



Suffolk County Fire, Rescue & Emergency Services Commission
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In Memory Of

Robert

(Bobby)

Knight

MINUTES OF
MAY 28, 2014 MEETING

Chairman Egan opened the meeting at 8:00 p.m., followed by the Salute to the Flag and a moment of silence for sick and departed members: especially Bobby Knight, who would normally be at this meeting.

Dedicate page of minutes to Bobby Knight; N. Reilly motioned and E. Tully seconded. Motion was carried.

Acceptance of Minutes:

The minutes of the April 23, 2014 meeting were accepted by a motion from E. Tully and seconded by D. Carrigan. The motion carried.

Correspondence: T. Portoghese

No correspondence received since last meeting:

Correspondence sent since last meeting: Letters sent to County Executive and Suffolk County Legislators supporting the Capital Programs Budget.

List of courses offered are on the last page of these minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

The opening balance at SCNB was \$3335.78 and FASNY opening balance was \$1000.86. With deposits of \$200 and debits of \$283 in SCNB, transferred \$3052, this leaves a closing balance of \$100.78. FASNY deposit of \$3052 and \$150 leaving an ending balance of \$4202.86. Total closing balance (both accounts) is \$4303.64. Motion made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report. All in favor and no one opposing, the motion was carried.

Report of Officers: J. Egan / A. LaFerrera

Egan – VEEB contract signed.

Except for VEEB appointment, nothing much is new.

LaFerrera – walked around Fire Academy and there are a few things that need to be addressed.

Commissioner's Report: J. Williams

- VEEB contract is up on 12th floor being signed.
- Thanks for letters on Capital Projects; this is easier year. We received 99.9% of everything we asked for. We will be getting a new command van and new building for FA.
- Legislator Browning was very complimentary of FRES and I want to go on record thanking her for that.
- Operating Budget time is now and the meeting is the same day as FRES Commission meeting. I would be open to having a meeting either that day or prior to.

Egan – at Public Safety, I thanked them for everything. I feel they are in tune with us and listening to us.

Deputy Commissioner's Report: J. Jordan (absent)

No report.

Fire Marshal's Report: E. Springer

- Some WMD equipment has expired and we will be handing out new canisters.
- Ordering new radiological meters for fire departments. Hopefully they will be ready by fall.
- New bill signed for carbon monoxide due to tragedy in Huntington. We need to start pushing the installation of carbon monoxide detectors. Not sure what NYS will be doing on codes. The County implemented a code that buildings in excess of 100,000 square feet must have carbon monoxide detectors.
- An All Employees memo went out for IMAT recruitment. About 3 dozen people are interested.
- K-9 recertification is next month.
- Fire Extinguisher Licensing is issuing new licenses continuously.

Peace officer status for FMs – Tully has been in touch with Phil Boyle. Springer – there are a number of FMs that have peace officer status, such as Suffolk County Fire Marshals. They have pushed up requirements to 99 hours of training.

Fire Academy: R. Holley

- As those who toured with us tonight saw, a lot of work has been done (thank you to Joe Williams), there is still much to do.
- Proposal from Kidde and BullEx – looking at upgrading the system. Would like to transfer to Class A materials; hopefully that is the track we will be taking. We were told that putting an oil separator in would be what we need. (JW) in capital projects – a new oil separator is included.
- Been talking about on-line Haz Mat Refresher training and working with County IT. That did not work out and we have contacted someone else and they said that they can have it set up within a matter of months.
- You've been told that things have been coming along fine for years. I am asking you to go to your organizations and Legislators as I will be doing (also Chiefs' Councils) to plead to all to try to get more money. It would be great to get the money back that has been taken away from the Academy. We are going to be actively asking for more money.

Carrigan – I believe that maintenance should be a separate budget.

Williams – I have to speak up: County used to take 35%, that was given back. You were told today that I was giving you \$53,000. I think it is wrong for you to ask this group to go out to the rest of the fire service and ask for money. Your contract gives you latitude to go out and “make” additional money by other means.

Holley – I can't support additional training on the budget we have.

Egan – I believe there is going to be a liaison according to the contract – we have to separate between FA and VEEB.

VEEB – looking for federal grants and support from fire service.

Murphy – There was a representative from VEEB at the last Vollies meeting, and we hadn't had one since 2013. If you are looking for support, a VEEB rep has to be at meetings. Don't just come around when you want something and it would be nice to continue to see someone there.

Egan - If departments want to take training to the next level, they would have to look at what it would take to do that. If department wants to pay, that's fine. Look at these issues through the liaison group.

