

Fire Chief's Council of Suffolk County, Inc.

Minutes of 1/13/06 Meeting Dedicated to Don Manning's Memory

The 291st meeting of the Suffolk County Fire Chiefs' Council was held at the Jamesport Fire Department on Friday, January 13, 2006. President Chris McKay called the meeting to order at 8:30 P.M.

Flag salute led by Sgt. At Arms Anthony V. LaFerrera.

Invocation offered by Chaplain Rick Van de Kieft.

Jamesport Chief Joel Lazarus welcomed the Council and President Chris McKay responded.

Officers present were President Chris McKay, 1st Vice President Craig Zitek, 2nd Vice President Scott Thebold, Sgt. At Arms Anthony La Ferrera, Treasurer John Urevich, Corresponding Secretary Rick Van de Kieft, and Recording Secretary John Carney.

Past Presidents in attendance were Ronald Barz, Don Corkery, Robert Holley, John Capon, Kenneth Capon, and Michael DeNicolo.

Town Presidents/Officers in attendance were Pres. Richard Vella – Babylon, Pres. Richard Wilson - Islip, Pres. Thomas Shalvey – Southold, 3rd Vice Pres. Mike Barry – Brookhaven

GUESTS:

Deputy Commissioner Brad Maier – Suffolk County FRES, Deputy Chief Dick Stockinger – Suffolk County Fire Academy, Belinda Pagdanganan – Director of Emergency Preparedness – Suffolk County, FRES Vice Pres. Rich Vella – SC Vollies, Sgt. At Arms Peter Secada – SC Vollies, 1st Vice Pres. Eugene Petricevich – Suffolk County Fire Districts, Father Dan Harris – Chaplain, Hampton Bays.

M/M/S/A to accept the minutes from the 290th meeting as posted on the web.

MONTHLY PROGRAM:

Pres. McKay announced the New Chiefs' Seminar to be held on 2/25 and 5/20.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Correspondence:

None

Arson Task Force: Dick Keller

Statistics were read from last year reference fire investigations, declared arsons, arrests, property dollar loss, and fatalities. NYS Fire Academy will be offering a 12 hour arson recognition course in LI (4 hours more than the regular 8-hour course) where state certification will be given. Suffolk County is also looking into giving a bomb recognition course on a Saturday this coming Spring 2006. A SC FRES Fire Marshal will be going South for training and will be getting a new arson canine which will be eventually replacing Cinder, the current arson canine who is scheduled to be retired due to age.

New CO Jim Rooney was introduced. Crime lab stats were given. SCPD Arson is encouraging newly elected fire department chiefs and officers attend the upcoming arson course.

Suffolk County Burn Center: Jerry Owenburg The Hospital's CEO has moved to Colorado. New setup is a surgeon is assigned to the center 24/7. The hospital will also be rotating in a new pediatric surgeon. The hospital is looking for a new chaplain after Father Dan left. If anyone knows of a priest who is interested notify Jerry Owenburg.

FRES Commission: Deputy Comm. Brad Maier FRES would like to thank everyone for their support of the recent county Biological Exercise. A Resource Management Officer was recently under a Homeland Security grant. This person will be responsible for developing a resource database of all equipment that can be used for emergency response. A survey was sent out to the volunteer service in this regard. FRES is requesting that survey forms be completed and responses sent back. A survey on Sheltering Plans was also sent out to gather information on sheltering plans of each department for first responders and families. Responses are also requested to complete the plans. Nine subcommittees have been formed from the EOC with a Sheltering Committee as one of the committees. A simulated Hurricane Drill will be held by the county on 6/2 with a full EOC activation. More information will be forthcoming. The Fire Marshal's Office is updating the Suit Rescue Training. If any department would like to get requalified they can contact FRES. Rick Van de Kieft asked Deputy Comm. Maier to talk to Commissioner Williams if FRES can get back to the Council at an upcoming meeting about what the PIO could do for the Council. Deputy Comm. Maier mentioned that there is anew FC-35 acting as PIO.

Suffolk County Fire Academy: Dick Stockinger This will be the last year the SCFA will be offering the Firefighter I upgrade due to changes with NYS. Firefighter I courses are being offered through December 2006. SCFA sent out the new annual training course schedule. This year, SCFA is offering open enrolment to encourage registration from various departments with smaller numbers of firefighters interested in enrolling in these classes. Some classes were cancelled in 2005 due to low enrollment. Open enrolment programs being offered this year include Heavy Rescue, Hazmat Technician and Firefighter I Upgrade. Tactical Rescue courses are being offered

starting March. Heavy rescue classes are already booked through September 2006. Bruce Johnson will be holding the Empire State residency program at the SCFA twice this year – April and June 2006. Progress is being made with the flashover simulation. SCFA is building the framework and preparing the grounds. Simulator is scheduled for delivery in 2/06. A Train-the-Trainer course will be offered for this program with 1-2 fire departments from each township to be invited.

