



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

**WEDNESDAY March 28, 2018**

Chairman Tim Crafts called the meeting to order at 7:35pm with a salute to the flag & a moment of silence for those that have past.

Motion to accept the minutes from the February 28<sup>th</sup> meeting by Anthony LaFerrera, second by Norm Reilly, motion carried.

Treasurer's report read by Kyle Markott. Balance in the checking account as of tonight is \$5,00531. Motion to accept by Norm Reilly, second by Arthur Bloom, motion carried.

**Report of Officers:**

**Chairman Crafts:**

- discussion on the sparkler bill. Chairman Crafts, Anthony LaFerrera and Ronald Barz spoke at the Leg meeting. Many questions asked of the sparkler companies that they couldn't answer. Seemed like after the Leg heard our voices they would support the bill. Will be voted on at the 4/19 public safety meeting. Chairman Crafts again asked for the different organizations to write letters to the Leg supporting the bill.

**FRES Commissioner/Deputy Commissioner Report:**

- thank you to the departments who assisted with the fallen soldiers. The 106<sup>th</sup> and the FDNY were very grateful to Suffolk County.
- 3 new Dispatchers, Deputy Director of OEM, Resource Manager and 1 Fire Marshal have been hired.
- will be meeting with the County on capital projects.
- talks ongoing about doing work to the FRES building.
- SCPD/FRES/SCEMS are continuing to offer active shooters classes.

**Fire Marshal's:**

- new Fire Marshal is working out great.

**Fire Academy:**

- stats will be emailed to the Commission members.

**SCPD:**

- 3 helicopters are in service.

**SC EMS:**

- no report.

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

- no report

**Arson Task Force:**

- no report

**Combined Radio:**

- next meeting is April 11<sup>th</sup>
- see full report from Chief Minuitti attached to the minutes.

**Buildings & Grounds:**

- no report

**Legislation & Standards:**

- Chief's training bill will no affect volley chiefs, only affects career Chiefs.
- cancer bill – responses are coming back from the insurance companies. Cost is approx. \$250/ff to opt in.
- NFPA 3000 will be voted on in June in Las Vegas. Addresses Fire & EMS response to active shooter situations.

**Codes & Prevention:**

- no report

**EMS & REMSCO:**

- performance committee is working on EPCR patient transfer form.
- discussion on community paramedicine
- PBMC will be hosting an active shooter class in April.
- pilot program has been formed to evaluate telemedicine.
- discussion on Tom Laterleure best practices seminar – 4-8hrs.
- Next REMSCO meeting is May 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Burn Center:**

- no report

**Recruitment & Retention**

- no report

## **Report of Organizations:**

### **Suffolk County Chiefs by Ron Barz:**

- no report

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

- no report

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

- no report

### **Suffolk County Vollies by Anthony Sullo:**

- Memorial Service at Coram FD on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

## **Old Business:**

- there was no old business.

## **New Business:**

- The Commissioner brought up that the Fire Chief of the City of Buffalo was trying to activate the state wide EMS mobilization due to an ambulance company strike. Suffolk has not been asked yet to send any ambulances up there.

There being no further business before the Commission, Chairman Crafts entertained a motion to adjourn by Anthony Sullo, second by Arthur Bloom, meeting adjourned at 8:18pm.

Next meeting is Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**Kyle Markott**

Kyle Markott – ‘acting secretary for ONE night’

**Radio Report from FRES Comm Chief Greg Minuitti:****700 Mhz system**

Just completed acceptance testing on two east end 700MHZ sites (greenport and Southampton). Additional 1M granted from New York state to continue building out the interoperable sites in 2018-19

**UHF Paging**

UHF paging – coverage and quality issues in the first 8 sites that have been testing this month. You will hear activity on it, it is NOT actual UHF broadcasts, but rather rebroadcasting of low band 46.46 transmissions to create ‘activity’ to facilitate testing.

Motorola and our local shop are engaged. We are making some system changes tomorrow and will resume testing Friday and into next week.

Bringing additional sites on the air, extension of the system east Is on hold until we can resolve the issues with the existing sites.

**NYS DHS Office of Interoperable and Emergency Communications consortium symposium 2018.**

Was held last week, I attended.

**Firstnet report:**

-NYS (and all 49 other states ‘opt’d in’ to the system. The other option by federal legislations was to opt out and build their own state broadband first responder network that was interoperable with firstnet.

ATT the firstnet provider is making some services (priority and preemption) available immediately. \*is not yet on NYS contract for firstnet packages – they are working through NYS OGS to make this happen\* - no exact timeline.

This is only available at their 4G sites. New sites are built to public safety hardened standards but that requirement doesn’t kick in as a requirement for years. Generators and hardening. additional sites targeted for build out in NYS particularly upstate in the mountainous ares.

Those agencies interested, should realize that ATT has incentive’s and penalties applied through the federal legislation so there is a good possibility for agencies to leverage that for even better deals than the NYS contract.

There is NO obligation to move to firstnet. No requirement for first responder agencies to use the data network.

ATT has expressed that they will work with other carriers who are offering “like services” but it is important to understand that they have no legal responsibility to do so.

Tiers prioritization system – controlled locally.

Police / Fire /EMS / Emergency management / 911 (PSAP) are primary, or first tier users. Extended , or second tier users include utilities, DPW , other government entities ...priority only, no preemption.

It is “controlled locally” - meaning that agencies can identify who gets tier 1, within the definitions above – however the COML at an incident will have ability to raise secondary users as warranted by the event.

\*\*it is important to note that the owner of the account ..the agency determines the tier of the user. So a fire chief who’s device is on the departments account is eligible for firstnet .... He would NOT be able to use those features on his own person device.

Service guide that lays out all the details – governance is still being developed.

NG911 – 911 Coordinators meeting in November of 2017 – was reported on at the conference. I was not in attendance. Key points:

NYS OIEC responsible state agency for developing programmatic materials.

Continuance of NG 911 plan for the state, establish timeline and roadmap for NG911 roll out in NYS

