



## Suffolk County Fire, Rescue & Emergency Services Commission

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### FRES COMMISSION MINUTES

January 22, 2020

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Chairman Silverman opened the meeting at 7:35 p.m., followed by the Salute to the Flag and a moment of silence for sick and departed members:

Ex Chief Thomas Potter- Great River Fire Department

Ex Chief Alexander "Sacha" Ames- Quogue Fire Department

#### **Acceptance of Minutes:**

The minutes of the December 4, 2019 meeting were accepted by a motion from Norman Reilly, Jr. and seconded by Anthony LaFerrera. The motion carried.

#### **Correspondence:**

No correspondence received or sent since last meeting

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

F. Bonventre- Reported via fax and read by Chairman Silverman.

The opening balance was \$6097.38. The closing balance was \$5811.18. Motion made by Edward McGrath and seconded by Robert McConville to accept the Treasurer's report. All in favor and no one opposing, the motion was carried.

#### **Report of Officers:**

Chairman D. Silverman-

- Welcome back and Happy New Year!
- There is an updated roster and Committee Assignment listing for everyone to take. Feel free to sign up for something new as we are always looking for people to get involved. FRES has been taken out of the Public Safety Legislative Committee and a new committee has been created. Legislator Cilmi will speak on that point.

Vice Chairman K. Markott –

- no report

Legislator Tom Cilmi-

- (Please see attached handout from Legislator Cilmi)
- New Committee is called Fire Rescue and Emergency Medical Services & Preparedness.
- I have been in the Legislature for ten years and I am in the final of six terms.

- This year Rob Calarco has reached across the aisle to work in a bi-partisan way. Republicans have two committee chairmanships. Rob thought it best that FRES be separated out of Public Safety. He thinks, and I agree, this way all the work you do will get the attention that is needed.
- The committee is here for all of you and my ears and door are wide open for any issues. Feel free to give me a call and I am happy to speak to any of you. Tom Donnelly is the vice chair and members include Rudy Sunderman, Leslie Kennedy, Susan Berland, Kara Hahn and Samuel Gonzalez.
- First meeting is February 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. and will begin with the public portion where any one is welcome to speak for 3 minutes. Commissioner Jordan will be coming to speak at that meeting and to give us an overview of the department. The only resolution scheduled is the reappointment of Jon Hoffmann to the FRES Commission.
- Barz- I was told it was 12:30 p.m. Cilmi- Time has been changed to 11:30 a.m. and a notice is going out.
- Reilly- Is it in Hauppauge or Riverhead? Cilmi- This one is in Hauppauge.

**Commissioner Jordan's Report:** via email

**FRES Report January 2020**

**Communications report**

- UHF west last two sites (5<sup>th</sup> and St Charles) expected to deploy Q1 2020
  - o The plan is on track to work with all west agencies to be on UHF by EOY
  - o Actively reaching out by mail, fax, phone to all agencies
  - o FRES wants to be able to still back up departments on UHF where necessary
- UHF east still isolating a more viable frequency than originally coordinated
  - o East end sites still in development
- TBAND – 2019 bills were not taken up by the Congress, February 2021 draws closer, FCC chairman wrote position that he agrees with public safety keeping TBAND, but absent a change in the law he WILL auction it.
- Trunked system upgrade – SCPD developing plan to reprogram outstanding mobiles and portables
- E911 system refresh in beginning stages, countywide
- VHF (Medcom) capital project slated to begin 2020, will refresh the system and make it simulcast (countywide)
- 1 trainee coming off, 3 more just finishing their classroom training, be nice to the new voices
- ESD I, II & III tests were held on January 11<sup>th</sup>
- 4 communications bureau personnel completed NY's instructor training, with the intent to become train the trainers in COMU related DHS classes, available for FRES and offered out to others.
- FRES has implemented an "all call" procedure to announce time sensitive emergencies across its communication platform. Initially to include: amber, silver, tomado and squall warnings.
- FRES and SCPD working on a combined COMU program to leverage the talent equipment in both departments
- Working with Stony Brook and EMS to exercise the medical control back up at FRES and FRES Back up sites
- All dispatchers undergoing stop the bleed training
- Personnel attending Incident Center Manager Training
- FRES droned program, moving forward Q1 this year

**FM REPORT**

- Fire Marshals Association: At the January meeting there was discussion regarding the Emergency Responder Radio Coverage requirements that are in the International Fire Code §510 and the 2017 NYS Code Supplement section 7.13. At the next meeting in February there will be a special presentation regarding this topic.

