



Suffolk County Fire, Rescue & Emergency Services Commission
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MINUTES OF
April 27, 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: Ex-Chief Pete Baldwin, Babylon; Executive Board Trustee Alfred Alestra, North Babylon; Ex-Chief Peter Gunther Sr., Northport and Ex-Chief John Cascio, East Islip.

Acceptance of Minutes:

The minutes of the March meeting were accepted by a motion from A. Bloom and seconded by D. Silverman. The motion carried.

Correspondence: T. Portoghese

No correspondence received or sent since last meeting

Treasurer's Report: D. Silverman

The opening balance was \$4402.58. Deposits of \$300 (Babylon Chiefs, SC Fire Districts Officers, SC Amb Chiefs) and \$160 disbursed (Springer retirement party), left a closing balance of \$4542.58. Motion made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report. All in favor and no one opposing, the motion was carried.

Report of Officers: A. LaFerrera

Letter from VEEB that we will discuss during Fire Academy's report.

Commissioner's Report: J. Williams (Absent)

- Don Lynch has been appointed as the new Chief County Fire Marshal.
- Brett Martinez will be getting a new Accelerant Detection Canine when Jul retires. We do not pick when that will be; it is up to the ATF Canine Division; it will probably be in the fall sometime.

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

No Report.

Fire Marshal's Report: D. Lynch

- When we get an Accelerant Detection Canine, we have at least a five-year commitment. Next year, Tiana will be in service for 5 years and we will have fulfilled our commitment and I can keep her. It was important to the County also not to lose her.
- John Manzi filled a vacancy and became permanent. Joe Fagan took my Fire Marshal I spot and started this past Monday.

Fire Academy: R. Holley

- Letter went out to Chiefs' Council and others soliciting people who would like to sit on VEEB Board to fill Nimphius' spot as he is stepping down in July. Meeting w/Browning and reps from chiefs, districts and Vollies and we're hoping we can get someone this summer.
- Audit was started today; it's done every year.
- Two large flat screens have been donated
- New Chiefs' Orientation is this Sunday.

SCPD – Special Patrol Bureau: Sgt. Homan

Our A Star helicopter is operational.

EMS: M. Masterton

- Two Rapid Refresher courses
- Two EMS members will be nominated for awards
- CPAP is June 26
- Agency should receive notification from Bob Delagi to join BLS.
- Drill over weekend – Nissequogue – USAR – very good drill.

Electronic PCR – agencies can buy it, it's not that expensive. It will be the only method in years to come. Failed at first because agencies were resistant to using it. REMSCO voted on March 8, 2016 to establish two Technical Advisory Groups (TAGs). The goal of the TAGs include: putting together a multi-disciplinary group of individuals representative of the regional EMS System; reviewing the operational and financial impact of ePCR on ambulance services, facilitating the use of ambulance service choices of an ePCR vendor, and preparing the county for the inevitable migration to electronic patient care data driven by the Health Care Reform Design and Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) initiatives across the entire health care spectrum, including EMS in MY State.

Conversation ensued regarding EPCRs. Can contract with a vendor for software. Districts are encouraged to go to REMSCO to see what is available.

Budget Committee: D. Silverman

More to report next month

Arson Task Force: T. Crafts (Absent)

No report

Combined Radio Committee: N. Reilly

- Next meeting is May 11.
- Discussion ensued regarding Zeldin. He (or a rep) was going to try to come to a meeting of FRES Commission.
- Will not be just Joint Council; will be from FRESC

Buildings & Grounds: E. Tully (Absent)

No Report

Legislation & Standards: E. Tully Absent)

No Report

Codes & Prevention: V. Bologna (Absent)

Don was Vinnie's alternate; now it will be Chris Mehrman.

EMS & REMSCO: B. Prosek

REMSCO awards were released. Bay Shore Brightwaters – agency of the year. Next meeting is May 10th.

Burn Center: N. Luparella

- Recognition Day May 15, 2016 at 1:00pm
- A baby scale was donated by Kings Park FD
- Golf outing in August has been cancelled. Tall Gross was sold
- Having a fundraiser at Applebee's in Patchogue June 12,2016 it will be a breakfast

Recruitment & Retention: R. Murphy (Absent)

No Report

Old Business:

May – warehouse

June – Fire Academy. Maybe combine quarterly meeting at same time.

New Business:

N. Reilly motioned for check for Admin Prof Day. Silverman seconded

Public Comment:

Bill Doyle, from Zeldin's office, was introduced. He is the Director of Constituent Services, phone number: 289-1097.

Radio issue – go from 400 to 700. Postel is working with agencies to consider legislation to stop mandate. Law came from 911 Commission. Organization within FEMA to oversee this. By November a vendor will be chosen. The money is there.

Talked to FA to get more money for training and asked them to look at SAFER grant and see if it can be written differently to include training. If no go we will look at an appropriation bill.

AFG grant – if FDs find that these grants are too difficult, we need to know. We can talk about changing the way they are written. We want your input. Zeldin wants this to be a partnership.

FRES Commission subcommittee May 11th on this issue.

A motion was made to adjourn meeting by D. Silverman and seconded by N. Reilly. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Members Present	Members Excused	Staff Present	Guests Present
LaFerrera, A	Bologna, V.	Don Lynch	William Fagan
Bloom, A	Egan, J.	Bob Holley	Bill Sanok
Luparella, N	Tully, E	Ed Johnston	Sgt. Homan
Sullo, A	Coughlin, J.	Terry Portoghese	Bill Doyle
Turza, G	Murphy, R.		
Reilly, N			
Silverman, D			
Markott, K			
Bonventre, F			
Prosek, B			

NEXT MEETING	Wednesday, May 25, 2016
TIME	7:30 pm
LOCATION	SC Dept. FRES Library, Yaphank
REFRESHMENTS	G. Turza and N. Reilly