



Suffolk County Fire, Rescue & Emergency Services Commission  
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**SUFFOLK COUNTY FIRE RESCUE & EMERGENCY  
SERVICES**

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**OPENING OF MEETING:** Meeting Called to Order by Chrm T. Crafts 1938hrs. Moment of silence for the victims of the Florida school shooting. Ex Chiefs. K. David & M. Mahler Smithtown FD

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINS/CORRESPONDENCE:** J. Coughlin

Minutes were read and accepted.

80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Journal information for the Fire Boat in Greenport – The commission does not take out journal ads, but we would be more than willing to send it out to our member agencies.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Opening Balance; \$5,084.80

Deposits; None

Disbursements; \$80.00 (K. Browning gift)

Interest; \$.65

Closing Balance \$5004.73 Approved A. Laferrara/B. Fagan

Unpaid for 2017 Southampton Chiefs

**REPORT OF OFFICERS:**

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** (T. Crafts)

- He announced the new appointments to the Commission.
- FRES Commission personnel held the Quarterly Review meeting with the Fire Academy staff, committed to continue to work together with them with assisting Academy with their agenda. The Fire Academy staff is doing a great job overcoming some of the challenges that have been presented and are maximizing their resources to continue to keep training moving forward. Thank you to R. Barz & E. Johnston for the meeting.
- Watch for emails from the Chairman on the Fireworks/Sparklers bill in regards to county's to op out. NFPA has data about injuries due to Sparklers 7 a flyer on how dangerous they can be to adults and children. A. Laferrera spoke on past issues regarding this topic, which was originally brought to the Leg. a few years ago. The proposed resolution was sponsored and then rescinded by PO Gregory because of the concerns of the fire service. He also stated that the following Chiefs councils are sending letters supporting to OP out of this bill.
- T-Band Radio Congressmen Zeldin, King & Engel have offered up a bill (Repealing the Provision in 2012 ) to allow Law Enforcement, Fire & EMS to keeping using the T-Band Life Saving Option. D. Silverman will spearhead the radio issue for the FRES Commission.
- We have to be a united group to take on this T-Band Radio issue, we can't have these splinter groups going and saying they represent the Fire Service, FRES represents us. Chairman & Commissioner

met and recommend getting a rep from all the groups to represent a united front. Need to appoint people have knowledge of this issue from each group.

- Meeting w Leg Martinez to get a meeting the week of March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 (Chrm of Public Safety Committee) to review our agenda and plans for the next year.
- Get the word to the county departments and organizations that there are groups out there that are sending out letter soliciting funds for the “Fire Service”

**VICE CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:** (D.Silverman)

- Meeting with all major shareholders involved in the T-Band radio went well, including all of the larger city, Boston, NYC, & LA. Rep Engel is the sponsor of the bill. Our members on the committee believe there will be a positive solution in the future. Again emphasized the need for a united, consistent, and clear message.

**COMMISSIONERS REPORT:** N/R

**DEPUTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT:** (J.Jordan)

- FRES will not be at public safety meeting at the Leg on Thursday, they will be prepping for the upcoming storm.
- FRES added a new Resource Manager for OEM, along with a Deputy Directors position. They’re in the process of filling T.O’Hara’s position in OEM. FRES is also getting 5 new vehicles in 4-6 weeks. FRES is getting a 2-3 dispatchers and a class will be starting soon. 1 Fire Marshal will be hired.
- FRES will be supporting but Open committee has not contacted us yet, but they will fully be staffed out there during the event. There are 3500 jobs available at the US Open golf championship in the Hamptons during the month of June.
- 2 Rail Cars are at the Yaphank train station, working on getting them down to the Academy. Spoke to A. Bloom from Shelter Island to send a letter.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES:**

**FIRE MARSHAL’S REPORT:** (D.Lynch)

- Fireworks bill has been passed by the Governor, the Counties can opt out of the law. The Chief Fire Marshal has the stats of Fireworks injuries throughout the country if you need them. TNT has deep pockets so it is going to be an uphill battle.
- Interviewing for Fire Marshal spots. Highest number of Fire Marshals since 2010. DA’s office has assigned an investigator, Det. Perez, to the Fire Marshal’s office.
- Beware of people posing as fake Fire Marshals – they’re targeting the mom & pop stores to perform inspections and charge them for a variety of items. If that occurs in your area, please notify the SC Fire Marshal’s office and try to get the info to them.

