



Suffolk County Fire, Rescue & Emergency Services Commission
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**SUFFOLK COUNTY FIRE RESCUE & EMERGENCY
SERVICES
SEPTEMBER 25TH, 2019**

OPENING: 7:30pm

MOMENT of SILENCE for

- Father 'Dan' Bistko
- Ex Chief Past Commissioner P.Christopherson
- Ex Chief D.Kuhnpfel
- Commissioner & Ex Chief J.Kempf

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: Tully/Laferera

E.Tully asked that we change the minutes sent out in the future to word docs. Some other commission members stated that they were unable to open up the meeting minutes in the new Winmail data format.

TREASURERS REPORT: Bologna/Reilly

- Opening Balance -\$6067.56
- Deposits – \$535.00
- Expenses - \$709.00 North Shore Thread & Ink (shirts)
- Interest – July \$0.77/August \$0.77
- Total Deposits-\$536.54
- End Balance-\$5895.10
- **2019 Dues Unpaid**

REPORT of OFFICERS

CHAIRMAN: D. Silverman

- Chairman Requested all reps to have their respective organizations to write letters to the CE regarding the appointment of a Dep FRES Comm.
- Letter went from the Commission to the CE regarding the Dep Comm vacancy
- Past Sunday's medal day was a great event covered by News 12. Congrats to all the award recipients
- 7 delegates terms are up... need reappointment letters

VICE CHAIRMAN: K. Markott N/R

FRES COMMISSIONER: J.Jordan

- SCFA Contract going well & capital projects on schedule- moving to move network, cameras and internet to SCFA in an attempt of cost avoidance to VEEB. Additional \$130K in CE proposed budget for increase 2020
- Deputy Commissioner resumes submitted movement forthcoming.
- Application finished for second ADK9 for 2020 class
- Working with Civil Service cleaning up job titles and duty statements in OEM
- **ALL COORDINATORS AND DEPARTMENTS SHOULD BE USING PLAIN LANGUAGE AT THIS POINT. WE WILL ANSWER IN PLAIN LANGUAGE MOVING FORWARD.**

RADIO REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2019

- West end paging / UHF radio has been operational now without incident
- Middle Island went live this week
- Follow up letters were sent to all agencies (primary and secondary) to coordinate FRES ability to tone out west end agencies if necessary
- East End paging –in a holding pattern as we work through significant interference from a variety of agencies in NY, RI, and MA. More to follow
- ASAP – PSAP testing is in progress. We hope to cut over shortly. No action necessary from any department. Isolating agencies to those that we are primary for.
- Gearing up for Marathon.
- 3 Emergency Service Dispatchers have completed their NIMS COM_T certification, amongst the first to be credentialed in NYS. FRES offers its COMU (COML/COMT) services as part of the OEM process or specifically on request of a department
- 2 new hires are finishing up classroom training and will starting their practical training in the next two weeks.
- FRES is hosting both and EMD and EFD the week of OCTOBER 7th. Register through Priority Dispatch **NOT through FRES.**
- Working with SCPD to develop a roll out plan to update existing portables and mobiles without impacting the service. New equipment is being programmed, and turned around rapidly at this time. The new talk groups will get turned on when SCPD has migrated more channels over to the p25 system and has more capacity.
- Communications is working to get UL listed for alarm system monitoring
- Communications is going through UL certification for its automatic alarm receiving equipment
- There has been NO change in the status of Tband legislation due to take effect in Feb 2021

TRAINING EXERCISES:

- 7/25/19 - EOC/Eteam Training
- 8/12/19 - UAS Training in Oriskany - 4 staff
- 8/15/19 - Participated in an Active Shooter functional exercise w/Cherry Grove FD
- 8/19/19 - Attended AWR-343 Hurricane Awareness course hosted by Nassau OEM
- 8/20/19 - Attended MGT-340 Crisis Leadership & Decision Making course (3 staff)

- 8/27/19 - Attended MGT-461 Evacuation Planning Strategies & Solutions (5 staff)
- 8/28/19 - Attended LI Exercise Design @ Nassau Suffolk Hospital Council (2 staff)
- 9/4/19 - Hosted Hurrevac Course/Hurricane Readiness at FRES
- 9/13/19 - Hosted the PER-213 Wide Area Search and Rescue
- 9/17/19 - Facilitated the 5th Annual Suffolk Marathon TTX (approx. 80 attendees)
- 9/23/19 - Hosted a Cyber Security TTX for Suffolk County departments
- FM Fischer completed Basic Fire Investigation Training. He will receive the second portion in 2020
- USAR MobEx is Oct 18-20 at Hecksher State Park
- 10/2 - K9 unit will be participating in a multi-agency large scale event taking place in NYC.
- 9/19 & 26 - USAR members are completing water rescue training through Northwell. USAR members and equipment are being utilized to provide training as well as instruct.
- 9/4 - Hurrevac training
- 9/25-26 - Continuity of Operations training
- 8/16- Battery Energy Storage Systems training
- 8/20 - Crisis leadership and Decision Making training
- 8/6-7 - Emergency planning for Schools training
- 8/27 - Evacuation planning and Strategies training
- 8/21 - Community Home Health class given to 35 new workers
- 8/12 - Haz-mat Rapid Intervention Drill was held on the SCFA ground. BNL, SBU FMO and Islip Town Hazmat were all in attendance.

