



Suffolk County Fire, Rescue & Emergency Services Commission  
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MINUTES OF  
June 22, 2011 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.

Acceptance of Minutes:

The minutes of the May meeting were accepted by a motion from E. Tully and seconded by K. Capon. The motion carried.

Correspondence: T. Portoghese

No correspondence received since last meeting.  
No correspondence sent since last meeting.

A letter going to Legislators thanking them for restoring and supporting capital programs was motioned by D. Silverman and seconded by N. Reilly.

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

Treasurer's Report: C. Del Vecchio

The opening balance was \$4242.29. There was no activity, leaving balance as is. 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

Nothing to report

Commissioner's Report: J. Williams

- Working to get FM and dispatchers positions filled. It is on CE's desk. I have explained how long it takes people in these positions to be trained (months).
- Most departments are reporting their fire reports. There are 25 departments that are not cooperating. We are sending out letters to SCCC students in the fire service that their enrollment in the SERVES program is in jeopardy. We cannot jeopardize the entire program (SAFER Grant) for these few departments.

- Tomorrow we have our meeting with the budget office on our operating budget. We are looking to fill all our open positions.
- We are trying to get some stockpiles of supplies from FEMA.
- I am attending a space meeting tomorrow. We are expecting to get approval to stockpile supplies in a climate controlled area in a warehouse. We are looking at the old Grumman's facility.

Deputy Commissioner's Report: Absent

Fire Marshal's Report: Absent

Fire Academy: D. Stockinger

- Graduation day is October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- We are doing a lot of work with Firefighter I national certification. Developing new forms that should be ready by next week or so. There have been some instructor meetings. Once we start (Sept. 10), that will be only one we offer.
- Starting July 1 we have to increase our fee to \$75 for Firefighter I materials.
- Three positions will be unfunded: Assistant Deputy Director, clerk typist and summer intern. We might possibly shut down tank car next year and have less fire classes.
- We may have to charge for pump tests – that will happen if budget is approved as submitted.
- USAR – a lot of activity going on. We are in the process of purchasing new equipment with grant funds. Planning for 2012 – will be taking a team to West Virginia. That will be the final exam.

SCPD – Special Patrol Bureau: Absent

EMS: T. Lateulere

280 EMTs have graduated in the last two (2) months. We started the second refresher; look for a total of 40 to 50 EMTs. We may have to cut back some of our classes this fall due to budget cuts. We also increased money for books (\$100) for both books. We have a minimum of 25 per class and the maximum is 45. It is 20 for refresher class.

Budget Committee: D. Silverman

Discussed under Correspondence.

Arson Task Force: Absent

Combined Radio Committee: N. Reilly, Jr.

Should have meeting second week of July.

Buildings & Grounds: K. Capon

Did walk-through tonight. Asked if blackness around windows could be removed; it does not come off.

Legislation & Standards: E. Tully

- Met with Assemblyman Phil Boyle. Took Fire Districts out of the same day voting bill. Met with Assemblyman Al Graf, he's been approached to present bill regarding joining 2 fire departments at the same time. Told him to let us know before writing that bill. Davis Park is opposing that bill.
- There is a bill from an assemblyman in Queens asking for fire police to have blue lights in their grills. Fire districts shut that down.

Codes & Prevention: Absent

EMS & REMSCO: A. LaFerrera

No report. Second Tuesday in July is next meeting.

Burn Center: F. Thornhill

Number of patients has gone down this past month. Doctors have recently gotten a patent for treatment of deep burns. Clean rooms are progressing slowly; still need state inspection and approval. A couple of fundraisers are coming up: Martha Clara is August 6<sup>th</sup>; golf outing is August 9<sup>th</sup>.

Recruitment & Retention: K. Capon

No report.  
There are some signs out.

Old Business:

Appointments accepted for FRES Commission by Legislators.

New Business:

F. Thornhill has memorial cards if anyone wants any.

R. Sorrentino motioned that all those absent from last meeting be excused. E. Tully seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

Public Comment:

None

A motion was made to adjourn meeting by E. Tully and seconded by C. Del Vecchio. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Members Present	Members Excused	Staff Present	Guests Present
A. LaFerrera	N. Luparella	J. Williams	R. Knight
K. Capon	C. Bancroft	R. Stockinger	J. Capon
C. Del Vecchio	R. Keller (Alternate Present)	T. Portoghese	
E. Tully	R. Vella		
R. Sorrentino	D. Carrigan		
N. Reilly			
D. Silverman			
F. Thornhill			
J. Egan			
B. Prosek			
<b>Alternates Present</b>			
T. Crafts – Smithtown Town Fire Chiefs' Council			

<b>NEXT MEETING</b>	Wednesday, September 28, 2011
<b>TIME</b>	8:00 pm
<b>LOCATION</b>	SC Dept. FRES Library, Yaphank
<b>REFRESHMENTS</b>	R. Vella and D. Carrigan

**LIST OF COURSES OFFERED**

Course	Location	Dates	Days / Time
EMT-Basic Refresher	Holbrook FD	6/20-8/18/11	Mon thru Thurs: 6:30 – 9:30pm
EMT-B Rapid Refresher	Wyandanch-Wheatley Hts Amb	6/27-7/8/11	Two weeks straight: 9am-4pm
EMT-Basic Refresher	South Country Ambu	6/22-8/18/11	Mons, Weds, Fris: 7-10:30pm
EMT-Basic Original	Bay Shore-Brightwaters Ambu	7/26-12/15/11	Tues & Thurs: 7-10/11pm
EMT-Basic original	Copiague FD	9/15/11-3/15/12	Tues & Thurs: 7-10/11pm