



Suffolk County Fire, Rescue & Emergency Services Commission  
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MINUTES OF  
March 25, 2015 MEETING

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Chairman LaFerrera opened the meeting at 7:33 p.m., followed by the Salute to the Flag and a moment of silence for sick and departed members: Past Chief and Commissioner of Hauppauge Fire Department Edward J. Crean Jr and Joe Frohenhofer, Southold Fire Department.

Acceptance of Minutes:

The minutes of the February 25, 2015 meeting were accepted by a motion from R. Murphy and seconded by E. Tully. The motion carried.

Correspondence: T. Portoghese

No correspondence received or sent since last meeting.

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

Treasurer's Report: J. Bancroft

The opening balance at SCNB was \$50.78; with no activity; the closing balance was the same. At FASNY, opening and closing balance was \$ 4072.07. Balance from both banks was \$4122.85. Motion made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's reports. All in favor and no one opposing, the motion was carried. East Hampton Chiefs is the only organization unpaid. Motioned to close SCNB.

Report of Officers: A. LaFerrera / T. Crafts

Crafts – nothing this month.

LaFerrera – meeting for board-up companies: conclusion was that they should be licensed.

Resolution brought up by Legislator Browning was tabled.

Went to meeting on sparkler legislation. Big money behind it. There is a lot of money that can be brought into the County from this legislation. People will be trained and DOT certified. There are 250 businesses on board to accept sparklers (they are sparkling devices; not just sparklers). Company (TNT) is looking to sell sparkling devices as if they were flowers on the side of the road. What about monetary cost to monitor and dispose of these items? Fire service has until April 23<sup>rd</sup> when next Public Safety Committee meeting will be held. General meeting/Public

Hearing is April 28<sup>th</sup>. Babylon Chiefs, Islip Chiefs Fire Marshals Association all sent letters against this legislation.

R. Murphy made a motion to send a letter against legislation, N. Reilly seconded. Go to all legislators, Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup> in *Newsday* had an article about how this would help Suffolk County. Motion carried. (Resolution 1152-15).

The only study or report they kept citing was that 47 states legalized and only 1 out of 47 had anything positive to mention.

Can be more restrictive or put a moratorium on the legislation in a specific Township.

Need to get Town Fire Marshals involved.

Commissioner's Report: J. Williams (Absent)

No report.

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

No report.

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

No report.

Fire Academy: R. Holley

Five (5) classes have received approval for College credit. Will get word out and it will be retroactive to 2014.

Field opens Monday; little problem, the floor in taxpayer is not completed (due to weather). Pouring Monday and it takes 4 days to cure. We will have to reschedule those classes that have to be cancelled.

Walk-through will be in May or June.

VEEB: A. Groveman

Asking Legislators to come to the Fire Academy to see what it's all about. Will be asking local legislators to do the same. Can bring press also.

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

No report.

EMS: M. Masterton (Absent)

No report

Budget Committee: D. Silverman

Nothing to report. Anticipate meeting shortly

Arson Task Force: T. Crafts

Don Lynch was called upstate by ATF for an investigation.

Combined Radio Committee: N. Reilly

No report. Next meeting is April 8.

Buildings & Grounds: E. Tully

We will check out Fire Academy before May's meeting at 6:00 pm.

Legislation & Standards: E. Tully

Everything is updated and waiting in Albany.

Codes & Prevention: V. Bologna

Didn't vote on residential sprinklers; probably vote in July.

SCFM Association is holding a shotgun competition and BBQ on June 5<sup>th</sup>. It's a fundraiser.

EMS & REMSCO: A. LaFerrera

REMSCO – FRES Commission has a seat on REMSCO as does FRES. Other organizations are looking for a seat. My opinion is that this Commission should not give up their seat on REMSCO; N. Luparella motioned and D. Silverman seconded. Motion carried unanimously to retain seat.

Burn Center: N. Luparella

Ducks Night is May 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

May 17<sup>th</sup> is Recognition Day

Recruitment & Retention: R. Murphy

Recruitment and Retention meeting was held earlier tonight. Sanna Matson contract was extended for marketing. Website – trying to make it more mobile.

Posters and materials are still available. Contact Mike Fink.

Next meeting is June 17<sup>th</sup>.

Average 55 new recruits each month.

Since 2009 (beginning of grant), there have been 2996 prospective recruits.

Old Business:

Nothing.

New Business:

Problem with solar heating; rumor that there was going to be a shut-off. Should have a class on items dangerous to firefighters. April 29<sup>th</sup> at Southold HS auditorium at 7:00 pm will be a presentation by PSEG and Solar Universe on “Firefighting with Solar”.

Public Comment:

March 16 – bill for fire prevention and safety grants opens.

A motion was made to adjourn meeting by E. Tully and seconded by B. Prosek. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Members Present	Members Excused	Staff Present	Guests Present
LaFerrera, A.		Holley, R.	Bonventre, F.
Bloom, A		Portoghese, T.	Barz, R.
Bologna, V.		Alles, C.	Groveman, A.
Murphy, R.			
Luparella, N.			
Bancroft, J.			
Crafts, T.			
Sullo, A.			
Carrigan, D.			
Tully, E.			
Reilly, N.			
Silverman, D.			
Markott, K.			
Prosek, B.			

<b>NEXT MEETING</b>	Wednesday, April 22, 2015
<b>TIME</b>	7:30 pm
<b>LOCATION</b>	SC Dept. FRES Library, Yaphank
<b>REFRESHMENTS</b>	Anthony Sullo and David Carrigan

**LIST OF COURSES OFFERED**

Course	Location	Dates	Days / Time
Rapid EMT-Basic	Community Ambulance	4/10-7/16/15	Mons-Fris; 6:30-9:30/10:30
Rapid EMT-Basic	SC EMS Academy	4/27-7/16/105	Mons-Fris: 9-4:30/5:30
Rapid EMT-Basic	SC EMS Academy	5/19-7/16/15	Mons, Tues&Weds: 4-10:30
Rapid EMT-Basic	SC EMS Academy	5/26-8/20/15	Tues, Weds&Thurs: 5-10:30/11