PLANNING:

- 7/25/19 - FILESC meeting
- 7/31/19 - Marathon Planning Meeting
- 8/1/19 - NYNG Annual Coastal Storm Meeting
- 8/6/19 - Suffolk Bus Storm Evacuation Meeting
- 8/7/19 - Fishers Island Annual Meeting
- 8/9/19 - LIVOAD Meeting
- 8/15/19 - FILESC meeting
- 8/16/19 - ESF8 Working Group meeting
- 8/26/19 - NYANG 106th - annual meeting
- 9/5/19 - Conducted a planning meeting with the SC MEO
- 9/17/19 - ESF8 Working Group meeting
- 9/19-19 - THIRA Capability Assessment Workshop at FRES
- 9/19/19 - FILESC meeting
- 9/10 – FMASCO Meeting
- 6/28 – USAR meeting at Yaphank Firehouse to discuss upcoming training and events
- 9/16 – Burn Center meeting
- 9/19 – Fire Extinguisher Licensing Board meeting had to be rescheduled due to no quorum
- Planning meeting with IAAI Chapter 23 regarding Fire Investigation Conference in 2020

RESPONSE & SUPPORT:

- PDA - Storm June 30 – straight-line winds west end of county - we fell short of the statewide threshold, needed 29 mill only had 26 mill in damages.
- 9/2/19 - Actively monitored Hurricane Dorian for anticipated east end impacts
- 9/2/19 - Tornado touched down in Manorville - EF0 - 1.5 mile long- mostly trees/poles down
- 9/16/19 - Fire Island Structure fire with 13 departments
- 8/13/19 - Supported West Islip FD funeral detail - MCU/Planning team/IAP
- 8/17/19 - Supported the Hagerman FD in hosting the NYS Fireman's Parade - MCU/MERV/Planning team
- 8/24-25/19 - Maritime Museum Seafood Festival event
- SCCC NFL building in Selden alarm acceptance test completed.
- Fire Drills with at all courts have been completed.
- SCCC fire drills begin this month and will finish in early OCT
- Multiple K9 requests
- Several injured FF responses

GRANTS & CONTRACTS:

- Suffolk County FRES and our grant partners have been actively working on everything that is necessary to successfully complete the final claims for FY2016 SHSP and FY2016 UASI Grants. In addition, FRES is working on all of the tasks required to complete the final claims for FY2016 HazMat and FY2016 Tech Rescue Grants. Suffolk County FRES is currently working on the application for the FY2019 Local Emergency Management Performance Grant that is due by 9/27/19.
- New Safer Grant awarded and we have extension through end of year to spend down existing grant. Been doing recruitment and retention throughout the county at events.
- Awarded Hazard Mitigation grant. Will go to RFP soon. Towns and villages will be included.
- USAR/WMD trailer first phase of work completed. Electric, Hurricane Strapping and staircase are finished.
- New USAR equipment continues to arrive and is being processed and placed in service.
- WMD/ Hazmat equipment continues to be inventoried and replaced.
- All trailers and equipment are currently up to date.
- Regional hazmat partners' equipment is being serviced.

PERSONEL:

- Steve Platz promotion to Emergency Services Dispatcher II effective Monday, September 23, 2019
- Conducted interviews and hired a fulltime Resource Management Officer (9/30) Jacob Konigseder.
- Volunteer Programs Coordinator – Jennie Nedell
- Ruth Paladino resigned, Senior Office Assistant Brianne Minden (9/23)
- One new ESD I resigned (two SCINS will be signed)
- Two ESD I- Joseph Corcoran, Robert Macaluso
- Programs Examiner Kenneth Kutner
- Working with Civil Service on an FM II promotion

- Adam Kaelin (ESDII) is full time CAD Maintenance

FIRE ACADEMY/VEEB R.Barz

- Request for 2020 classes went out to all the Departments
- TY to Commissioner on the settling of the contract w the FA
- There is an opening on the VEEB board (Education) deadline for applications is 10/15

SCPD: N/R

EMS: N/R

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUDGET: D.Silverman

- Waiting for the numbers from Commissioner/Chief of FRES. The committee will meet prior to next month's meeting and provide a full report

