

## **Bureau of Fire Public Safety Meeting Report April 9, 2025**

I apologize for my absence today, as I am attending the annual New York State Fire Coordinators Conference.

The past month has been extremely busy, with multiple structure fires including three fatal incidents, numerous motor vehicle accidents involving multiple fatalities and several weather-related storms. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all emergency services personnel for their professionalism and dedication during these challenging events.

The County Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) Team was activated to provide support to both career and volunteer first responders.

The Bureau of Fire continues to work with the Bureau of EMS, the Sheriff's Office, and the New York State Police on the 3rd Annual Emergency Services Youth Academy. This program will be held at the Richard A. Martinkovic Public Safety Training Center from July 20–24 for students ages 14–16. Registration opened on April 1.

Training efforts continue to move forward, with both basic and advanced courses being conducted.

The Bureau of Fire along with several Sullivan County Fire Chiefs participated in a New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Control Fire Mobilization and Mutual Aid course held at the Training Center.

The New York State Burn Ban is in effect from March 16 through May 14. I have participated in several public service announcements on the radio and television to inform residents. Additionally, four variable message sign (VMS) boards have been deployed throughout Sullivan County to reinforce awareness of the burn ban.

The Recruitment and Retention Task Force, "Join Sullivan Fire," is actively participating in several school career days. The task force will also attend upcoming community events, including Bethel Lakeside Music Festival First Responder Night, Wurtsboro Street Fair, Bagel Festival, and the Little World's Fair.

Thank you. Please stay safe.