



Suffolk County Fire, Rescue & Emergency Services Commission
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MINUTES OF
SEPTEMBER 26, 2012 MEETING

In Memory Of:

**Assistant Chief
Robert Hopkins**

**Field Supervisor of
Suffolk County's
Fire Academy**

Vice Chairman LaFerrera opened the meeting at 8:06 p.m., followed by the Salute to the Flag and a moment of silence for sick and departed members. Dr. Harry Soroff, founder and former Director of the Suffolk County Firefighters Burn Center.

Dedicate page in Robert Hopkins memory.

Acceptance of Minutes:

The minutes of the June 27, 2012 meeting were accepted by a motion from D. Silverman and seconded by R. Sorrentino. 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: Absent

No report.

Report of Officers: A. LaFerrera

LaFerrera: attended many meetings; reports will follow on these meetings.

Commissioner's Report: J. Williams

- We ended up OK with the recommended budget; we have some cuts but we can hire 7 new dispatchers and 5 supervisors. John Jordan has been appointed the new Deputy Commissioner of FRES effective Monday October 1, 2012. When you look at the budget, it looks like we are losing some IT positions. They are staying here but will be under County IT. On paper it looks as if they are being transferred, but they are not.
- There are several coordinator meetings scheduled to be held – we are trying to make some corrections and changes to the coordinators duties.
- We received a letter and had a meeting today with the Brookhaven Town Fire Chiefs' Council regarding coordinator Bill Xikis, who has been dropped as a coordinator.
- East Hampton has been having dispatch problems and we have been working with them to solve these issues. We are going to Montauk next week to see the problem first-hand.
- As far as the Fire Academy is concerned, no classes will be cut and we are working with them to curtail costs.

Deputy Commissioner's Report: J. Jordan

Participating in many meetings and trying to come up to speed. One big item is that we have acquired a warehouse to store many items.

Perhaps we can have a meeting in the warehouse some time when things are more situated.

Fire Marshal's Report: Absent

Fire Academy: D. Stockinger

- The recommended budget for 2013 is a 5% decrease of the 2012 recommended budget. State aid is 18% less than 2012. We feel confident that we will be able to keep up the level of training.
- Medal of Valor is Sunday September 30th at the Selden Fire Department at 1:00 pm.
- Firefighter I Graduation Day is Saturday, October 6th at 10:00 am at the Fire Academy.
- Firehouse assignments for “Regional Training Sites” will be going out in another week; there will be one in each township, however some will be offered in individual fire houses because you must use own equipment. Field picks will be emailed shortly; each department will receive 6 drills.
- RIT competition Saturday November 17th.
- Nappi dedication is on October 13th at 11:00 am at Farmingville Fire Department Station #1. Assemblyman Dean Murray introduced legislation for the overpass bridge on Nicolls and Horseblock Roads to be renamed “Richard Nappi Memorial Bridge”.
- USAR Task Force is going to West Virginia for a 3-day exercise.
- Haz Mat Refresher – have been in contact with County IT department to develop on-line program. They are going to start developing it. It will take probably the rest of this year to develop this program and eventually there will be more programs.

Legislator Kara Hahn – I introduced a resolution directing County IT to work with FRES for on-line programs. Resolution was tabled so I could come tonight and explain it to those present. Nothing will be exclusively on-line but there are some things that can be done easily on-line. This is a priority to me and hope we can get this done. It will definitely be a convenience.

SCPD – Special Patrol Bureau: Capt. J. Blosser

We had a busy and good summer with excellent availability. All helicopters are in service now. We are trying to get ES and canine units to the USAR exercise in West Virginia. Our policy has been if you want to have a helicopter come out to your Township and do a demo, just ask. We are going to Huntington. Ask at the Fire Chiefs’ Councils if they want it. We will do 2 a year per Township.

EMS: M. Masterton

None submitted.

Budget Committee: D. Silverman

We met earlier tonight and we went over the numbers; we are OK with the numbers. I motion that FRES Commission support 2013 operating budget. Send letter to the County Executive and the Legislators. Motion seconded by R. Sorrentino; all in favor, motion carried.

Arson Task Force: AbsentCombined Radio Committee: N. Reilly

- Communication between FRES and PD used to be “iffy” but now there is much cooperation and believe it is due to Greg Miniutti. We asked for 20 new channels. Mark Fisher attended the meeting and agreed that the fire service will get more channels and they will program them.
- We might get a couple more FRES talkgroups especially for a major event. We are looking into the EMS talkgroup for the east end.
- November 14th is our next meeting. The past 6 months have been great toward a common goal.