ARSON TASKFORCE: N/R

COMBINED RADIO: Chief Minutti

UHF PAGING

- West end paging – Dix hills, pilot agency been on the air a month and happy
- Ocean Beach site on the air by May 1 st as promised
- Cohalan courts in final construction, still shooting for May 1 st
- Next around of agencies (selden area will be online May 1 st
- More to follow shortly ...
- East end paging moving slowly – still waiting on coordination of sites
- ASAP to PSAP
- Work in progress (WIP)
- Still on track for labor day cutover
- P25 (trunked radio) upgrade
- Approx. 80 of the 250 odd ambulance radios have been replaced as of today
- Continuing on the rest
- “FRES RESPONDER “code plug has been finalized (this is what every responder
- trunked radio will have it in) it includes FRES COMMAND, SCPD, and FRES paging
- channels in receive only
- DROP OFF OF NEW RADIOS We do not have a date yet on when SCPD will being
- accepting radios for programming

EFD VERSION 7

- FRES dispatchers currently in servicing on EFD version 7, which will be rolled out

- on or about June 1st. includes 5 new response protocols
 - Protocol 78 – Back Country Rescue
 - Protocol 79 – Lost Person
 - Protocol 80 – Outside Tank Fire
 - Protocol 81 – Sinking Vehicle
 - Split from Protocol 72
 - Protocol 82 – Vegetation/Wildland/Brush Fire
 - Split from Protocol 67
 - Protocol 83 – Weather Disaster
 - New codes and determinants will be announced and published on our website
 - shortly
 - **STROKE AMBULANCE**
 - In-service April 8th, there have been 30 activations of the MSU-1 (west end) as of today. MSU-2 is expected to be brought on line in May.
 - Small growing pains, but so far working well
 - **NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK**
 - Was April 15th . The department celebrated its dispatchers staff with several
 - tokens of appreciation
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- FRES will be creating a repository of communications information on its webpage where providers can get the latest information on T-band giveback, interoperable communications, and other initiatives.
 - We will also be pushing out more frequent updates on county communications projects
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- Met with VEEB this week all good there, will start Contract talks soon. Capital Projects in
 - order. Superfund nothing to report
 - Active Chiefs update FRES Directory
 - We are making final push for email directory.
 - Fire Coordinator meeting went well
 - Active Chiefs Meeting May 5 @ FRES
 - Meeting with SCPD Commissioner next week
 - Pilot Active Shooter drill with Huntington FD & EMS
 - Active Shooter training West Bab FD next month
 - Community response Team Graduating next Monday
 - Attended Press event for NY recruit @NCFA 4/23/19
 - Move Over Law Presser tomorrow at Welcome Center
 - Attended NYS Fire Coordinators meeting in Montour Falls in early April.

Training Exercises:

- 3/26/19 - ICS 300 (Nassau) 1 staff attended
- 3/26/19 - Disaster Preparedness for hospitals - 1 staff attended
- 4/1/19 - Paramount Theatre A/S Exercise incorporating Rescue Taskforce concept
- 4/2/19 - COIMBRA Recovery Workshop
- 4/8/19 - Jurisdictional Threat & Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment - 1 staff

attended

- 4/10/19 - ICS 300 - 1 staff attended
- 4/16/19 - Stony Brook Univ. MCI exercise
- 4/17/19 - NYSDOH Hospital Surge exercise
- 4/18/19 - SCHS SNS Deployment exercise
- 4/16/19 - NYS EMCT - Albany - 3 staff attended
- 4/4 – Multiagency K9 training conducted on Randall’s Island. SCFMO/SCPD lead
- 4/10 – AWR-140 training for Communications Personnel on Decon Team
- 4/25 – Codes training
- 4/28-5/3 – K9 Re-cert Boston
- 4/18 – Fire Extinguisher Licensing Board meeting
- 4/23 – Regional Hazmat meeting

Planning:

- 3/27/19 - NYSDEC Wildfire TTX exercise planning meeting
- 3/27/19 - SC FEMA Core Advisory Group meeting
- 3/28/18 - Evacuation Planning Team meeting
- 4/2/19 - Disaster Mental Health Sub Committee meeting
- 4/3/19 - Suffolk Marathon Planning Meeting
- 4/8/19 - Hosted the UAWG Logistics Meeting in Suffolk
- 4/9/19 - ESF Working Group meeting
- 4/10/19 - Disaster Mental Health Collaboration Committee meeting
- 4/11/19 - UAS Drone Team meeting
- 4/12/19 - LIVOAD Meeting
- 4/17/19 - Town Emergency Manager’s quarterly meeting
- 4/17/19 - Attended Southampton Town Hurricane Preparedness meeting

Response Incident Support:

- 4/1/19 - MCU deployed in support of A/S Exercise
- 4/20/19 – MCU, CB, OEM & FMO deployed to 5K Run in St James
- 4/11, 16 & 17 - SCCC Fire Drills
- 4/12- Pump testing conducted at SCCC Riverhead
- 4/13 –FMO & DECON team Assist US Marshal Service with special detail in Riverhead
- 4/14 – FM staffed Music Video filming at Gardiner Manor Park Bay Shore
- 4/16 – MCI Drill at Stony Brook University
- 2 K9 Callouts this month

Grants Contracts:

- Awaiting NYS Grant Contract for HMP Grant.
- Suffolk County is on track to fully spend down the FY16 UASI and FY16 SHSP grants by 8/31/19. We are
- actively utilizing FY17 and FY18 funding for personnel, equipment, supplies, software maintenance, etc.

