



Suffolk County Fire, Rescue & Emergency Services Commission

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SUFFOLK COUNTY FIRE RESCUE & EMERGENCY SERVICES

WEDNESDAY October 25th, 2017

Minutes

OPENING OF MEETING; Meeting Called to Order by Chrm. T. Crafts 1935hrs. M/S for J.Corr/S.Parkins

ACCEPTANCE OF MINS/CORRESPONDENCE Approved A.Bloom/J.Egan

TREASURER'S REPORT

Opening Balance; \$5363.00

Deposits \$200.00 (Southampton/FM dues)

Disbursements \$483.85 (shirts)

Closing Balance \$5082.15 Approved. J Egan/E Tully

REPORT OF OFFICERS:

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (T.Crafts) Minutes will be emailed to you, less paper. Budget meeting with Commissioner Williams & J. Vetter more to follow later in the meeting

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT; (Comm. Williams) Budget will be address later on in meeting, Data Bridge-New project w/in FRES request that the commission set up for J. Vetter to come in and explain project, brief discussion followed-storing info in the cloud. Smithtown Chiefs requested one more coordinator be added, which will take place in Jan 2018

D/COMMISSIONER'S REPORT; N/R

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT : (D.Lynch) B.Martinez promoted to FM 2. 10/14-15 there was a USAR drill conducted jointly w the Military & FD members, very successful/excellent drill. Foam-collected all out of date foam from departments, news did an article on foam at the Academy and misrepresented the facts, Comm. Williams requested a correction/retraction from agency (ABC Ch 7) never received a response.

FIRE ACADEMY; (B.Holly via email) the new flashover simulator has been installed and will be dedicated to FDNY Lt. Joseph P. DiBernardo. The dedication will be at 0800 hours on Friday, Nov. 3rd. Thank you to Barbara and Joe DiBernardo (Joey's parents) for their generous donation which made this possible. Repairs have been completed to all of the walls in the Class "A" building. Linda Okolowich, our field training assignment clerk will be retiring in January. We received training requests from all but 2 departments. Confirmation letters will be mailed out in the next few weeks. The field will be closing for the season on December 1st and reopening on April 1st 2018.

SCDHS-EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES; (M. Masterson) 10/16 Peconic Bay was added as a PCI center. Commack Amb (CVAC) Dr. Guttenburg passed from Cancer, huge loss to department & county. See Website (REMSCO) for upcoming classes & seminars. CC Original class won't be offered after Jan 2018- CC Refresher will stop June of 2019.

RECRUITMENT & RETENTION: (R. Murphy via email) Recruitment Info: Seventy-six (76) Student-Volunteers have currently made application for the fall 2017 SERVES program. Seventy-two (72) are eligible. Of the 49 Firefighter applicants and 23 EMS applicants, a total of 28 Fire Departments and 10 EMS Agencies are represented. The deadline for applications was 10/1/17. Supporting documents are due by November 1, 2017. All applicants who have submitted completed application packages by November 1, 2017, will be accepted for the fall 2017 semester. Email reminder was sent out 10/17/17. The 2016 annual census was faxed out 5/18/17. Second request was faxed out on 6/30/17. A third request was faxed out on 8/21/17. A fourth request was **mailed** on 10/18/17. 66/109 Fire Departments and 19/27 EMS Agencies have responded to date. Data from the available 2016 Fire and EMS census indicates a percentage increase of 1% in both agencies. 11 student-volunteers have applied to SERVES from agencies that have not returned the 2016 census. Letters were mailed to the Chiefs of departments on 8/18/17 and 10/13/17. (8 FD, 1 Ambulance). Letters will be mailed to Student-Volunteers if their Sponsoring Agency is delinquent in providing a current census as per SERVES requirements.

BUDGET: (D.Silverman) Numbers are good. Capital Budget on schedule. No adverse cut to OT. No loss on grant funding (15yr. term) Motion to send letter of support for 2018 budget Silverman/Tully Approved. J.Egan asked about the acquisition of an additional PD helicopter Comm. Williams did not have answer & referred J.Egan to PD for answer. Garden Apt project for field pushed back a year/2.5 Million ear marked for other projects in 2018.

