



Suffolk County Fire, Rescue & Emergency Services Commission  
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**In Memory Of**

**FRES Commission**

**Member**

**AL WATERS**

MINUTES OF  
NOVEMBER 30, 2011 MEETING

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Chairman LaFerrera opened the meeting at 7:52 p.m., followed by the Salute to the Flag and a moment of silence for sick and departed members: Vincent Della Croce

Dedicate minutes to Al Waters, a former member of this Commission. Motion by D. Silverman and seconded by E. Tully.

Presentation of plaques for many years of dedicated service: Ken Capon and Dick Keller:  
Grateful appreciation for service: We have been trying to give Richard McGowan a plaque for his many years of service, but have been unsuccessful.

Acceptance of Minutes:

The minutes of the October 26<sup>th</sup> meeting were accepted by a motion from K. Capon and seconded by F. Thornhill. The motion carried.

Correspondence: T. Portoghese

No correspondence received since last meeting.

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 \$4642.29. There was one debit of \$525 leaving a closing balance of \$4117.29. Motion made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's reports and to reimburse advances made by Jay Egan and Drew Silverman. All in favor and no one opposing, the motion was carried.

Report of Officers: A. LaFerrera / J. Egan

Commissioner Williams had a meeting with Tony Martinez, a member of Bellone's Transition Team, as did Tony LaFerrera. LaFerrera asked if there was a problem with organizations sending letters of support for Commissioner Williams. Several already plan on sending letters of support. I would like to see a letter of support for the Commissioner; E. Tully motioned, J. Egan seconded; motion carried. Public Safety Committee would like a copy of the letter.

The budget vote was after election. The times are tough. When you go to Public Safety meeting, you can speak during the public portion.

N. Reilly motioned to write letter to Commissioner with a copy to the Public Safety Committee to support the Deputy Commissioner. Motion was seconded and approved.

Legislator Kate Browning:

- Congratulations and good luck to Capon and Keller.

- Issue with Yaphank tower – Capt. Blosser: have to install antennas on tower; we have time constraints.
- The Legislators were unhappy about the decision to lay off some employees. They need a 60 day layoff notice and have not been sent yet. We are trying to work with new County Executive in trying to save some jobs. If there are any positions anyone knows of that are desperately needed, please let Legislature know. In hindsight, probably some of those positions should not have been on layoff list. This is not the time for people to lose their jobs. We have some challenges ahead of us. Helicopter is capital budget. It will most likely be in 2012 if funding if unavailable in 2011. CE has ability to adjust budget.

Commissioner's Report: Absent

Deputy Commissioner's Report: J. Searing

- \$40 thousand is going back to the Fire Academy. Three (3) employees from FRES were on the layoff list, but are no longer on the list.
- FELB: We are starting to get a handle on that and issuing field appearance tickets. There is a proposed change in the membership of the Board. There are two (2) manufacturers slots that we get resumes from.
- Commissioner met with Transition Team on Monday; we are putting documents together for them.
- School inspections start in January. No Christmas tree burn this year; no money.
- IMAT reorganizational meeting; we are trying to do some procedures and plans.
- USAR is moving in a positive position.
- Thank you for your support of me and for motion of support letter.
- Capt. Blosser: People from SCPD EMS Training are being moved. The budget as proposed entirely eliminates EMS from PD. This is supposed to be a cost saving measure.
- Cost of tree burn is from \$500 to \$1000. The associated costs are materials for a room to be built and any overtime involved.

J. Egan: If organizations can donate the money for a burn, can we do it? It will be checked into.

Fire Marshal's Report: Absent

Fire Academy: D. Stockinger

- VEEB meeting today and unpopular decisions had to be made. Starting in January, there will be a \$275 fee for pump tests per test. We've done it for free for many years and now we have to charge.
- We also will be charging (no fee yet) for SCUBA training. New charges will be administrative charges: training reports (\$25) and for students that lose their stamp sheet (\$25). Notice will go out to all fire departments and Districts.
- This year, no more pump tests, no more classes. Whatever you have booked, will be done. Tonight is last night of live burns. As of Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, everything will be shut down.
- The field lottery was conducted and assignments will be issued.
- You can request special classes – instructions will be sent out shortly. We will meet as many requests as possible.
- New website is ready. More features will be added.

SCPD – Special Patrol Bureau: Capt. J. Blosser

No new helicopter on the horizon. 12 year inspection of one is going on. Another one is down for inspection; we have 2 in service. Our older radios are capable of being narrow-banded, which is good news.

