



Suffolk County Fire, Rescue & Emergency Services Commission  
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MINUTES OF  
JANUARY 27, 2016 MEETING

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Chairman LaFerrera opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m., followed by the Salute to the Flag and a moment of silence for sick and departed members: Ben Jones, Shelter Island.

Acceptance of Minutes:

The minutes of the December meeting were accepted by a motion from E. Tully and seconded by N. Reilly. 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:

Statement for November 2015: opening balance was \$4362.05 with one debit of \$110, leaving a closing balance of \$4252.58. Motion made and seconded to accept the bank report. All in favor and no one opposing, the motion was carried.

Report of Officers: A. LaFerrera / T. Crafts

Nothing to report at this time.

Commissioner's / Deputy Commissioner's Report: J. Jordan

- Springer retired last Friday so there is no official Acting Chief Fire Marshal. List scheduled to come out in February.
- Increased dispatchers by 2.
- OEM: one person left and a part timer will take over that position and Glenn Bullock will be coming back as a part timer.
- Filing deadline for SERVES is coming up. Very little activity.
- Rewriting CEMP; following Debris Management approved plan.
- Bologna – promotional (for CFM)? Jordan – no one qualified for promotional test, so it was open competitive.

Fire Academy: R. Holley

- Ongoing repairs; new gator; buildings are in good shape.
- On-line Haz Mat Refresher – having issues with it and it's down. In hands of IT now and should be up and running March 1st at the latest. Problem was server couldn't handle activity.
- Added new TVs and computers
- New classes are open to whoever wants them.
- Getting a lot of questions re EMS people taking Haz Mat Ops which is required by some fire departments. Another class we want to give will deal with what EMS should do at fire scenes.
- There are going to be some pre-requisites for some classes.
- Field opens April 1<sup>st</sup>.

VEEB: W. Sanok (Absent)

No Report

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

No report.

EMS: M. Masterton

- Best practice conference at SCCC 4/23 clinical and operational track. Sponsored by RESMCO
- 4/16 autism awareness class at hall next to Southampton Hospital
- NYS EMS Memorial – a member from Suffolk on May 17<sup>th</sup> in Albany; and into Arlington later that month
- At REMSCO, several companies had “saves”.
- Conference for Core CME this Friday in Selden
- REMAC – some changes have been made to protocols.
- Service animals wearing a vest are to be treated no differently (policy statement) and they must be taken.

Bloom - Had a paramedic in Shelter Island, 93 years old – oldest living practicing paramedic. Will be a Memorial Service on Shelter Island in the spring. Would like 1 or 2 people from this Commission to attend.

Budget Committee: D. Silverman

No report.

Arson Task Force: T. Crafts

Nothing.

Combined Radio Committee: N. Reilly

Had a meeting on January 6<sup>th</sup>.

- NG911 phone system is up and running for FRES and PD. Township agencies will begin to transition over during the first half of this year

- Email Communication distribution list has been developed by FRES. The intent is to supplement at first and then replace the active fax system. This also allows for text paging; however, it is used for matters of extreme emergency. Can register through communications page of the FRES website
- UHF paging project – equipment is installed at the first eight sites. Phase I: Huntington, Hauppauge, Bay Shore, Selden, Stony Brook U, Coram, Yaphank. A work in progress for Phase II: Northport VA, Rocky Point, Riverhead, Hampton Park, Greenport (includes build out of microwave link, Springs and Montauk (fund dependent, maybe 2016, perhaps in Phase III in 2017).
- Low-Band VHF Operation: FRES is undergoing needed refurbishment of low band equipment to hold over operations until transfer of operations in the next year or two. Projecting the life out at least five (5) years to allow all agencies to migrate.
- High-Band VHF Operations: Working without incident. Due for upgrade 2017.
- 7/800 MHZ: 800 MHz refresh project ongoing across the County (SCPD managed project).
- Continuing to encourage agencies to plan for an investment in 800 MHz equipment and move with us. Sound Beach successfully tested; Eastport is scheduled for some time this month. Memo specifically targeting Brookhaven town first was sent out.
- Scheduled to do a 10-15 minute teaser at the various groups the beginning of the year and then hold full length sessions for people to come to. Most at chiefs' council not interested.
- Will be convening committee to discuss the fleet map for the first service, interested parties should contact Greg Miniutti.
- Next meeting is March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Congressman Zeldin approached the Joint Council regarding a meeting. Reilly – why Joint Council and not FRES Commission? LaFerrera said he would inquire.