BURN CENTER: (J.Coughlin) Meeting was poorly attended. Medical personnel discussed how the center operates. Fundraiser discussed-poorly attended/price/day of week/advertising.

EMS & REMSCO: (B.Prosek.) next meeting 11/14. Lee Byrnes is retiring at the end of the year. Losing qualified management personnel & not filling the gap. 25% reduction in budget from NYS regarding EMS.CMAC approving the new age of EMT – 17yrs. Old-not finalized yet. NYS looking at ALL BLS protocols-will have a clear understanding next year of same. 39-44 Hospitals in NYS are Trauma Centers-All hospitals in Suffolk are. Dr. Voswinkle recognized for “Physicians of Excellence” award.

COMBINED RADIO: (N Reilly & Chief Miniutti) Norm- Meeting next meeting 12/6. J.Egan/T.Laferrera both stated the Rep Zeldin/King can not find anyone in Congress to assist them in the T Band radio bill. Greg discussed in length the on going difficulties I issues regarding the T Band and the upgrade of the radio system in Suffolk County. SCPD is the lead county agency on this issue. 12/13 will be a meeting with all who are involved. Also it was noted that not many “Active” Chiefs attend any of these meetings nor do they attend the County Chiefs meeting where this information is disseminated to all members.

LEGISLATION & STANDARD: (E. Tully) Cancer bill signed by Gov. Nothing in writing regarding prostate cancer. Discussion about how or who will foot the bill for cancer bill. Fireworks bill still unsigned

CODES & PREVENTION: N/R

ARSON TF: N/R

VEEB: N/R

BUILDING & GROUNDS: N/R

SCPD N/R

ORGANIZATIONS:

SCFCA: (J.Coughlin) Meeting scheduled for Friday 11/10 Middle Island FD. Election night, current board staying on no changes, Brunch on Sun.11/12 at the Snapper Inn Oakdale

DISTRICTS: (J.Egan) Next meeting Nov.16th

SUFFOLK VOLLIES: 11/4-5 Leg. Day in Albany

EAST HAMPTON T/C: (G.Turza) Airport wells tested- failed Fire Service "Thrown under the Bus" similar to Fire Academy issue w regards to use of foam. Politicians not informed or have no idea of situation from fire service stand point. They attack the fire service/academy because of the prior use of foam. Recommend sitting w Politicians and educating them on subject.

OLD BUSINESS: T.LaFerrera stated that he just sent the Chrm. 2 emails regarding cancer bill. Chrm will send them out to the commission. M.Masterson thanked Commissioner Williams for improving the media recognition with regards to Fire/EMS at scene of news worthy incidents, Commissioner Williams stated that his office & the SCPD PIO's office worked together to make this happen.

