Jose Ortez donated \$50 to the Sunshine Fund and thanked the organization for their well wishes.

Old Business: Jim Brady reminded us of the Cancer Awareness class to be held Monday, May 16th at Columbia Greene Comm. Coll. Please let them know if you plan on attending so the size of the room can be determined. Also a \$100 is needed for refreshments.

Motion by Melissa Eighenbrodt that Todd's and Melissa's fees for tonight's training be donated to cover the cost of the refreshments for the Cancer Awareness Class. Motion second by Wally Engel – Carried.

Motion by Jim Brady/Jose Ortez to approved the applications for membership of: Ed Czyzhyski, Ed Roosa, Art Sherman Jr., Randy Lewis, Charles Seay, Dan La Marre, David Adriance, Robert Adriance, and Anthony Brahm – Carried.

Wally Engel reported there are only 7 smoke detectors left.

Ben Wheeler and Gary Smith have come to an agreement.

New Business: Applications for membership were received from 5 firefighters at this evenings meeting. They will be reviewed at the Directors' meeting and they will be voted on by the membership at the next general meeting.

Bills: The night's refreshments were donated by the Philmont Fire Company.

Good of the Association: Bill Hunt thanked the Association for the \$140 to cover the overage cost of the Haz-Mat Team to attend the conference.

Announcements: Next Directors' meeting April 19th the Vanderbilt, Philmont.

Next General meeting May 17th Lebanon Valley Protective Association.

Motion to adjourn Ben Wheeler/Gregg Gilliland – Carried.

Secretary

Irene Huston