



Suffolk County Fire, Rescue & Emergency Services Commission
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February 26, 2020 FRES COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Silverman opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m., followed by the Salute to the Flag and a moment of silence for sick and departed members:

- 51 Year Member Jimmy Murphy, Sr. - Hauppauge F.D.
- Ex Chief John Wilcenski - Mattituck F.D.
- 50 Year Member Honorable Past Chief William Swanda - Bohemia F.D.
- 69 Year Member Ex Chief Thomas W. Horn - Sag Harbor F.D.
- Ex Chief and FRES Deputy Coordinator Garth Griffin - Shelter Island F.D.

Acceptance of Minutes:

The minutes of the January 22, 2020 meeting were accepted by a motion from J. Coughlin and seconded by R. Barz. All in favor and no one opposing, the motion was carried

Correspondence:

No correspondence received or sent since last meeting

Treasurer's Report: F. Bonventre

The opening balance was \$5811.18. The closing balance was \$5811.92 with interest earned \$0.74. Motion made J. Coughlin and seconded by G. Turza, Jr. to accept the Treasurer's report. All in favor and no one opposing, the motion was carried.

Report of Officers: D. Silverman / K. Markott

Chairman Silverman:

- I just want to thank John Coughlin for stepping up and taking the minutes at meetings for the past three plus years.
- On January 27 I was part of the committee and participated in the Fire Academy VEEB interviews for the vacant position. Holley or Barz will report on final decision.
- On January 30 I met for an hour and half with Presiding Officer Calarco and Legislator Cilmi to discuss the new Legislative Committee which has been formed.
- I told them it was long overdue that we get our own committee along with EMS in order to receive attention and money for capital projects for FRES including a new EOC Center. For almost fifteen years plans have always has been pushed off to subsequent years during Budget hearings. I told them we should not have an EOC that looks like pre-World War 2 and that it should look like Nassau County.
- It's the same for the Fire Academy. Departments are gravitating to Nassau for training grounds. Suffolk County has best instructors and the curriculum is second to none, but some believe that Nassau County is better.
- EMS also sends new members to training in Nassau and we should have the same or better. New committee should be focused on EMS division which have been nomads over the past few

years. They are now dealing with infrastructure problems at Old Infirmary. They were in the basement of Dennison, then Rabro and now the Old Infirmary and it's not right that they do not have their own facility.

- I think it would be a wonderful opportunity to put EMS and FRES in same building, not in operations, but housed in same building.
- This committee is long overdue so that hopefully we don't have to beg for every dollar. I have spoken to Commissioner Jordan and we see a lot of good things coming soon.
- At our last meeting on January 22, 2020 the Commission asked me to write a letter in reference to bail reform and disclosure. If you like, I will read the draft now. The plan is that this will be going to the Governor, New York State Attorney General, Suffolk County District Attorney, Suffolk County Executive, Suffolk County Sheriff and Long Island New York State Senate and Assembly Members. (Chairman Silverman read draft letter)
(Discussion ensued)
- Silverman: I remember we had a Pandemic Drill a while ago- Have we learned anything from that? - Schneyer- I believe that was 2005 and a lot of things have changed since then. Plans have been rewritten and we do have POD drills annually.

