

COLUMBIA COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD

85 Industrial Tract, Hudson, New York 12534

*****Unapproved*****

The April 19, 2013 Columbia County Fire Advisory Board meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Mazzacano at 7:00pm with the following people answering roll call:

Gary Mazzacano, Battal 1&2, Chairman
Joseph H. Loeffler, CCVFA

Paul Pratt, Battal 4 & 5
James Briscoe, CCFCA

James MacArthur, CCVFA

Wally Engel, CCFCA

Roy Brown, CC Board of Supervisors

John Howe, Fire Coordinator

Janet Shumsky, Secretary

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2013 meeting was made by Jim Briscoe and 2nd Paul Pratt. Motion carried.

Correspondence: None.

Fire Coordinator's Report:

Fire Coordinator John Howe gave the following report:

- The Fire coordinator's Office attended 55 meetings and was present at 22 mutual aid alarms. Seven calls required C&O assistance and there were 2 HazMat calls.
- 12 schools have been completed since the beginning of the year. 220 students have graduated representing 5,006 student hours.
- The mobile classroom has been setup at the training tower and we are planning a work detail sometime in the near future.
- The radio project continues, Rob Lopex has had a number of meetings in the last month in a bid to secure the frequencies. Securing frequencies for emergency operations is much more complicated than securing frequencies for business or commercial. A public hearing is scheduled for the Eger tower on Monday, April 22nd. We are looking for a turnout of County Firefighters to support this project.
- Battalion meetings are taking place this month with Battalions 2 and 3 complete. Battalions 4 and 5 are planned for next week.
- 5 resumes have been received for State Fire Instructor with assessments set for May 12th. There are 2 positions open.
- Coordinators office is awaiting the return of resumes for the open Deputy Fire Coordinator position. Interviews for this position are tentatively scheduled for the first week in May.
- OFPC solicited for Intelligence Liaison Officers for Columbia County. It has been decided that Michael Cozzolino will be representing Fire and Kevin Johnson will be representing EMS.

- The problem that was brought to the Coordinators office by Steve Montie on Hudson River has been resolved. There will be a meeting on May 14th to address any concerns.`

Instructor's Report:

- Report included under Fire Coordinator's report.

EMS Coordinator's Report:

- No report received.

Emergency Management Report:

- No report received.

911 Center:

- Report included under Fire Coordinator's report..

HazMat Team:

- Report included under Fire Coordinator's report.

Cause and Origin Team:

- Report included under Fire Coordinator's report.

Supervisor's report:

- Present but nothing to report.

Old / Unfinished Business:

- None.

New Business:

- Roy Brown advised the Board for information purposes that CSX does not own the railroad tracks along the Hudson River any longer. They are now in possession of AMTRAK.
- Roy Brown brought up discussion of the outline for selection of Fire Coordinator that the committee has been working on. A few changes are being made in the qualifications of Fire Coordinator position. A motion was made by Paul Pratt and seconded by Wally Engel to approve the changes that were made. Motion carried. Roy will email the updated version.
- John Howe advised that the county mutual aid plans are putting more responsibilities on the officers and need to make sure people are aware of those responsibilities.

Next meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 17th, 2013 at 7:00pm at Public Safety Building, Industrial Tract, Hudson.

Adjournment:

With no further business to conduct, a motion to adjourn was made by Jim MacArthur and 2nd by Joe Loeffler. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet L. Shumsky
Secretary