



Suffolk County Fire, Rescue & Emergency Services Commission
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MINUTES OF
OCTOBER 22, 2014 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 September 24, 2014 meeting were accepted by a motion from E. Tully and seconded by R. Murphy. The motion carried.

Correspondence: T. Portoghese

No correspondence received since last meeting.

Correspondence sent since last meeting:

- Letter to Governor Cuomo in support of bills granting uniformed members of Bureau of Fire Prevention in the Town of Islip, Peace Officer status.

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

Treasurer's Report:

SCNB: the opening and closing balance is \$50.81 due to lack of activity. FASNY account: the opening and closing balance is \$4064.48. Only East Hampton Chiefs' have not paid this year's dues. Balance in both accounts is \$4115.29. Motion made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report. All in favor and no one opposing, the motion was carried.

Report of Officers: J. Egan

LaFerrera is out sick.

Commissioner's Report: J. Williams

- Introduced Carolyn Alles, back-up Recording Secretary, to FRES Commission meeting attendees
- Had Operating Budget meeting with Legislators and met tonight with Budget Committee of this Commission

Turned over to Drew: This budget cycle did well and we got everything asked for; salary is intact, equipment-wise, all went well.

- Fire Marshals – a main job of the Fire Marshals is to inspect county buildings (we have about 2000); hired 2 part-time FMs and will be hiring one full-time. There will be Fire Marshal tests coming up and Ed Springer will be retiring.
- This Saturday is the ESD I and II tests. A lot of controversy over radio room. Up to July 1 we were fully staffed then we had 2 people leave for other employment. I have to take people out of the radio room to train new dispatchers. I cannot hire anyone unless I have an available position. There are 5 open positions at this time. When new people come on board, it takes 6 months to train them. People have talked about retiring in 2015 but I can't fill those positions until they are vacant. Once list is established, we will hire as many as we can.

D. Silverman motioned that we support the operating budget by sending a letter; E. Tully seconded.

- High water brush truck was delivered yesterday.

Deputy Commissioner's Report: J. Jordan (Absent)

No report.

Fire Marshal's Report: E. Springer (Absent)

No report.

Fire Academy: E. Johnston

- Sent out solicitation for classes and only got back 61. Schedule was difficult to do. Field classes went out; 4 classes added.
- EMS extrication and patient care (advanced extrication and CC classes)
- Haz Mat Ops Refresher is ready for January.
- Firefighting 1 – when chiefs sign it, they must read it to make sure all components have been completed.
- Contacted by NYS for us to show them how we do Firefighter 1.
- November 5 is Liaison meeting.

VEEB: W. Sanok

- Next meeting is next Monday at 3:30 and we have two vacancies
- White paper is out there.

Murphy – anyone from VEEB coming to Vollies meetings? The indication is that only chiefs' are contacted.

Al Groveman said that he has been in contact with Jerry Owenburg about the meetings.

Williams: Purpose of liaison committee is to discuss training program; why teaching classes they're teaching, etc. they have nothing to do with white paper.

SCPD – Special Patrol Bureau: Capt. J. Blosser (Absent)

No report.

EMS: M. Masterton

Gave handouts on Ebola. Two people in US contracted virus, both were healthcare workers. We have experts, medical director, Bob Delagi, etc.; it is the caring for the patient that is more concerning.

We have 20 classes coming up (originals, refreshers, CMEs, etc)
Leadership should be calling with questions: talk to Bob Delagi, Tom Lateulere or Karl Klug.

Budget Committee: D. Silverman

Already covered.

Arson Task Force: T. Crafts (Absent)

No report.

Combined Radio Committee: N. Reilly, Jr.

- Next meeting November 12 at Coram. Sending emails to members listed.

Greg – participated in St. James active killer drill. Relatively successful; there are points to work on.

- Next month an active shooter drill in Riverhead.
- SCPD did turn over bid proposal to upgrade to 800 MHz system. We will review but it is PD driven.
- Next week we are operating out of Coram. Will be back for Halloween for more call volume.
- ID response for Ebola is travel questions (fever, cold). Making call back to PD that dispatcher gets information. Hope is that public health will get to house quickly). Dr. Tomarken came up with specific questions for us to ask.
- 911 commission meeting was held for PSAPs. If criteria are met and no MD is on call, calls will be forwarded to us.

Buildings & Grounds: E. Tully

In touch with Fire Academy and everything is up and running. Maze unit is being redone.

Legislation & Standards: E. Tully

Governor did sign sex offender bill but it is useless – it has to be tweaked. They do arson background checks; everyone thought sheriff was going to do background check – they will not. It is up to each department. Other bills are up three, but he will pick or choose what he wants.

Codes & Prevention: V. Bologna (Absent)

No report.

EMS & REMSCO: A. LaFerrera (Absent)

EMS has a Face book account. State Health Department has all information.

Burn Center: N. Luparella

Still busy.

Two (2) beds have been delegated for Ebola patients. Stony Brook is hospital in Suffolk County if there are confirmed cases.

Recruitment & Retention: R. Murphy

Recruitment Committee met and reported about 45 people per month coming on. Put in a budget amendment; some funding needs to be shifted around and spent down. Keeping Volunteer Programs Coordinator on as long as possible; people still have to be tracked.

Old & New Business:

LODD and organ donors – no one really knows the procedures – very enlightening (N. Reilly). Over the years, time has been wasted and the family loses out.

Williams – somehow we have to get the word out to the chiefs and commissioners. They need to know the procedures; 8 hrs to inform PESH; there has to be a full autopsy. Maybe next seminar we should have a class for chiefs and commissioners on this subject. This is so the family gets what they deserve. It all starts with the “host” department.

Williams: Chiefs’ change, perhaps we need to come up with a booklet with all this information and get it out to 109 fire departments.

Put this info on everyone’s website also.

Membership should also know.

Biggest burden is on fire chief filling out the paperwork.

Another point of view was for those registered organ donors; the family may not necessarily be able to stop the donation.

Also should contact legislators to change the organ donation procedure.

Public Comment:

Josh Slaughter (for Legislator Browning) said that the County is purchasing a new helicopter. November 13th is next Public Safety meeting.

A motion was made to adjourn meeting by E. Tully and seconded by R. Murphy. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Members Present	Members Excused	Staff Present	Guests Present
A Bloom	A LaFerrera	J Williams	W Sanok
R Murphy		E Johnston	W Masterton
N Luparella		G Miniutti	J Slaughter
J Bancroft		T Portoghese	
A Sullo		C Alles	
D Carrigan			
E Tully			
R Rizzuti			
N Reilly			
D Silverman			
J Egan			
B Prosek			
Alternates Present			
C Duffy – Smithtown Town Fire Chiefs’ Council			

NEXT MEETING	Wednesday, December 3, 2014
TIME	8:00 pm
LOCATION	SC Dept. FRES Library, Yaphank
REFRESHMENTS	Tony LaFerrera and Scott Thebold

LIST OF COURSES OFFERED

Course	Location	Dates	Days / Time
EMT-Refresher	West Islip FD	11/10-2/19/15	Sats 8:30-3 & Mons 7-10