



Suffolk County Fire, Rescue & Emergency Services Commission

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MINUTES OF OCTOBER 28, 2015 MEETING

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: Larry Sesso Ex-Chief from Sayville.

Acceptance of Minutes:

The minutes of the June meeting were accepted by a motion from B. Prosek and seconded by D. Silverman. 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 (Absent)

No report.

Report of Officers: A. LaFerrera / T. Crafts

A. LaFerrera – nothing major other than several funerals.

T. Crafts – Happy Birthday to Tony.

Commissioner's Report: J. Williams

- Budget hearings went well.
- New SAFER Grant will be starting Spring 2016. Departments are not submitting their reports to NYS. Members of departments that do not report are not eligible to participate in the SAFER Grant. Please relay this information to your organizations. The difference between this grant and the last one we had is that we will reimburse instead of paying directly to the college. Students can attend any college in Suffolk County and will be reimbursed in an amount equal to the SCCC rate.

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

No report.

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

No report.

Fire Academy: R. Holley

- County came to an agreement with NCRS on college credits.
- FF1 and 2 are retroactive to 2014; Fire Officer, Intro to Fire Officer and RIT are retro for 5 years (college credits)
- We have a lot going on at the Academy; we've been very busy

VEEB: W. Sanok

- Trying to set up 2nd meeting with Nassau County so we can get some financing for Long Island; some of our courses have been accepted by other counties.

We will talk to Bob Holley and set up a quarterly meeting.

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

No report.

- N. Reilly motioned to send a letter to SCPD asking if someone will be coming to this meeting. Seconded by R. Murphy. Letter will be sent to Commissioner Webber.

EMS: M. Masterton

- Continuing NARCAN training.
- Went to district's meeting. Put statement on REMSCO website.
- East Quogue issue – one of the chiefs has an illness.

Budget Committee: D. Silverman

No report.

Arson Task Force: T. Crafts

No report.

Combined Radio Committee: N. Reilly

- Meeting is set for 11/11; 7:30pm here at FRES
- Are in midst of next generation of 911 upgrade; operating out of backup center
- UHF paging; took delivery of west end project; we are working on proposal to go to Legislature to start building out east end of project. Will probably take three years to be primary where needed and backup other places
- Microwave upgrades are starting
- Info meeting around county; there is still a fair amount of miscommunication. We are going out as needed.

Miniutti/Staffing:

- Trainees are coming off mid-November; new trainees started
- 6 dispatchers are at wildfire training
- Hosting in May at FA, a command van/post rally for NYC interoperable consortium. This will give all a chance to see everyone's trucks and what they have and can do.

PD was in Newsday as they have so much OT; FRES was not in article. FRES will always have OT. FRES dispatchers have been working very hard and have had a lot of OT in the past couple of years. As far as being mandated: we look for volunteers first, they can do swaps, if we can't man a spot, and no one volunteers, we have to mandate.

Buildings & Grounds: E. Tully (Absent)

No report.

Legislation & Standards: E. Tully (Absent)

A. Sullo – FASNY November 7th and 8th are Legislative Conference

Codes & Prevention: D. Lynch

Nothing to report.

EMS & REMSCO: A. LaFerrera

- I will be looking for a replacement on this committee; don't want to lose a spot. Believe that elections are coming up in November. SC Burn Center should have a seat instead of Brookhaven Town; should be County, not Town.
- REMSCO State Awards – Sayville Community – Agency of the Year
- North Fork medical director won award for Physician of the Year. (Larry Schiff)
- Burn Center as seat Silverman motioned and Luparella seconded.

Burn Center: N. Luparella

- Had to cancel Night at the Aquarium due to lack of interest.

Recruitment & Retention: R. Murphy

- Progress is continuing. Numbers are still decent and there will be a new push now with new SAFER grant.

Old Business:

Nothing to report.

New Business:

Crafts: To Commissioner regarding K-9: County has decided that due to finances Martinez is not going to get a new dog at this time.

Commissioner: Jul is certified until June 2016. We would lose person for 6 weeks and it costs thousands of dollars to get a new dog. There will be a class in 2016 – Martinez can go then. I

had a conference call with the ATF yesterday. We have two (2) Fire Marshals who each have a dog until June 2016. We are not challenging our handlers.
Discussion ensued over handlers and K-9s.

Legislator Browning said she was getting some calls.

Nassau County has one (1) dog, Connecticut has one (1) dog and here in Suffolk, we have two (2). This has nothing to do with politics or with any individual.

Browning: We would have liked that information

Williams: This happened within the past 2 days.

Commissioner: I want to go on record that no one has ever challenged what handlers and dogs do. This is an economical issue. It has happened before that we were without a dog for many months when Don Lynch's canine LP passed from cancer.

LaFerrera: I don't think this is the place and time for this discussion.

Browning: we want to have two dogs and don't want to fall back to one dog.

Other New Business:

- We will be getting two (2) new dispatcher positions
- There was an issue with the Board-up Bill
- Would like to give Veterans pins: need to know how many veterans in each department. This will be through Legislator's office.

Holley – we will need a clearing point – one spot where all the names come in.

LaFerrera mentioned that a new helicopter was purchased and delivered and this Commission was never told that a fourth helicopter was delivered.

Public Comment:

- Approval to pay Drew for shirts; motioned by N. Luparella and seconded by K. Markott.
- Sue Nielsen retired and FRESC would like to send 2 people. D. Silverman motioned and N. Reilly seconded for 2 tickets for her retirement party
- Gerry Turza – new member.

A motion was made to adjourn meeting by D. Silverman and seconded by R. Murphy. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Members Present	Members Excused	Staff Present	Guests Present
LaFerrera, Anthony	Tully, E.	Williams, Joseph	Masterson, William
Murphy, Ryan	Bologna, V.	Holley, Robert	Sanok, William
Luparella, Nicholas	Egan, J.	Miniutti, Gregory	Browning, Kate
Crafts, Tim		Portoghese, Terry	
Sullo, Anthony			
Turza, Gerard			
Reilly, Norman			
Silverman, Drew			
Markott, Kyle			
Prosek, Bryan			
Bonventre, Frank			
Lynch, Donald			

NEXT MEETING	Wednesday, December 2, 2015
TIME	7:30 pm
LOCATION	SC Dept. FRES Library, Yaphank
REFRESHMENTS	Bryan Prosek and Anthony LaFerrera

LIST OF COURSES OFFERED

Course	Location	Dates	Days / Time
Rapid EMT Basic	Comm. Amb. Co. Sayville	1/14-3/17	M-F 9am-3:30-5:30pm