Commissioner's Report: J. Jordan in attendance

FRES Report – February 2020- presented and submitted by Commissioner Jordan

- Working with the District Attorney and SCPD Chief & possibly NYSP to hold a forum on the new discovery laws and how it affects Fire and EMS service.
- Planning Active Chiefs seminar. Date & location TBA shortly
- Annual Coordinators meeting March 26 @ 7:00 pm at Mastic FD. New Coordinators added and concentration on PIO functions emphasized.
- Capital improvements at SCFA on track and up to date. Meeting regularly with Director Holley and Dep Director Johnston.
- VEEB Contract has been signed by both FRES and VEEB. Going through remaining process of execution by County law. Approx. \$150,000 increase.
- Press event scheduled for March 19 @ SCFA on donation of Egress window.
- New legislative Committee for Fire, Rescue, Emergency medical Services & Preparedness within County legislature. Legislator Cilmi is chair. FRES presented this week and went well.
- Arson Task Force is being reinvented a bit as it was not very productive in the past as there are limitations on information that can be shared in open settings. More information forthcoming a new emphasis on training moving forward.
- Emergency preparedness Coordination Council will begin to meet again in Spring.
- Terrorism Response Taskforce will be meeting again moving forward. First meeting will be on March 10th at the SCPD Shield Conference. Will meet twice a year unless needed to meet more often.
- Deputy Commissioner Interviews are ongoing. Second round of interviews are being scheduled over the next couple of weeks and the Chief Deputy CE and myself will make final recommendation to the CE at the conclusion.
- FRES now will be meeting regularly with Deputy CE Lisa Black who is Chief of Staff.
- We are now moving forward with the release of some of our Public Safety technology like EBridge, Image Trend & Smart 911 First Responder Portal. We are looking for agencies to take advantage and pilot at no cost to them. Call/ contact Chief Vetter.
- Email Directory is being well received but we need compliance from agencies. Please update your FRES Directory information.
- Timeline on asbestos abatement project here at FRES. Cooperation with SCFA to utilize meeting space moving forward/long term.
- Ryan Murphy resigned effective two weeks ago. Will be hiring a replacement in the near future. Announcements will be made soon.

Office of Emergency Management:

TRAINING & EXERCISES:

1/29/20 - ESF-8 ETeam Training
1/22/20 - VOAD ETeam Training
1/23/20 - CERT Directors Meeting
2/10/20 - CERT Academy Orientation
2/24/20 - CERT Academy Class
2/25/20 - Hosted and attended Medical Management of CBRNE Events Course

PLANNING:

1/1/20 - Town Emergency Manager's Quarterly meeting
1/23/20 - UAWG Logistics Subcommittee Quarterly Meeting
1/24/20 - ESF-8 Conference Call on Wuhan Coronavirus
1/29/20 - Michael Murphy Half Marathon Planning Meeting
2/5/20 - SC Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Kick-Off Meeting
2/11/20 - Suffolk County Marathon Planning Meeting
2/13/20 - AME MAYDAY Music Festival kick-off planning meeting
2/13/20 - Suffolk County Marathon Planning Meeting and site visit
2/24/20 - Planning meeting with SCSPCA
2/24/20 - County Cyber Security Meeting
2/25/20 - Hazard Mitigation Plan Steering Committee Meeting
2/30/20 - Attended FILESEC meeting
*Weekly Conference Calls for Coronavirus Planning
*Weekly HMP conference calls and planning meetings with Tetra Tech

RESPONSE & SUPPORT:

1/30/20 - Participated and supported Chempack asset distribution exercise at St. Catherine's and Huntington Hospitals.
2/5/20 - Participated and supported Chempack asset distribution exercise at Good Samaritan and Southside Hospitals

GRANTS & CONTRACTS:

Suffolk County FRES and our grant partners are on track to fully spend down the FY17 UASI and FY17 SHSP grants by 8/31/20. In addition, we are actively utilizing FY18 and FY19 funding for personnel, equipment, supplies, software maintenance, etc. Some of our recent purchases include E911 Desktop Stations for the Coram Backup Facility, Thermal Imager Cameras, and Supplies for CERT. We are waiting for EHP approval to proceed with the Communications and EOC Backup Telephone System Project. FRES intends to install a stand-alone VOIP telephone system in the Backup Communications Center. The system would support both the Communications Call Center and the Emergency Operations Center.

Fire Marshal's Office:

Fire Extinguisher Licensing Board:

- 5 resumes received for the now vacant Industry Representative Board Seat, which will be reviewed and a recommendation to be made.
- One complaint review conducted.
- Received several complaints at the meeting which will be reviewed by the Board
- Received one certificate of registration new application
- Received one certificate of registration renewal
- Received 2 new license application
- Received 11 License renewals received
- Received 2 supplemental license renewals

Inspections:

- Building inspections ongoing.
- Two large shows at the SCCC Brentwood Campus Health and Science Education Center.

Regional Hazmat:

- Ongoing inventory and distribution of equipment to several town agencies

Training and exercises

- Community Residence Fire Safety training program held on 19 February teaching fire safety to home health aides
- Fire Marshals Manzi and Fischer enrolled in Incident Safety Officer training
- Defensive Driver program delivered to 21 County Employees in 30 January 2020

USAR

- Logistics trailer to be emptied later this week to go out for repair (roof leak)

Building Plans Review

- Ongoing plans review for new construction and building renovation projects
- New fire alarm system installed and accepted at SCCC East Green house.

