



Suffolk County Fire, Rescue & Emergency Services Commission
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SUFFOLK COUNTY FIRE RESCUE & EMERGENCY SERVICES
FEBRUARY 27th, 2019

OPENING: 7:30pm

MOMENT of SILENCE

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: Crafts/Bonventre

TREASURERS REPORT: Bologna/Reilly

- Opening Balance -\$5311.76
- Deposits – \$300.00 Suffolk Vollies 2019-20 dues \$200.00 Islip Chiefs \$100.00 2019 dues
- Expenses - \$348.30 (\$250.00 Carolyn-\$98.30 T.Crafts plaque)
- Interest Earned - \$.65
- Total Deposits-\$300.65
- End Balance-\$5264.11
- **2018 Dues Unpaid**-Riverhead Chief's

REPORT of OFFICERS

CHAIRMAN: D.Silverman

- Welcome to the new members
- Chrm/V Chrm. Met with County Executive on 2/22 to discuss the proposed appointment of John Jordan to FRES Commissioner. As per the County Charter, the FRES Commission is part of this process. The meeting was productive and many of the Commission's concerns and past issues were discussed. Mr. Bellone will be attending this meeting shortly at the Chairman's invitation, to answer any questions the Commission members may have.

VICE CHAIRMAN: K.Markott N/R

ACTING FRES COMMISSIONER: J.Jordan

- Several meetings with DFC leadership will be meeting Friday AM to continue conversations and will be having meeting March 28th in Mastic.
 - FRES PIO program will be discussed at that meeting.
 - Thank you to all DFCs that helped with the Services for NYPD LODD
 - Thank you to all DFCs for what they do and to the leadership for their dedication.
- New Chiefs/Active Chiefs Seminar May 05
- Doing a head to toe review of OT here at FRES.
- Reviewing staffing in Communications in an attempt to increase staffing.

- **-**priority**** TBAND give back is still federal law. HR 451 on the books, but only 3% chance of enactment. FRES, Combined Radio has requested all agencies to send letters, contact their representatives. Letter, white paper, quick fact sheet all available on our website. Councils please support this amendment! **-**priority****
- -UHF band paging, we have invited first 30 odd agencies online, - dependent upon where they are – several sites still in the works: 1pct, Cohalan Court, ocean Beach, St Charles. Still on target to be up before season hits on the Fire Island. We work slowly through east end site acquisition and development. Our goal is to be entirely off low band and promised by the end of 2020.
- -ASAP to PSAP, work in progress, hope to have it running by Labor Day.
- -County website updated / work in progress / if you can't access something please let us know.
- -SCPD reports ambulance installs will begin now in March, VACs first then fire departments. One for one replacement of old county issued radios ; and facilitate reprogramming of newer equipment bought by agencies, both portable and mobile.
- Continue Updating FRES electronic directory. Email jennie.nedell@suffolkcountyny.gov with updates and access requests. Updated and verified email and fax will be required for bulk email distribution. Will be sharing with the SCFA in a cost avoidance scenario as they won't have to pay to make a database.
- UL certification in Communications - a work in progress
- Created a "Committee" type working group for repairs and capital projects at SCFA in an attempt at no disruptions to training. *Working well.*
 - *Will start contract negotiations with VEEB soon, do not anticipate issue at this time.*
 - *Attempting to work it out for SCFA employees to use county vehicles and fleet the vehicles in an attempt at a cost avoidance for FA so additional revenue goes into training.*
- SCPD reassigning Inspector Romagnoli to Co of fourth Pct. and Inspector Morrnski will be heading Homeland Security
- **Personnel:**
- Desk Audit Sylvia Murdolo – OEM
- Civil Service test results are posted and Joel Vetter passed the Chief test and is now serving a 12 week probation period in his position.
- Three new ESD I hires are in their practical training until beginning of June. *Be kind to them on the radio. Process started for one (1) new ESD I hire to fill a vacancy.*
- We hired Alanna Connolly as a Program Examiner in OEM (grant funded).

- Still moving forward with a Deputy Director of OEM.
- SCIN Submitted for a part time RMO for Fire Marshal's Office.