EMS: M. Masterton

(Handout) Currently there are 20 classes going on.

Budget Committee: D. Silverman

“Do more with less.” Happy Holidays.

Arson Task Force: R. Keller

No report.

Combined Radio Committee: N. Reilly, Jr.

Meeting is on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

Egan: don't believe extension on narrow-banding – it's not true.

Buildings & Grounds: K. Capon

Nothing to report.

Legislation & Standards: E. Tully

The Governor has not called on the firefighters bill (Brady bill). Put back compensation; don't know if it's going to go anywhere.

Codes & Prevention: V. Bologna

Residential sprinklers – nothing happening. Massachusetts has a public hearing on 12/13. Local jurisdictions can adopt but builders are fighting it.

EMS & REMSCO: A. LaFerrera

- REMSCO has a new chairman. Shelter Island Town is running Shelter Island Ambulance.
- EMS: D. Silverman: there is a number (Smithtown and Huntington) that North Shore/LIJ is pushing to get people to use the ambulances in their system. They are third party billing. Ambulance Chiefs Association is concerned. Motioned for D. Silverman, E. Tully seconded to send letter to REMSCO and Bob Delagi. They seem to give people an alternative to calling 911.
- Searing: North Shore is well within their operating certificate as per discussion with Delagi. It is a customer driven phone call. We believe the mailing is directed at doctors and doctors' offices. Concern is when issues arise, problems will follow. Masterton: they are required to follow our protocols. Any questions, contact Bob Delagi.

McDonough: Meeting of Huntington Chiefs, a concern is that they are being told to call 7 digit number and forget 911. It says there are 100 vehicles throughout Nassau County, Suffolk County and the boroughs. There are going to be out of pocket concerns. They show up at street calls, nursing homes, and doctors' offices. N. Reilly motioned for a letter to be sent to NS/LIJ, D. Carrigan seconded. Motion carried. Masterton: VA cannot accept patients that need a hospital; they are a medical center (strokes, burns, TIAs). Egan: should there be a correspondence with REMSCO regarding this issue? Outgoing chair is aware of situation. Tony LaFerrera will contact new chair regarding public information. Sorrentino: Is it possible to take out an ad in Newsday if all agencies agree. Individual districts can also send out a mailing.

Burn Center: F. Thornhill

Burn Center has been slow, but walk-ins have been busy. Progress of clean rooms for living skin bank; they are reaching point of certification. Before they open up for business, they are going to have an open house. Clean rooms must maintain constant temperature and humidity; temperature is good and they're getting a handle on humidity.

Egan: I think it's time to get out of Stony Brook and go to another hospital. Discussion ensued.

Recruitment & Retention: K. Capon

Meeting tonight with Sanna Matson and Halesite Chief spoke about his department and how they have recruited successfully.

Old Business:

Nothing.

New Business:

If Commissioner approves having the tree burn, this Commission will assist with \$300 and other organizations will chip in. Motion by J. Egan and K. Capon seconded. Motion approved.

Nominations of Officers: D. Silverman motioned for J. Egan for Chair, second by E. Tully.

Co-Chair: V. Bologna motioned for LaFerrera, seconded by E. Tully.

Motion by D. Silverman for C. Del Vecchio for Treasurer, seconded by E. Tully.

Motion by D. Silverman and seconded by F. Thornhill for nominations to be closed. Motion carried.

T. LaFerrera thanked everyone for their cooperation.

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

Public Comment:

There are two (2) meetings of the Legislative in December and two (2) Public Safety meetings.

Happy Holidays to everyone!

A motion was made to adjourn meeting by R. Sorrentino and seconded by K. Capon. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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

<b>NEXT MEETING</b>	Wednesday, January 25, 2012
<b>TIME</b>	8:00 pm
<b>LOCATION</b>	SC Dept. FRES Library, Yaphank
<b>REFRESHMENTS</b>	E. Tully and P. Garypie

**LIST OF COURSES OFFERED**

Course	Location	Dates	Days / Time
EMT Basic Refresher	St. James FD	12/1/11-3/15/12	Tues & Thurs: 7-10p
EMT Basic Original	East Moriches Ambulance	1/3-5/17/12	Tues & Thurs: 7-10-11pm & 5 Saturdays 9am-4pm
EMT Basic Original	Miller Place FD	1/14-6/21/12	Sats: 8am-3p