



Suffolk County Fire, Rescue & Emergency Services Commission
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SUFFOLK COUNTY FRES COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes from 5/22/2019

Chairman Silverman called the meeting to order at 7:38pm with a salute to the flag & a moment of silence for those that have past.

Motion to accept the minutes from the April 24, 2019 meeting by Ron Barz second by Norm Reilly, motion carried.

Treasurer's report read. Balance in the checking account as of tonight was \$5,866.80. Frank spoke with the FASNY bank regarding a \$100 overage in the account. Motion to accept by Ed Tully, second by Anthony Sullo, motion carried.

Correspondence. Chairman Silverman sent a letter to County Executive Bellone regarding the vacant FRES Deputy Commissioner position. Letter attached to the minutes.

Report of Officers:

Chairman Silverman:

- attended the Legislature meeting. Dennis Whittam was honored for his years of service and dedication to the fire service.

Vice Chairman Markott:

- no report.

FRES Commissioner/Deputy Commissioner Report (given by Chief Lynch):

- full report attached to the minutes

Fire Marshal's:

- no report

Fire Academy:

- Medal day is September 22, 2019 at 1pm at the Melville Fire Department.
- advise your member to check pre-requisites on classes.
- trying to get confined space and trench rescue classes online for next year.

- 2020 – rescue tech will be back and done at the Fire Academy – open enrollment.
- there were 98 people at the marine FF class in Southampton. Will be held again next year.
- Fire Police field day on September 7, 2019 at the Fire Academy. This counts as a refresher class.

SCPD:

- no report.

SC EMS:

- Chief Bialic was introduced. He has taken over for Bob Delagi. Chief Tom Feeley was also introduced at the new Deputy of Operations.
- Happy EMS week.
- 7 people were placed on the EMS memorial wall. All from 9/11 related injuries.
- last CC class ending in June. 1st bridge class is going good.
- from the State Council – no information on how the CME guidelines are changing. Will report back when we get more information.
- new BLS protocols have been approved statewide.
- lots of CME's during EMS week.
- Bob Delagi will be the 1st recipient of the Dr. Michael Guttenberg Outstanding Contribution to EMS award at the next REMAC meeting.

Report of Committees:

Budget:

- no report

Arson Task Force:

- no report

Combined Radio:

- last meeting was May 8th - report attached to minutes.
- Norm Reilly reported issues with getting the 800 radios programmed at SCPD. He suggested sending a letter to Mike Postel asking about the delay. Chairman Silverman will contact Mike Postel.
- Norm Reilly also reported that mutual aid departments can't get access to the host departments maps. This is an issue with Suffolk County Real Property department.
- next meeting is July 10th.

Buildings & Grounds:

- Fire Academy appears to be in good shape.

Legislation & Standards:

- billing for ambulance services still pending.
- discussion on increase in LOSAP for an injury from \$700 to \$2100.
- Ron Barz reported on the issues with OFPC and the ongoing battle with Chief qualifications

regarding volunteer department. This will be an issue if it becomes municipal law. The fight is ongoing.

- Don Lynch stated at some point we are going to need to start fighting back with OFPC.
- there is pending legislation to free volunteer FF's & EMS persons from paying state income tax. Must make 55% of the department's activities.

Codes & Prevention:

- The Fire Marshals had a successful fundraiser.

EMS & REMSCO:

- no report.

Burn Center:

- no report

Recruitment & Retention

- no report

Report of Organizations:

Suffolk County Chiefs:

- election in Syracuse for State Chief's positions. Tony LaFerrara going for another term as Director.

Suffolk County District Officers by Jay Egan:

- no report.

Suffolk County Ambulance Chiefs by Bryan Prosek:

- no report

Suffolk County Vollies by Anthony Sullo:

- good turnout at the Memorial Service.
- next meeting will be at Ronkonkoma.

Report of Townships:

Southampton:

- Congratulations to Vinnie Bologna on 50 years of service.

Old Business:

- no old business.

New Business:

- Ron Barz will not be going for another term on the VEEB board.
- Ed Tully reported he is cancer free as of yesterday.....resounding applause from the Commission members for Chief Tully.

There being no further business before the Commission, Chairman Silverman entertained a motion to adjourn by Anthony Sullo, second by Norm Reilly, meeting adjourned at 8:48pm.

Next meeting is Wednesday, June 26th at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kyle Markott

Kyle Markott – ‘acting secretary for ONE night’

Members Present	Staff present	Guest Present
R. Barz	D. Lynch	N. Bialek
A Sullo	G. Miniutti	D. Wayrich
F. Bonventre	E. Johnston	T. Fealey
E. Tully		
R. McConville		
G. Turza		
E. McGrath		
A Bloom		
V. Bologna		
N. Reilly		
K. Markott		
J.Hoffmann		
D. Silverman		

NEXT MEETING	
TIME	June 26
LOCATION	7:30 p.m.
REFRESHMENTS	FRES Library
	N. Reilly, A. Sullo

IN MEMORY OF:

SONNY LIEBRANT

FRES Report

RADIO AND COMMUNICATIONS – MAY 2019

TBAND

3% chance of bill passing still as of today (5/21)

Upon request we have provided the regional NYC ICC with our sample letter to congress for use by other agencies to lobby their representatives.