- **Regional Hazmat:**
  - Set 2020 dates for meetings and trainings.
  - Distributed 3 new Gemini meters
  - Purchasing Heinz Wet Chemical detection kits
  - Distributed Rae multi-gas meters to teams
  - Discussed 2020 projected needs
  - Decon Strike Team training and drill scheduled for 24 March 2020. Additional training dates to be selected.
  - New radiation meter calibration unit should be delivered sometime in February
- **Fire Extinguisher Licensing Board:**
  - Mr. Ken Hahn from Ken-Mar has retired, was a charter member.
  - Advertisement for the now vacant Industry Representative Board Seat has been sent out to solicit resumes from potential candidates.
- **USAR**
  - Working on scheduling this year's MOBEX
  - Working on boat operators class
  - Logistics trailer to be emptied prior to going out for repair (roof leak)
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- **Defensive Driver training for County employees scheduled for 30 January and 01 April**
- **Building Plans Review**
  - Ongoing plans review for new construction and building renovation projects
  - Local fire departments are being notified via email when the project is completed and the new fire alarm systems and/or Knox Box have been placed into service in their district
  - Special attention is given to insure proper hose threads are identified for fire department connections
  - Efforts are being made to include Knox Boxes with construction projects
- **Public School Inspections start on 18 March 2020 and are to be completed by 01 May 2020**

## **OEM REPORT**

### **TRAINING & EXERCISES:**

12/3/19- attended Individual Assistance PDA training

### **PLANNING:**

11/20/19 – attended Capabilities Briefing with LNO's at 106<sup>th</sup> Rescue Wing

12/17/19 – attended NYS Training and Exercise Planning Workshop

### **RESPONSE & SUPPORT:**

11/21/19-Participated and supported Chempack asset distribution exercise at Stony Brook Hospital and other sites.

12/19/19- MERV deployment to Bridgehampton assisted with rehab for approximately 40 firefighters.

12/26/19- assisted ARC with the sheltering of 31 residents displaced from fire at a mental health facility in Riverhead

Morgue Trailer – deployed to two hospitals- Peconic Bay Medical Center and Huntington Hospital.

### **GRANTS & CONTRACTS:**

Suffolk County FRES and our grant partners are actively utilizing FY17 and FY18 SHSP and UASI funding for personnel, equipment, supplies, software maintenance, etc. County resolutions were approved to accept and appropriate funding for the FY19 SHSP, FY19 UASI, FY19 LEMPG and the FY18 HazMat Grants. We will begin to utilize these grant programs during the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2020

**General Information**

Suffolk County Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services in conjunction with Suffolk County EMS and General Device is ready to roll out access for your ER to participate in the expansion of the EMS telemetry system application (Care Point) provided by General Device. This system is offered and funded through the a DHSES grant free of charge. Hospital will need to simply provide a device (iOS, Android, Windows Surface, Desktop, with internet connection).

CarePoint / e-Bridge enables live communications between and among EMS and hospital teams through the sharing of pictures, audio, video, and live streaming. This mobile telemedicine solution helps the healthcare and EMS system improve patient outcomes, enhance communication, reduce risk, optimize ED performance and even minimize costs.

Privacy – all patient-related data is auto-wiped from all field device.

FDA listed – e-Bridge is the only FDA-listed mobile telemedicine solution on the market.

Document scanning – EMS can scan (and then share) a patient's driver's license and other documentation in the field.

Data collection - collect and store data from different monitoring systems simultaneously, including EPCR, HER and EMR.

Reporting – medical teams can receive real-time electronic patient care reports right to their mobile devices.

Situational awareness - Remotely control Internal/ External 3rd party PTZ cameras (including pan, tilt, zoom) from a mobile device

Alerts – create and send one-touch activation and notification alerts from a mobile device.

ETA mapping – medical teams can track incoming ambulance location in real time with ETA mapping right on their mobile devices.

Time-stamp - Easily time-stamp and track when patient information is sent to and read by your medical teams.

Please review the following information

Main e-Bridge Webpage:

e-Bridge Workflow module (Note: Currently Not in Suffolk County, but this is something we could upgrade to)

Hospital Carepoint works stations within Suffolk County (36:00)

EMS – E-Bridge Mobile Tele Health App Web Conference (28:45)

Agency wishing to enroll into the E-Bridge (telemedicine application) and or access to their agency Image Trend FIRE/EMS elite data bridge should contact [joel.vetter@suffolkcountyny.gov](mailto:joel.vetter@suffolkcountyny.gov) to establish beta accounts and time lines.

Please include and complete the attached E-Bridge .xlsx file.

