



Suffolk County Fire, Rescue & Emergency Services Commission  
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**SUFFOLK COUNTY FIRE RESCUE & EMERGENCY  
SERVICES**  
**WEDNESDAY JUNE 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**OPENING:** 7:30pm

**MOMENT of SILENCE**

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:** Tully/Bonventre

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Reilly/Sullo

- Opening Balance -\$5866.80
- Deposits – \$200.00
- Interest Earned - \$76
- Total Deposits-\$200.76
- End Balance-\$6067.76
- **2018 Dues Unpaid-**
- Suffolk Chiefs

**REPORT of OFFICERS**

**CHAIRMAN:** D.Silverman

- Mileage/Tax forms are in order for 1<sup>st</sup> half of 2019
- D/Commissioner position will be posted

**VICE CHAIRMAN:** K.Markott N/R

**FRES COMMISSIONER:** J.Jordan

- Training & Exercises:
  - 5/21/19 - Participated in the annual PSEG Hurricane exercise
  - 6/11/19 - Participated in the NYS DEC Wildfire TTX
  - 6/12/19 - SCPD conducted the Coordinated Response to Active Shooter course at the Dix Hills FD
- Planning:
  - 5/21/19 - Participated in the LIC Hospital Hazard Vulnerability Assessment
  - 5/22/19 - FILESC meeting
  - 5/22/19 - Participated in the Hope For Warriors Run planning meeting
  - 5/28/19 - Participated in the annual review of the LIMA Airport Emergency Plan

- 6/14/19 - Evacuation Planning Team meeting held
- 6/17/19 - Conducted interviews and hired to fill the position of Deputy Director of OEM
- 6/18/19 - Conducted a stakeholders meeting to plan for World Pride events on Fire Island
  
- Response & Incident Support:
  - 5/24-26 - Supported the NYS Airshow by staffing the JOC
  - 5/25-26 - Responded to the LIRR Train collision and double derailment. Provided light towers for nighttime operation and 80 busses to transport passengers on Memorial Day weekend.
  - 6/8/19 - Responded to Plane Crash in Jamesport - 2 fatalities
  - 6/11/19 - Responded to a reported potential dam collapse to prepare for evacuations
  - 6/17/19 - Responded to a structure fire in a Nursing & Rehab Center in West Babylon. MERV deployed.
  
- Grants & Contracts:
  - FRES and our grant partners are on track to fully spend down the FY16 UASI and FY16 SHSP grants by 8/31/19. In addition, we are actively utilizing FY17 and FY18 funding for personnel, equipment, supplies, software maintenance, etc. The application for the FY18 Cyber Security grant was submitted on 5/22 and the applications for the FY18 Technical Rescue/USAR and FY18 Hazardous Materials grants were submitted on 5/29.
  
- Personnel:
  - Deputy Director of Emergency Preparedness – filled June 17 – Joe Trzepizur promoted.
  - Community Emergency Evacuation Coordinator – SCIN submitted and Civil Service Application submitted for review
  - Program Examiner – currently holding interviews
  - Resources Management Officer – will need to canvas the list, if we do not have 3 willing accepters than we can hire provisionally.
  - FM II – working on reclassifying one FM I position to an FM II position.
  - Public Safety Technical Coordinator – currently waiting on Civil Service to approve earmark request to an ESD II.
  - ESD I – one SCIN approved, one SCIN submitted for approval. Currently in the background check stages of hiring.
  - Railroad training: Training was cancelled on the railroad evolution for the months of July/August due to the MTA not finishing their part of the project. Thursday the MTA is meeting with the FA staff to move forward on the finishing the project

**CHIEF of FRES:** J.Vetter

- DEC project completed all drains have been cleaned and contents are stored next to the old class A ... waiting for directions on how to properly dispose of.
- Garden Apt project RFP going out by the end of the fall and work will begin soon there after

**OEM:** E.Schneyer

- Responded to the following incidents; LIRR derailment in Speonk, Jamesport/Mattituck plane crash, East Islip Dam collapse, West Babylon assisted-nursing facility fire
- Participated in the following training exercises; PSEG/Hurricane table top-Wildfire with 10 east FD's and coordinators-Active Shooters/Computer class in Dix Hills-Brookhaven Hospital collapse- MacArthur Airport Emergency action plan tabletop (there will an exercise out at the airport in 2020)-Cherry Grove FD pride event meeting
- EVAC team working on new procedures
- Mitigation plan is being revamped and updated- there has been a 2 year delay (waiting on RFP from NYS)

