



Suffolk County Fire, Rescue & Emergency Services Commission
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MINUTES OF
OCTOBER 26, 2011 MEETING

Chairman LaFerrera opened the meeting at 8:10 p.m., followed by the Salute to the Flag and a moment of silence for sick and departed members: Ex-Chief Charles Hoffman, Huntington Manor FD and Ex-Chief Chester Senig, East Northport FD.

Acceptance of Minutes:

The minutes of the September 28th meeting were accepted by a motion from K. Capon and seconded by J. Carney. The motion carried.

Correspondence: T. Portoghese

No correspondence received since last meeting.

No correspondence sent since last meeting through Corresponding Secretary.

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

Treasurer's Report: C. Del Vecchio

The opening balance was \$4642.29. There was no activity leaving \$4642.29 as the closing balance. 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

LaFerrera attended last two Public Safety meetings. Will hear more about that later.

Commissioner's Report: Absent

Deputy Commissioner's Report: J. Searing

Public Safety Committee Budget hearing: We've taken a big hit; three people were on layoff list and we were cut more (\$1 million). No definitive answer. We are trying to save the three positions: payroll/personnel, GIS and a grant position. I've heard that new report is on web and it recommends that no one is laid off and we get back some money. The rest of the year will be tough. Next year, all of our grants are reimbursable. We are trying to determine from where we can get the money prior to it being reimbursed.

Went to State Haz Mat meeting in Lake Placid.

Fire Marshal's Report: Absent (given by J. Searing)

E. Springer met with the Presiding officer to talk about dockside fire trucks with the town Fire Marshals. It went well. Fire Marshals participated in ICS class and USAR drill on Fire Island. JFIP program is continuing – it is back on track. Three educational programs were conducted this past month.

Fire Academy: D. Stockinger

- Firefighter I graduation was successful. 130 students with over 300 in attendance.
- Field applications have gone out and we need them back by Nov. 9th. Lottery will be on the 14th and all will get 6 drills.
- Working on fire house schedule for next year.
- We attended budget hearing and we are asking Legislature to fund programs. We are losing 3 positions and we don't think we are getting them back.
- National Certification was this past weekend; 52 students attended. Next exam will be on Nov. 19th.
- USAR Team held a drill on Fire Island went extremely well. Had 33 members over there and plan was to test systems. Had 2 helicopters, Marine Bureau had 2 boats. We got a lot of positive feedback from people who were there.

SCPD – Special Patrol Bureau: Capt. J. Blosser

USAR drill: downlink worked nicely. We have all four helicopters in service. We have heard nothing more about getting the other helicopter. One is due for its 12 year inspection, which we didn't want to do as it will involve significant expense. I am optimistic that we will always be able to keep at least two in service. Question: is there a possibility that the fourth helicopter will not be inspected and there will only be three. Blosser: don't think so.

EMS: T. Lateulere

The Suffolk County Division of Emergency Medical Services would like to remind everyone that there are still spots open for the upcoming seminar on narrow re-banding. This seminar is being jointly sponsored between FRES and the EMS division. Several representatives of communication services will also be on hand to participate in a round table discussion on "what agencies need to do in order to comply with the mandated narrow banding."

The Division has scheduled several traditional courses for November and December openings:

East Islip FD– EMT-O 10/30
Southold FD-EMT-O 11/8
East Northport–EMT-0 11/2/11
Holbrook FD–EMT-CC Refresher- 11/12/11
Sag Harbor- EMT-Refresher- 12/1/11
St. James FD- EMT-Refresher- 12/11/11

The Division has also posted a rapid ALS Core CME course at the Hampton Bays VAC headquarters starting in November. There will be 8 – 6 hour CME classes.

Budget Committee: D. Silverman

Topic was covered earlier

Egan: had a meeting with members with Joint Council and Legislators – there will probably be a press conference right before that – probably that Sunday before. Unfortunately it is right after Election Day. Talk to your Legislator and say how important Public Safety is. We need to put on some pressure.

Arson Task Force:

Nothing to report.

Combined Radio Committee: N. Reilly, Jr.

Next meeting is December 14th. Will send out notice.
Hoping to get two dispatchers hired before the end of the year. Have streaming capability.

Buildings & Grounds: K. Capon

Nothing to report.

Legislation & Standards: Absent

Codes & Prevention: Absent

EMS & REMSCO: A. LaFerrera

REMSCO award ceremony is tomorrow night.

Burn Center: F. Thornhill

Nothing new to report.

Recruitment & Retention: K. Capon

Nothing to report.

Old Business:

Drew: new members that want shirts – see Drew so he can get sizes.

New Business:

Thornhill, question: release employees from major events. County employees can be released without penalty for events. If you are on an incident, you can call and say you'll be late without penalty. Sheriff's Office has lifted that privilege. Possibly may have had to do with abuse. Town of Brookhaven has stopped the practice.

Should do something to recognize Dick Keller. A plaque has been ordered.

C. Del Vecchio motioned to move next meeting to Wednesday November 30th. Seconded by J. Carney. D. Silverman motioned and F. Thornhill seconded for trays of food for that meeting. Both motions were carried.

Public Comment:

Governor Cuomo announced new Homeland Security Secretary and Deputy.

C. Del Vecchio motioned that all those absent from last meeting be excused. J. Carney seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

A motion was made to adjourn meeting by C. Del Vecchio and seconded by D. Silverman. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Members Present	Members Excused	Staff Present	Guests Present
A. LaFerrera	D. Carrigan	J. Searing	T. Lateulere
K. Capon	E. Tully	R. Stockinger	J. Capon
C. Del Vecchio	N. Luparella	G. Miniutti	R. Knight
T. Crafts	S. Thebold	T. Portoghese	Capt. J. Blosser
R. Sorrentino	V. Bologna		
N. Reilly	C. Bancroft		
D. Silverman	R. Vella		
F. Thornhill	P. Garypie		
J. Egan			
J. Carney			
B. Prosek			
Alternates Present			
J. McDonough - Huntington Town Fire Chiefs Cncl			

NEXT MEETING	Wednesday, November 30, 2011
TIME	8:00 pm
LOCATION	SC Dept. FRES Library, Yaphank
REFRESHMENTS	Supplied by FRES Commission

LIST OF COURSES OFFERED

Course	Location	Dates	Days / Time
Cert 1 st Responder	(Refresher) Great River FD	11/2/11-1/19/12	
Cert 1 st Responder	(Original) Great River FD	11/2/11-1/19/12	Daily 7 – 10/11:30pm
EMT Basic Original	Southold FD	11/7/11-5/17/12	Mons & Weds 7-10/11pm
EMT Critical Care	Holbrook FD	11/12/11-1/19/12	Weds 7-10p&Sats&Suns8-2:30