- **Training & Exercises:**
- 1/28/19 - MGT319 - Medical Countermeasures: PODs
- 1/30/19 - PER211 - Medical Management of CBRNE events
- 2/6/19 AWR-140 delivered to Communications, Brookhaven Town Harbor Police, SC OEM and Sheriff Office personnel
- 2019 CERT Academy training underway
- 3/6/19 AWR-140 scheduled for delivery to Blue Point FD and other agencies
- 2/19/19 FM Martinez and CFM Lynch completed Fire Instructor II training
- Group from Centerport FD as well as FM Manzi being sent to Nevada for training
- USAR Drill scheduled for March @ old fourth precinct

- **Planning:**
- OEM is starting a review of coastal evacuation plans
- 1/23/19 - SBU MCI Exercise Planning meeting
- 1/25/19 - Mental Health Disaster Collaboration meeting
- 1/30/19 - NYWIMA Board planning meeting
- 1/30/19 - NYS Defensive Driving
- 1/31/19 - UAS Drone Planning Team meeting
- Hazmat response plan being sent out to teams by end of Feb for review. This is necessary for Type casting and funding. The information gathering for this task began over 1 year ago.
- Inventorying of all WMD/ Hazmat equipment continues with a lot of "end of life" equipment being eliminated. We do have some level B training suits available if departments desire them for training purposes only.

- **Meetings:**
- 2/6/19 – Counter Terrorism Zone-1 Meeting
- 2/7/19 Meeting with Coastal and Scott regarding replacement of end of life equipment and new NFPA standard for WMD/ Hazmat packs
- 2/8/19 - LIVOAD Meeting
- 2/11/19 - Evacuation Planning Team Kick-off meeting
- 2/13/19 - Bethpage PGA Championship Planning meeting
- 2/13/19 - Mental Health Disaster Collaboration meeting
- 2/14/19 - Participated in a tour of the NYS OGS warehouse (SNS)
- 2/14/19 - Federation of Labor mass gathering event planning meeting
- 2/21/19 - FILSCE Meeting
- 2/22/19 - Suffolk County Marathon planning meeting
- Burn center meeting attendance by FM Petersen
- Fire Educators meeting attendance by FM Kuethen
- SC Fire Marshals Association meeting attendance
- Decon Strike Team working with ANG 106th Rescue Wing regarding handling of decon at the base

- **Response & Support:**
- Complied with numerous requests for generators and light towers to assist with planned construction work in several municipal buildings.
- Conducted 7 public outreach emergency preparedness presentations.
- Supported the NYPD LODD Funeral in Hampton Bays. Provided light towers, generators, gators, VMS, MERV, MCU1, Planning Team coordination and IAP development.
- OEM continues to support the emergency water deliveries county wide in reference to the PFOS, PFOA contamination.
- 1/6/19 multiple situations involving squatters on county property handled
- 2/7/19 K9 Response to Kings Park
- 2/10/19 Construction of Hazmat bottle trailer completed with a small cache of bottles (About 20)
- After Action Report for Quogue plane crash completed by FM Peterson
- School inspections begin April 15 and run till May 31. We have picked up a new district – So. Huntington

- **Grant & Contracts:**
- Took delivery of several new vehicles.
- Took delivery of 25K MRE's for emergency supply warehouse.
- Beginning work on a back-up EOC this week
- Just notified we will be getting Hazard Mitigation grant.

FIRE ACADEMY: E.Johnston

- Fire instructor 2 will start in the fall right Fire instructor 1
- Field opens at the end of March for hands on training and April 1st for all evolutions.
- In-service for new chiefs is May 5th at 8pm at the academy. This is open to all chiefs, including EMS.
- Fire officer 1 program to include an Active Shooters training.
- Active Shooters training for departments is in the works... look for it in the future.
- Fire officer 1/ Intro to Fire Officer is online and academy has the Hybrid style, so you don't have to attend as
Many classes. It is 63hrs of work. \$60.00 for the manual/workbook
- Medal day 9/22/19... the nominees just started coming in deadline is extended to 3/15/19
- Fire Marshal Haz Mat training is during the day and it is geared towards the payed members... West Babylon
Is sending a group... its 40hrs and it's on Decon.
- Wanted to thank A/Comm Jordan, for all his help in getting the work done at the field, the new class wall is complete,
The Flashover will be repaired the following week (1st week of March), Tax payer being fixed, Tower
New system not turned on as of yet.
- Fire Service training is looking to go nationally certified... no more state certificates
- Walk around/inspection of FA 6:30pm (prior to March FRES meeting)

SCPD: PO Wylie

- Aviation – 2 Helicopters available for service 24/7 (East & West)
2 Helicopters out of service for maintenance.

EMS: D.Wayrich

- Greenlawn is hosting a EMT refresher course over the summer (They book up really fast)
- Deer Park is currently a BLS/CME class
- Shirley will be hosting on Sundays a 6hrs ALS course
- NYS announced they will be making changes (will announce at the May meeting)
- Trying to re-start regional training ... 1st will be medication for BLS ... ALS will be for airway training
- Bridge program started, we have 20 people enrolled... next will start in the next couple of months
- We're going to attempt to run these Bridge training courses quarterly
- New Chief of EMS is making the rounds to all the counsels...much appreciated.

