



Suffolk County Fire, Rescue & Emergency Services Commission  
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MINUTES OF  
SEPTEMBER 28, 2016 MEETING

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Chairman LaFerrera opened the meeting at 7:40p.m., followed by the Salute to the Flag and a moment of silence for sick and departed members: FDNY Battalion Chief Michael Fahy; North Lindenhurst Firefighter Joseph Cardinal and Kings Park Fire Department Ex-Chief Fred Klepsattel.

Acceptance of Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting were accepted by a motion from John Coughlin and seconded by Drew Silverman. 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. All in favor and no one opposing, the motion was carried.

Only six organizations have paid their dues. We have 9 associations that have yet to submit their dues; statements were distributed to the appropriate representatives.

Report of Officers: A. LaFerrera / T. Crafts

- LaFerrera discussed Medal of Valor Day and congratulated the winners.

Commissioner's Report: J. Williams (Absent)

No report.

Deputy Commissioner's Report: J. Jordan

- Radio room – 5 dispatchers will complete their training in January. We had one resignation. There has been a reduction in overtime because of the backfills. Some 2<sup>nd</sup> shift dispatchers have commented that there is no overtime available.
- VEEB Contract – agreement is with the attorneys. Everyone is happy with the agreement and it should be signed without issue.

- Arson K9 – Brett will be getting his new K9 and will be going to training next month. Jul will continue until that is completed. When Jul is retired, FRES will be doing a ceremony.
- Discussion on the MOU situation and its effect on overtime – this will affect many areas.

Fire Marshal's Report: D. Lynch

- Bret has been working with the ATF to investigate the FDNY LODD. It was noted that he has 25 years as an Arson K9 Handler – the longest investigator in the country.
- There will be a Codes class at the county in mid-October. Anyone interested should get into this class. There is more information on the state website.
- Discussion on the MOU situation will have an effect on the K9 demo at Fire Prevention events
- Update on the Hauppauge Firefighter whose family was injured in the fire. Children have been released from the hospital, but his wife continues to be a touch and go situation
- Discussion on the value of the Critical Incident Stress team and the role they played with this fire as well as other situations – including non-firefighting events. They are doing a great job in a tough situation.

Fire Academy: R. Holley (Absent) Sanok

- Two new classes at the academy
  - Private dwelling fires
  - Blood Borne Pathogen is now available online
- Dennis Whittam has been identified as the candidate being recommended to the legislature for approval as a member of the VEEB Board.
- Agriculture member of the VEEB is resigning and we are in the process of accepting applications for that position.

SCPD – Special Patrol Bureau: Sgt. M. Healy

- All helicopters are up and operational

EMS: M. Masterton

- Tom Lateulere has been given the Educator of the Year Award.
- EMS thanks all that were involved in the funeral
- Refresher Course information is to be provided to Terry for inclusion into these minutes.

Budget Committee: D. Silverman

- We are looking to have a Budget Committee meeting with the Commissioner.

Arson Task Force: T. Crafts

- No report.

Combined Radio Committee: N. Reilly

- Meeting was cancelled – there is a lot going on and the meeting is to be re-scheduled.
- Discussion about the upcoming meeting in Selden with Congressman Zeldin.

Buildings & Grounds: E. Tully (Absent)

No report

Legislation & Standards: E. Tully (Absent)

No report

Codes & Prevention: V. Bologna

- On 10/3 updated Fire Codes take effect. The state has significantly “watered” them down.

EMS & REMSCO: B. Prosek

- Check & Eject program – voted to rescind 1001 & 1402. Can remove from the ambulance. EMT’s can now inject IM.
- Expansion of EPI vendors as long as they are approved by EMS.
- People continue not to report
- Controlled substance law went into effect in July.
- Mike Masterton was promoted to Tom Lateulere’s position

Burn Center: N. Luparella (Absent) Don Lynch

- Poor turnout for the fundraiser
- There was a push a few months ago to move out the Volunteer Firefighters from the Burn Center.
- Discussion on the proposed changes within the center and it is clear that many councils need to get more involved.
- There seems to be a vagueness on what is going on with the center and what could potentially happen.
- After a long discussion, we would like to invite the President and Vice President to the next meeting to discuss the proposal and get an update.
- Motion made by Reilly, seconded by Coughlin to invite the President and VP Jeff Bayles to the next FRES meeting to discuss the Burn Center proposal.
- Burn Center By-Laws to be sent to Terry for Distribution.

Recruitment & Retention: R. Murphy

- Progress – the graphic “Volunteer to be Amazing” is being re-designed.
- We are going to do more targeted advertising.

Old Business:

- Another meeting with Zeldin is being held on 10/10 at 9am in Selden to discuss Radio Communications. Question again who invited Zeldin to this meeting – is it the Joint Council? Legislator Browning and the county was unaware of the meeting.
- Legislative Day is 10/8 at East Farmingdale. Breakfast to be served – Class A uniforms to be worn.
- Upcoming meeting with the Railroad to discuss them working on a railroad exercise for the field. They are working on developing the exercise with no charge to us. They are also looking for our support on a project that they are developing in Nassau County.
- 10/8 - Emmitsburg Memorial Service – Chief Seso’s name will be added.
- 10/11 – NYS Memorial Service – Knight, Seso & Weisse’s names will be added to the wall
- County All Hazards trailer is unable to go out until the MOA is resolved. Some departments are not happy with the situation, but it cannot be helped. However, the County is trying work within the MOA guidelines.

- Question arose on the guidance of the AFFF situation – nothing yet, Tony LaFerrera will call State and find out.

New Business:

- None

Public Comment:

- Legislator Browning has two issues:
  - Question on the Board Up Companies – are they still a problem. General feeling was that it has gotten better since the Bill passed.
  - Fire Suppression System Issue: Mixed feelings from station owners. Who can give her the best applicable information – if the county has to create and pass their own or will it fall down to the town.

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

Members Present	Members Absent	Staff Present	Guests Present
LaFerrera, A.	Tully, E.	J. Jordan	M. Masterton
Bloom, A.	Luparella, N.	D. Lynch	W. Sanok
Bologna, V.			Sgt. M. Healy
Murphy, R.			Leg. Kate Browning
Crafts, T.			
Sullo, A.			
Turza, G.			
Reilly, N.			
Silverman, D.			
Coughlin, J.			
Prosek, B.			
<b>Alternates Present</b>			
Larry Brown – Riverhead Town Fire Chiefs' Council			

<b>NEXT MEETING</b>	Wednesday, October 26, 2016
<b>TIME</b>	7:30 pm
<b>LOCATION</b>	SC Dept. FRES Library, Yaphank
<b>REFRESHMENTS</b>	B. Prosek and A. LaFerrera