



Suffolk County Fire, Rescue & Emergency Services Commission  
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MINUTES OF  
JUNE 23, 2010 MEETING

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Chairman LaFerrera opened the meeting at 8:04 p.m., followed by the Salute to the Flag and a moment of silence for sick and departed members: Past Chairman of Suffolk County REMSCO and Ex-Captain Guy Cassera, Lindenhurst Fire Department and Ex-Chief of East Farmingdale Fire Company Phil Murtha.

Acceptance of Minutes:

The minutes of the May 26, 2010 meeting were accepted by a motion from K. Capon and seconded by F. Thornhill. The motion carried.

Correspondence: T. Portoghese

Correspondence received since last meeting:

- Memo regarding new legislation on the Open Meeting La.

No correspondence sent since last meeting.

List of courses offered are on the last page of these minutes.

Treasurer's Report: C. Del Vecchio

The opening balance was \$4657.46. There was one debit for \$50 which left a closing balance of \$4607.46. Islip Chiefs, Suffolk County Ambulance Chiefs, Suffolk County Chiefs and Suffolk County District Officers' are unpaid as of today. Motion made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report. All in favor and no one opposing, the motion was carried.

Report of Officers: A. LaFerrera

Letter for DA: It was not an issue with the District Attorney at the meeting mentioned in last month's minutes. If a police officer thinks that a crime has been committed, he has the right to call in the Arson Squad. F. Thornhill: do firefighters have to remain on the scene if the arson squad is called. Response: No.

Firefighters cannot be fired who are late to work due to a fire.

Commissioner's Report: J. Williams

- We will be submitting our operating budget shortly. The Budget Committee will have to have a meeting; if Budget Committee is OK with the budget, we can send letters with this Commission's permission. Motioned by N. Reilly and seconded by D. Keller – OK to send letters approving the operating budget if Budget Committee is in agreement with the budget.
- FRES' personnel have been attending meetings on the oil spill in the Gulf. Last week at a meeting with members of the Coast Guard, they said that if the oil comes up here it will be in the fall sometime. We will not get oil, it would be tar balls; if these tar balls come onto shore, they are easy to pick up. The Coast Guard would be in charge of the water, DEC would be in charge of the beach.
- We have been having problems with FEMA as to declarations. For example, if money is given for sand for a beach, you get money to put beach back to the way it was after the storm, which is not necessarily the way it should be...
- If Nassau and Suffolk Counties would agree to a regional approach for the SAFER Grant that was applied for from Department of Homeland Security, the grant would be approved. It would be administered by Suffolk County; this is still unofficial. It would be a four-year program. We will not have to pay for any artwork because it is already done. It would probably begin in January.

Deputy Commissioner's Report: AbsentFire Marshal's Report: W. Horst

- 2010 Directory is being distributed.
- Don Lynch, LP, Brett Martinez and Jul are in Myrtle Beach for their annual recertification for the ATF. Everything went well for the dogs.
- M. Quinn and M. Postel are at Motorola in Illinois. They are inspecting the radio room equipment and its functionality.
- Microwave connectivity in Coram should hopefully be up within the next couple of weeks and we should be able to transmit low-band from that facility.

Fire Academy: D. Stockinger

- New Fire Police Program has been completed and went very well with much positive feedback
- Submitted a 0% increase for 2011 budget based on the recommended 2010 budget which is \$50,000 less than last year. If it is approved, we will have more money next year to work with
- State Aid issue still lingers. The County Attorney has decided to sue NYS for the money owed VEEB
- Medal of Valor ceremony will be on September 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm at the Hauppauge Fire Department
- FFI Graduation Day is October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 am at the Fire Academy
- OFPC has completed the merger process and effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, they will be called the Department of Domestic Preparedness
- Bail Out Rope Train the Trainer Program has been developed by OFPC. This program will train people on how to conduct training. Each department can send two students to attend. It is a 9-hour program.