Laws and Legislation:

- There have been changes made to NYSED law Part 807-A, which govern fire inspections in schools, effective 15 February 2020.

Fire Marshals Association:

- At the February meeting Mr. William Scheibel from IWT presented a very informative program discussing the Emergency Responder Radio Coverage requirements that are in the International Fire Code §510 and the 2017 NYS Code Supplement section 7.13.

Communications Section:

General Updates & Information:

- T-band no change in legislative progress, less than 1 year until enactment.
- Work progressing in uhf west sites: 5th and St. Charles.
- Working with NYSDOH on purposing a frequency for way end paging.
- Working with Greenport village on shelter MOU for tank
- Waiting on Verizon for Hampton Park tower
- Working with Southampton and East Hampton on a county alternative to the current American tower site in Noyac. (Shared services initiative)
- 3 trainees are in the radio room and working - all progressing
- Working with about 10 different departments to facilitate their migration to uhf paging
- Emd 13-1 and 13-2 update training in the works for new infectious disease protocols and new Narcan admin devices will be in services shortly
- Agencies that have not signed up for email blasts to supplement faxing should complete the form on FRES website

(End of report)

LaFerrera- In reference to meeting with DA; Office is already giving a Power Point presentation. ADA Croci was at Islip Chiefs.

Jordan: Maybe this is something they put together and I will know more after Friday.

Silverman- Can we get it here?

Jordan: I will have more info on Friday.

Jordan: Process will be a little different with Coronavirus questions. EMS will need to be contacted directly. This will be different than SARS or H1N1.

Deputy Commissioner's Report: N/A**Fire Marshal's Report:** J. Kuethen in attendance

Commissioner Jordan introduced Assistant Chief Fire Marshal Joseph Kuethen
Please see attached FRES Report

OEM Report: E. Schneyer in attendance

Please see attached FRES Report

Communications Report: G. Miniutti in attendance

Please see attached FRES Report

- Miniutti: In addition to attached report: T-Band- new bill proposed and submitted by Representative Walden from Oregon on February 18 to repeal. However, at same time puts significant restrictions on what 911 money goes towards. He is the only sponsor. (All received copy) LaFerrera- This is going to affect E911 money? (Discussion ensued)

Fire Academy: R. Holley/E. Johnston

Holley- in attendance

- In reference to contract; I would like to thank the County Executive. The upcoming contract was increased \$131,000. Last year we added \$25,000 to main budget and it was carried over.
- A lot of work being done on field and most is on schedule. Tech Rescue is only delayed a month. We will not be cancelling any classes that were scheduled.
- New VEEB member- Interviews were held with 3 highly qualified candidates and Pat Murphy, an ex-chief out of Central Islip, will be appointed next month. The paperwork is going through the process.
- Fire Service Instructor 1 and 2- We are running courses this year. If you are having a live fire training and do not have a Fire Instructor 2, we can provide a Fire Instructor 2 as a safety officer/incident commander.
- Medal of Valor- .The deadline is on Friday and we have not gotten one application this year. We will not hold it this year if we do not have any applications. Give me a call with any questions.
- There will be the quarterly sit down and walk around next month?
Silverman- Yes, we will schedule it.
- Going to be hiring a new clerk. The three women that handle front office are amazing and I just can't say enough about them and how they have handled the workload.

McConville: Is anyone permitted to attend the walk around?

Silverman: Yes, any member is welcomed. A notification will go out when scheduled.

SCPD – Special Patrol Bureau: Sgt. P. Kalin

Officer Christopher Dunne in attendance.

- Dunne: County has 4 helicopters; 1 in shop and 2, 3, 4 are up in the air.

EMS: Dina Wayrich and William Masterson in attendance

Masterson-

- REMSCO: Quickly want to thank the Fire Academy for their cooperation with letting us use their room.
- Credentialing- Dina will cover this in detail
- CME changes- There is a plan and transition period. Meeting with all CME coordinators and will help providers with transition.