- Equipment still being inventoried and restocked or disposed of for end of life
- Bids submitted for new hazmat equipment
- Bids Submitted for radiological calibration unit
- DPW expects work to begin on USAR/WMD trailer shortly

OEM: E.S

- Participated in 12 training scenarios over the past 2 months
- Sent 4 members up to Upstate, NY for Drone training
- Participated in an Active Shooters drill with the Cherry Grove FD
- Hosted the annual Marathon table top exercise 73 attended
- Planning side participated in 15 meetings w local/county agencies
- Response- Storm came through Huntington needed \$29 million to qualify for state aid we hit \$26 million
- Tornado in Manorville on 9/2 86 mph wind mostly trees & wires down. Not enough
- Responded to the Pines working structure fire
- MCU assisted w the funeral in West Islip
- Assisted Hagerman FD w the state parade (MERV/MCU)
- Assisted w the Maritime seafood festival in West Sayville
- Hired a deputy director for OEM
- Back filled the following positions-program examiner (resignation) Resource mgr. Emergency Evac coordinator
- Received from the state contract for our HazMat/Mitigation Disaster plan (1 yr. over due)
- Received from the Fed Gov't approval for another Safer Grant

BUILDING GROUNDS & LEGISLATION: E.Tully

- Good shape over at the Academy
- Numerous bills being worked on (Chiefs quail. /EMS recovery)

CODES: N/R

REMSCO: N/R

BURN CENTER: J.Coughlin

- Everything is running smoothly with new board
- New phone #(855) 96burns (855) 962-8767
- Working on a new website
- Golf outing was canceled
- Wine tasting was a huge success.

RECRUITMENT & RETENTION: G.Turza

- Reached out to the new rep from county. Setting up a meeting

FIRE DISTRICTS: J.Egan

- Next meeting 3rd Thursday in Selden

REPORT OF ORGANIZATIONS

SUFFOLK CHIEFS: J. Coughlin

- Last meeting was Friday 9/13/19 at Sayville nominations were held same slate
- Next meeting will be Friday 11/8/19 at Manorville elections will be held
- Sunday 11/10/19 will be annual brunch at Capt Bills in Bay Shore 11:30-2:30 \$135 per couple

SUFFOLK VOLLIES: T.Sullo

- Elections held last night. Same slate
- Dinner 10/19 at Millpond \$65pp

TOWN CHIEFS REPORT

BABYLON: N/R

HUNTINGTON: N/R

ISLIP: N/R

SMITHTOWN: N/R

BROOKHAVEN: N/R

RIVERHEAD: N/R

SOUTHAMPTON:

- 9/14 was the annual FF awards dinner 80 people attended
- council approved sending a letter to CE re- Dep Comm. position

EAST HAMPTON: N/R

SOUTHOLD: N/R

SHELTER ISLAND: N/R

OLD BUSINESS:

- Discussion regarding the recent NYS-DOH mandated EMT-B protocol update. The Commission is concerned that all of the region's agencies and providers will not be able to meet the December 31, 2019 deadline. Chairman Silverman will convey the Commission's concerns with EMS Chief Bialek

NEW BUSINESS:

- R.McConville stated that the lights at the 9/11 & Korean war memorial were not illuminated
- WHB sounded the siren on 9/11 for every time a strike on that day
- A letter/bill has to be sent out as per state law to everyone transported by an agency that can bill.

GOOD & WELFARE: N/R

- Wishing J Coughlin good luck on up coming surgery

PUBLIC COMMENTS: N/R

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:35pm

Members Present	Staff present	Guest Present
A. LaFerrera	J. Jordan	
R. Barz	G. Miniutti	
A. Bloom	E. Schneyer	
V. Bologna, Jr.		
R. McConville		
J.Egan		
E. McGrath		
T. Duckham		
A. Sullo		
E. Tully, Jr.		
G. Turza, Jr.		
J. Hoffmann		
N. Reilly, Jr.		
D. Silverman		
J. Coughlin		
F. Bonventre		
K. Markott		
L. Brown(alt)		

NEXT MEETING	October 23, 2019
TIME	7:30 p.m.
LOCATION	FRES Library Edward McGrath,
REFRESHMENTS	Timothy Duckham