

Suffolk County Fire, Rescue & Emergency Services Commission  
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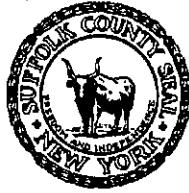
**Dedicated to**

**the Memory of**

**WARREN HORST**

**Former Chief of Fire Rescue**

**1952 – 2016**



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MINUTES OF  
JANUARY 25, 2017 MEETING

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Chairman LaFerrera opened the meeting at 7:35 p.m., followed by the Salute to the Flag and a moment of silence for sick and departed members:

Ex-Chief Warren Horst, West Sayville FD  
Ed Herting, Bayport FD, Academy Instructor  
Jerry Amato, Ex-Commissioner Uniondale, Member of the Coram FD & Academy Instructor

Acceptance of Minutes:

Motion made by Reilly, second by Bologna for dedication page of the minutes in the memory of Ex-Chief Warren Horst.

The minutes of the meeting were accepted by a motion from Coughlin and second by Reilly. The motion carried.

Correspondence: T. Portoghese (Absent)

- Update on missing paperwork for FRES Commission nominations and vacancies provided and discussed.
- Distribution of the 2016 expense paperwork for Commission members.

Treasurer's Report: D. Silverman

The opening balance was \$5092.58. The closing balance was \$5040.58. Motion made to accept the Treasurer's reports by Coughlin, second by Markott. All in favor and no one opposing, the motion was carried.

Update provided on the association dues – as of tonight, 11 associations have paid their dues.

Report of Officers: A. LaFerrera / T. Crafts

- LaFerrera – attended the 12/15 Public Safety meeting. Tony thanked the committee for their support of the commission during his tenure. He specifically thanked them for their assistance in the E911 issues and the fireworks legislation. Chairman Browning thanked him for his dedication and support. He then introduced Tim Crafts to the Public Safety Committee as the incoming Chairman for the Commission.

- Reviewed the needed paperwork for FRES Commission appointments.
  - Brookhaven Town Fire Chiefs Council – K. Markott – need nomination letter
  - Huntington Town Fire Chiefs – Need rep – none since 2015
  - Southampton Town Fire Chiefs – Need rep – since December 2015
  - Suffolk Chiefs – Ron Barz – have nomination, but need resume, email address, mailing address and phone number information.

Commissioner's Report: J. Williams (Absent)

Update on 3405 Capital Project: J. Vetter

- Commissioner asked Joel to provide the Commission an update on the 3405 Capital Project at the academy.
- Legislature has put \$618k into the existing buildings. They are about ready to declare it a Superfund site.
- Expecting the first of 3 separate vaults, looking at drain system for the garden apartment prop.
- Waiver submitted for 482k to capture new technology from taxpayer to the tower for gas, fire and additional props
- RFP for 647k balance of projects, RFP for the additional work is out. This will include some new tiling that will limit the temperature while burning.
- 2017 funds request will be sent to the legislature this Spring and work will begin in August.
- In 2018 funds will be for the balance of the garden apartment prop and city scape projects.

Deputy Commissioner's Report: J. Jordan

- Commissioner was in the hospital and was discharged today.
- Command van is in and they are beginning in-services.
- Commission is invited to tour the van prior to next month's FRES meeting. All interested parties should be at FRES by 6:30pm on February 22<sup>nd</sup>
- New dispatcher is being hired, it will be a one person class
- OEM was open for 2 days during the recent storm. Reimbursement information for uninsured damage to the Firehouse and equipment.
- Contract has been signed for the VEEB.

Fire Marshal's Report: D. Lynch

- Thanked everyone and their organizations for the support during Warren Horst's passing
- Brett is back with Sasha and they are now in service
- Rad meters are available for your departments. Training is being performed for Line, Training Officers at a rate of 5 departments at a time.
- WMD equipment is now under the supervision of John Manzi
- Working on legislation for Hood & Duct work.

Fire Academy: E. Johnston

- Bob Holley is out of the hospital and recovering – thanks for all of the calls

- Extended thanks to the Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner and Joel Vetter for all of their work on the field improvements.
- Quite a few classes are being held. System was hacked so online enrollment has been a problem. Instructed everyone to tell members to call the academy if someone can't get into a class.
- Fire Officer 1 Class still has openings.
- Discussion on State and other courses like Active Shooters where a local response may be different than what is being taught in the classes to our local members. It was agreed that the state is doing generic training but we need to put a local flare on it so we can effectively bring these seminars to our local organizations. We have to get the right organizations involved.

