

Sullivan County Bureau of Fire Public Safety Meeting Report
June 4, 2026

The Bureau of Fire continues its efforts with the Bureau of EMS, the Sheriff's Office, and the New York State Police in preparation for the 3rd Annual Emergency Services Youth Academy. This year's program will take place July 20–24 at the Richard A. Martinkovic Public Safety Training Center and is open to students ages 14–16.

Registration officially opened on April 1, and interest in the program remains strong as we continue working to engage and inspire the next generation of emergency service professionals. Currently, we have 18 new cadets and 6 returning cadets enrolled in the program.

Training initiatives remain a priority, with both basic and advanced courses continuing to be delivered to support the development and operational readiness of our fire service personnel.

Recently, I participated in the PERMA (Public Employee Risk Management Association) Conference, which provided valuable information on workplace safety, injury prevention, and strategies to strengthen organizational safety culture. Key sessions focused on Safety Committee training, fall prevention, mobile safety technology, and the resources available through PESH (Public Employee Safety and Health).

I also attended a seminar on “Personalities in the Workplace,” provided by our Probation Department.

Fire drills were conducted at the Government Center, Annex, District Attorney's Office, Public Health Department, and Sunset Lake facility. Additional drills will be conducted in the future. I would like to recognize the Safety Committee, Floor Monitors, and all staff members for their outstanding efforts and professionalism during these exercises.

The Recruitment and Retention Task Force, “Join Sullivan Fire,” remains active in community outreach efforts. Members will continue engagement at upcoming events, including First Responder Night at the Bethel Lakeside Music Festival, the Wurtsboro Street Fair, the Bagel Festival, and the Little World's Fair.

The Bureau of Fire remains committed to strengthening training, supporting personnel, and enhancing public safety services throughout Sullivan County.

Thank you, and please stay safe.