



Suffolk County Fire, Rescue & Emergency Services Commission
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MINUTES OF
JUNE 26, 2013 MEETING

Chairman Egan opened the meeting at 8:12 p.m., followed by the Salute to the Flag and a moment of silence for sick and departed members: Ex-Chief Steve Feron, Hauppauge Fire Department, Ex-Chief Robert Hannel, Terryville, Fire Department and Ex-Commissioner John Dicecco, Mattituck Fire Department.

Acceptance of Minutes:

The minutes of the May 2013 meeting were accepted by a motion from A. Bloom and seconded by V. Bologna. The motion carried.

Correspondence: T. Portoghese

No correspondence received or sent since last meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

The opening balance was \$3955.78. The closing balance at Suffolk County National Bank is \$3040.78 and balance at FASNY is \$1000. Motion made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's reports. All in favor and no one opposing, the motion was carried.

SCNB has been fighting us every step of the way.

Report of Officers: J. Egan

Will give report under New Business.

Commissioner's Report: J. Williams

- Meeting with County Budget Department this week.
- The seven new dispatchers came off probation so this should alleviate some of the overtime. All allocated positions for dispatchers in FRES have been filled.

Fire Marshal's Report: E. Springer

- Both Brett and Don and their canines, Jul and T have been recertified.
- Our department participated in several drills and exercises.
- USAR trailer is here and we will continue purchasing new equipment. We had a meeting and are moving ahead with training.

- We had a regional Haz Mat meeting this month and all players were present.
- All is going well. FELB is doing well. One individual was arrested this past month by DA's office due to fraudulent tags.

Fire Academy: B. Holley

- Introduced new Deputy Director – Ed Johnston; I will be taking over as Executive Director on Monday.
- Additional field sessions are being offered to departments for a fee (our cost) when available.
- Medal of Valor ceremony is September 29th at Southampton Fire Department.
- Firefighter-1 Graduation is Saturday, October 12th at 10:00 am at the Fire Academy.
- Firefighter-1 Program changes: new manual will be IFSTA's Essentials of Firefighter (6th edition); hybrid course development. Details will be given as they become available.

SCPD – Special Patrol Bureau: Absent

No Report

EMS: Absent

No Report.

Budget Committee: Absent (D. Silverman)

No Report.

Arson Task Force: T. Crafts

No Report.

Combined Radio Committee: N. Reilly, Jr.

- Next meeting is July 10. Defer to Greg for report:
- David Rubin is the new Public Safety Technical Coordinator
- Work in progress getting all radios programed
- High fire weather index – nothing so far.

Buildings & Grounds: Absent (E. Tully)

No Report.

Legislation & Standards: Absent (E. Tully)

No Report.

Codes & Prevention: V. Bologna

Everything is quiet.

EMS & REMSCO: Absent (A. LaFerrera)

No Report.

Burn Center: F. Thornhill

- Recognition Day was a couple of weeks ago.
- Hospital PR office didn't like pictures taken at Recognition Day and wasn't going to publish them.

- Explanation of Smart Room – ID badge, info pops up on screen and identifies person coming into room.
- Night at the Vineyard is October 5.
- Burn Center Memorial Golf Outing is August 6th.

Recruitment & Retention: R. Murphy

- 1950 total recruits since beginning of the current SAFER grant.
- Train the Recruiter was held recently and was well attended.
- There are approximately 200/203 active students currently in the SERVES program.
- Numbers are still up and we expect to see them increase.

Old Business:

Nothing.

New Business:

- J. Carney thanked Commissioner Williams for setting up meeting with CE. Several people were present. CE is committed to meeting with us quarterly. Before the meeting started, Jet Blue gave out tickets; fire departments will be picked and then those departments will have a lottery. The tickets are meant for first responders for Hurricane Sandy.
- Some issue with Fire Academy – told there was going to be a deficit in their budget and that didn't happen.
- Had a lengthy discussion about cuts in the past 5 years. CE was very supportive.
- We asked for a plan to get more positions (FMs, dispatchers) at FRES.
- Joint Council asked for a 911 ceremony, CE was on board that fire service be involved.
- SERVES – CE thinks it is a great program and wants to keep it.
- Discussed future plans for fire and EMS and he was very receptive to that.
- Press Conferences: CE understands that fire service wants to be part of these events and he will try to allow more lead time.
- Very impressed with CE's position and his support of our 15 items. CE is very concerned with the same issues we are
- J. Egan: Smart911 press conference was in conflict with State Chiefs' meeting up state. Smart911 is a free service that allows one to create a profile for their household that includes any information they want 9-1-1 to have in the event of an emergency. This would provide additional information that can be used to facilitate the proper response to the proper location. It is a subscription service. Joel Vetter of FRES is knowledgeable about the program.
- Carney: Some funding with PSAPs have been challenging and some may not be doing it much longer. Smithtown will be getting out of business.
- J. Williams: there is a cost to the FD for the service; the county activates for free. We did not push that; they came to us.
- E Springer: it became cost prohibitive for us (St. James); we will go with Public Safety.
- J. Egan: Blue Ribbon Panel (wild fires) received recommendations and suggestions. First roll out will be tomorrow night at Brookhaven Chiefs. More of a round table discussion of what came out of the Panel. Would like some input from Chiefs.

Public Comment:

Governor has five bills and we have no idea what he is going to do with them.

Public Safety meeting will be in July.

Holley: Ed Carpenter is stepping down from VEEB. Qualifications are in hand-out. VEEB asked that names be submitted by October 1. He stays in his seat until he's replaced.

A motion was made to adjourn meeting by V. Bologna and seconded by R. Murphy. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Members Present	Members Excused	Staff Present	Guests Present
A. Bloom	E. Tully	J. Williams	R. Knight
V. Bologna	D. Silverman	E. Springer	W. Jackson
R. Murphy	R. Sorrentino	R. Holley	
N. Luparella	A. LaFerrera	E. Johnston	
C. Bancroft		G. Miniutti	
T. Crafts		D. Rubin	
A. Sullo		T. Portoghese	
D. Carrigan			
N. Reilly			
F. Thornhill			
J. Egan			
J. Carney			
Alternates Present			
J. McDonough – Huntington Town Fire Chiefs Cncl			

NEXT MEETING	Wednesday, September 25, 2013
TIME	8:00 pm
LOCATION	SC Dept. FRES Library, Yaphank
REFRESHMENTS	Tony LaFerrera and Scott Thebold