

1 **FIRE, RESCUE, EMS & EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE**
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5 **SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE**
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13 A meeting of the Fire, Rescue, EMS & Emergency Preparedness
14 Committee of the Suffolk County Legislature was held in the Rose Y.
15 Caracappa Legislative Auditorium of the William H. Rogers
16 Legislature Building, 725 Veterans Memorial Highway, Smithtown, New
17 York on June 1, 2021 via in-person and Zoom conference.
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20 **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

21 Leg. Thomas Cilmi, Chairperson
22 Leg. Tom Donnelly, Vice Chair
23 Leg. Kara Hahn, DPO
24 Leg. Susan A. Berland
25 Leg. Samuel Gonzalez
26 Leg. Leslie Kennedy
27 Leg. Rudy Sunderman
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30 **ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

31 Presiding Officer Robert Calarco, 7th Legislative District
32 Sarah E. Simpson, Counsel to the Legislature
33 Dan Dubois, Chief Deputy Clerk/Legislature
34 Thomas Corcoran, Budget Review Office
35 Patrick Beckley, Deputy Commissioner/FRES
36 And all other interested parties
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40 **MINUTES TAKEN BY:**

41 Diana Flesher, Court Stenographer
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(The meeting was called to order at 11:14 a.m.)

CHAIRMAN CILMI:

Welcome, everyone, to the July 20 meeting of the Fire, Rescue and Emergency Medical Services and Preparedness Committee. If I could ask everyone to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Legislator Kennedy.

(Pledge of Allegiance)

And if I could ask everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence in recognition and remembrance of all of the first responders that have gone before us and all those first responders who are protecting us today.

(Moment of Silence Observed)

Thank you. You may be seated. Okay. Thank you. We have no correspondence today. We have no public comments. Is there anyone in the auditorium who would like to be heard? I see none.

We do have one appointment today, IR 1516, Approving the appointment of Scott DiPino as a member of the Suffolk County Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services Commission. (Co. Exec.) This is not a re-appointment. This is an appointment, and Scott is here with us today. Scott, welcome. If you could join us at the podium here and just give us a brief summary of who you are, where you come from, why you want to be part of FRES.

MR. DIPINO:

No problem, sir. Scott DiPino. I'm one of the current fire chiefs of the Dix Hills Fire Department. How are you, Susan? I moved to Suffolk County. My wife is a Suffolk police officer, and about 2002 I was a Westbury fireman before Dix Hills fireman. I've also been a paramedic for the last 25 years. I'm currently employed by the Nassau County Police Department as one of their coordinators for their paramedic program. Just a natural step forward, I was asked by the Huntington Town Chief's Council as one of the few fire chiefs in the county who is not only a paramedic but also a fire chief, and I have a certified vehicle with all sorts of paramedic equipment in it that does both sides of the coin, which is so important these days to do both fire and EMS, and in Dix Hills, we take great pride in that. It was a great opportunity. I have three children all the in the school system, and of course who is literally assigned to the precinct across the parking lot. So great stuff and I'm very pleased to hopefully be on board and do what I can for the county to make the fire academy and the FRES commission even better.

CHAIRMAN CILMI:

Well, thank you for your service and thank you wife for her service as well for us all. I'll take a motion by Legislator Berland, second by Legislator Kennedy. Any questions.

LEG. BERLAND:

Motion. I don't have any questions. I just want you all to know that Scott is just amazing and we are so lucky to have him being

1 willing to participate and serve in this capacity in addition to
2 everything else that he does, so Dix Hills is lucky to have him,
3 and now Suffolk County will be lucky to have him.

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5 **MR. DIPINO:**

6 Thank you very much, ma'am.

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8 **LEG. BERLAND:**

9 My pleasure.

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11 **CHAIRMAN CILMI:**

12 Thank you, Legislator Berland. Legislator Hahn.

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14 **LEG. HAHN:**

15 I just would like to add my thanks. My dad was a 52-year volunteer
16 at Stony Brook Fire Department, so I know how much you give back so
17 thank you for all of that that your family is doing and ways that
18 you're giving back to the community and protecting us every day.
19 Thank you.

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21 **MR. DIPINO:**

22 No problem, and thank you guys for your support. You guys have
23 always been great, and anything we've ever asked for, you guys have
24 worked with us to try to get it. Having the support of the people
25 behind this podium is amazing stuff. Thank you.

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27 **CHAIRMAN CILMI:**

28 It's your pleasure -- privilege. Anyone else? All right. We have
29 a motion and a second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?
30 Unanimous.

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32 **MR. DUBOIS:**

33 Six.

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35 **CHAIRMAN CILMI:**

36 Scott, so this will be before the full legislature on Tuesday, but
37 the committee's approval of your appointment is sufficient, so you
38 don't have to come to that meeting as well.

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40 **MR. DIPINO:**

41 Okay. Thank you, sir. Thank you. Have a great day, guys. Stay
42 safe.

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44 **CHAIRMAN CILMI:**

45 You got it. Thanks, again, for your willingness to serve.

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47 We have no further business. We are adjourned. Have a good day,
48 everyone.

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50 (The meeting was adjourned at 11:17 a.m.)
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