The IAFC met with the FCC to express their concerns and are promising a white paper against Congressman Walden, original bill sponsor of the bill in 2012, proposed delaying the start of the migration until 2024. **THIS IS NOT WITHOUT strings.** The legislation, if enacted would require the state, county, and local entities requesting the 3-year waiver to use all of its 911 surcharge monies for 911. **This is not a reality right now.**

There is still no complimentary bill in the senate to the house resolution.

FCC has "repackaged" DTV stations out of the 600MHz range and is moving them into the TBand between now and 2020. This auction has already occurred and the spectrum has been sold. DTV stations broadcast at 1000 Kilowatts, as opposed to our 100 watt stations. Radio experts expect interference issues to increase.

Several of the original impacted cities have moved off the Tband already, watering down the case

UHF PAGING

All the west end main sites are up. Ocean Beach, Fire Island Pines, Chery Grove and Dix Hills are all live on the system. We are evaluating the need for smaller sites of fill in coverage:

Downtown Huntington

N country Rd corridor in the Mt Sinai area

Downtown Patchogue

We are in production use east end in the mastics and Moriches area, still building out in other areas. Working to bring fire departments their up on the system.

Painful, complicated, slow process. We are in the process of working individually with departments that are ready and able to mitigate to UHF entirely. (those that don't require a simulcast.)

We have disseminated the future use town and countywide paging tones through blast fax and the document is also available on our website. Recommend only programming the appropriate tones to avoid confusing the firefighters.

TRUNKED SYSTEM UPGRADE

SCPD working diligently at replacing the ambulance radios. Will begin wide spread programming and reprogramming of equipment in the near future.

As promised the new codeplug includes FRESCOMMAND and the SCPD talk groups in receive only for monitoring.

COMMUNICATIONS TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

NYS Office of Interoperable and Emergency Communications has partnered with the NYS preparedness training center to coordinate and host COML and COMT courses. See the state training site for more information.

IPAWS – EMERGENCY MESSAGING

The IPAWS (integrated public alert and warning system) WEA (wireless emergency messages) is expanded to 360 characters from the old 90. Additionally, the push notification will remain on the phone for 24 hours instead of disappearing after being read.

EFD VERSION 7 UPDATES

On Monday June 3rd 2019 FRES will implement Priority Dispatch Emergency Fire Dispatcher protocols version 7

In addition to the rework of several cards, protocol 53 service call, protocol 57 Explosions, and protocol 61 hazmat, there are five additional protocols added to the EFD system. They are:

78 Back country rescue

79 Lost person

80 Outside tank fire

81 sinking vehicle/vehicle in flood waters

82 vegetation/wildland/brush/grass fire

83 Weather/disaster situations

A complete list of protocol types, sub types, suffixes, and descriptions can be found on the communications page of the Suffolk County Fire Rescue website under the "for responders" section. Please feel free to download

SMART 911

Working internally to roll out responder portal for all agencies that receive smart911 data from us. Giving the responders in the field, and in house dispatcher direct access to the info.

COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST OF THE YEAR

Collectively, the communications bureau of FRES was awarded the REMSCO communications specialist of the year award for their performance and service.

ASAP TO PSAP

WORK IN PROGRESS, still expecting to be online before labor day as scheduled. FRES would be the 1st secondary PSAP in the country to implement the service

FRES COMMISSION – COMBINED RADIO COMMITTEE

Meets bi-monthly to discuss items of radio and communications concern to the public safety agencies and all are welcome to attend. Next meeting is July 10th 19:30 hours at FRES

Working with FRES to develop a radio resource of information on the FRES website for all agencies

MOBILE STROKE UNIT

Little over 100 responses since 4/8. Program has worked out well, nothing major to report. MSU-2 went on line Monday morning.

E911 SYSTEM

All PSAPs in the county have undergone an upgrade to the E911 system. IT allows for better reporting as well as the roll out of Rapid SOS (uber level location technology) and google translate integrated into the 911 computer.

Grants & Contracts:

Conducted the annual County Agency Stakeholder meeting in preparation for the 2019 round of grants. Applications for FY19 were submitted on 5/15/19.

Also completing applications for FY18 Technical Rescue/USAR, FY18 Hazardous Materials, and FY18 Cyber Security grants.

Equipment still being inventoried and restocked or disposed of for end of life

Bids submitted for new hazmat equipment

Personnel:

Public Safety Technical Coordinator resigned. Position will be earmarked as an additional ESDII.

SCIN signed for ESDI- background checks underway.

Volunteer Programs Coordinator title accepted by Civil Service. Sari Goldhaber provisional.

PT RMO in FMO working out very well.

