



Suffolk County Fire, Rescue & Emergency Services Commission
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MINUTES OF
February 24, 2016 MEETING

Chairman LaFerrera opened the meeting at 7:32 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 January 27, 2016 meeting were accepted by a motion from R. Murphy and seconded by D. Silverman. The motion carried.

Correspondence: T. Portoghese

Received memo from County Executive's Office on Mileage Reimbursement Rate Effective January 1, 2016: Mileage reimbursement rate has decreased from 57.5¢ per mile to 54¢ per mile for the use of personal vehicles to conduct County business.

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

Treasurer's Report: D. Silverman

Opening balance \$4252.58. Deposits of \$150. The closing balance was \$4402.58. Motion made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report. All in favor and no one opposing, the motion was carried.

Commemorative page for Bob Early was motioned for and carried.

Report of Officers: A. LaFerrera

Meeting with Zeldin regarding radio frequencies that may be lost. Motion by N. Reilly to send letter to Zeldin inviting him to a FRES Commission meeting so he will get to know what we are about. Seconded by D. Silverman. Motion carried.

Attended last Public Safety Committee meeting.

Commissioner's Report: J. Williams

- The last couple of months we have had meetings with Chief Cameron and Commissioner Sini and it is important to all of us that we work together. He wants Fire Chiefs and EMS included in Press Conferences on events that concern or involve us.

- Radio Grant – working towards getting everyone up to speed.
- We have grants that require fire chiefs report their fire report to the State. The government is looking at these reports; fire departments are putting their members that receive grants in jeopardy. Even if there are no alarms, they have to send it in. Suffolk is one of the lowest counties that report their alarms.

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

No Report.

Fire Academy: R. Holley

- March 1 is deadline for Medal of Valor applications; we only have two applications.
- Online Haz Mat Refresher course; probably ready by April 1st at the latest.
- Repairs on field have been going great.
- Veterans service bars: people are asking where we are on that but we only collected names and we sent on to legislators.

JW – FRES has been collecting names also.

Browning – we are putting money in budget for next year and legislators are using own money to buy pins. Bay Shore FD received pins from Legislature. Pins are being given out at Installation Dinners. Paid members cannot receive a pin, they must be a volunteer.

Holley: Contacted every chief's office with deadline of Oct 1, 2015 for Veteran's Pins and only received 42 responses.

- State will do some classes and we are doing others; 4 courses each year for the next 3 years.

VEEB: W. Sanok

We received an application for 2014 and we took care of it.

Looking at contract for next 3 years.

SCPD: Chief of Department S. Cameron

- I am a friend of the Commission and this Commission is very important to me. PD's relationship is important to the fire service. Mike Romagnoli is head of homeland security and we are working to better prepare ourselves for events.
- Concern for alarm law: if alarm goes to central station, you do not have to have a permit. 3rd time there is a false alarm, people will be fined. Only certain alarms.

Lt. Roddin will be attending many of these commission meetings.

EMS: M. Masterton

- Memorial there are 2 members to be inducted.
- Autism Awareness – hand out available.
- REMSCO awards – handout available.
- 4/23 EMS best practice conference
- We have several classes going on.

Budget Committee: D. Silverman

No report. Capital projects coming up.

Arson Task Force: T. Crafts (absent)

No report.

Combined Radio Committee: N. Reilly

Next meeting March 2nd.

Buildings & Grounds: E. Tully (Absent)

No report.

Legislation & Standards: E. Tully (Absent)

No report.

Codes & Prevention: V. Bologna

Progress.

EMS & REMSCO: B. Prosek

Need an alternate for REMSCO. Frank Bonventre will be alternate.

Burn Center: N. Luparella (Absent)

Will probably need a new rep, Nick has too many things on his plate.

Recruitment & Retention: R. Murphy

Recruitment Committee met last week and there are 49 applicants for the current tuition program. Things are progressing: RFP for marketing has closed and should be awarded soon. On the lower side for nominees. FASNY applications are low also.

Old Business:

Jay Egan – got a phone call from Bill Doyle who was contacted by Mike Postel regarding radios. There is a subcommittee and we will meet and exchange information and discuss some issues. There are 50/60 SC departments affected.

New Business:

- Ed Springer's retirement dinner – 2 tickets \$80 each. Motion by V. Bologna, seconded D. Silverman. Motion approved.
- Public Safety Committee tomorrow morning for new appointees.
- Corresponding secretary? Person requesting letter is supposed to write letter, but it hasn't happened. Tony will talk to Tim and we will discuss next month.
- May 1 is Vollies annual memorial services.
- September 17 is testimonial dinner for Bob McConville

Public Comment:

Browning – board up bill? Is it working or not? There is an issue with someone from the Town of Babylon.

Egan to Browning – fireworks people are heading back. Contacted a couple of legislators from Nassau County.

Meeting with FA went very well.

A motion was made to adjourn meeting by V. Bologna and seconded by R. Murphy. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Members Present	Members Excused	Staff Present	Guests Present
LaFerrera, A	Tully, E	J. Williams	B. Sanok
Bologna, V.		R. Holley	Wm. M. Masterton
Murphy, Ryan		E. Johnston	Chief S. Cameron
Sullo, A.		T. Portoghese	Lt. M. Roddin
Egan, J			
Turza, G.			
Reilly, N.			
Silverman, D.			
Coughlin, J			
Bonventre, F.			
Prosek, B.			
Alternates Present			
Brown, L. – Riverhead Town Fire Chiefs Council			

NEXT MEETING	Wednesday, March 23, 2016,
TIME	7:30 pm
LOCATION	SC Dept. FRES Library, Yaphank
REFRESHMENTS	Tim Crafts and Anthony Sullo

LIST OF COURSES OFFERED

Course	Location	Dates	Days / Time
EMR Original	Islip Terrace FD	3/19-5/19	Sats – 8a – 3/4p
EMT Para Refrsh	SC EMS Academy	3/31-6/16	Tues & Thurs 6:30p – 10”30p