Wayrich: EMS Report presented and submitted by Dina Wayrich.

EMS Division Report 2/26/2020

Dina Wayrich EMT-P, CIC

Deputy Chief of Education and Training, SCEMS

Current Classes:

- EMT-O: Ronko, Sag Harbor, Yaphank, West Babylon, Wyandanch, HCFAS, Southold, Holbrook, HBVAC, Three Village, St Anthony's, West Islip, Copiague, and Commack.
- EMT-R: Shirley, Ronko, SCFRES

Upcoming Classes

- EMT Refresher starting at the SCFA: 3/20, Kings Park 3/31
- Medic Refresher at Shirley Ambulance starting 3/25
- Bridge 1 took their practical, all passed, now waiting to take written. Bridge 2 and 3 going well. Bridge class 4 applications open now, postmarked no later than 3/31/20. For information, click: http://www.learnemt.org/cc_to_Medic_bridge.php

CME

- Will be meeting with CME coordinators in March (3 dates) and June will start only new core classes. New information packet as well as new informational .ppts will be posted on the Suffolk REMSCO website after the meetings.
- Several upcoming ACLS and PEPP classes will be posted to help fulfil new NYS BEMS CME requirements. Check website.

NYS Protocol/SC Policies Rollout

- New protocols went into effect 1/1/20 0000 hrs.
- Agencies are now currently completing the regional credentialing online class. All CFR's and EMT's in your agency must have this completed by 3/31/20. We are about 70% complete. Contact Mike, Nat, or Rae if you don't have the code yet. Going forward, all providers will be credentialed in the region. So any new provided and anyone moving into the region.
- For more information, click here:
<http://www.suffolkremSCO.com/news/2019/11/26/advisories/2019-nys-and-regional-blS-update-and-roll-out/>

Corona virus:

- Currently 14 cases in the US: 12 are travel cases, 2 are person to person (got it from a person they were living with who traveled here.) ZERO cases in NYS. ZERO people under investigation in SC. 28 people in Suffolk County that are self sequestered and being monitored. This means these people are asymptomatic and they have been to a place that has the Corona virus but they have NO symptoms. They are being monitored by the DOH on a daily basis.
- Those addresses are being given to the local PSAPs and to the individual depts. And are being dispatched under the FCT code. The department should take appropriate PPE measures, limit the number of providers who come into contact with the patient, keep air circulating in back of rig while transporting, notify ED early, and follow their instructions.
- NOT every FCT is going to be from China. If, during patient interview, you find they did not travel from China, NYS policy states it is not necessary to use an n95 for every influenza like case. However, still limit contact with patient and place a surgical mask on patient to prevent aerosolizing. Try and reserve N95 only for providers.
- If you need masks and have exhausted all local resources, please contact our office 631-852-5080., we have a limited supply. We have office hours most weekdays 9a-11p and most weekends 8a-3p.
- If you have a patient who is self sequestering and being monitored by the DOH in your district, you will be given that information. We ask this info is kept in a safe place that can only be accessed if/when you get dispatched there. Not in a text or email or any other non HIPAA compliant format.
- As per NYS policy, you are supposed to be practicing donning and doffing once a year and fit testing membership once a year. We are in the process of updating our don doff presentation and will be on the Suffolk REMSCO website within the week.

Narcan leave behind program

- Going well, appx 25 agencies. If you want to be involved, contact Tom Fealey 631-852-4235. We are replacing any Narcan used on the patient with a leave behind kit, not the injectable.

THANK YOU to SCFA, especially Chief Johnston for working with us and allowing us to use their facilities while the auditorium in our building is under construction. We have had 2 NYS practical exams there as

well as REMSCO and REMAC meetings and are planning several more, and are hosting TWO EMT classes there. 😊

(End of report)

Brown: In ref. to Coronavirus; What about people that are not EMS? Do we get notice? **Miniutti:** PSAP will notify you on dispatch. **McConville:** Are you folks ready if it comes to Suffolk County? Will you redo supplies? **Wayrich:** Yes, there are roll down plans. (Discussion on masks and subject ensued)

Budget Committee: D. Silverman
Nothing to report

Arson Task Force: T. Duckham
Nothing to report

Combined Radio Committee: N. Reilly-

- We had a scheduled meeting on March 11, but due to conflict it has been changed to conflicts April 8th.

