



Suffolk County Fire, Rescue & Emergency Services Commission

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MINUTES **February 22, 2017**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Crafts at 7:30pm.

Acceptance of January 2017 meeting minutes, motion by John Coughlin and Vinny Bologna.

Correspondence – Letter from Joel Vetter of FRES regarding risk management was distributed. Please bring back to your respective organizations and councils.

Treasurer's Report – Vice Chairman Drew Silverman reported that the FASNY checking account for the Commission is in transition with the changeover of officers and that he would give the report tonight. Opening balance is \$5040.58, member dues received \$300.00, closing balance is \$5340.58. Motion to approve by John Coughlin and Norm Reilly.

Officers Report – Awaiting letter from Brookhaven Chiefs reference Kyle Markott as their delegate. Also waiting for new commission nominations and resumes from Huntington and Southampton Chiefs to fill vacant seats.

Mileage reimbursement for commission members is 53.5 cents a mile for 2017.

2017 Directory of Commission members distributed. Committee list to be updated and we are looking for more participation. We will also need a new Burn Center representative.

In addition, the commission will need a member to act as recording secretary. Terry will continue to support the commission administratively but is unable to attend our meetings. John Coughlin volunteered.

A motion was made by Norm Reilly and Anthony Sullo for the commission to purchase a digital recording device. Unanimous.

Chairman Crafts addressed the commission of his agenda and goals for 2017. This includes establishing a stronger working relationship with the County Executive's office, members of the County Legislature and the Fire Academy staff and VEEB.

Chairman Crafts also spoke about the role of the FRES Commission as defined in the Suffolk County Charter.

Deputy Commissioner's Report – John Jordan reported on Active Shooter program for Fire and EMS Agencies. Coordinating with SCPD and SCFA. Departments will have the option to opt in or out.

FRES will be developing a Public Information Officer program which would act in similar fashion to the existing SCPD PIO office. The goal is for Fire Departments and EMS agencies to get our fair share of positive publicity on calls and events.

FRES is working on developing a mechanism to better identify problematic locations for FD and EMS agencies. This will include information sharing with law enforcement agencies.

FRES Communications surveys went out a few months ago and only 50% were returned. Please have your respective councils and departments follow up on this.

The new Mobile Command Unit #1 has been delivered. Training by FRES personnel is ongoing. The MCU was displayed this evening prior to the meeting and will be made available by request to other councils in the coming weeks.

Fire Marshal Report – Chief Don Lynch reported that RAD Meter training will be commencing. A minimum number of departments will be required as there will be no individual department training available.

Addressed the issues of NYS continuing to “water down” fire codes and regulations and that this should be of great concern to the commission and the fire service.

Updated the commission on the status of the Gas Station Fire Suppression legislation. The goal is to get every township and village compliant. Motion to support this effort with a letter made by Norm Reilly and Arthur Bloom. Unanimous.

The FRES Library has been re-modeled with historical artifacts

Fire Academy – Chief Holley reported on the SCFA computer virus. All issues have been corrected.

Open enrollment available for Hazmat refresher.

Training field scheduled to open on April 2nd. The Old Class A building has been converted to Private Dwelling Search. Gas fires have been removed off the Taxpayer building.

Medal of Valor applications are due by March 1st.

A new 3 year contract has been signed with Suffolk County.

VEEB – Mr. Sanok reported that the VEEB is meeting next week.

SCPD – P.O. Judge reported that all the helicopters are up and running at this time.

SC EMS – Mike Masterson reported spoke on EMT class announcements and additional CME class availability. ACLS for Paramedics are available every other month.

EMS is offering Technology training every Friday using the Sim Lab training modules, all different scenarios.

BLS 12 Lead is progressing with more departments participating.

The EMS Division is working with all other partners on the EMS Component of the Active Shooter training program.

Regional Trauma Council reminding agencies of existing transport protocols. Trauma victims get transported to Trauma centers, Burn victims get transported to the Burn Center.

There will be an MCI Drill at Stony Brook University in April and they will be asking for ambulance participation.

Reminder that the VHF Radios in ambulances provided by the county should be operational and maintained as they are the back up to the primary 800 MHz trunked system radios. The VHF radios also provide the necessary statewide mutual aid channels.

Arson Task Force – Tim Crafts reported that FM Lynch and K9 Tiana responded to a fatal fire in Brentwood.

Combined Radio – Norm Reilly reported next meeting is Wednesday, March 8th.

Chief Miniutti reported on the progress of the UHF Paging project. The county is also awaiting approval on monies necessary for Phase 3 of the ongoing communications upgrade project.

The county communications plan is currently being updated. We are also working on a “Bi-Directional” CAD system upgrade to our existing system for 2018. This will better track dispatching and response.

Legislation and Standards – Jay Egan spoke on new Fire District safety mandates concerning fuel pumps.

EMS / REMSCO – Bryan Prosek announced the next REMSCO meeting is on Tuesday, March 14th.

Recruitment – Ryan Murphy reported on the ongoing progress of the program.

New Business – Ron Barz stated that the Presumptive Cancer bill has passed in the NYS Senate but is held up in the NYS Assembly. We will require an organized support to push the bill through.

Members Present	Staff Present	Guests Present
Bloom, A	J. Jordan	Mike Masterton
Crafts, T	D. Lynch	Bill Sanok
Barz, R	R. Holley	P.O. Judge
Bologna, V	G. Miniutti	
Murphy, R		
Egan, J		
Sullo, A		
Coughlin, J		
Turza, G		
Reilly, N		
Silverman, D		
Markott, K		
Bonventre, F		
Prosek, B		
Alternates Present		
Smith, R. – Brookhaven Town Fire Chiefs' Council		
Brown, L. – Riverhead Town Fire Chiefs' Council		
Fagan, W – Islip Town Fire Chiefs' Council		

NEXT MEETING	Wednesday, March 22, 2017
TIME	7:30 pm
LOCATION	SC Dept. FRES Library, Yaphank
REFRESHMENTS	Anthony Sullo and Jay Egan