NEW BUSINESS: N/R

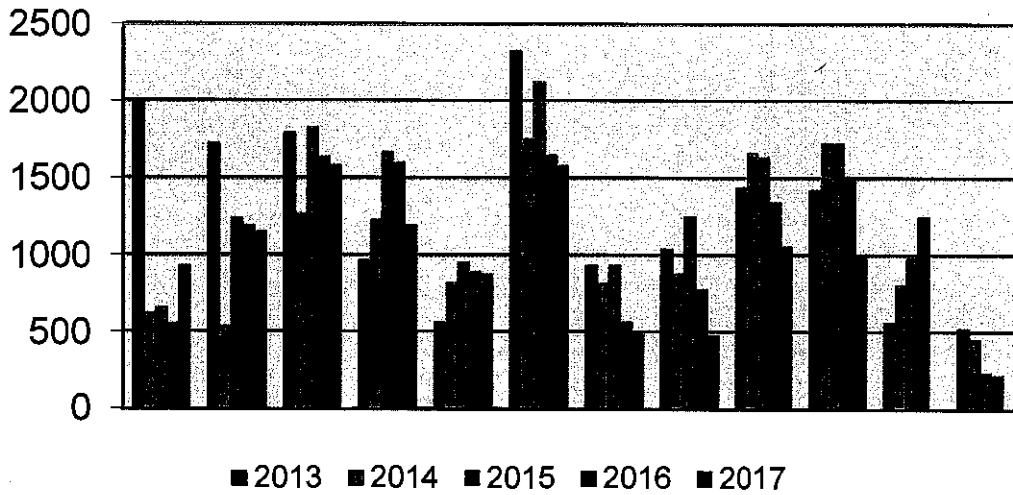
PUBLIC COMMENT N/R

MEETING ADJOURNED: 2050hrs. Next Meeting Weds. Nov 29th .J.Egan/T. Laferrea

Suffolk County Fire Academy Firefighter I

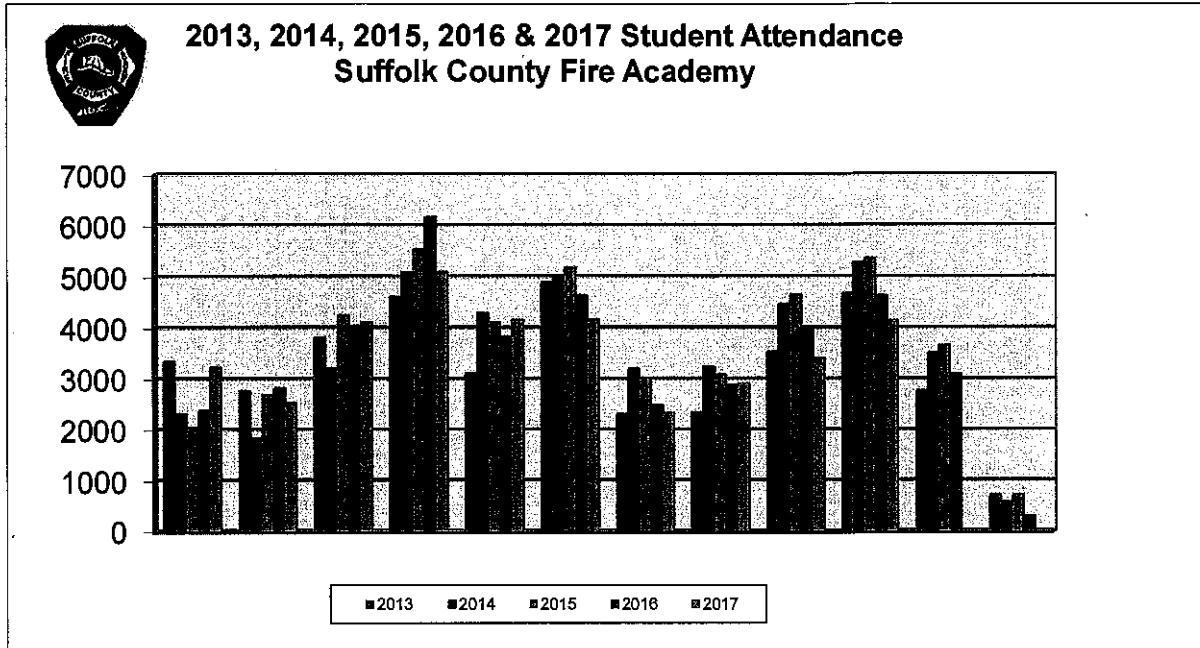


**2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 & 2017 Firefighter I Attendance
Suffolk County Fire Academy**



Month	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
January	2000	626	660	563	937
February	1731	539	1241	1196	1161
March	1800	1272	1830	1647	1591
April	970	1233	1673	1608	1203
May	566	821	954	897	882
June	2330	1760	2128	1657	1589
July	937	819	938	572	492
August	1044	882	1254	784	482
September	1446	1668	1638	1351	1063
October	1430	1734	1731	1518	1000
November	567	810	983	1256	
December	527	455	238	223	
Totals	15348	12619	15268	13272	10400

Suffolk County Fire Academy Student Attendance



	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
January	3374	2333	2053	2421	3264
February	2795	1859	2702	2848	2565
March	3844	3224	4272	4075	4144
April	4645	5109	5548	6198	5126
May	3141	4312	4122	3867	4183
June	4924	4993	5195	4669	4196
July	2342	3221	3039	2514	2363
August	2374	3256	3099	2910	2940
September	3556	4489	4660	4010	3438
October	4706	5300	5376	4658	4169
November	2794	3531	3672	3119	
December	736	589	727	311	
Totals	39231	42216	44465	41600	36388