



Suffolk County Fire, Rescue & Emergency Services Commission
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MINUTES OF
October 27, 2010 MEETING

Chairman LaFerrera opened the meeting at 8 p.m., followed by the Salute to the Flag and a moment of silence for sick and departed members: Copiague F.D. Ex-Chief Joe Nowotny, North Babylon Fire Company past President and Ex-Captain Aaron Jaffie and Holtsville F.D. Ex-Chief and Commissioner Robert Schreiber.

Acceptance of Minutes:

The minutes of the September meeting were accepted by a motion from K. Capon and seconded by D. Keller with the following corrections: last bullet under EMS should be under REMSCO and last bullet under REMSCO should be under EMS. All in favor with corrections as noted. The motion carried.

Correspondence: C. Quinn

Correspondence received since last meeting:

- Memo from Bob Delagi on Seasonal Influenza Update: Respiratory Disease Precautions.

No correspondence sent since last meeting:

Terry would like to thank the FRES Commission members for their generous and delicious get-well gift from Edible Arrangements. The fruit arrangement was beautiful; the fruit itself was yummy and it's always nice to be thought of. Thank you all!

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

Treasurer's Report: C. Del Vecchio

The opening balance was \$4487.46. There were 2 debits totaling \$197.13, leaving a closing balance of \$4291.33. 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 / J. Egan

Tony attended two E-911 meetings and presented a Certificate of Appreciation from the FRES Commission to Myles P. Quinn. Jay had nothing to report.

Commissioner's Report: Absent

Deputy Commissioner's Report: J. Searing

Many training activities are going on. There will a USAR drill at Gershow on November 5th, 6th and 7th. There was a very good turnout for the Wildfire Academy at Brookhaven National Laboratory this year. A post hurricane tabletop with Nassau County will take place on November 17th to review what happens after a hurricane has come and gone. They will take a good look at cleanup efforts. We received a grant from NYS to have this exercise.

The communications division of FRES will be temporarily moving their point of operation to Coram on 11/3/10. The microwave is back to Selden. If we dispatch you and you experience any problems, please call right away to get things worked out. Our staff will be upped by one additional person (totaling 9) in Coram.

There was an issue at the Fire Academy grounds with a leak in the oil water separator. Suffolk County Health Dept. and the D.E.C. were both involved. We will be receiving capital funding to take care of this issue.

A letter will be going out to all departments from the Commissioner of FRES regarding red light cameras and volunteer responders.

When Terry comes back, letters for re-appointment will go out.

Fire Marshal's Report: Absent

Fire Academy: D. Stockinger

Drainage System problem being worked on. Hope to be back in operation next week. Cooperation from FRES, DPW, DHS, DEC.

Field applications were mailed out this week, due back November 10th; lottery will be on the 15th. Will get 6 drills plus one extra Class A or Taxpayer.

2011 Operating Budget hearing was held on Oct, 20th, it went well.

Bail-Out Rope Training Class will be offered after the new year.

Program Development Dept. working on new RIT program to meet new NFPA Standard 1407 "Training for RIT".

VEEB will be conducting interviews of 4 candidates on Nov. 15th for open position.

Improvement Projects are ongoing; Taxpayer has tiles installed and awaiting burners. Tower still waiting for duct work to be installed and Field Lighting has arrived both poles and heads.

SCPD – Special Patrol Bureau: Capt. J. Blosser

A 4th helicopter was delivered on Saturday. We already have two A-Stars. Difference in new one is a better interior system for medevac. Co-pilot can be put in back too, more sophisticated.

Mechanic can change to infrared easily. We have 3 others in service. New helicopters have UHF capable radios that will provide inter-operability with Fire/EMS departments. It was also mentioned that many fire departments keep changing their frequencies.