Buildings & Grounds: Absent

Legislation & Standards: Absent

Codes & Prevention: V. Bologna

NYS fire prevention code – code is from 2006 and they have to be brought up to date and hopefully will vote on it this year.

EMS & REMSCO: A. LaFerrera

State resolved PCR issue and they are back. Brookhaven Hospital will be another distribution point.

Burn Center: F. Thornhill

- Not much to report. They were busy during the summer mostly in the out-patient clinic. There is some new research on the skin bank that they are optimistic about – a special dye that can be put on burns which will show depth and severity of burns.
- October 6 is night at Martha Clara Vineyard.

Dr. Harry Soroff died. He was the founder and former Director of the Suffolk County Firefighters Burn Center.

Recruitment & Retention: Absent

Sent via email:

- Tonight begins the SAFER funded “Train the Recruiter,” sessions. There will be eight (8) sessions total throughout the County.
- We have 119 student/volunteers attending SCCC as part of the SERVES program right now.
- We have processed information from more than 1,300 new recruits since 10/1/2010.
- FRES will be embarking on a more internet focused advertising push during the coming year as part of it’s SAFER approved comprehensive recruitment marketing strategy.
- If a recruit referral is sent to an agency we would appreciate if someone would reply to the prospective recruit (by email, phone, or letter) as soon as possible, even if the agency only takes in new members once annually, just to acknowledge the receipt of information. We are receiving more follow-up inquiries from people that aren’t hearing anything back after they input their information in the Suffolk’s Bravest system.
- A ten pack of posters was distributed to all fire departments to make use of during Fire Prevention Month when there is already a heightened awareness of the Fire Service.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

- Reilly: happy to see Legislators at these meetings. It would be wonderful if the Public Safety committee would alternate to come to these meetings.
- Stockinger: heard on radio that state of NJ was introducing legislation to set minimum training standards for first responders in that state. I will try to get more information.
- Josh is here from Kate Browning’s office.

Public Comment:

None.

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

A motion was made to adjourn meeting by V. Bologna and seconded by D. Carrigan. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Members Present	Members Excused	Staff Present	Guests Present
LaFerrera	R. Murphy	J. Williams	Anthony Sullo
A. Bloom	S. Thebold	J. Jordan	W.M. Masterton
V. Bologna	J. Bancroft	R. Stockinger	J. Slaughter
N. Luparella	R. Vella	G. Miniutti	K. Hahn
T. Crafts	E. Tully	T. Portoghese	R. Knight
D. Carrigan	P. Garypie		Capt. J. Blosser
R. Sorrentino	J. Egan		
N. Reilly	J. Carney		
D. Silverman			
F. Thornhill			
B. Prosek			

NEXT MEETING	Wednesday, October 24, 2012
TIME	8:00 pm
LOCATION	SC Dept. FRES Library, Yaphank
REFRESHMENTS	V. Bologna and R. Murphy

LIST OF COURSES OFFERED

Course	Location	Dates	Days / Time
EMT-CC Original	Peconic Bay Med Ctr	9/23-8/15/13	Sundays 9:30a-4p
EMT-CC Original	SC EMS Academy	9/24-8/15/13	Mons & Weds 6:30p-9:30p
EMT-Basic Original	Copiague FD	9/25-5/23/13	Tues & Thurs 7p-10/11p
EMT-Basic Refresher	Hunt Community FAS	9/26-1/17/13	Mons & Weds 7p-10p
EMT Basic Refresher	BayShore-Brightwaters Amb	10/2-1/17/13	Tues & Thurs 7p-10p
EMT-Basic Original	Sag Harbor Ambulance	10/2-3/21/13	Tues&hurs7-10/11&Suns9-4
EMT-Basic Original	Centereach FD	10/18-5/23/13	Tues & Thurs 7p-10/11p
EMT-CC Refresher	Community Ambulance Co.	10/27-1/7/13	Sats:8-2:30 & Weds:7-10p
EMT-Basic Original	West Islip FD	10/29-6/20/13	Mons 7p-10/11p
EMT-Basic Original	East Northport FD	10/30-6/20/13	Tues & Thurs 7p-10/11p
EMT-Basic Original	Miller Place FD	11/4-5/23/13	Sundays 8a-2:30p
EMT-Basic Original	Southold FD	11/5-6/20/13	Mons&Weds 7-10/11 pm
'EMT-Basic Refresher	Sag Harbor Ambulance	11/11-3/21/13	Sundays 9a-4p
RAPID EMT-Basic Or	SC EMS Academy	11/15-3/21/13	Mons & Thurs 9a-3p