



Suffolk County Fire, Rescue & Emergency Services Commission  
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**Dedicated to**

**Long-Standing**

**FRES Commission Member**

**DAVID CARRIGAN**

**Suffolk County Fire**

**District Officers' Association**

MINUTES OF  
May 27, 2015 MEETING

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Chairman LaFerrera opened the meeting at 7:42 p.m., followed by the Salute to the Flag and a moment of silence for sick and departed members: Honorary Chief of Patchogue, Joseph Hockney, Ex- Chief and past Commissioner of Dix Hills, Fredrick Reithal and 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief, William "Bo"Overton. Motion made and seconded to dedicate a page to former member David Carrigan. Norm Reilly motioned for letter of condolence to be sent to family of departed members. Chairman LaFerrera seconded.

Acceptance of Minutes:

The minutes of the April 2015 meeting were accepted by a motion from Ryan Murphy and seconded by Ed Tully. The motion carried.

Correspondence: T. Portoghese

No correspondence received or sent since last meeting.

Treasurer's Report: J. Bancroft (Absent)

- The opening balance at SCNB was \$45.78; the account was closed and after service charges, \$40.78 was given as cash.
- In FASNY balance is \$ 3968.02. LaFerrera will be moving money from closed SCNB account to FASNY account.
- Motion made by R. Rizzuti and seconded by E. Tully to accept the Treasurer's reports. All in favor and no one opposing, the motion was carried.

Report of Officers: A. LaFerrera / T. Crafts

- **LaFerrera:** Ceremony at Legislative Building on May 12th honored Don Lynch and Brett Martinez. Brett is the longest running canine handler in the history of ATF Canine Program with 25 years.
- **Crafts:** Tour of Fire Academy tonight was held at 6 p.m., many thanks to Bob Holley and Eddie Johnston as it was very informative.
- We walked around various buildings, a lot of exciting things going on, repairs are ongoing
- Some issues with Taxpayer floor, Flashover Simulator needs work

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner's Report: J. Williams

- June 1<sup>st</sup>, there will be 7 new dispatchers starting training, great news, long awaited. Found out there will be more retirees in near future, but now we have a current list to pull candidates from.
- October 17<sup>th</sup>- Fire Marshal Test
- June 25<sup>th</sup> – East Islip Marina, meet and greet with 8 Town of Islip units, Coast Guard representatives, SCPD Marine Bureau. Have been working together to model plan for water rescues, working on getting proper radios, Chief's Council behind it, Commander of Coast Guard behind it. Will have report October or November.
- Capital Projects – Thank you to Kate Browning, moving ahead with Capital Projects

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

No report

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

No report.

Fire Academy: R. Holley

- Not too much going on right now
- Brian Grattan has retired and we will be hiring a Maintenance Mechanic 1
- OFPC gave their recommendations for training for various fire fighter positions. OSHA and PESH involved, will be up on Fire Academy website. Advising to pay close attention to these recommendations.
- OFPC has also published a list of mandatory refresher courses. Will work with departments to get these done in a timely manner. Departments have to take responsibility to train own personnel in whatever their particular job is.

Discussion ensued

VEEB: William Sanok

- Speaking for Board, a lot of changes, improved communications has really helped. Going in the right direction, Reorganization meeting on June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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

No report

EMS: M. Masterton (absent)

No report

Budget Committee: D. Silverman (absent)

No report

Arson Task Force: T. Crafts

Nothing to report

Combined Radio Committee: N. Reilly

- Met on April 8<sup>th</sup>
- County UHF Paging is moving forward, West end is building now, East end, January 1<sup>st</sup>
- 800 microwave upgrade-Greenport Tower/Montauk Gator Site
- U and V Call Monitoring
- 800 Amb. Radios to be replaced during upgrade
- Town wide/Department 800 talk groups
- 911 Agency , Verizon is out and Carousel Company is now running 911
- Next meeting is June 10<sup>th</sup>

Buildings & Grounds: E. Tully

- No report; covered in Officer's Report.

Legislation & Standards: E. Tully

- Basically, nothing going on in Albany. Will reconvene in Sept or October.

Codes & Prevention: V. Bologna

- 7 - Eleven is selling sparklers in Town of Babylon, call local Fire Marshal.

EMS & REMSCO: A. LaFerrera

- Talked about nominations for agency of the year, responder of the year etc...poor response this year. South Country swept a lot of awards this year.
- September 13<sup>th</sup> is SC Marathon.

- Williams: Hopefully, next month Deputy Commissioner Jordan, Ed Schneyer will make a short presentation about Marathon

Burn Center: N. Luparella

- Hired a new night nurse
- May 17<sup>th</sup> - recognition night
- Oct 14<sup>th</sup> - night in Atlantis Aquarium in Riverhead
- August 4th-Golf outing

Recruitment & Retention: R. Murphy

- Progress is still being made, 40-50 new recruits per month. Any Open Houses, reach out to Mike Fink here at FRES for materials
- **Williams** - New SAFER grant has been applied for- they are asking for more information which is a good sign, Nassau County has not applied for it. If we get it, it will be the third one we get. It's a great program
- **Murphy**- after the last SERVES program, it brought in 2600-2700 new recruits. When we have SAFER grant in place, the grads from FF1 are higher.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Murphy: At Vollies meeting last night- PSEG has new safety protocol being initiated.

Public Comment: Legislator Browning

- Regretfully, Board Up Bill has been amended
- Companies do need to be registered. If these companies are in violation, they will need to be written up, get Fire Marshals involved
- Need attendance at next Legislative Meeting which is June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30am. Let's hope with your voices we get a lot of support for bill, call your legislators
- Pretty confident Capital Budget should pass

Discussion ensued

Bologna: Helicopter status??

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

Members Present	Members Excused	Staff Present	Guests Present
LaFerrera, A.	Silverman, D.	Williams, J	Sanok, W.
Bologna, V.	Prosek, B	Holley, R.	Kutch, R
Murphy, R.		Johnston, E.	Barz, R.
Luparella, N.		Miniutti, G.	
Crafts, T.		Portoghese, T	
Sullo, A.		Alles, C	
Tully, E.			
Rizzuti, R.			
Reilly, N.			
Markott, K.			
<b>Alternates Present</b>			
Bonventre, F. - Islip Town Fire Chiefs' Council			

<b>NEXT MEETING</b>	Wednesday, June 24, 2015
<b>TIME</b>	7:30 pm
<b>LOCATION</b>	SC Dept. FRES Library, Yaphank
<b>REFRESHMENTS</b>	Norm Reilly and Drew Silverman