SCPD – Special Patrol Bureau: Capt. J. Blosser

We have 2 AStars in service. DC145 helicopter is out of service but will be back shortly. We will have 3 helicopters in service. We are back on track to get a 145 in 2011. With regard to the incident yesterday in West Islip, no request for aviation was received.

EMS: M. Masterton

- All agencies received mail on the shortage of epinephrine.
- There will be training for BLS providers to check blood sugars.
- State sent out MOST form, this substitutes for the DNR. It is different and will have an impact. The health care proxy will have to be followed and should take effect July 1. Will need training on this also
- About 250 people took the exam and we will have new certified people.
- Just finished 22 classes. Next classes will be in September.

Budget Committee: Absent

(Drew called in and said there was no report.)

Arson Task Force: R. Keller

Next meeting is July 14<sup>th</sup>.

Combined Radio Committee: N. Reilly, Jr.

A meeting was held on June 9<sup>th</sup>. We will have to hold over the report to the next meeting as I was not able to attend. R. Knight attended and said that narrow banding for UHF/VHF was discussed. Narrow banding has to be done by Jan. 1 2013. W. Horst: Capital Project 3416 phase 3 – UHF capability for tower sites but do not believe it made it into the program. We might have some planning money. As of 6/2010, FCC said to stop using 700 band.

Buildings & Grounds: K. Capon

Nothing.

Legislation & Standards: Absent

Codes & Prevention: V. Bologna, Jr.

Residential sprinklers: since it was passed last year, 17 states have passed anti-sprinkler legislation. For example, Pennsylvania prohibits sprinklers if property is within 5 miles of a fire house.

EMS & REMSCO: A. LaFerrera

Next REMSCO meeting is July 13.

Burn Center: F. Thornhill

MOU regarding liability of hospital: If the hospital asks us to purchase something and we do, it shouldn't be our liability anymore. We lost a couple of trustees recently.

Recruitment & Retention: K. Capon

Nothing.

Old Business:

Nothing

New Business:

USAR Team update: General team meeting is next Tuesday at BNL. We have had 3 calls in the past few days for technical rescue teams.

There are 2 fundraisers coming up: Sunday at Lilly Flanagan's and a spaghetti dinner – these are for instructors or family member.

Public Comment:

Nothing

R. Sorrentino motioned that all those absent from last month's meeting be excused. F. Thornhill seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

A motion was made to adjourn meeting by D. Keller and seconded by D. Carrigan. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Members Present	Members Excused	Staff Present	Guests Present
A. LaFerrera	R. Vella	J. Williams	Capt. J. Blosser
K. Capon	E. Tully	W. Horst	William M. Masterton
V. Bologna	J. Carney	R. Stockinger	J. Capon
C. DelVecchio	D. Silverman	T. Portoghese	B. Knight
C. Bancroft	S. Thebold		
R. Keller	C. Zitek		
D. Carrigan	J. Egan		
R. Sorrentino			
N. Reilly			
F. Thornhill			

<b>NEXT MEETING</b>	Wednesday, September 22, 2010
<b>TIME</b>	8:00 pm
<b>LOCATION</b>	SC Dept. FRES Library, Yaphank
<b>REFRESHMENTS</b>	P. Garypie and R. Sorrentino

## LIST OF COURSES OFFERED

<b>Course</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Days / Time</b>
EMT Basic Original	North Amityville FD	9/30/10-3/24/11	Tues/Thurs – 7– 10:30 pm
EMT Basic Original	Ronkonkoma District Bldg	9/30/10-3/24/11	Tues/Thurs – 7-10 pm
EMT Basic Original	Selden FD	9/12/10-3/24/11	Sundays 8 am-2 pm
EMT Basic Refresher	Huntington Community FAS	9/8-11/18/10	Mons/Weds – 7-10 pm
EMT Basic Refresher	Ronkonkoma District Bldg	9/12-11/18/10	Sundays 8 am-2 pm