



Suffolk County Fire, Rescue & Emergency Services Commission
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MINUTES OF
May 22, 2013 MEETING

Chairman Egan opened the meeting at 8:00 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 April meeting were accepted by a motion from E. Tully and seconded by R. Murphy. The motion carried.

Correspondence: T. Portoghese

No correspondence received or sent since last meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Still having issues setting up the account. Should be set up by this weekend.

Report of Officers: J. Egan / A. LaFerrera

Egan: Greg James, Chairman of Blue Ribbon Panel for Wildfires of 2012; we went through everything and came out with strategic points that we need to address. We need training in certain areas. Should be starting within next month or so.

Deputy Commissioner's Report: J. Jordan

MERV 1- is in and on display. It will be making rounds to meetings over the summer.

- Capable of rehabbing 24 pts. as well as wheelchairs etc...
Its true purpose is Evacuations etc....
- Protocols are being finished.
- It will be on display at EM conference and NYS Chiefs
- FRES will be hiring some F/T positions over the next few months 2- Resource Management Officers & 1 Operations Officer. Please send Resumes to John.jordan@suffolkcountyny.gov
- Joe Kuethen has been promoted to FMII
- Emergency Management Conference on 29th & 30th
- 7 new dispatchers hired end of 2012 will be going into service next 30 days.
- Snow Storm paperwork due for Blizzard.

- Started Fire weather index being sent to firehouse printers and pagers when high or extremely high.
- Hospital diversion notifications will start soon. We will be sending diversion information to printers and pagers as well.
- Operating Budget is being worked on and we will receive a 5% cut as well as all contract agencies, this includes the Fire Academy, however this will not affect classes. The cut has to come from either personnel or purchasing somewhere other than training.
- Mike Postel's replacement is Dave Rubin. He is a talented guy and he is going to start attending these meetings next month. June 7th we will begin a CAD training program for internal staff.
- Warehouse move is almost complete, we can make arrangements for anyone who wants to see the warehouse or maybe next month meet there early or something.
- 2- USAR Trailers are in, will be on display at the EM Conference.
- USACE is having a closeout meeting reference the FI Debris removal project tomorrow.
- Participating in several drills NYS OEM, USPS, Sheriff's Dept. this week, PD in June

Egan: Fire Coordinators are not notified about drills – it's probably a communications issue. We will reach out to make sure they are aware.

Fire Marshal's Report: Absent.

No report.

Fire Academy: D. Stockinger

- Reminder that Medal of Valor is Sept 29 at Southampton 1 pm. USAR Team will be receiving medals.
- Deputy Director position has been filled. Ed Johnston is being promoted. He's been with FA for 18 years. Will be starting June 17. (has been changed to June 24th)
- B. Holley: we are in process of looking at FFI program and we will be regenerating it. Classes on line with hands on done here. Hoping to roll program out the beginning of next year. We will keep you informed. There is a savings and will allow us to bring back some training that we haven't been able to offer.
- 5% cut: we will have to see what we are going to do.

This is my last meeting. Last day of work is June 28th. This Commission has been a big supporter of the Fire Academy and I thank everyone here.

Retirement party is June 19th at Majestic Gardens.

SCPD – Special Patrol Bureau: Capt. J. Blosser

Not much to report. The 3 ship is being inspected and will be back for Memorial Day. We are in for a good summer. Had a policy to go 2 times per year to each township and we would like to do that again.

EMS: M. Masterton

- EMS Week started this week. "One Mission, One Team". 185 students will be tested this month. Protocols are now online.
- Tomorrow night there is a meeting on narcotics. It is an informational meeting. It is for agencies that do not have narcotics.
- More and more people are going into the CMEs.

- “MERV” unit is a UASI asset.

Nothing else new in EMS. Website is best resource. There will be about 500 new providers within the next 2 months.

D. Stockinger – EMS has been asking for verification of credentials. Need 100, 700 and Haz Mat awareness. Awareness is not a requirement for firefighting. We have created a form letter stating what class has been completed instead of issuing new certificates.

Budget Committee: D. Silverman

No report.

Arson Task Force: Absent (T. Crafts)

No report.

Combined Radio Committee: N. Reilly, Jr.

Cooperating with PD. Michael will be at future meetings.

UHF paging – keeping districts aware of what’s going on.

It was a productive meeting.

G. Miniutti: New trainees are scheduled to come off end of June. Fire weather index. We will be texting that out when it is high, very high or extreme. Also sending it out to fire station printers. Worked with B. Delagi and will be putting out diversions. It will be out on a county wide basis. We are formalizing with PD our overflow procedures. We worked out an electronic system with CAD with very generic terms. Had 2nd PSAP consortium meeting. QA/QI – Bob Delagi came to discuss. We are up and running with IPAWS.

There is a lot going on in Radio Room and Greg is doing a great job.

Egan: with these new dispatchers where are we? We have filled all positions we have.

J. Jordan: we are full and County won’t fill positions that don’t exist.

Buildings & Grounds: E. Tully

Went over grounds tonight; grass is cut; everything is running.

Egan: Haz mat trailers – will they be going to warehouse. J. Jordan: We will put as much in warehouse as possible. Portable generators are housed in warehouse. We are getting an estimate on spraying trailers to avoid leaking.

Legislation & Standards: E. Tully

Many had day in Albany – I couldn’t go and haven’t heard yet what happened. We are looking to change our meetings with legislators, etc. from February to summer

Codes & Prevention: Absent (V. Bologna)

No report.

EMS & REMSCO: A. LaFerrera

Honored three groups of people for “saves”: Mastic Beach, Coram responder and another group of people. REMSCO award recipients were named.

Burn Center: F. Thornhill

Not much. Last week was Recognition Day.

Recruitment & Retention: R. Murphy

Recruitment committee met just before this meeting. Goal was 2442. We're at more than 1928, actually very close to 2000. We only have 442 new recruits left to meet our goal by October. Final Train the Recruiter will be on June 18 at Mastic Beach. It was postponed from Hurricane Sandy.

Events: 112 new apps for SERVES program. Committee will meet again on July 17.

Some departments are not taking any more new recruits – they are maxed out.

Old Business:

Nothing.

New Business:

J. Egan – both LaFerrera and I have tickets for Dick's retirement. Motioned to send T. Portoghese from FRES Commission R. Murphy seconded by E. Tully.

Public Comment:

Public Safety is May 30, 2013 at 9:30am.

K. Browning had town hall meeting.

A motion was made to adjourn meeting by E. Tully and seconded by D. Silverman. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Members Present	Members Excused	Staff Present	Guests Present
T. LaFerrera	N. Luparella	J. Jordan	R. Knight
R. Murphy	C. Bancroft	R. Stockinger	M. Masterton
A. Sullo	R. Sorrentino	R. Holley	Capt. J. Blosser
D. Carrigan		G. Miniutti	
E. Tully		T. Portoghese	
N. Reilly			
D. Silverman			
Fr. Thornhill			
J. Egan			
J. Carney			
B. Prosek			
Alternates Present			
J. McDonough – Hunt Town Fire Chiefs Council			

NEXT MEETING	Wednesday June 26, 2013
TIME	8:00 pm
LOCATION	SC Dept. FRES Library, Yaphank
REFRESHMENTS	John Carney and Bryan Prosek