



Suffolk County Fire, Rescue & Emergency Services Commission  
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**SUFFOLK COUNTY FRES COMMISSION**  
**Meeting Minutes from 9/27/2017**

Chairman Tim Crafts called the meeting to order at 7:36pm with a salute to the flag & a moment of silence for those that have past. 3 pages in the minutes were dedicated to Firefighter Michael Descalso from Wyandanch, Tom Kost from Lindenhurst and Drew McCaffrey from Cutchogue.

Motion to accept the minutes from the June 28<sup>th</sup> meeting by Jay Egan, second by Anthony LaFerrera, motion carried.

Treasurer's report read by Kyle Markott. Balance in the checking account as of tonight is \$5,363.83. Motion to accept by Jay Egan, second by Ed Tully, motion carried.

**Report of Officers:**

**Chairman Crafts:**

- Walk thru at the Fire Academy tonight went well. Chairman Crafts thanked the Fire Academy staff for accommodating us. Lots of progress seen.
- The second flashover simulator monies came from the DiBernardo Family and thanks to them we will have 2 flashover simulators now.
- motion by Ed Tully, second by Norm Reilly to send the family a Thank You note from the Commission.
- The FRES Commission doesn't have certificates to give out at Medal Day. Chairman Crafts will work on having them made up for next year.
- Working on updating the Commission's stationary.
- Meeting was held with the County Executive and rep's from this Commission, Suffolk Districts, Suffolk Chiefs, Mike Postel from PD, Greg Miniutti from FRES and John Jordan from FRES regarding the radio legislation. The districts will most likely need to come up with over \$50 million for this project. There is only \$1.1 mil in state grants. There are options to discuss. The County Executive would like to meet more frequently with this group in the future. We need to present a united front from ALL organizations. John Jordan advised it doesn't seem like a complete plan is in place on the federal level. We need to develop talking points so the message is clear from everyone. Jay Egan stated the Joint Council has always tried to keep all organizations informed and involved in the process. A lengthy discussion ensued on the radio legislation. Norm Reilly asked why Congressman Lee Zeldin is not more involved.

**FRES Commissioner/Deputy Commissioner Report:**

- Discussion on the superfund site situation at the Fire Academy. There are a lot of moving parts. There are weekly conference calls. We are in the process of collecting data and paperwork from the Fire Academy.
- The Governor will be in town tomorrow holding a press conference on the opioid crisis, it will be held at Republic Airport at 9am.
- Drew McCaffrey's passing was a huge loss for FRES. He will be deeply missed.
- Interviews will start to fill Drew's position shortly. There is a civil service list.
- New position has been created, Resource Management Officer – interviews will be starting in November/December.
- 2018 County budget is out.
- Don Miller received the Suffolk County Coordinator of the Year award.
- 5 new vehicles are being put in service.

**Fire Marshal's:**

- No report

**Fire Academy:**

- Thank you for coming to the walk thru tonight.
- Tracks are in. The train cars are forthcoming. This will be a great thing for the Academy. Instructors will no longer need to go to Nassau County for training.
- Cleanup on the Academy ongoing.
- Ed & Bob meet on a regular basis with their counterparts at the Nassau County Fire Academy and just recently had a joint meeting with the respective VEEB Boards.
- Rockland County will be taking and utilizing our FF I model.
- More principle of instruction classes coming in 2018.
- The Tower drill will now be called Low Rise Commercial Fires Drill.
- Met with BOCES, they will be helping building props for the Academy.

**SCPD:**

- No report

**SC EMS:**

- No report

**Report of Committees:****Budget:**

- Meeting next month

**Arson Task Force:**

- Changes coming soon

**Combined Radio:**

- Next meeting is October 11<sup>th</sup>
- As per Mike Postel, microwaves to be worked on 10/10/17 to enable the build out to continue for the east end.
- UHF phase 3 capital project has been approved.

- MOU in place now with East Hampton to use some of their sites
- Working on same MOU with Southampton. Looks good.

**Buildings & Grounds:**

- No report

**Legislation & Standards:**

- Discussion on the cancer bill
- Please remind all of your members to Vote NO on the constitutional convention

**Codes & Prevention:**

- No report

**EMS & REMSCO:**

- Discussion on EPCR
- 2017 ALS protocols are posted, but no in effect yet.
- Back door at the EMS office is now closed, you must enter through the front and be buzzed in..
- Next REMSCO meeting is November 14<sup>th</sup>

**Burn Center:**

- Need a Rep

**Recruitment & Retention**

- Progress
- FASNY was given a new SAFER grant for \$1.4mil.

**Report of Organizations:**

**Suffolk County Chiefs by Ron Barz:**

- Please make sure all your Chief's are familiar with the LODD booklet.
- There is a ceremonial unit part of Suffolk Chief's – Myles Quinn is the contact.
- Ed Johnston advised they he make the LODD booklet and information part of the officer curriculum moving forward.

**Suffolk County District Officers by Jay Egan:**

- Discussion on the cancer bill

**Suffolk County Ambulance Chiefs by Bryan Prosek:**

- Discussion on the Suffolk County Marathon.

**Suffolk County Vollies by Ryan Murphy:**

- Elections were held, all positions remained the same.
- Keep a look out for traffic pattern changes coming at PBMC.

### **Old Business:**

- Commission Polo shirts are in. See Drew.

### **New Business:**

- Legislative Day is October 7<sup>th</sup> at East Farmingdale FD. Jay Egan encouraged everyone to attend in uniform and speak up.
- Jay Egan stated that when we respond to call we don't ask about party affiliation and he thinks it is a disgrace that some people running for office are trying to drag down volunteer Chief's that are given a Chief's vehicle to respond to emergencies. He sees this as a low blow and something the Commission should not tolerate.

There being no further business before the Commission, Chairman Crafts entertained a motion to adjourn by Ronald Barz, second by Arthur Bloom, meeting adjourned at 8:52pm.

Next meeting is Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kyle Markott – 'acting secretary for ONE night'

This page is dedicated  
to the memory of  
Firefighter Michael  
Descalso of the  
Wyandanch Volunteer  
Fire Company.

This page is dedicated  
to the memory of Ex-  
Chief Tom Kost of the  
Lindenhurst Fire  
Department.

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Chief Drew McCaffrey  
of the Cutchogue Fire  
Department.