



Suffolk County Fire, Rescue & Emergency Services Commission
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MINUTES OF
OCTOBER 26, 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: Ex-Chief Charlie Puleo

Acceptance of Minutes:

The minutes of the September meeting were accepted by a motion from Drew Silverman and second by Ed Tully. The motion carried.

Correspondence: T. Portoghese (Absent)

No correspondence received or sent since last meeting

Treasurer's Report: D. Silverman

The opening balance was \$4592.58. The closing balance was \$4592.58. Motion made to accept the Treasurer's reports by Ryan Murphy. All in favor and no one opposing, the motion was carried.

Report of Officers: A. LaFerrera / T. Crafts

- Chairman LaFerrera:
 - Attended the NYS Memorial where the names of Ex-Captain Richard Weisse of St. James FD, Ex-Chiefs Robert Knight and Lawrence Sesso of Sayville FD were added to the memorial.
 - He also attended the Legislative Meeting in East Farmingdale. There was a lot of discussion from Nassau/Suffolk officials like Rice, Croci, and Fitzpatrick as well as others. Not much discussion or attendance from other state officials. Topics included the radio situation, EMS billing and Health Bill so they should be the topics for us to work on in 2017. The Cancer Bill continues to be fought by the upstate villages and towns.

Commissioner's Report: J. Williams

- Dispatching update – 5 new dispatchers will be coming off training in January. One person has resigned and will be replaced.

Deputy Commissioner's Report: J. Jordan (Absent)Fire Marshal's Report: D. Lynch

- Basic Codes class was completed and the plan is to perform the class once per year at county. If you have someone that is interested, they should pay attention to the state site for upcoming classes
- Brett leaves on Sunday 10/30 for training with the new K-9. November 8th 1991, is when he started in the program with his first dog. He is the longest standing K-9 Fire Marshal in the nation and they are trying to have a congratulatory ceremony while he is attending training.
- Cinder will be walked out on Friday between 1-2pm – all invited to attend.
- Norm Reilly made a motion to send a Congratulatory letter to Brett. All in favor, motion carried.

Fire Academy: R. Holley

- Old Class A building is being converted for Private Dwelling search
- Blood Borne Pathogen course is almost completed and will be online in the near future.

SCPD – Special Patrol Bureau: Sgt. Durkin

- 1 “A Star” helicopter is out of service for the 100 hour maintenance check. Both EC-145 Birds are in service.

EMS: M. Masterton

- See REMSCO Website for upcoming classes
- New CME Courses at Ronkonkoma and Southampton
- Credentialing class on 11/29
- CPAP class on 11/19
- Changed the ALS Policy on Narcan – ALS provider does not have to go to the hospital. REMAC approved. Included in the Policy for Transfer of Care.

Budget Committee: D. Silverman

- Met tonight for discussion on 2017 Budget. Monies are down slightly. Personnel is good and Fire Academy is intact.
- Motion made by Silverman and seconded by Tully to support the budget.

Arson Task Force: T. Crafts

- No report

Combined Radio Committee: N. Reilly

- Next meeting is 11/2
- Progress in UHF paging system to support the west end sites.

- Had meeting with Motorola to discuss the East End project and there are some issues to overcome.

Buildings & Grounds: E. Tully

- As mentioned the Class A was converted to Search facility

Legislation & Standards: E. Tully

- No report because of the elections.

Codes & Prevention: V. Bologna

- Departments are not filling out state forms, needs to happen.

EMS & REMSCO: B. Prosek

- Next REMSCO meeting is 7pm at Suffolk EMS

Burn Center: N. Luparella (Absent)

- Looking to develop a Support Group
- Interviewing for 2 open positions at the Center
- Reminder to call FRES if a firefighter is burned.

Recruitment & Retention: R. Murphy

- New marketing spots are up and running. Website has been updated. Printed materials are updated and available if needed. They are looking to do a Legacy Family spot in the fire service. Last, they will be re-vamping some of the materials towards women in the fire service.
- SERVES scholarship – 35 Applicants this year (23 EMS & 12 Fire).

Old Business:

- Update on the Selden meeting with Lee Zeldin (Egan)
 - Movement by the local agencies like Suffolk, Nassau, NYC and Westchester to remove the legislation because it will create undue burden on the region. Number of major costs/investments that will be burdensome to the government and taxpayers. We are still waiting for all of the districts to sign the letters.
 - Zeldin also mentioned the regulation on the gas pump systems. The union of gas drivers/retailers is blocking any attempts to overturn the legislation or the local ordinances that go to the state for final approval. We have to get together as a county to overturn the legislation. Zeldin also reminded everyone to fill out grants for funding on projects.

New Business:

None

Public Comment:

None

A motion was made to adjourn meeting by Silverman. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm

Members Present	Members Excused	Staff Present	Guests Present
LaFerrera, A		J. Williams	M. Masterton
Bologna, V		D. Lynch	Sgt. J. Durkin
Murphy, R		B. Holley	B. Sanok
Luparella, N		G. Miniutti	
Crafts, T			
Sullo, A			
Egan, J			
Tully, E			
Turza, G			
Reilly, N			
Silverman, D			
Bonventre, F			
Prosek, B			
Alternates Present			
Fagan, W – Islip Town Fire Chiefs’ Council			

NEXT MEETING	Wednesday, November 30, 2016
TIME	7:30 pm
LOCATION	SC Dept. FRES Library, Yaphank
REFRESHMENTS	B. Prosek and A. LaFerrera