COMMITTEE REPORTS**BUDGET:** N/R**ARSON TASKFORCE:** T.Crafts

- Meeting being scheduled by CFM

COMBINED RADIO: N.Reilly

- Next meeting is March 13th
- HR 491- T-Band bill- on the FRES website is the revised letter...
Download it to your department's letter head and send it off to congress.
- It's been a little more difficult this time around with the changes in DC, but we still
We will be alright ... we have bi-partisan support in both the house and the senate
Commissioner will follow up to see if FRES sent the new letter on our behalf

BUILDING GROUNDS & LEGISLATION: N/R**CODES:** V.Bolonga

- Reminder that with the New Year all fire marshals
- Stony Brook has 2 classes March & June

REMSCO: B.Prosek

- Meeting is March 12th

BURN CENTER: J.Coughlin

- Very heated meeting regarding the President (J.Bailes) doing things without the
Approval of the body.
- Executive board requested an executive during the meeting... as a result the recognition day will
moved bac
To the hospital from the Selden FD. 5-2 vote. New invitations will be sent with the venue changed
- Board discussed their disapproval of the president's actions and all was settled during the
executive session

RECRUITMENT & RETENTION: G.Turza

- Meeting next week with Sari to find out if there are any programs/grants available assist in recruitment
- Safer Grant is due by March 2019... A/Commissioner Jordan directed Sari to make some corrections before sending up the application
- Every Division has different needs regarding this issue.

REPORT OF ORGANIZATIONS

FIRE DISTRICTS: J.Egan

Had installation dinner this past Saturday ... John Manzi from West Babylon is the new president

SUFFOLK CHIEFS: J.Coughlin

- Next meeting March 8th at Flanders FD
- March 22nd will be the Scholarship Seminar at Westhampton Beach FD
Topic will be on the Parkland School Shooting.

SUFFOLK VOLLIES: T.Sullo

Next meeting will be March 20th in Holbrook

Leg State meeting will on March 9th in Albertson

TOWN CHIEFS REPORT

BABYLON: N/R

HUNTINGTON: N/R

ISLIP: N/R

SMITHTOWN: N/R

BROOKHAVEN: N/R

RIVERHEAD: N/R

SOUTHAMPTON: N/R

EAST HAMPTON: G.Turza

- Freelance photographers are penetrating fire scenes out on the east end and they're trying to Give the fire service a bad reputation FYI be aware and report any such individuals.
As a result there have been some death threats generated. Same is happening in Huntington

SOUTHOLD: N/R

SHELTER ISLAND: N/R

OLD BUSINESS:

- J.Egan brought up the Stony Brook Stroke unit that was discussed previously... and expressed His concerns. They've been to the county chiefs meeting to explain their procedures.
They will not respond unless requested.

NEW BUSINESS: N/R

- V.Bolonga brought up the blue lights on cars especially the UBER drivers, SCPD is aware of it and are looking into it.
- R.Barz can get you on the Safer Grant review committee if interested.

EXECUTIVE SESSION at 8:43pm

MEETING RETURNED TO REGULAR SESSION 10:10pm

Chairman Silverman called for a voice vote to recommend John Jordan to the County Executive for the position of Commissioner of FRES. A voice vote followed the motion as offered by J.Egan and seconded by A.LaFerrera.

Babylon Chief's - YES

Huntington Chief's - YES

Islip Chief's - YES

Smithtown Chief's - YES

Brookhaven Chief's - YES

Riverhead Chief's - YES

Southampton Chief's - YES

Southold Chief's - YES

East Hampton Chief's - YES

Shelter Island Chief's - ABSENT

Suffolk County Fire District Officer's - YES

Suffolk County Fire Chief's - YES

Suffolk County VOLLIES - YES

Suffolk County Ambulance Chiefs - YES

Suffolk County Fire Marshals - YES

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS

GOOD & WELFARE: N/R

PUBLIC COMMENTS: N/R

MEETING ADJOURNED: 10:15PM

Members Present	Staff present	Guest Present
A. LaFerrerra	J. Jordan	R. Wylie
R. Barz	E. Johnston	D. Wayrich
V. Bologna, Jr.		
R. McConville		
E. McGrath		
T. Crafts		
A. Sullo		
J. Egan		
G. Turza, Jr		
J. Hoffmann		
N. Reilly, Jr.		
D. Silverman		
K. Markott		
J. Coughlin		
F. Bonventre		
B. Prosek		
W. Fagan (alt.)		
L. Brown (alt.)		

NEXT MEETING	March 27, 2019
TIME	7:30 p.m.
LOCATION	FRES Library
REFRESHMENTS	Jay Egan, Jon Hoffmann