



Suffolk County Fire, Rescue & Emergency Services Commission
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MINUTES OF
MARCH 26, 2008 MEETING

Chairman Carrigan, followed by the Salute to the Flag and a moment of silence for sick and departed members, opened the meeting at 8:05 pm.

Acceptance of Minutes:

There were the following corrections to the February FRES Commission minutes: p. 7 under Burn Center: 2nd bullet: clean rooms will be part of skin bank; 4th bullet: Chief Lyons; last bullet: Red (not Right) Knights. The minutes of the February meeting, with noted corrections were accepted by a motion from K. Capon. The motion was seconded by F. Thornhill. Motion carried.

Correspondence: T. Portoghese

Correspondence received since last meeting:

- An Informational Bulletin from Bob Delagi, Dept. of Health Services to All Ambulance and First Response Services in Suffolk County on the public health threat, commonly known as “the choking game;”
- Memo from Bob Delagi, Dept of Health Services to All Ambulance and First Response Services in Suffolk County on out-of-hospital management of sexual assault cases;
- Letter of support for NYS Firefighters Memorial from Legislators Kennedy and Romaine, both of whom sent letters urging support to State Senators and Assemblymen;
- Letter from West Babylon Board of Fire Commissioners regarding the MOU with PD on ambulance issue.

Point of Information:

We have received copies of Resolutions approving the appointments or reappointments of members: Davonski, Gimbl, LaFerrera, Silverman, Sorrentino and Tully for 2007 through December 31, 2009.

Treasurer's Report: J. Egan

Opening balance of \$3413.35. There were two (2) deposits of \$50 each; leaving a closing balance of \$3513.35. Motion made to accept report by R. Keller, seconded by K. Capon. Motion carried.

Report of Officers: D. Carrigan / A. LaFerrera

D. Carrigan: Attended the following meetings: FASNY Legislature, Albertson; Long Island Legislature, Baldwin; Suffolk County Fire District Officers Association Dinner; REMSCO, Hauppauge; Suffolk County Fire Chiefs' Council, Hauppauge; Town of Babylon Fire Chiefs' Council, Lindenhurst and Suffolk County Volunteer Firemen's Association Executive Board, Copiague.

Commissioner's Report: J. Williams

- Met in Washington DC regarding repositioning of supplies on LI. BNL will house nonperishable commodities and perishables will be housed in Nassau County. FEMA has committed to 19 trailers for Long Island;
- We have received 2 million dollars in funding from Homeland Security;
- CFSI will be held next week in Washington, DC and about 150 people are expected to attend;
- The County Executive, Steve Levy, is very concerned about budget issues.

Deputy Commissioner's Report: No Report.

Fire Marshal's Report: No Report.

Fire Academy: T. Kost

- The last planning meeting for the April drill will be just prior to the event
- Still need coordinators
- ICS 300 cancelled again. Not a lot of interest in the program, but it is mandatory
- Pump facility: brick work is just about completed. Will start interior very shortly. Should finish up July
- Medal of Valor: 23 submissions; looks as if we might have firefighter of the year again
- Fire Service Instructor I will hopefully be able to be given by us here
- There are many state programs that they cannot bring up to spec due to lack of funding
- Taking FSII course does not automatically make you a state fire instructor
- Was turned down by state for funding and county attorney will be preparing a lawsuit against state for funding they believe is due us.

SCPD – Special Patrol Bureau: Lt. A. Crawford

Three (3) helicopters are up; one (1) is down for servicing.

EMS: J. Vetter

All ALS providers will be required to complete a protocol rollout prior to the June 30th deadline. Agencies and providers are encouraged to view website: www.suffolkremSCO.com for dates and locations.

Budget Committee: No Report.

Arson Task Force: R. Keller

April 2nd is next meeting.

Combined Radio Committee: N. Reilly, Jr.

- April 9th is next meeting;
- Sunday 3/30 Nicolls Rd is closed; no traffic whatsoever;
- 2 major topics plain language and clarification of U-TAC channels;
- Key Span – gas emergency protocol for emergency

R. Sorrentino asked about plain language and what are we doing with that? M. Quinn replied that they want to come up with a template of recommended plain language.

Buildings & Grounds: K. Capon

Toured grounds earlier today and the grounds are in great shape. Pump house is looking good.

Legislation & Standards: E. Tully, Jr.

If you are a committee member and are absent for four (4) consecutive meetings, it is considered a vacated position (also see New Business).

Codes & Prevention: No Report.

EMS & REMSCO: No Report.

Burn Center: F. Thornhill

- Executive Board has met with Bishop's and McCarthy's representatives and they will try to get us grants. We met with Dr. Strongwater, the CEO, who learned a bit about fire service and their participation with regard to the burn center. The burn center has been very busy and full
- Fundraiser 6/13-15 Key Span;
- Jammin' in July (26) Amityville Beach;
- Vineyard is October 4th; problem with liability and will be using barn in back. They will be taking reservations on tables of 8, 10, 12;
- 5/4 Red Knights are doing a benefit;
- 5/18 Burn Center Recognition Day.

Recruitment & Retention: K. Capon

We have 100 students in SCCC. Contact Tom O'Hara or his assistant for info. We opened bids for recruitment advertising.

Recruitment sign in Bay Shore has been there for over 2 years; should be moved.

Haz Mat / Homeland Security: R. Gimbl

Next meeting is May 14th.

Old Business:

- MOU for PD ambulance voting; fire districts voted in favor at their last meetings; chiefs also; believe vollies did also. Motion made by R. Gimbl to accept MOU; K. Capon seconded. Voting results: one (1) not in favor; two (2) abstentions, rest in favor. Motion carried in favor of accepting MOU.
- Signs for FA will have the academy seal (emblem). Verbiage will be: Live fire training for Suffolk County's 11,000 plus volunteer firefighters. J. Egan motioned to accept verbiage and R. Gimbl seconded. Motion carried.

New Business:

Discussion ensued regarding attendance policy on commissions, committees, etc. As far as our absences go as committee members, we are active members of the fire and EMS services and we should be excused from meetings when these services are needed. We should have excused absences for a service occurrence. R. Knight mentioned that there is a resolution before the legislature to amend the existing local law regarding appointed commissions and attendance. W. Horst said that the way he reads

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the resolution, the FRES Commission can excuse a member's absence by resolution. He will ask Commissioner to take this to the County Attorney for an opinion. Excuses would have to be submitted and motioned on.

Public Comment:

Send congratulatory letters to the following Fire Departments:

- East Northport – 100th year anniversary
- Centerport – 75th
- Smithtown – 100th

A motion was made by to adjourn meeting by R. Sorrentino and seconded by E. Tully. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Members Present	Members Excused	Staff Present	Guests Present
A. LaFerrera	S. Thebold	B. Pagdanganan	A. Crawford
K. Capon	V. Bologna	W. Horst	J. Vetter
C. Zitek	D. Silverman	T. Kost	C. DelVecchio
S. Davonski		M. Quinn	R. Knight
R. Keller		T. Portoghese	
D. Carrigan			
E. Tully, Jr.			
R. Sorrentino			
N. Reilly, Jr.			
F. Thornhill			
J. Egan			
R. Gimbl	Alternates Present		
	V. Puleo		
	B. Talmage		

NEXT MEETING	Wednesday, April 23, 2008
TIME	8:00 pm
LOCATION	SC Dept. FRES Library, Yaphank
REFRESHMENTS	R. Sorrentino and N. Reilly

PLEASE WEAR YOUR FRES ID BADGE TO MEETINGS