**FIRE ACADEMY:** (E. Johnston)

- Capital projects still being work on the Tower and the Taxpayer so it might affect some drills. Dept. drills will not be canceled or affected. They will just work around the construct.
- Fire Officer 1- Homework and everything will on line by 2019.
- My door is always, so if you have anything give me a call or stop by.

**SCPD:** (Sgt Kalan)

- All the aviation units are in service and operational weather permitting. Special OPS/ ESU getting new vehicle.
- Dept. is prepping for the US Open in June.

- If you need PD OEM, just contact FRES dispatch and they can notify them.

**SCDHS-EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES:** (M. Masterston)

- 3 MCI Drills scheduled for this year, info is on the website.
- 1/18/18 New Protocols went into effect.
- Control substances and Saline are in short supply due to the storm in PR.
- Ketamine – some departments already have it in stock. For those who have submitted an application, it's being held by a Fed bill and attorneys are working out the issues.
- Staffing issue is developing at EMS. Mike is no longer the EMS Educator, the secretary Donna retired and wasn't replaced. B. Delagi is eligible to retire in July, K.Klug is eligible now and the state EMS director retired.
- Active shooter guideline NFPA 3000 will be voted on this in June. B.Delagi is still giving the Active Shooter class, it's available to anyone who requests it.
- ECPR's, 58 depts are in the pipeline and more are coming online in the future. It's seems that it's happening now because there are 6-7 vendors available as opposed to the only 1-2 to choose from a couple of years ago.

**VEEB:** (R.Barz)

- Everything was covered under Fire Academy report.

**BUDGET:** N/R

**ARSON TF:** N/R

**COMBINED RADIO:** (N Reilly & Chief Minutti)

- Next meeting is April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018.
- Good press on dispatcher who guided father (LIE story) on how to deliver a baby.
- UHF on West End being tested.

**BUILDING & GROUNDS:** N/R

**LEGISLATION & STANDARD:** (A.Laferrara)

- EMS recovery bill is the main topic this year, see Newsday article by State Chief's Exec.Director J.Deluca on matter.
- Cancer Bill - RFP went out to insurance company for the GAP coverage.
- Chief's qualification bill up the air after being defeated in the Senate, Civil Service is now involved. It has been suggested that they split the bill, separate standards for Volunteers and Paid Chiefs.

**CODES & PREVENTION:** N/R

**EMS & REMSCO:** (B.Prosek.)

- No meeting. Next Meeting March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**BURN CENTER** N/R

**RECRUITMENT & RETENTION:** (R.Murphy)

- Fall 2017 report - 35 out of 47 firefighters have been reimbursed. 12 out of 21 EMS members have been reimbursed. Spring 2018: 60 participants. Deadline for necessary documents is 3/1.

- Looking to hold a SERVES orientation. WBAB interviews coming up and will air Natl. Volunteer Week.
- Next meeting will be 4/18/18 at 1800 hours.

**ORGANAZATION REPORTS;**

**SCFCA:** (J.Coughlin)

- Seminar March 23<sup>rd</sup> NBFCO Engine Co OPS.
- Website is up and running, if you want to post something, contact any board member and a reminder that we have a Facebook page too.

**SUFFOLK VOLLIES:** (A.Sullo)

- Meeting March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 in Selden.

**BABYLON:** (A.Laferrara)

- Scholarship Seminar April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 in Deer Park

**BROOKHAVEN:**

- S.Thebold has been transferred from town coordinator (507) to County FC-10 assigned to the commissioner's office.

**EAST HAMPTON:**

- DEC is blaming the fire service for the foam issue out at airport.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- A.Laferrara stated that the joint council (Districts, Chiefs, & Vollies) were formed in 2004 for the purpose of having a united front when tackling issues in the fire service – but the FRES Commission was listed in the charter as the official organization representing the Fire and EMS service to the County Exec and Leg.
- M/M to send a letter to Supervisor Bellone advising him that the FRES Commission is the lead organization representing the fire service in Suffolk County as per the County charter. Reilly/Fagan Passed.

**NEW BUSINESS:** N/R

**PUBLIC COMMENT** N/R

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 2045hrs next meeting Wednesday March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at FRES.