Additional classrooms have been added. The SCFA website is in the process of being re-designed. One of the changes will be online registration for classes. Fire Chiefs Enhancement Seminar is scheduled for 2/25 and 5/20. Tactical Rescue Seminar is scheduled for 4/1.

VEEB: Bob Holley

Commended and thanked Tom Kost and Dick Stockinger for the tremendous job they have done with the SCFA.

FRES Representative: Ed Walsh

The following were discussed during the last meeting: concern regarding the helicopters, replacing the doctor from the Burn Center, and the formation of a new committee on Vehicle Emergency Awareness.

Suffolk County Chief's Golf Tournament:

Mike Felice. Application for contract is needed by 9/25 together with the required deposit.

Joint Council: Chris McKay

The Council will meet on 2/3 with location to be determined. The Council will meet to discuss the county's request for input on hurricane response plans from all agencies. This meeting is open to all town presidents.

LIPA: Tony LaFerrera

No meeting held.

New York State Association of Fire Chiefs:

Robert Holley. On September 23-24, Suffolk County Chiefs, Nassau County Chiefs, and New York State Chiefs will be sponsoring a conference/seminar. This will mostly be a buff show with firematics/EMS vendors. We are looking for support from the county in terms of attendance. A committee is being formed and anyone who wants to serve in the committee to work during conference contact B. Holley or President. Anyone who reserved rooms for the NYS Chiefs Conference in Lake George has their rooms secured but they have to register in the website or contact Site Solutions and register through them by the end of February so as not lose room reservations. The Presidential Reception will be held after the installation because B. Holley could not get the financial backing. All attendees should sign up for the banquet dinner to get a good representation from Suffolk County. Don Corkery announced that he submitted his resume for the position in the NYS State Chiefs' Board of

Directors that will be vacated in June 2008. Ted Rosko also submitted his resume but after they talked he withdrew his resume and, together with two other past Council presidents, agreed to support Don Corkery's nomination. Although elections are two years away, he has been told to put in his resume early. There are also 55 counties in NYS and he intends to attend at least half of the meetings.

Radio Committee: Robert Knight

Political Action Committee: Ronald Barz

He sits in Grant Review Committee and said that LI received a total of \$4.7M in grants between the two counties which is \$2 million more than the previous year. This has lot to do with Congressman Peter King and Senator Curt Walden. He wanted to make a motion in New Business to spend \$250 so Bob Holley can attend the Congressional Fire Services Dinner. This will be an opportunity to get the ears of Tim Bishop and Carol Maloney who will be at Suffolk County's table during the dinner. If anyone is interested in attending, contact Ron Barz for applications. Rooms are still available. Announced that 10 rooms with 2 king-sized beds in each room have been reserved. They would like to see all Past Presidents in attendance and there are enough rooms available. He will make arrangements for anyone who is interested in attending the dinner.

Regional E.M.S. Council: No representation

Wild Fire Task Force: No representation.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Chris McKay

The Council extended the scholarship deadline. Three applications were received which will be forwarded to the Scholarship Committee. Anyone who wishes to update their website information, especially Council meeting dates and new Chiefs information, send the update to Pres. McKay. He will forward it to Greg Anderson.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Scott Thebold

It is important to get the meeting dates to Pre. McKay so that everyone knows the meeting locations and times and members can attend the meetings.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT: Rick Van de Kieft

R. Van de Kieft acknowledged the presence of Father Dan Harris, Chaplain of the Hampton Bays Fire Department. During the previous month's Council meeting under New Business, it was discussed how Father Dan Bitsko was going to be replaced. It will take 5 people to replace Father Dan which is a compliment to Father Dan. The Council has been trying to outline how there will be a Chaplain in the North Fork, South Fork, Brookhaven, Huntington, Babylon, and Islip. He spoke to the State Chiefs' Chaplain who is from Greenlawn and the Chaplain said that he is willing to take care of a couple of townships near his area and provide a name of a chaplain for Islip and Babylon. What Father Dan used

to do by himself, there will now be a core of 5 people who will be responsible for going to funerals that need to be attended.

Suffolk County Chiefs' Scholarship & Seminar:

Rick Van de Kieft. A total of 200 notices for Billy Goldfeder's seminar were sent out to various fire departments in the mail. This is a real training seminar. Billy Goldfeder will not be saying the same thing like last year. This year the seminar will be for the first Friday in March and not in February like last year. There are 400 seats for the seminar. Billy Goldfeder is nationally recognized and he is not sure if he will be coming back to Suffolk County.

Suffolk County Volunteer Firemen's Association:

No representation.

TOWN PRESIDENTS:

Babylon Township: Rich Vella

He wishes everyone a Happy New Year. The next meeting is Wednesday in Wyandanch. A new Public Safety Commisisoner

Brookhaven Township: Stan Lenz

No report.

