



Suffolk County Fire, Rescue & Emergency Services Commission  
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MINUTES OF  
September 22, 2010 MEETING

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**In Memory Of**

**Former**

**FRES Commissioner**

**Herb Davis**

Chairman LaFerrera opened the meeting at 8:05 p.m., followed by the Salute to the Flag and a moment of silence for sick and departed members: Pat Covello, Herb Davis and Ed Kennedy.

Motioned by N. Reilly to dedicate these minutes to Herb Davis, seconded by D. Keller. All in favor; motion carried.

Acceptance of Minutes:

The minutes of the June 23, 2010 meeting were accepted by a motion from K. Capon and seconded by R. Vella. The motion carried.

Correspondence: T. Portoghese

Correspondence received since last meeting:

- Memo from Bob Delagi regarding Cardiac Monitor Capabilities;
- Nomination paperwork for FRES Commission representative on the REMSCO (LaFerrera reappointment);
- Memo from Bob Delagi regarding Revised NYS DOH Policy on DNR

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. With two debits (\$50 and \$120); the closing balance was \$4487.46. Motion made by E. Tully and seconded by R. Sorrentino to accept the Treasurer's reports. All in favor and no one opposing, the motion was carried.

Report of Officers: A. LaFerrera

No Report

Commissioner's Report: J. Williams

- Warren Horst, Myles Quinn and Jim McLoughlin accepted incentive retirement package. We cannot fill these positions for 2 years. Ed Springer is the Acting Chief Fire Marshal; Jeff Nirenberg has taken over Myles' position. Jeff will be coming to these meetings as will Ed Springer.
- We received the SAFER Grant; one problem is that there are some fire departments that are not reporting their fire report and members will not be able to receive grant funds. Let us know if there are problems with reporting.
- We will be moving into our new back up radio room first week in November. We had to wait for hurricane season to be over. We will be there about 3 months while the room downstairs is being refurbished. This will work out well with PD as they are moving to their backup radio room also.
- Budget issues: We took a hit of a couple of hundred thousand dollars but all our positions are funded. We expect to do some hiring in 2011. We can fill Dan Kelly's position because he did not retire with the incentive. Lines are still in budget but it is not funded.

- With regard to fire reporting: We get audited on our grants and eventually we won't be able to keep signing off on those who do not report. Please take list and go to chief and board because eventually we will have to refuse giving any grant money to those who do not report.
- 800 radios are from grant money; USAR team is funded by grants; drill at fire academy and many other things.
- Norm motioned for commission to send a letter to districts and chiefs who haven't sent fire reports. Seconded R. Vella.

Deputy Commissioner's Report: J. Searing

- Fire reporting with relation to grants – whether it's training, equipment or whatever, they will not be eligible if they do not file fire reports.
- Radio Room design is completed; radio equipment is built; things are moving along quite nicely. We are working with PD as to how actual work flow will work.
- Haz Mat response @ Stony Brook: an irritant that was released by a student; 19 students were deconned; our trailer was used. It went pretty well.

Fire Marshal's Report:

No Report.

Fire Academy: D. Stockinger

- Long time Board member Pat Covello passed away.
- Budget: our budget line was exactly what we asked for; we will be in pretty good shape. We have asked for another clerk typist position.
- State Aid: we are still arguing with the State about the dollar amount and we have decided to pursue litigation – it will probably take 6 months before we hear anything.
- Starting in 2012, we are going to lose 35-40% of our state aid due to passing of a new law.
- We have an opening on VEEB board – education background. Deadline is Oct.21<sup>st</sup>.
- Sent out letters in summer regarding firefighter I exam; this goes along with OFPC – they are not accepting any equivalency training. Final decision will not be made for a while and would not become effective until next year. We would like feedback on this issue.
- Hosted a day for juniors and explorers – it was a great day. It was a very positive thing.
- OFPC did a Bail-Out Rope Train the Trainer program; we will start to offer this in the fall.
- Sunday at 1 pm is Medal of Valor at Hauppauge FD
- Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10 am @ Fire Academy is FF1 graduation ceremony.
- USAR was activated for Hurricane Earl and it was a tremendous effort. We spent days before preparing. Also IMAT. Had to deploy a rescue squad to Fire Island in case there was a problem. It went very well; we had great cooperation. We had 33 people that we activated for the mobilization. The team works hard and does a lot of training.
- Light issue should be resolved shortly.

SCPD – Special Patrol Bureau: Capt. J. Blosser

We have two (2) helicopters in service. One (1) AStar is down for service. A new AStar is on schedule to be delivered.

EMS: M. Masterton

- Training and education: we had 46 students; 98% passed; 43 passed state so we have 43 new EMTs.
- A lot more people are in the CME program. Go to web page for information.
- Web site has 6,000 people who routinely get emails and updates. There are 9 classes running right now. We are doing an EMT Refresher on Fishers Island.
- 6 Refresher classes; 1 CC Refresher and 2 new CC classes
- Domestic preparedness: participated on USAR team.
- LVAD is a new device that requires training that we will be offering – go to web site.
- Article 800 checklist – it is recommended, not required; should have pediatric devices also.

