



Suffolk County Fire, Rescue & Emergency Services Commission  
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MINUTES OF  
FEBRUARY 4, 2015 MEETING (Rescheduled from January 28, 2015)

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**IMPORTANT NOTE:**

**The FRES Commission is now held at 7:30 p.m. as per approved motion from December 3, 2014 meeting**

Chairman Egan opened the meeting at 8:00 p.m. instead of 7:30 p.m. (the Commission's new starting time) as we didn't have a quorum, followed by the Salute to the Flag and a moment of silence for sick and departed members.

Acceptance of Minutes:

The minutes of the December meeting were accepted by a motion from R. Murphy and seconded by D. Silverman. The motion carried.

Correspondence: T. Portoghese

Correspondence received since last meeting:

- A memo from the Chief Deputy County Executive: mileage reimbursement rate for the use of personal vehicles to conduct County business has been increased from 56 cents per mile to 57.5 cents effective January 1, 2015.

No correspondence sent since last meeting.

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

Treasurer's Report: J. Bancroft (Absent)

The total opening balance \$4115.781; balance at SCNB \$50.78 and at FASNY \$4065 (information taken from SCNB Statement). No further information.

Report of Officers: J. Egan / A. LaFerrera

LaFerrera attended last Public Safety meeting.  
There are new VEEB members

Commissioner's Report: J. Williams

- Starting brush training course. Worked out deal with Pine Barrens Association, and hoping academy would be open. Surveyors spent much time at Fire Island surveying. Every Public Safety Committee member voted yes for the course.
- The Dispatcher test is graded by the State and we don't have a list yet. They still have to do a typing test. I have signed SCINs. A couple of supervisors have retired; the list should hopefully be out soon so I can promote ESD Is to ESD IIs and then backfill. Probably will be able to hire middle of March to April 1.
- SAFER Grant – didn't get the new one and this one runs out April 1. People are still responsible to fulfill their years of obligation and that will be monitored.

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

No report.

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

No report.

Fire Academy: E. Johnston

- Two new VEEB members were approved
- Haz Mat on-line is up and running and on our website. There is a survey at the end; please encourage all to fill out survey. It is a tough course.
- We will run a Fire Police Field Day August 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Revamping Fire Instructor 1; would like to give class twice a year.

VEEB: (Absent)

No report.

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

No report.

EMS: M. Masterton (Absent)

No report.

Budget Committee: D. Silverman

Nothing to report.

Arson Task Force: T. Crafts

Nothing to report.

Combined Radio Committee: N. Reilly

- January 14<sup>th</sup> meeting was productive but not well attended
- UHF paging on the east end has a frequency

- Next meeting is March 11<sup>th</sup> and will be here at 7:30.

Buildings & Grounds: E. Tully (Absent)

No report.

Legislation & Standards: E. Tully (Absent)

No report.

Codes & Prevention: V. Bologna

- NYS Codes Council 2015 residential code is being voted on next week: include a requirement of inclusion of fire sprinkler system. I have a letter ready to send – motioned by V. Bologna and seconded by A. LaFerrera. Motion carried.
- Governor signed into law that sparklers and other fireworks can be stored and can only be purchased December and July. This is going County by County. This is definitely a public safety issue.

EMS & REMSCO: A. LaFerrera

- Didn't make last REMSCO meeting as I had a funeral.

Silverman: There are open seats on REMSCO. There is a FRES seat and a FRES Commission seat. Important to mention that the Red Cross is abandoning their seat. REMSCO is looking to other organizations to fill seats. Perhaps Hispanic Council. Reilly motioned to send letter to REMSCO and Egan seconded.

Lengthy discussion at Ambulance Chiefs meeting: should be looking into this draft for differences in health law for EMS workers.

EMS – have some safety concerns in some of the rougher areas in the County. Open lines of communication with the police for those with drugs, terrorists, violence, etc. For example, they are going for a regular signal 16 and in fact, they are going into a dangerous or difficult situation that they are unaware of but PD may know of it.

Miniutti: some are flagged for violence but with some calls, ambulances are going in blind.

Williams: I have spoken to (Stu) Cameron and I have discussed this with PD. We don't get the same information as PD does. Same with active shooters – we get a call and we treat it as violence in progress. Has been an ongoing issue and has to be addressed.

It is a safety concern and it becomes a public safety concern.

Give Williams till next meeting to talk with PD to see if we can resolve this, then we'll see about contacting the Public Safety Committee.

Burn Center: N. Luparella (Absent)

No report.

Recruitment & Retention: R. Murphy

- Couldn't make last Committee meeting.
- 2653 people recruited under the system. Over 200 came in not through system.
- Important to secure the SAFER Grant even for the Fire Academy.
- We have good returns on annual census report – 96% have come in.

Old Business:

Nothing.

New Business:

Silverman – fire in Huntington Station, homeowners are being treating and board-up companies are trying to talk to them and convince them to board up their homes. Can there be legislation like there is with tow trucks? I believe that the Town Fire Marshals should be involved. Some action needs to be taken.

Bologna – let me bring up at next Fire Marshals meeting.

Egan: I would like to postpone the election of board members as we do not have a good representation tonight of what this Commission is. Motion to wait until next meeting (February 25) for election. V. Bologna motioned and D. Silverman seconded. The motion carried.

Public Comment:

Next Public Safety meeting is February 26, 2015.

A motion was made to adjourn meeting by J. Egan and seconded by V. Bologna. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Members Present	Members Excused	Staff Present	Guests Present
LaFerrera, A.	Bloom, A.	Williams, J.	Slaughter, J.
Bologna, V.	Tully, E.	Johnston, E.	
Murphy, R.	Prosek, B.	Miniutti, G.	
Crafts, T.		Portoghese, T.	
Sullo, A.		Alles, C.	
Reilly, N.			
Silverman, D.			
Markott, K.			
Egan, J.			
Carney, J.			

<b>NEXT MEETING</b>	Wednesday, February 25, 2015
<b>TIME</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>
<b>LOCATION</b>	SC Dept. FRES Library, Yaphank
<b>REFRESHMENTS</b>	R. Murphy and N. Luparella

**LIST OF COURSES OFFERED**

<b>Course</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Days / Time</b>
EMT-Refresher	East Moriches Ambulance	1/27-4/16	Tues & Thurs – 7pm-10pm
EMR/CFR Original	Brentwood Legion Ambulance	2/9-4/16	Mons 6:60-9:30p & Sats 9:30-3
Rapid Day EMT Ref	Community Ambulance	3/2-5/21	Mons thru Fris 9-3:30/4:30
EMT Para Refresher	SC EMS Academy	3/5-5/21	Tues&Thurs 6:30-10:30&3 Sats