Programs Examiner position being filled in OEM

2nd dog discussion started

Dep Director OEM - accepting resumes

NFIRS -

Some depts w/ O's
affects county grant \$\$\$

Training & Exercises:

- 4/24-26/19 - 2 staffers attended the ILO Conference hosted by NYS DHSES
- 4/24/19 - 3 staff participated in UAS Webinar training
- 4/29/19 - CERT Academy Graduation ceremony
- 4/30/19 - NYS Airshow TTX
- 4/30/19 - NYS PGA TTX
- 5/3/19 - Hosted MGT439 - Pediatric Disaster Response
- 5/3/19 - NYWIMA Brush Truck Training course
- 5/5/19 - Hosted the New/Active Chiefs In-Service training at FRES
- 5/8/19 - Attended the AWR-13 in Nassau
- 5/8/19 - Attended the NYS Airshow Planning Meeting
- 5/8/19 - Attended the SC DMHRC planning team meeting.
- 5/14/19 - Attended the MGT315 - Critical Asset Risk Management course in Nassau
- 5/6 - Delivered "Crowd Manager" training delivered to Patchogue Village business and employees
- 5/10 - Attended press conference for Red Cross "Operation Save a Life"
- 5/10 - K9 presentation with SC Crime Lab for BSA
- 5/15 - Health fair presented by Legislator Spencer
- 5/5 - Presented at the Active Chief's Training seminar in Yaphank
- 5/16 - Provided fire safety training for LI Community Associations Institute in St. James
- 4/28-5/3 - K9 recertification passed without incident.
- 5/22&23 - Fire Sprinkler training

Planning:

- 4/26/19 - Superstorm Sandy Taskforce final meeting
- 4/30/19 - SILO planning team meeting
- 5/2/19 - USCG Sector LI Sound SAR group meeting
- 5/6/19 - HMP meeting
- 5/7/19 - Hosted an ESRI/GIS meeting to discuss developing an EM APP
- 5/13/19 - Rise to Life Services Emergency Evacuation Planning meeting
- 5/14 - Fire Marshal Association of Suffolk County
- 5/13 - Burn Center meeting
- 5/16 - Fire Extinguisher Licensing Board meeting
- 5/19 - Attended SC Burn Center Recognition Day/ Presented Proclamation

Response & Incident Support:

- 5/5/19 - MERV deployed to support the Nassau LI Marathon event
- 5/11/19 - MCU, staff, and light towers deployed to support the AME May Day music festival
- 5/16-19/19 - MERV deployed in support of the Bethpage PGA
- 5/11 - AME concert at Southaven Park
- 5/1-5/30 - Provided inspections for over 250 school district buildings at 11 school districts
- 5/16-5/19 - Provided MERV support to US Open in Bethpage
- 5/4 & 5/18 - Provided fireworks support at Bethpage Ballpark
- 5/17 - Alarm acceptance testing at Homan-Gerard House in Yaphank
- 5/11 & 5/21 - Inspected tents on county property
- 5/23 - Assist with SCCC Graduation being done in 2 sessions
- 5/18 - Assisted SC Fire Marshal's Association with shotgun fund raiser for Burn Center and Cancer Support Network



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April 30, 2019

Dear County Executive Bellone:

At the April meeting of the Suffolk County Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services Commission, the issue of not having a Department of FRES Deputy Commissioner in place was discussed. This is of great concern to the Commission as the position is mission critical to the management and support of both the department and to Commissioner John Jordan in his daily duties.

It is extremely important to both the county and the Fire / Rescue services to have a highly qualified Deputy Commissioner appointed as soon as possible so that in the absence of the Commissioner, the Deputy would be in charge and act as, or represent the Commissioner especially during emergency situations, official meetings and special events.

As the summer season fast approaches, we will be entering hurricane season in the northeastern United States and it is crucial that Commissioner Jordan have a highly qualified Deputy in place in order to assist him in any weather related emergencies that may arise whereas the Department of FRES needs to take an active role.

The Commission is confident that you will act swiftly regarding this matter and move forward in naming a well-qualified candidate for the position of Deputy Commissioner. As Commission Chairman, I appreciate your continued support of the volunteer fire and rescue services.

Sincerely,

S/s

Draw Silverman, Chairman
Suffolk County Fire, Rescue and
Emergency Services Commission
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Cc: John Jordan Sr, Commissioner of FRES
Tom Donnelly, Public Safety Chairman, SC Legis.



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Treasurer's report submitted by Frank Bonventre as of 5/22/19

Opening Balance= \$5465.42

Deposits=\$300.00 (Southold, Shelter Island, Babylon Chiefs)

Expenses=\$0

Interest Earned=\$0.70

Total Deposits=\$300.70

Ending Balance as of= \$5766.12 (\$5866.80)

2018 unpaid dues

2019 unpaid dues

Riverhead Chiefs

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SC Districts

~~Brookhaven Chiefs~~

East Hampton Chiefs

SC Chiefs

~~SC Fire Marshals~~