



Suffolk County Fire, Rescue & Emergency Services Commission
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MINUTES OF
DECEMBER 2, 2015 MEETING

Chairman LaFerrera opened the meeting at 7:36 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 October 2015 meeting were accepted by a motion from D. Silverman and seconded by J. Egan. 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:

No Report. Chip Bancroft has resigned as Treasurer of this Commission.

Report of Officers: A. LaFerrera / T. Crafts

LaFerrera – I attended NYS Workshops; sprinklers were defeated. Executive Director is looking to have all Suffolk County departments hand out a letter to each member regarding sprinklers in townhouses. They would then be compiled and submitted to State Chiefs.

Crafts – nothing.

Commissioner's Report: J. Williams

- Happy Holidays.
- Six dispatchers came off probationary period. On the second tour of one of our new dispatchers, resulted in her being instrumental in delivering a baby and there was also a language barrier. She did a fantastic job. We have 6 more in training and will be getting 2 more. Have taken a look at our manpower and it was realized that we needed more dispatchers.
- SAFER Grant guidelines went out today; difference is that this one is a reimbursement grant; any college in SC but equal to SCCC rates. Fire reporting must be submitted to State; 30% has not reported. If not done, students from that department can't be reimbursed. We have sent letters to students and districts and nothing really has worked.

- We sent out new copies of Mutual Aid agreement; it has been updated. Out of 109 departments, we got 32 back. We must get the paperwork back.

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

No report.

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

No report.

Fire Academy: E. Johnston

- Finally got schedule done for next year; we called and faxed departments as we didn't get many back. It is finally done.
- We added some classes back to schedule. Some classes are more "friendly" and some can be done in firehouse.
- BOCES is coming tomorrow and will be shooting some video and hopefully they will be done by spring.
- Changed some prerequisites; will be phased in within next couple of years.
- Pick a date for quarterly meeting, can be before next FRES Commission meeting if you want.

VEEB: W. Sanok

- Had a joint meeting with Nassau VEEB. Looking to do some joint ventures.
- County Legislature is giving medals to firefighters/volunteer that are veterans. Browning intends to go to each installation to distribute the medals.
- Swift water rescue class hopefully will be grant funded.

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

No report.

Discussion ensued regarding sending a letter to PD. Commissioner suggested that the letter be sent to Stu Cameron (acting chief). Motioned by N. Reilly, seconded by V. Bologna.

EMS: M. Masterton

- Governor signed VNT law. It is on website. You will be required to wear a safety belt in the back of an ambulance.
- Check REMSCO website for classes; even have classes that are just on weekends.

Crafts – NARCAN class – NARCAN kits given out? Masterton – there are some new requirements. Fire service doesn't usually going to EMS alarms – contact Bob Delagi directly about this issue. Some people have gone to meetings and were administered NARCAN.

There was never a program but they have to fill out a sheet and review their training annually. A doctor has to prescribe it and is ultimately responsible.

- Put dates on REMAC credentialing. Good until June.

Budget Committee: D. Silverman

No report. Happy Holidays.

Arson Task Force: T. Crafts

No report.

Combined Radio Committee: N. Reilly

- A meeting was held in November and it was sparsely attended.

- Combined Radio Committee meets every two months in the FRES Library at 7:30pm. Meeting dates for 2016 are: January 6, March 2, May 5, September 7 and November 2.
- Emergency communication in Suffolk County is changing at a rapid rate. The Radio Committee meetings are open meetings that any interested parties may attend to keep abreast of the many changes and updates that are occurring almost on a daily basis. Installation of the Countywide UHF-high band paging system, upgrades to the Countywide 700/800 radio system, a new 911 service provider and equipment upgrades are just a few of the topics of discussion. If any Chiefs or Commissioners have any questions about how these upgrades will affect future operations, this is the forum to gather information and to ask questions. Contact committee chair Norm Reilly for further info at nreilly860@gmail.com or 516-903-2401.

Buildings & Grounds: E. Tully (Absent)
No report.

Legislation & Standards: E. Tully (Absent)
No report.

Codes & Prevention: V. Bologna

There were some places that had public hearings; next one is January 27, 2016 in Hauppauge.

EMS & REMSCO: A. LaFerrera

Still looking for someone who is interested in taking the seat. I couldn't go. We need someone to represent this Commission at REMSCO.

Burn Center: N. Luparella (Absent)
No report.

Recruitment & Retention: R. Murphy (Absent)
No report.

Old Business:
Nothing.

New Business:

We worked out reciprocity with Nassau County (Fire Academy).

LaFerrera: Thinking about changing the number of times we meet each year. Same reports at all meetings. I looked at other Commissions in the County and some meet very infrequently. Reilly – how do we keep up with our status/clout? Think it over and we will revisit next month. Egan – keep everyone's feet to the fire.

NOMINATIONS:

Nomination of Officers:

Chairman – Nominate A. LaFerrera by a motion from V. Bologna and seconded by J. Egan.

Vice Chair – Nominate T. Crafts by a motion from D. Silverman and seconded by V. Bologna.

Treasurer – Nominate D. Silverman by a motion from J. Egan and seconded by B. Prosek.

Have to give Chip definite amount of time to get Treasurer’s materials to us.
All nominations will remain open until the January meeting.

Bill Fagan is alternate for Islip Town Fire Chiefs’ Council.

Public Comment:

Nothing.

A motion was made to adjourn meeting by N. Reilly and seconded by D. Silverman. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Members Present	Members Excused	Staff Present	Guests Present
LaFerrera, A.	Tully, E.	J. Williams	W. Fagan
Bologna, V.		E. Johnston	B. Sanok
Crafts, T.		T. Portoghese	W. Masterton
Sullo, A.			
Egan, J.			
Turza, G.			
Reilly, N.			
Silverman, D.			
Markott, K.			
Prosek, B.			
Bonventre, F.			

NEXT MEETING	Wednesday, January 27, 2016
TIME	7:30 pm
LOCATION	SC Dept. FRES Library, Yaphank
REFRESHMENTS	Arthur Bloom and Vincent Bologna

LIST OF COURSES OFFERED

Course	Location	Dates	Days / Time
EMT-Basic Orig	No Babylon Fire Co	1/21-7/21/16.	Mons &Thurs 7-10-11pm
EMT –Basic Ref	Hampton Bays Ambulance	1/21-4/21	Thurs 7-10; 3 Tues & 5 Sats