SCPD – Special Patrol Bureau: Sgt. Durkin

- Three of four helicopters are up
- Helicopter 4 is undergoing a major overhaul and will be out for 4 months.

EMS: M. Masterton

- No Report

Budget Committee: D. Silverman

- No Report

Arson Task Force: T. Crafts

- As stated Sasha and Brett are in service.

Combined Radio Committee: N. Reilly

- Next meeting will be in February 1
- Norm will provide a list of meeting dates so we can get it distributed to member organizations.

Buildings & Grounds: E. Tully

- No report – update was provided by Joel's report.

Legislation & Standards: E. Tully

- NY State Cancer Legislation is coming up again. Ohio has already passed a similar law.
- NY State Senate passed the bill and now it is going to the Assembly – where it was voted down last time.

Codes & Prevention: V. Bologna

- Discussion to educate the Fire Service on codes because things are getting very relaxed because complacency is taking over.

- Suffolk Chief's put together a committee to develop a mechanism to reiterate the various codes to the fire service – Joe Kuethen will be the Chair.

EMS & REMSCO: B. Prosek

- Next meeting is March 14<sup>th</sup> at Suffolk EMS
- Education Seminar will now be on May 20<sup>th</sup> with the location still to be determined.
- CME Powerpoint is now posted on the REMSCO website
- Trainings for your department can be put on the REMSCO site but it has to be digital
- REMSCO & Digital PCR Reporting will be having a briefing in March.
- REMSCO & County Executive's office is doing PR for EMS with Newsday.
- REMAC will have a new Chairman this year.

Burn Center: N. Luparella

- Hired 2 nurses for the unit
- Tours of the facility can be arranged, just call your rep and they can set it up.

Recruitment & Retention: R. Murphy

- Recruitment activities are updated and moving on
- We continue to push our efforts with FASNY so we can get an equitable share of the available funds

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Suffolk Chiefs
  - Seminar announced on Aircraft Emergencies
  - Joint Seminar of Chiefs/Districts of Nassau/Suffolk on 2/4 topic is FF Tactics
  - Facebook page is up.
- Election of Officers
  - Chairman – Motion made by Bologna and second by Coughlin for the Secretary to cast a vote for Tim Crafts as Chairman. All in favor.
  - Vice-Chairman – Motion made by Coughlin and second by Bologna for the Secretary to cast a vote for Drew Silverman as Vice-Chairman. All in favor.
  - Treasurer – Motion made by Bologna and second by Coughlin for the Secretary to cast a vote for Kyle Markott as Treasurer. All in favor.
- The new Chairman thanked Tony LaFerrera for his hard work and dedication to the Commission.

Public Comment:

- Legislator Browning – Happy New Year!
- Update on the Gas Suppression system – meeting on Feb 14<sup>th</sup>. She is going to send one of her aides to get the update and timelines.
- She also informed the Commission that she is term limited. She will remain on the Public Safety Committee and will continue to serve as the Chairwoman.

A motion was made to adjourn meeting by Coughlin. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Members Present	Staff Present	Guests Present
LaFerrera, A	J. Jordan	Lt. Michael Roddin
Bloom, A.	D. Lynch	Bill Sanok
Bologna, V.	E. Johnston	Kate Browning
Murphy, R.		
Luparella, N.		
Crafts, T.		
Sullo, A.		
Turza, G.		
Reilly, N.		
Silverman, D.		
Markott, K.		
Coughlin, J.		
Bonventre, F.		
Prosek, B.		
<b>Alternates Present</b>		
Smith, R. – Brookhaven Town Fire Chiefs' Council		
Brown, L. – Riverhead Town Fire Chiefs' Council		

<b>NEXT MEETING</b>	Wednesday February 22, 2017
<b>TIME</b>	7:30 pm
<b>LOCATION</b>	SC Dept. FRES Library, Yaphank
<b>REFRESHMENTS</b>	B. Prosek and A. LaFerrera