**COMBINED RADIO:** N.Reilly/Chief Minutti

- By 2020 the low band will be eliminated for the fire service only
- T band radio- (see link in Commissioner's report) FCC is fully prepared move forward with this as per the law.
- Page West end is up and running(south shore departments)
- Page East is being worked on with some departments close to being activated
- PD is now accepting radios to be programed(only new equipment)
- Dispatchers-all have been trained
- Next meeting in Yaphank July 10th

**FIRE ACADEMY/VEEB:** R.Barz

- DEC containment project running smoothly (refer back to Chief Vettors report)
- There is a vacancy on the board (D.Magerle is retiring) it is the educator's position (must be a teacher)

**SCPD:** Sgt.Kalan

- Aviation – 3 Helicopters available for service 24/7
- Blue light issue brought up last month by W.Fagan –(see attachment as to the official response from NYS/DMV)



"P" 1 (2019)

"M" 1 (2019)

Albany, New York

February 6, 2019

TO: All Enforcement Agencies and Magistrates

SUBJECT: Lighted/Illuminated Signs and Identification Requirements on  
Transportation Network Company (ridesharing) Vehicles

This memo is to clarify whether lights are permitted on Transportation Network Company (TNC) vehicles, such as Uber and Lyft, and to address any confusion caused by a recently circulated Department of Motor Vehicles memorandum dated January 7, 2019 regarding TNC vehicle identification requirements.

Vehicle and Traffic Law (VTL) Section 1696(5) requires the Department to ensure by regulation that each TNC vehicle is easily identifiable. Commissioner's Regulation 15 NYCRR §80.5 states:

- (a) A TNC driver shall display a consistent and distinctive trade dress consisting of a removable logo, insignia, or emblem at all times the driver is providing TNC services. The trade dress shall be:
  - (1) sufficiently large and color contrasted so as to be readable during daylight hours at a distance of at least 50 feet;
  - (2) reflective, illuminated, or otherwise patently visible in darkness; and
  - (3) of such a size so as not to obstruct the driver's view.
- (b) The trade dress must be displayed on the inside of the vehicle's front windshield, in the lower right corner.

- (c) The trade dress must adhere to the windshield so that it can be removed from the windshield when the vehicle is not logged into the transportation company digital network.

Pursuant to this regulation, it is the Department's position that TNC vehicles providing TNC services that display logos with steady, non-flashing white or colored illumination consistent with the above regulation should not be considered in violation of, or in conflict with, VTL Section 375(41) (requirements for colored and flashing vehicle lights), 15 NYCRR Part 44 (requirements for colored vehicle lights), and/or 15 NYCRR Part 174 [display of windshield stickers].

Please share this information with appropriate staff. Thank you.

Mark J. F. Schroeder  
Acting Commissioner

**EMS:** D.Wayrich

- Full/Refresher EMT classes starting in the fall at various agencies (see website for times and locations)
- Working on making more CME classes available online (check website for details)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Chief Tom Lateulere seminar Sept 21<sup>st</sup> at Riverhead Ambulance
- Information for additional classes check the website
- Medical Examiners interview classes are working very well

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**BUDGET:** N/R

**ARSON TASKFORCE:** N/R

**BUILDING GROUNDS & LEGISLATION:** E.Tully/A/Laferrera

- (see attached)
- Chief Qualifications bill was passed without our Knowledge after we worked to get it in a different form-along with this the EMS recovery bill (bill never came out of committee, they had too many questions)

### **End of Session Bill Status**

**Chiefs Bill:** S.6524/A.8341 (Gouardes/Abbate)

TITLE....Relates to the minimum qualifications to serve as a fire chief in any fire department, fire district or fire protection district that employs six or more paid firefighters

Senate: Passed

Assembly: Passed

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**Cost Recovery:** S.3685B/A1778A (Brooks/Jones)

TITLE....Provides that authorities having control of a fire department or fire company which provides emergency medical services may establish fees and charges for services

Senate: Passed

Assembly: Local Government Committee

**Upholstered Furniture:** S.6512/A.6260A (Gunther/Harckham)

TITLE....Prohibits the use of chemical flame retardants on residential upholstered furniture

Senate: Rules Committee

Assembly: 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading

**Illegal Occupancies:** S.1714/A.3343 (Brooks/Zebrowski)

TITLE....Relates to violations of the uniform fire prevention and building code

Senate: Housing Committee

Assembly: Government Operations

**Total Disability Benefits:** S.4631/A.5895 (Gaughran/Magnarelli)

TITLE....Provides total disability benefits for volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers for injuries sustained on or after July 1, 2019

Senate: Passed

Assembly: Local Government Committee

**Cancer Chapter Amendment:** S.4173A/A.5957A (Gaughran/Gunther)

TITLE....Relates to proof of eligibility for volunteer firefighter enhanced cancer disability benefits