Buildings & Grounds: E. Tully- no report

Legislation & Standards: E. Tully/A Laferrera

- LaFerrera: Just to add to the letter, on January 15- Senate bills 7280 and 9107 in the committee. Maybe you wanted to add the bill numbers in the letter? **Silverman:** Do you want to make a motion on the letter? I could amend the letter. **Reilly:** I think your letter should go out. **Silverman:** I could craft a new letter supporting the bills. Motion by Reilly and seconded by Laferrera.

Codes & Prevention: V. Bologna
Nothing to report

EMS & REMSCO: B. Prosek

- **Member:** Next REMSCO meeting will be March 17 and REMAC will be March 28.

Burn Center: J. Coughlin

- I was at last meeting. It was poorly attended by the public. All of the board members were there but only five others.
- Fundraisers coming up. Recognition Day is May 17.
- Thank you for all your support during my surgery.

Recruitment & Retention: G. Turza

- Next meeting is March 18.

Suffolk Chiefs: J. Coughlin

- Annual Scholarship Seminar is March 20 at North Patchogue FD. It is called "It's Just a Routine House Fire or is it?" Chief Duffy from Connecticut will be Connecticut will be instructor.
- Meeting on May 8 at North Babylon FD.

Fire District Officers: J. Egan/E. Tully-no report

Suffolk County Ambulance Chiefs: D. Silverman/B. Prosek
Nothing to report

Suffolk County Volunteer Firemen's Association: R. McConville/A. Sullo

- **Sullo:** Next meeting is March 24 at Brentwood FD.

- McConville- Suffolk County Vollies do not have nomination for Firefighter of the Year and deadline has been extended to March 18.

Fire Marshals Association of Suffolk County: V. Bologna, Jr.

Nothing new to report

Township Chief Councils:

Babylon: A. Laferrera

Nothing new to report

Huntington: J. Hoffmann

Nothing new to report

Islip: F. Bonventre:

- Bill Fagan stopped down and Rich Andersen from Bohemia will be taking spot as alternate for Islip Town Fire Chiefs' Council.

Smithtown- T. Duckham

Nothing new to report

Riverhead- N. Luparella

Nothing new to report. (Alternate Brown in attendance)

Southampton- McGrath

- To Reilly- We will have a rep at next meeting of Radio Committee.

Shelter Island- A. Bloom

Nothing new to report

Old Business: N/A

New Business:

La Ferrera-

- There are several capital projects for FRES. We should send letter of support. Commissioner will give items for letter to Silverman.
- Motion from LaFerrera and seconded by Sullo

Kuethen-

- Newsday had an article on Discovery laws and how Mineola Village adopted a resolution. It is worth reading the article. LaFerrera: Town of Babylon is doing a resolution.

Bloom-

- In reference to legal questions; does this Commission have a lawyer that we can bounce questions off of? Silverman: I think we are under the County Attorney? Jordan: Maybe the Legislative Council. (discussion ensued) Bloom: Thinking about the trooper and the firefighter. Silverman: Every Fire Department and Ambulance Corp retains a lawyer and they should be consulted.

Public Comment: N/A

A motion was made to adjourn meeting by A.Sullo and seconded by A. LaFerrera. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00

Members Present Staff Present Guests Present

Anthony LaFerrera	John G. Jordan, Sr.	William Masterson
Ronald Barz	Joel Vetter	Dina Wayrich
Arthur Bloom	Edward Schneyer	
Vincent Bologna, Jr.	Gregory Miniutti	
Robert McConville	Peter Guaraldi	
Edward McGrath	Joseph Kuethen	
Gerard Turza, Jr.	Robert Holley	
Timothy Duckham		
Jon Hoffmann		
Norman Reilly, Jr.		
Drew Silverman		
Kyle Markott		
John Coughlin		
Frank Bonventre		
Anthony Sullo		
Alternates Present		
Richard Andersen		
Larry Brown		

NEXT MEETING	Wednesday, March 25, 2020
TIME	7:30 pm
LOCATION	SC Dept. FRES Library, Yaphank
REFRESHMENTS	John Coughlin, Jay Egan