EMS: M. Masterton

Five new classes are still open; also one refresher and 3 original. There are 20 classes running now. One C.C. refresher, two C.C. originals in Hauppauge. He highly recommended that we take advantage of the available flu shots that are now being offered. Contract research—90 agencies, 30 have signed contract and will be covered after Jan 1. Delegate report will be forwarded, test was questioned due to the high amount of low scores (many failures). Twenty people signed up for the review, but none of them showed up. The State will be contacting ones who failed with remediation sessions. NYS does not adopt national certification. NYS written test would still be required. The whole class would not be required. Florida is now a state registry.

Budget Committee: Absent

Arson Task Force: R. Keller

In regard to the meeting on 10/13, the budget was reduced by 50% of requested amount.

The DA went to court with the arsonist in Huntington Manor fire. The DA also got a conviction on the former Medford fireman for vehicle fires.

Requests for K9 demos have increased dramatically.

Fire fatalities are at a steady basis. Study being done to determine if fatalities increase when the economy is bad. JFIP is still getting many referrals. It was mentioned that Berkowitz and Manson were juvenile firesetters. We will not have to put a bid out for counselors now.

Would towns be willing to pay a nominal fee for Arson Task Force training classes? This will be discussed at the next meeting on 1/12/11. Dick will check with Brett regarding putting together a curriculum.

Brett went to Rhode Island for a call out with his K9, Jul.

The night to day switch of meeting times seems to work out with a better attendance for the Arson Task Force.

Combined Radio Committee: N. Reilly, Jr.

Next meeting scheduled for November 10th at 7:30 pm. Test of 800 medcom radios, 5th to 10th switch to medcom east. Good support on this. Three agencies close touching borders. 89 of 93 have switched to 800 on ambulances.

Buildings & Grounds: K. Capon

Nothing to report.

Legislation & Standards: Absent

Codes & Prevention: V. Bologna, Jr.

Jim McLoughlin will be the alternative for the FMASCO back up now. International codes council will be in Charlotte, North Carolina.

EMS & REMSCO: A. LaFerrera

Tony apologized for missing the last meeting.

Burn Center: C. Zitek

Center had been very busy with all beds filled along with a few outside the center. The fundraiser at Martha Clara Vineyards went very well. Craig thanked everyone for their generous support.

Recruitment & Retention: K. Capon

Nothing.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

A motion made by J. Egan to buy two tickets for Jim McLoughlin's retirement party. The motion was seconded by D. Keller and then carried.

R. Vella made a motion that all those absent from the last meeting be excused. It was seconded by C. Del Vecchio. All in favor, no one opposed; motion carried.

Public Comment:

FASNY meets this weekend regarding change of law to allow blue lights on the rear of ambulances like other emergency vehicles.

Craig Zitek thanked all for his request for reinstatement support. Hopefully he'll be put back in after 11/20 final budget.

A motion was made to adjourn meeting by K. Capon and seconded by D. Keller. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Members Present	Members Excused	Staff Present	Guests Present
A. LaFerrera	E. Tully	J. Searing	J. Capon
K. Capon	D. Silverman	R. Stockinger	M. Masterton
V. Bologna	S. Thebold	J. Nirenberg	R. Knight
C. Del Vecchio	C. Bancroft	C. Quinn	J. Blosser
C. Zitek	D. Carrigan		
D. Keller	T		
R. Vella			
P. Garypie			
R. Sorrentino			
N. Reilly, Jr.			
F. Thornhill			
J. Egan			
J. Carney			
Alternates Present			
J. McLoughlin – Fire Marshals Assoc of SC			

NEXT MEETING	Wednesday, December 1, 2010
TIME	8:00 pm
LOCATION	SC Dept. FRES Library, Yaphank
REFRESHMENTS	F. Thornhill and J. Egan

LIST OF COURSES OFFERED

Course	Location	Dates	Days / Time
EMT Basic	Lakeland FD	11/2/10-6/16/11	Tues & Thurs 7 – 10pm
EMT Basic	East Moriches Ambulance	11/23/10-5/19/11	Tues & Thurs 7-10pm