



Suffolk County Fire, Rescue & Emergency Services Commission
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MINUTES OF
May 25, 2016 MEETING

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: Frank McBride of Cutchogue.

Acceptance of Minutes:

The minutes of the April meeting were accepted with a correction to EMS report by a motion from F. Bonventre E. Tully seconded. The motion carried.

Correspondence: T. Portoghese

No correspondence received or sent since last meeting.

Treasurer's Report: D. Silverman

The opening balance was \$454258. There was one \$50 debit leaving a closing balance of \$4492.58. Motion made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's reports. All in favor and no one opposing, the motion was carried.

Report of Officers: A. LaFerrera / T. Crafts

Thanks to everyone who showed us the warehouse. It's very well organized. Temporary morgue looked very interesting.

Commissioner's Report: J. Williams

- County Executive approved the capital project to have upgrade done on the Fire Academy
- CAD system – Greg will discuss
- We are in the process of hiring new dispatchers and supervisor for radio room

Deputy Commissioner's Report: J. Jordan

Nothing to report.

Fire Marshal's Report: D. Lynch

- Appreciate everyone's support. Congratulate vice chairman – he was in attendance when a baby was delivered.

- Re ski doo and boats – USAR team focuses on water rescues and drills. The equipment gets used quite a bit and we've drilled 3 times so far.
- Just finished interviews for part time FM. We should finalize in the next week or so. We will then have 2 part timers.
- Looking at new software – hoping to send guys out with iPads
- Going to try to do things on-line so there isn't so much paper. Joe Kuethen will be focusing on plans review.
- FELB – we were updating the law and it was ready to go to Legislature and apparently one of the legislators took a piece and modified it. Wanted to get third party training that would affect many things. FELB is not in favor of this change.

Fire Academy: E. Johnston

- USAR class is in June and there is open enrollment.
- Had a meeting with the State. Came down to approve our FF2 course.
- Very busy at the Academy; field is open.
- **Fire Academy “Walk Around” June 22nd @ 6:30**

SCPD – Special Patrol Bureau: Sgt. Mark Healy

One helicopter is down for scheduled inspection.

EMS: M. Masterton

- Last week was EMS week so there was a lot of activity.
- We had 2 members put on Tree of Life – both LODD
- Participated in USAR drill
- Two refresher classes are still open
- Manufacturers of monitors coming Phillips (7/10) and Zoll (6/23, 6/30)
- First responder disability awareness Fire/EMS: registration is on line: 8/23 and 8/30
- CPAP for ALS providers on 6/26

Budget Committee: D. Silverman

No report.

Arson Task Force: T. Crafts

No report – meeting will be held soon

Combined Radio Committee: N. Reilly

- Meeting May 11th: – we discussed Greg doing many meetings to discuss changes that are coming but it seems that no one is listening
- Next meeting is in Coram on July 6th

Greg Miniutti:

- Larry Fink was promoted to ESDII.
- Command post rally – we had 24 vans – thanks to FA for their grounds
- Phase 2 of UHF was passed and waiting on Motorola contract to be put in place.
- Phase 1 equipment is installed.
- MCU1 specs are being finalized; we will lose old truck
- First week in June back-up center will go live.

JWilliams mentioned that discussions were held with SCPD that if we may need the large police command van. PD will provide van; our people will be on it, PD will drive.

Egan: Looking for 10 year extension if possible

Buildings & Grounds: E. Tully

Everything is fine at FA (Johnston)

Legislation & Standards: E. Tully

Cancer bill – Governor hasn't signed off on it.

Egan – certain people are fighting this on the Assembly side. This fight is going to have to be pushed by the fire service.

Not much for districts on bill.

JWilliams: As a member of Holbrook, Brookhaven and Islip have taken away tax reduction for those that live outside the department. I think it might spread to other townships. The Fire Department they belong to is not in the township. These people are fighting on their own and I think the fire service should get behind them.

Codes & Prevention: V. Bologna

Gave a letter for new alternate for FMASCO

EMS & REMSCO: B. Prosek

I missed last meeting.

Burn Center: N. Luparella (via email)

- Burn center looking into a laser for burn scar therapy.
- FDA trial on Pineapple based burn cream.
- Looking into info on a vein finder.
- Golf outing cancelled for August.
- Fundraiser at Applebee's in Patchogue on June 12 8AM-10AM (breakfast)

Looking into Country dance fundraiser

Shotgun shoot – was biggest year so far.

Recruitment & Retention: R. Murphy (Absent)

No report

Old Business:

- Joint Council meeting coming up.
- Fire reports going to state – this is the last time it will be discussed. There are 30 departments that do not send. One day they will not be part of any grants we receive.

We have contacted every department and contacted commissioners. And we still have same situation.

New Business:

Update on VEEB position: All resumes are in and interviews will be set up. This is a districts spot. (Egan)
 The new 2015 issue of ERGs have been delivered.

Public Comment:

None.

A motion was made to adjourn meeting by John Coughlin and seconded by E. Tully. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Members Present	Members Excused	Staff Present	Guests Present
LaFerrera, A	Murphy, R.	J. Williams	Sgt. M. Healy
Bologna, V	Luparella, N.	J. Jordan	
Crafts, T	Sullo, A.	D. Lynch	
Egan, J		E. Johnston	
Tully, E		G. Miniutti	
Turza, G		T. Portoghese	
Reilly, N			
Silverman, D			
Coughlin, J			
Bonventre, F			
Prosek, B			

NEXT MEETING	Wednesday, June 22, 2016
TIME	7:30 pm
LOCATION	SC Dept. FRES Library, Yaphank
REFRESHMENTS	Drew Silverman and Kyle Markott