Buildings & Grounds: E. Tully

Everything good.

Legislation & Standards: E. Tully

- Governor signed seat belt law.
- Enhancing upholstered furniture fire safety standards
- Expand cancer impairment coverage
- VFBL/VAWBL reform regarding cost of living adjustments
- Ambulance cost of recovery for fire departments
- Prompt payment of VFBL death benefit

Murphy – amendment to give property tax benefit to firefighters so that municipalities may extend that benefit to those who live in neighboring townships – in senate now. Suffolk Vollies are in support.

Codes & Prevention: V. Bologna

New product is a portable fireplace – “New Flame”. Foresee problems with this. Shipping companies won't ship the fuel.

EMS & REMSCO: A. LaFerrera

Not able to attend. We need a rep to go to meetings. 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of odd months at EMS at 7:00 pm. B. Prosek to be our rep and give his alternate seat to someone else. Send letter N. Reilly motioned and D. Silverman seconded.

Burn Center: N. Luparella (Absent)

No report.

Recruitment & Retention: R. Murphy

Applicant numbers are low, not just a Suffolk County issue. Can go to any college or university within county of Suffolk. Suffolk's Bravest website has application. Can upgrade from associate's degree to bachelor's degree. It is a reimbursement-based program. County put out an RFP for a marketing firm; hopefully by spring we will see some advertising.

Notifications are two-fold: email and cell phone numbers for texting. Fire academy and ambulance chiefs emailed out notices.

Old Business:

- No one showed for quarterly meeting. New date for meeting: **6:30 FEBRUARY 24<sup>th</sup> at Fire Academy**
- Walk through of FRES warehouse – do in June.

New Business:

Membership dues for FRES Commission have been \$50 "forever". Motion to raise dues to \$100 by D. Silverman; N. Reilly seconded; Bologna against; motion carried.

Election of Board Members:

- Motion by V. Bologna and seconded by J. Egan that nominations for Chairman be closed and one ballot be cast for Anthony LaFerrera for Chairman.
- Motion by V. Bologna and seconded by J. Egan that nominations for Vice Chairman be closed and one ballot be cast for T. Crafts for Vice Chairman.
- Motion by V. Bologna and seconded by J. Egan that nominations for Treasurer be closed and one ballot be cast for Drew Silverman for Treasurer.

All motions carried and officers chosen as above.

Updated 2016 representative for various FRES Commission Committees.

Public Comment:

Nothing.

A motion was made to adjourn meeting by B. Prosek and seconded by D. Silverman. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Members Present	Members Excused	Staff Present	Guests Present
LaFerrera, A.		J. Jordan	W. Masterton
Bloom, A.		R. Holley	J. Slaughter
Bologna, V.		E. Johnston	
Murphy, R.		G. Miniutti	
Crafts, T.		T. Portoghese	
Sullo, A.			
Egan, J.			
Tully, E.			
Turza, G.			
Reilly, N.			
Silverman, D.			
Markott, K.			
Coughlin, J.			
Bonventre, F.			
Prosek, B.			
<b>Alternates Present</b>			
W. Fagan – Islip Town Fire Chiefs’ Council			
L. Brown – Riverhead Town Fire Chiefs’ Council			

<b>NEXT MEETING</b>	Wednesday, February 24, 2016
<b>TIME</b>	7:30 pm
<b>LOCATION</b>	SC Dept. FRES Library, Yaphank
<b>REFRESHMENTS</b>	Ryan Murphy and Nick Luparella

**LIST OF COURSES OFFERED**

Course	Location	Dates	Days / Time
Rapid EMT Basic	Huntington Comm FAS	1/20-5/19	Mons Sats and Suns
EMT Basic	Wading River FD	1/24-6/16	Mons, Weds and Suns
RapidDay EMT BasRf	SC EMS Academy	2/29-5/19	Monday through Friday