East Hampton Township: Kent Howie

No report.

Islip Township: Rich Wilson

Next meeting is Tuesday, 1/17 at 7:30 P.M. at East Islip.

Peconic Chiefs: Ted Rosko Jr.

No representation.

Smithtown Township: Don Balbinder

No representation.

Southampton Township: Scott Davonski

No representation.

Southold Township: Ed Boyd

Next meeting is in Orient in February. Anyone who would like to attend their meeting is welcome.

Riverhead Township: Greg Meyer

Next meeting is on Wednesday, 1/18 at the Riverhead FD headquarters.

Suffolk County Volunteer Ambulance Association:

No representation.

OLD BUSINESS:

Received a report from J. Egan & E. Walsh re: brunch.

Money collected from brunch - \$4,295.00

Expenses - \$3,025.29

Profit - \$1,270.71

Smithtown Chiefs' owe the Council \$150.00

NEW BUSINESS:

M/M/S/A to send Bob Holley to dinner at Tavern on the Green. FEMA grant applications are coming in 1 1/2 months. Money is available. Applicants should follow what is asked for. The people who review these grants are our peers from Emmitsburg. One exception in 2005 that has caused concern is the awarding of a grant for \$35,000 to the Nassau Police Department for a fire

department grant. If a department has been denied a grant, resubmit the grant application.

Golf Outing: Mike Felice

Gene Petricevich, 1st Vice President of the SC Fire Districts Association, is having a dinner scheduled at the Majestic Gardens on 3/4 and a journal which will be dedicated to Father Dan. M/M/S/A to take out a full page ad for Father Dan in the amount of \$300 (R. Van de Kieft), carried by all present. Suggestion to dedicate minutes of this meeting to Don Manning's memory. R. Barz also recommended that a resolution of respect be made at the meeting. M/M/S/A to donate \$250 to the Burn Center under Don Manning's name. M/M/S/A (Buckley) to rename the Suffolk County Scholarship Fund in Don Manning's name. M/M/S/A to look into plaque honoring Don Manning and donating the plaque to the SCFA. On behalf of Don Manning's family and the North Babylon Fire Company, Tony LaFerrera thanked the Council for the support and attendance during Don Manning's funeral. Suggestion was made to invite Don Manning's family when the scholarships are given.

COMMUNICATIONS: Rick Van de Kieft

Sent a letter to Commissioner Joe Williams nominating Scott Thiebold for FRES Commission. Sent a letter to the SCPD Police Commissioner supporting the Arson Squad. Sent a letter to Father Dan sending the donation from the Council for the holidays. A letter was received from Southern New York Fire Chiefs asking that the nomination for the Southern New York Firefighter of the Year must be submitted in Department/Company letterhead by March 1, 2006. Nominations must be send to:

Chairman Roger Putnam

78 Soundview Avenue

East Northport, New York 11731

TREASURER'S REPORT: John Urevich

FF Benefit Fund.....\$4,698.09

Checking\$5,635.76

Money Market.....\$40,662.84

Total Assets:.....\$50,996.69

Bills:

Watch and plaque for the Brunch: \$432.01

Yearly fee for website: \$510.00

M/M/S/A to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted.

Notice addressed to the Chief will be mailed out regarding annual dues in the amount of \$100 per year. Everyone should be getting the notice in the mail in a month and a half.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

Dick Keller brought up the point about the police officer who died of black lung disease. A lot of people in the fire service both from Nassau and Suffolk were at

Ground Zero. They should take a baseline physical or screening from the LI Occupational and Environmental Health Group based in Islandia. There is grant money now available. There is also a seminar for unsung heroes – the forgotten heroes of 911 – to be held on January 28 at the SCCC. John Strickland lost his daughter of an unknown origin and the department is setting up a fund for the children.

SGT.-AT-ARMS REPORT: Tony LaFerrera
Departments (38), Chiefs (6), Asst. Chiefs (18), Ex-
Chiefs (58), Guests (5) Total Attendance: (87)

Dark Horse: \$313.00

DARK HORSE: 328642 & 328418

M/M/S/A to donate proceeds from the Dark Horse to
John Strickland's daughter.

BENEDICTION: Rick Van de Kieft

Meeting Adjourned: 9:45 P.M.

Next Meeting: West Islip Fire Department

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The next meeting of the
**Fire Chief's Council
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will be held on

March 10, 2006

at

West Islip Fire Department

**Dinner 7:30 PM
Meeting 8:00 PM**

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Council Meetings

<u>2006</u>	<u>Location</u>
Mar. 10	West Islip F.D.
May 12	Montauk F.D.
July 14	N. Lindenhurst F.D.
Sept. 8	Copiague F.D.
Nov. 10	Southampton F.D.

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