You will need to create a simple .xcel file that provides the following:

- Full name of the EMS Agency, for example "Setauket EMS"
- A list of all of the devices they would like to be created including the name of the device. For example, Setauket Medic 30, Setauket 16; Setauket Ambulance 15..etc. Medic Vetter, J. Device & cellular number (if enabled).
- What type of devices are they, for example IOS, Android or PC.

Resend it to all on this email and we will work with General Device to create the accounts.

Schedule a Fire / EMS phone conference to discuss each agency set up and capabilities.

**Chief Joel Vetter-**

- Commissioner Jordan apologizes for his absence as he is dealing with a family emergency.
- Promotions effective 12/6/19 are: Joseph Kuethen to Assistant Chief Fire Marshal, John Manzi to FM2
- ESD I, II and III tests were successfully given on 1/11/2020. We currently have three new ESDs in training.
- Several Deputy Commissioner interviews remain scheduled and ongoing.
- It is the time of the year to update the FRES Directory via electronic submission only.

- Any agencies wishing to enroll into the E-Bridge (telemedicine application) and or access to their agency Image Trend Fire/EMS elite data bridge should contact [joel.vetter@suffolkcountyny.gov](mailto:joel.vetter@suffolkcountyny.gov) to establish beta accounts and time lines.

Introduction of Peter Guaraldi, Assistant to the Commissioner.

Fire Marshal's Report: D. Lynch- no report

Fire Academy: E. Johnston

- Happy New Year to Everyone!
- Contract update - Many thanks to Commissioner Jordan and Chief Vetter for working to get this done. Will probably be signed in a couple days.
- Advance Forcible Entry Class- Two departments took it.
- HAZMAT refresher will be back online Feb 2
- Fire Officer Training- pre requisites are very high now. All people who take it are verified. It is state certified.
- Looking to do train the trainer to teach probies how we do the skill test. Trying to figure out how we can show them before they take the test.
- ICS 300- April 2 Southampton
- Tech Rescue- 103 in last class added two more classes already
- RIT class was very intense.
- Interviews for VEEB Board Monday @ 1230 p.m.
- Silverman- Our Committee will be having quarterly meeting with Fire Academy in March in order for us to be able to walk around.

SCPD – Special Patrol Bureau: Sgt. Patrick Kalan

- Spoke with aviation: Three helicopters in service and one in maintenance.

EMS: N. Bialek:

- 2019- BLS update is completed, 106 dept. with operating certificates and only 53 have filled out for. After January 1, if they have not taken the update they cannot practice in Suffolk County. NYC has 6 month reprieve.
- NARCAN Leave Behind is in full swing with ten agencies registered and another five to take class February 5 in Wyandanch.
- We are looking for temporary person to work seventeen hours/week.  
RE: Administrative and inventory
- Started working group for EMS Leadership. Eight people are involved right now. Thanks to Chief Johnston for beginning materials.
- State is looking into all trauma patients who are going to wrong hospital. Hospitals responsibility to report who are not brought to a proper trauma facility.
- Many questions arose about Criminal Disclosure Law and we have asked DA's office.
- Happy to announce Doctor Pigott will be next Commissioner of Health Services.
- CME program- NYS is in play
- Silverman- Everything good at your building? - Bialek-Auditorium is still closed; they have done some testing just to make sure area is safe. Will then make decision on how to fix issue. It is not a roof leak but a problem with HVAC equipment.
- Markott- In reference to BLS credentials- do you notify the actual EMT or agency? Bialek- the agencies are responsible because the agency has to sign off

(Discussion ensued)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget Committee: D. Silverman- No report

Arson Task Force: T. Duckham- no report

Combined Radio Committee: N. Reilly

- Had a meeting on Jan 8- There is supposed to be a member from each agency represented here in attendance there. It's a perfect chance to get answers to questions and find out important information that affects everyone. Please go back to your groups and tell them to attend. The County is doing a good job trying to tell people and the Districts will need to plan. The meeting is the second Wednesday of every other month and is held at FRES. The next meeting is March 11.

(Discussion ensued)

Buildings & Grounds: E. Tully- no report

Legislation & Standards: A. LaFererra-

Sharing Important Information which you will receive via email as attachments –

- NYS Senate Bill S7280
- Center for Court Innovation/Discovery Reform in New York
- Letter from Law Offices of Mark C. Butler, PLLC- RE: Criminal Procedure Law 245.20 Eff. 1/1/20
- Fire Service Laws 2019-2020 Bills
- Discovery reform was passed with Budget back in April, people are panicking in the fire service should they witness a crime.