Holley – not trying to create a controversy; not trying to undermine anyone. The academy can use additional funding. Don't go to your organizations.

Reilly – we weren't getting straight story about what was going on over there until recently and hopefully things will continue on this track.

Having VEEB board members here is a step in the right direction.

Sanok - When I was first on Board, I was told that they didn't have to go to meetings.

Egan – make 2 items for minutes and meetings: Bob for FA and VEEB member for VEEB.

Tully motioned; Crafts seconded; motion carried.

Thebold – who does Nimphius represent? He represents the fire service.

Egan – are 3 reps from fire service or from 3 groups. Indications were that Nimphius represents districts – it was a gentlemen's agreement. We need to get past this confusion. Vollies had a dedicated rep for many, many years. When VEEB formed there weren't chiefs councils and no districts. There is a lot of background that needs to be found out. Needs to be worked on and addressed.

Original legislation was fire service and education and farm bureau.

Discussion continued.

SCPD – Special Patrol Bureau: Capt. J. Blosser (absent)

No report.

EMS: M. Masterton

- Had a destination problem; cannot take OB patients to hospitals that do not do OB. If patient is in distress, they are to be taken to the closest hospital. VA does not do cardiac, OB or trauma. Time frame is 30 minutes.
- Middle eastern respiratory distress syndrome is around.
- We have been training police officers on NARCAN.
- Active Shooter – we are still doing that.
- CC refresher is coming up the end of summer

Budget Committee: D. Silverman (absent)

No report.

Arson Task Force: T. Crafts

- There was a meeting; we talked about doing quarterly meetings; 2 daytime and 2 night.
- Discussed how FM Don Lynch and his dog "T" went out to East Hampton on a case.
- Lt. Simmons from Arson left and they are interviewing. Talked about who will be taking his place; what are their qualifications. I don't have any answers.

Egan – talked at Public Safety. We have a lot of firemen who are cops and can do that job. If you believe that we should set up and write a letter, let us know.

Egan – at some point a letter has to go to every legislator so they understand.

Reilly motion to write letter, Crafts seconded – motion carried. Egan and Lynch will write letter.

Springer – discussed East Hampton fire, person was charged with 3 fires. These meetings are important and it is important to get fire service involved in that again. We used to do a program

here for new chiefs on what to do or not do at a fire with regard to arson and to educate the fire service. Suspect was connected to 3 fires due to that meeting.

Combined Radio Committee: N. Reilly, Jr.

Next meeting is June 11th.
Miniutti – there is progress.

Buildings & Grounds: E. Tully

Already covered.

Legislation & Standards: E. Tully

Already covered.

Codes & Prevention: V. Bologna

Holding shotgun competition June 7th and a portion of the proceeds go to the Firefighter Cancer Support Network.

EMS & REMSCO: A. LaFerrera

2 seats filled. NorthShore LIJ and Islip Chiefs Ambulance Association.

Burn Center: N. Luparella

August 5 is the Guy Cassara golf outing.
Recognition Day was a week and a half ago.

Recruitment & Retention: R. Murphy

We are rapidly approaching end of grant.
Nassau County sent some paperwork and FEMA approved.

Old Business:

Nothing.

New Business:

Nothing.

Public Comment:

Egan – I will continue to fight battles. Hopefully we will make this a better fire service.

A motion was made to adjourn meeting by D. Carrigan and seconded by R. Murphy. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Members Present	Members Excused	Staff Present	Guests Present
A. LaFerrera	A. Bloom	J. Williams	M. Masterton
S. Thebold	R. Rizzuti	E. Springer	W. Sanok
V. Bologna	D. Silverman	R. Holley	R. Barz
R. Murphy	B. Prosek	E. Johnston	
N. Luparella		G. Miniutti	
C. Bancroft		T. Portoghese	
T. Crafts			
A. Sullo			
D. Carrigan			
E. Tully			
N. Reilly			
K. Markott			
J. Egan			
Alternates Present			
John McDonough – Huntington Town Fire Chiefs'			
Don Lynch – Fire Marshals' Assoc of Suffolk			

NEXT MEETING	Wednesday, June 25, 2014
TIME	8:00 pm
LOCATION	SC Dept. FRES Library, Yaphank
REFRESHMENTS	N. Reilly and D. Silverman

LIST OF COURSES OFFERED

Course	Location	Dates	Days / Time
Rapid Summer - Refresher	Wyandanch-Wheatleu Hts Amb	7/7-9/18	Mondays through Fridays