

# Bureau of Fire

## Public Safety Meeting January 8, 2026

We wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year and look forward to continuing our work together throughout 2026.

December was a very busy and challenging month across Sullivan County, with multiple structure fires, motor vehicle accidents, and winter storm events. We wish to thank all emergency services agencies for their professionalism, teamwork, and coordinated response efforts.

Several serious incidents during the month required the activation of the Critical Incident Management Team to support responders from fire, EMS, 911, and law enforcement agencies who were involved at these scenes.

Training for 2026 is now underway, and attendance for the courses being offered has been strong.

We would like to thank the Department of Public Works (DPW) for their hard work at the training center. Their efforts, including waxing the floors, which look excellent, and completing other facility projects, are greatly appreciated.

The Recruitment and Retention Task Force had a productive and successful year. Plans are currently underway for a retention focused seminar to be held in late spring.

The Rehabilitation Team is fully prepared for the winter season and ready to respond to large scale incidents as needed.

The Sullivan 180 Healthiest Fire Department Challenge officially began on January 1, 2026, with several fire departments participating.

We also extend our thanks to Confidential Secretary Erin O'Brien for her efforts in preparing and submitting a Recruitment and Retention Grant. Just prior to Christmas, we were notified that the Bureau of Fire was awarded a \$25,000 grant. We thank Erin and the Grants Department for their assistance and support.

Statistics for the 2025 calendar year will be available and presented at the February meeting.