



## Suffolk County Fire, Rescue & Emergency Services Commission

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### **SUFFOLK COUNTY FRES COMMISSION**

### **Meeting Minutes from 10/24/2018**

Chairman Crafts called the meeting to order at 7:38pm with a salute to the flag & a moment of silence for those that have past.

Motion to accept the minutes from the September 26, 2018 meeting by Anthony LaFerrara second by Norm Reilly, motion carried.

Treasurer's report read by Kyle Markott. Balance in the checking account as of tonight was \$6,010.35. Motion to accept by Ed Tully, second by Anthony Sullo, motion carried.

Correspondence. Letter received from Babylon Fire Chief's Council requesting Deputy Commissioner John Jordan replace outgoing Commissioner Joe Williams.

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

##### **Chairman Crafts:**

- certificates and holders are in.
- we will be holding nominations in November.
- confirming next meeting will be November 28<sup>th</sup>.

##### **Vice Chairman Silverman:**

- spoke with Deputy County Executive Tom Vaughn regarding the open Commissioner position. Everything staying status quo for right now. Waiting to see what the intention's of the CE are.

##### **FRES Commissioner/Deputy Commissioner Report:**

- certificates are being sent out.
- meeting with Nassau counterparts on November 16<sup>th</sup> in Albany.
- nothing new to report on the Fire Academy.
- notifications going out on the data bridge project.
- Christine Bolliger requested a desk audit and is now the Chief Office Assistant.
- update on dispatchers.
- Deputy Director of OEM – grade 21 needs to be changed.
- box truck is now part of the FRES fleet.
- 15 passenger van also now part of the FRES fleet.

##### **Fire Marshal's:**

- no report



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### **Fire Academy:**

- Field closing 12/1/18 to 4/1/19. During that period we will be doing the bulk of the work on the capital project. Tower, LIRR cars, etc.
- be aware new NFPA 403 regulation regarding training. Must have a Fire Instructor 2 on scene at trainings. Ratio 5:1.
- hosting Fire Instructor 2 train the trainer next month.
- March 1, 2019 is the deadline for the medal of valor awards for 2018.

### **SCPD:**

- no report.

### **SC EMS:**

- we are participating in the USAR drill.
- last CC refresher started last night.
- EMT original in Copiague in December and EMT refresher in Hampton Bays in November.
- James McDonald and Patti Manfredonia have been cleared by Civil Service.
- from the State Council:
  - bridge program announced.
  - looking at renewing CME program.
  - grant received by Bureau of EMS for pediatric coordinator.
  - talked about old laws including liability on animal care.

## **Report of Committees:**

### **Budget:**

- meeting was prior to this meeting. Numbers look good.
- trying to get a Secretary for the Commission ☺

### **Arson Task Force:**

- no report

### **Combined Radio:**

- 11/14/18 next meeting.
- west end UHF paging system has been signed off on. Some sights are still being engineered.
- 2 new dispatchers have been hired.
- Mike Postel rolled out the P25 system.
- PD will be replacing ambulance radios.
- 10 dispatchers are in wildfire training.
- 2 supervisors are getting signed off.
- November 13-15 we will be at the backup center.



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- working with NY State to become a certified CGES site. ASAP to PSAP new system reduces time and human error factor.

- Chairman Crafts asked Chief Minuiti for an update on the Broadband. Chief Minuiti advised no new information as of this moment.

### **Buildings & Grounds:**

- Fire Academy appears to be in good shape.

### **Legislation & Standards:**

- update on insurance issues with heart attacks.

### **Codes & Prevention:**

- Chief LaFerrera advised there has been talk of a possible tax deduction for someone who becomes a fire instructor.

- there are continuing talks on the cancer bill. Still lots of unanswered questions.

### **EMS & REMSCO:**

- awards dinner on 10/25 at Greenlawn FD.

- next REMSCO meeting is November 13, 2018.

### **Burn Center:**

- no report

### **Recruitment & Retention**

- no report

## **Report of Organizations:**

### **Suffolk County Chiefs:**

- some contested races for Board positions. Next meeting in Eastport.

### **Suffolk County District Officers by Jay Egan:**

- no report.

### **Suffolk County Ambulance Chiefs by Bryan Prosek:**

- no report

### **Suffolk County Vollies by Anthony Sullo:**

- Legislative Conference in Troy November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.



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### **Report of Townships:**

#### **East Hampton**

- thanks to OEM for the assist with the recent plane crash.
- working on burn building.

#### **Islip**

- blue lights on vehicles are becoming an issue.

### **Old Business:**

- Chief LaFerrera stated he thought it was a slap in the face to the former Commissioner Joe Williams that no one from this Commission attended his retirement party.
- Mike Masterton stated that EMS members that do rehab and advanced auto extrication will get CME credit. Still looking for input on protocols, will be voted on in January.

### **New Business:**

- Ed Tully motioned that this Commission send a letter supporting the FRES budget as presented, second by Norm Reilly, all were in favor.
- Chief LaFerrera advised there are now paid FF's in Setauket. Chief Merhman advised that Setauket went to Civil Service to get paid FF title.

There being no further business before the Commission, Chairman Crafts entertained a motion to adjourn by Anthony Sullo, second by Norm Reilly, meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Next meeting is Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**Kyle Markott**

Kyle Markott – ‘acting secretary for ONE night’



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Members Present	Staff present	Guest Present
Laferrera, A	J. Jordan	W. Masterson (EMS)
McGrath, E	G. Miniutti	D. Wayrich (EMS)
Crafts, T	R. Holley	
Sullo, A		
Tully, Jr., E		
Turza, Jr., G		
Reilly, Jr., N		
Silverman, D		
Markott, K		
Bonventre, F		
Mehrman, C( alt)		
Fagan, W (alt)		

<b>NEXT MEETING</b>	November 28, 2018
<b>TIME</b>	7:30 p.m.
<b>LOCATION</b>	FRES Library
<b>REFRESHMENTS</b>	Bryan Prosek and Anthony Laferrera



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