Budget Committee: D. Silverman

We met prior to this meeting to go over 2011 operating budget. A motion was made by D. Silverman and seconded by E. Tully for this Commission send a letter to keep budget intact and to go forward.

Arson Task Force: R. Keller

- Meeting held in July; 7 referrals JFIP and program is still up and running. Both K-9 units were recertified and were pretty busy this summer.
- Partially full containers of paint thinner is an incendiary device of choice BATS bomb and arson training – establish perimeters,
- Next meeting is Oct. 13 here at FRES

Combined Radio Committee: N. Reilly, Jr.

Supposed to be a meeting on Sept. 8 but with Myles retiring nothing happened. Will get together with Jeff on new meeting.

Buildings & Grounds: K. Capon

Can DPW put short piece of concrete in area where people have created a gully by cutting through the grass? Light on corner is out. J. Williams said we would check on it. Can there be reserved parking for Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner? Response: not allowed to have reserved parking for anyone. We need an expansion of the parking lot.

Legislation & Standards: E. Tully

- United Concerns: governor did sign blue light law for emergency vehicles. HIV/Aids testing – extended for 5 years. Cancer impairment extended for 5 years. Health insurance – passed on that. Vetoed firefighter job protection – if you are on fire call and come in to work late, you can be fired.

- Town of Islip is offering their firefighters discounted health insurance.
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Codes & Prevention: V. Bologna, Jr.

All is quiet. Nothing really has come up.

EMS & REMSCO: A. LaFerrera

N. Reilly motioned for A. LaFerrera to be representative on REMSCO with E. Tully seconding.

Medical Director issue: recommendation was made and is going forward.

Burn Center: F. Thornhill

- Night at Vineyards is scheduled for Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Had a video presentation on burn center info.
- Burn Center Nurses and CC nurses will be having cross training so that they will be able to switch back and forth.
- They have had weekly outpatient clinics and it is busy, unfortunately.

Recruitment & Retention: K. Capon

Nothing to report.

Old Business:

Nothing.

New Business:

- C. Del Vecchio motioned to send 2 people to Myles' dinner; R. Vella seconded. Motion carried.
- Legislator Browning is here and we want to thank her for coming and welcome her and her aide, Tim, from the Public Safety Committee. It's the first time we had anyone from the Legislature here in about 9 yrs.
- PSAPs hard line money is being cut. Less and less money coming from hard line phones.
- Health Insurance issue interests me and I will follow up on that. We are looking for avenues for health insurance coverage.
- J. Williams is only one from Public Safety that comes to the Public Safety Committee meetings.
- E. Tully motioned that all those absent from last meeting be excused. J. Carney seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

Point of Interest: motor vehicle accident, 29% were either drug or alcohol related.

Public Comment:

None.

A motion was made to adjourn meeting by E. Tully and seconded by C. Del Vecchio. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

Members Present	Members Excused	Staff Present	Guests Present
A. LaFerrera	J. Egan	J. Williams	M. Masterton
K. Capon	C. Zitek	J. Searing	Capt. J. Blosser
V. Bologna		R. Stockinger	T. Rothang
C. Del Vecchio		J. Nirenberg	K. Browning
C. Bancroft		T. Portoghese	R. Knight
R. Keller			
R. Vella			
D. Carrigan			
E. Tully			
R. Sorrentino			
N. Reilly			
D. Silverman			
F. Thornhill			
J. Carney			

<b>NEXT MEETING</b>	Wednesday, October 27, 2010
<b>TIME</b>	8:00 pm
<b>LOCATION</b>	SC Dept. FRES Library, Yaphank
<b>REFRESHMENTS</b>	N. Reilly and D. Silverman

**LIST OF COURSES OFFERED**

Course	Location	Dates	Days / Time
EMT Original	Sag Harbor Ambulance	9/23/10-3/24//11	Tues & Thurs: 7p – 10 p
EMT Basic Refresher	Bay Shore-Brightwaters Amb	9/25-12/16/10	Saturdays 9a – 3 p
EMT Basic Refresher	Southold FD, Sub Station	9/27-12/16/10	Mons & Weds: 7 p – 10 p
EMT Basic Original	East Brentwood	9/30/10-3/24/11	Tues & Thurs: 7 p – 11 p
EMT Critical Care Refresher	Community Ambulance	10/3/10-1/20/11	Sundays 8 a – 2:30 p
EMT Basic Refresher	Hampton Bays Ambulance	10/13 -12/16/10	Weds6:30-9:30p&Sats8-2
EMT Basic Original	Miller Place FD	10/17/10–3/24/11	Sundays: 8 a – 2 p
EMT Basic Original	Brentwood Legion Ambu	11/1/10-5/19/11	Mon:7-11p&Sat8:30-3p
EMT Basic Original	Kings Park Fire Department	11/15/10-5/19/11	Mons & Weds: 7 p – 10 p