Senate: Passed

Assembly: Passed

**Others:**

**Enhanced Cancer Disability Benefits:** S.5684/A.4935 (Ranzenhofer/Hawley)

TITLE....Provides that each fire district, department or company required to provide enhanced cancer disability benefits for volunteer fire fighters shall be entitled to reimbursement by the state

Senate: Local Government

Assembly: Local Government

**Cancer Disability:** S.5246A/A.7716A (Gounardes/Reyes)

TITLE....Relates to disabilities of certain retired firefighters caused by cancer

Senate: Passed

Assembly: Passed

**Cancer Disability:** S.5854/A.2227 (Gaughran/Cahill)

TITLE....Relates to providing enhanced cancer disability benefits to volunteer firefighters

Senate: Finance

Assembly: Local Governments

**Heart Disability:** S.5418/A.563 (Harckham/Buchwald)

TITLE....Makes provisions permanent relating to disability due to disease or malfunction of the heart or coronary arteries

Senate: Passed

Assembly: Local Government

**Lung Presumption:** S.5419/A.7352 (Harckham/Buchwald)

TITLE....Makes permanent provisions creating a presumption relating to certain lung disabilities incurred by volunteer firefighters

Senate: Passed

Assembly: Local Government

**LOSAP:** S.4207A/A.7552 (Metzger/Thiele)

TITLE....Relates to the maximum contribution for certain service award programs

Senate: Passed

Assembly: Passed

**Blue Lights:** S.80/A4438 (Robach/DenDekker)

TITLE....Relates to the display of amber and blue lights on certain hazard vehicles

Senate: Transportation

Assembly: Passed

**Service Award Programs:** S.4207/A.7552 (Metzger/Thiele)

TITLE....Relates to the maximum contribution for certain service award programs

Senate: Passed

Assembly: Passed

**NYS Rural Vol. Ambulance Service Task Force:** A.8397 (Santabarbara)

TITLE....Authorizes the office of fire prevention and control to establish the New York state rural volunteer ambulance services task force

Senate: No same As

Assembly: Governmental Operations

**Compensation:** S.5473A/A.7221A (Martinez/Griffin)

TITLE....Relates to compensation of chairman, election inspectors and ballot clerks for fire districts elections

Senate: Passed

Assembly: Ways and Means Committee



**Appointing Hearing Officers:** S.5205A/A.7624A (Gounardes/Abbate)

TITLE....Relates to procedures to be followed in appointing a hearing officer for removal and disciplinary action against certain public employees

Senate: Passed

Assembly: Ways and Means Committee

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**CODES:** N/R

**REMSCO:** N/R

**BURN CENTER:** J.Coughlin

- Working on Bylaws
- President has been removed and D.Meyers is the acting president/ and 2<sup>nd</sup> VP tendered his resignation too.
- 2 events coming up- Golf outing Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> at the Brentwood country club- Wine tasting at the Vanderbilt Museum on Aug 24<sup>th</sup> (changed from Oct date)

**RECRUITMENT & RETENTION:** N/R

## **REPORT OF ORGANIZATIONS**

**SUFFOLK CHIEFS:** J.Coughlin

- Next meeting is July 13<sup>th</sup> at Smithtown FD river property
- Golf outing is Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Smithtown Landing Golf course/St James FD after the outing for refreshments

**FIRE DISTRICTS:** N/R

**SUFFOLK AMBULANCE CHIEFS:** N/R

**SUFFOLK VOLLIES:** N/R

## **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:** N/R

**SOUTHOLD:** N/R

**SHELTER ISLAND:** N/R

**OLD BUSINESS:** N/R

**NEW BUSINESS:** N/R

- E.Tully- Saltaire FD 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary parade will July 20<sup>th</sup>, at 6pm.- July 30<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Nassau Fire Museum meeting they are inviting any photographers that want to come over and take pictures of any the antiques on display.

**GOOD & WELFARE:** N/R

**PUBLIC COMMENTS: N/R****MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:21pm**

<b>Members Present</b>	<b>Staff present</b>	<b>Guest Present</b>
A. LaFerrera	J. Jordan	P. Kalan
R. Barz	G. Miniutti	D. Wayrich
A. Bloom	E. Schneyer	
V. Bologna, Jr.		
R. McConville		
N. Luparella		
E. McGrath		
T. Duckham		
A. Sullo		
E. Tully, Jr.		
G. Turza, Jr.		
J. Hoffmann		
N. Reilly, Jr.		
D. Silverman		
J. Coughlin		
F. Bonventre		

<b>NEXT MEETING</b>	September 25,2019
<b>TIME</b>	7:30 p.m.
<b>LOCATION</b>	FRES Library
<b>REFRESHMENTS</b>	E. Tully, G. Turza