Information was gone over and people are encouraged to educate themselves.

(Discussion ensued)

Codes & Prevention: V. Bologna –

- Last November Governor signed a submitted bill and only Islip qualified for status as Peace Officers. MTA FMs were removed.

EMS & REMSCO: B. Prosek- no report

- Bialek - There was a meeting last night.

Bum Center: J. Coughlin no report-

Barz- I was there. It was a quick meeting. There was discussion about giving grant to individual who is trying to make cream to help burn victims. Also, there was discussion about ambulance companies taking patients to their facility instead of Bum Center.

Recruitment & Retention: G. Turza-

- Fall 2019 SERVES/SAFER has 63 students including 22 EMS.
- 2019 Stats for new volunteers are based on previous year so they have it from 2018 and it's 199.

- Johnston- I received an email about affordable housing out in East Hampton for fire fighters. Turza- debate out in East Hampton about it.
- Reilly- Housing lottery in Southold- FF and EMS will be given precedence

### ORGANIZATION REPORTS

#### Suffolk County Chiefs:

- Barz- Please bring back to your membership the fact that Peter King is retiring. Chiefs from Nassau and Suffolk will be attending a dinner at the Washington Hilton April 29 and 30 in thanks for all the work he has done with the fire service. There will also be something for him in September here on the island.

Suffolk County District Officers: J. Egan-no report

Suffolk County Ambulance Chiefs: B. Prosek- no report

Suffolk County VOLLIES: A. Sullo

- Next Meeting Jan 28 West Sayville FD with dinner at 7:00 p.m. and meeting at 8:00 p.m.

### TOWNSHIP REPORTS

- Babylon-BCFA Barbara Bender retirement on January 31, 2020. The new Chief of Operations will be Harry James Kenning, III.
- Huntington- no report
- Islip - no report
- Smithtown- 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month- Thanks to Fire Marshals Association for money that was raised for Burn Center.
- Brookhaven - no report
- Riverhead- no report
- Southampton -next meeting Feb 20 Eastport
- Southold - next meeting February 17 Shelter Island
- East Hampton- Next Meeting in Amagansett Feb 4

Old Business: none

#### New Business:

Bloom-

- I want to talk about Criminal Justice Reform Act and bail elimination. Should we write a letter in support of Sheriff Toulon who is interested in getting the law turned over - we do have 11,000 members who vote.
- (Discussion ensued)
- Silverman - I am in agreement.
- A motion for Chairman Silverman to compose letter by N. Reilly seconded by LaFerrera. Motion carried.
- Silverman- before I craft a letter I will contact Sheriff Toulon and discuss with him.

LaFerrera:

- State Chiefs doing classes around Firefighter Behavioral Health on September 21 in Uniondale.

Public Comment: none

A motion was made to adjourn meeting by McConville and seconded by Turza Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

<b>Members Present</b>	<b>Staff Present</b>	<b>Guests Present</b>
A. LaFerrera	J. Vetter	P. Kalan
R. Barz	E. Schneyer	T. Cilmi
A. Bloom	G. Miniutti	N. Bialek
V. Bologna	E. Johnston	
R. McConville	P. Guaraldi	
E. McGrath		
A. Sullo		
G. Turza		
N. Reilly		
D. Silverman		
K. Markott		
L. Brown (Alt)		

<b>NEXT MEETING</b>	Wednesday, February 26, 2020
<b>TIME</b>	7:30 pm
<b>LOCATION</b>	SC Dept. FRES Library, Yaphank
<b>REFRESHMENTS</b>	R. Barz, V. Bologna



# COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



## COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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### **Fire, Rescue and Emergency, Medical Services & Preparedness Committee Members**

Tom Cilmi, Chair  
Tom Donnelly, Vice Chair  
Susan Berland  
Samuel Gonzalez  
Kara Hahn  
Leslie Kennedy  
Rudy Sunderman

This Committee shall have jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to the Suffolk County Department of Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services.

This Committee shall have jurisdiction over all matters associated with emergency management and preparedness, hazard mitigation and disaster response and planning. This shall include planning for natural disasters such as flooding, earthquakes and cataclysmic weather events and the emergency preparedness elements associated with the effects of climate change, as well as man-made disasters such as explosions, fires and chemical and biological attacks.

This Committee shall have jurisdiction over all Vocational, Education and Extension Board appointments.

This Committee shall have jurisdiction over all emergency medical services and the Emergency Medical Services Division in the Department of Health Services.

This Committee shall also consider and vote on any appointment to a board, commission, department, agency, authority, task force, or comparable entity under the jurisdiction of this Committee.