

Fire Chief's Council of Suffolk County, Inc.

The 300th meeting of the Suffolk County Fire Chief's Council was held at the Miller Place Fire Department on Friday July 13, 2007. President Craig Zitek called the meeting to order at 8:00 P.M. **Flag salute** was led by Sgt-at-Arms John Carney.

Invocation: none was offered.

Miller Place Chief William J. Curcie welcomed the Council and 1st V.P. President Scott Thebold responded.

Officers present were President Craig Zitek, 1st V.P. Scott Thebold, 2nd V.P. Anthony V. LaFerrera, Sgt.-at-Arms John Carney and Treasurer John Urevich. Recording Secretary John G. Jordan and Corresponding Secretary Rick Van de Kieft were excused.

Past Presidents in attendance were Robert Holley, Mike DeNicolo, Ronald P. Barz, Edward C. Walsh, Greg Anderson, and Jay Egan.

Town Presidents / Officers in attendance, Pres. Anthony V. LaFerrera-Babylon, John Carney-Islip and Ed Boyd-Southold.

President Zitek welcomed back to our council meeting 1st V.P. Scott Thebold, as did the council members with a round of standing applause.

GUESTS:

Commissioner Joe Williams-Suffolk County FRES, Deputy Commissioner Belinda Pagdanganan-Suffolk County FRES, OEM Director Edward Schneyer-Suffolk County FRES, Chief Thomas Kost- Suffolk County Fire Academy, President Eugene Petricevich-Suffolk County Fire Districts and 2nd Vice-Pres, Jerry Owenburg-Suffolk County Vollie's and Suffolk County Burn Center.

M/M/S/A to accept the minutes from the 299th meeting as posted on the web.

MONTHLY PROGRAM:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Correspondence: 2nd V.P. Anthony V. LaFerrera.

Letter received from Assemblyman Andrew Raia, was read. There will be a press conference on Monday July 30, 2007 at 11:00 AM at Northport Fire Department Headquarters, 204 Main Street. Reference impending deadline for the filing of workers compensation benefit for workers at "Ground Zero".

Arson Task Force: Dick Keller.

No representation.

Suffolk County Burn Center: Jerry Owenburg. Finally broke ground on the new clean room and testing for the generic skin will be in the process along with the clean room. Fund raiser at Martha

Clara Vineyard will be Friday October 5, 2007. Pres. Zitek thanked all who attended Burn Center Recognition Day.

Convention Seminar:

FRES Commission: Commissioner Joe Williams. Deputy Commissioner Brad Maier has resigned to help to keep a family business going. Commissioner Williams introduced the new Deputy Commissioner Belinda Pagdanganan as well as the new Director of Emergency Preparedness Edward Schneyer. The Commissioner also announced the appointment of John G. Jordan to Resource Emergency Manager, (John also Recording Secretary for this council was taken ill this past Monday, his condition was updated to the council by 2nd V.P. LaFerrera). The new second command van is in. The recommended operating budget has been received back from the County Executive, we will know in November how we fared. 2008 Capital Budget has a proposed 2.2 million dollar project for a back-up radio room. Possible location for this room is Brookhaven National Labs. We presently do not have a back-up radio room.

Suffolk County Fire Academy: Chief Thomas Kost. Ground has been broken for the new pump hose construction. Firefighters have been abusing the open enrollment classes by signing up for classes and then not showing up for class. There will be new sign-in booths at all field class locations. Medal of Valor Day at West Islip Fire Department Headquarters, on Sunday September 30, 2007 at 1:00 PM.

FRES Representative: Scott Thebold.

Report will be given by Jay Egan under new business.

Suffolk County Chief's Golf Tournament:

Mike DeFelice. Golf outing Monday September 24, 2007 @ 9:00 AM, Smithtown Landing Golf Course.

Haz-Mat Homeland Security: Jay Egan.

No report.

Joint Council's: President Craig Zitek.

No meeting.

LIPA: 2nd V.P. Anthony LaFerrera.

No report.

New York State Association of Fire Chief's:

Bob Holley. Bob thanked all members for their support as well as this council's support during his tenure as President. New bookstore is now on line. Preliminary report on attendance and revenue at this year's NYS Chief's show is up about 20%.

Hospitality Room: Edward C. Walsh.

Ed thanked Bobby and Jay for all their help.

Approximately 200 people attended the barbecue, which was a huge success. \$2,000.00 was received by

the council to run the hospitality room. Actual monies spent were \$1,665.00. Donations received the night of the barbecue were \$1,250.00. Actual cost to the council of the hospitality room including all drinks and food was \$415.00. Pres. Zitek thanked Ed, Jay and Bobby for their help.

Installation Brunch: Jay Egan.

Majestic Gardens in Rocky Point, Sunday November 11, 2007. 11:00 AM until 3:00 pm. \$90.00 per couple. Fliers were handed out.

Radio Committee: Robert Knight.

Down link with new helicopter working well. Vehicle ID numbers need to be put back on top of any new vehicle. (Especially for the helicopter to identify units) Hurricane Drill went well despite some minor problems. School districts now have 800 Radios. Text message paging must be authorized by your Chief of who can receive them; this is not for main dispatching purposes. Report attached.

Political Action Committee: Ronald Barz.

A rough draft of a sign that we will have with us in Washington D.C. at CFSI 2008 was presented to the council. Ron explained the story behind the sign and how its design came about. Possible meeting with our members of Congress may take place on the first Saturday in December 2007. Meeting in Lake George with representatives from Nassau County Chief's to streamline and make sure we will all be on the same page when we attend CFSI in 2008. We must send members to Albany (Firefighters Day) to meet with Senators and Assembly members as we do at CFSI.

Regional E.M.S. Council: Edward Boyd.

Meeting was this past Tuesday in Ocean Beach and was uneventful. Only business of importance was the Transfer of Operating Authority which is basically a paper change for commercial ambulance service moving ownership from one group to another. REMSCO announced award winners (individual and organizations) for the past year.

Wild Fire Task Force: Greg Anderson.

Report given by John Urevich, Wildfire helicopter exercise was held in conjunction with several county and state agencies.

Nominations Committee: Greg Anderson.

Nominations letters need to be in for the September 14, 2007 meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Craig Zitek.

Spent a week in Emmetsburg as a peer reviewer, for the Fire Act Grants. Monies for Fire Act Grants in 2008 will be 800 million dollars,

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Scott Thebold.

Scottie read a letter thanking everyone for their support, prayers and assistance for him and his family during his illness.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT:

SUFFOLK COUNTY VOL. FIRMAN'S ASSOC.:

Jerry Owenburg. Nothing to report.

Suffolk County Chief's Scholarship & Seminar:

Ron Barz presented a plaque to the council that will have the names of scholarships winners names engraved on it. This plaque will hang in the entrance hall of the Fire Academy. Earlier in the year the council approved to rename the scholarship in honor and memory of Chief Donald Manning. Mega Show in January 2008, discussion was held that we host a seminar class during the show. Ron needs to lock-in a speaker (Bobby Halton or John Salka) by September.

TOWN PRESIDENT'S:

Babylon Township: Anthony V. LaFerrera.

Next meeting Wednesday September 19, 2007 in Deer Park.

Brookhaven Township: Michael Barry.

No representation.

East Hampton Township: Kent Howie.

No representation.

Huntington Township: Joey D' Alessandro.

No representation.

Islip Township: John Carney.

Our next meeting is Tuesday July 17, 2007 in Saltaire. All invited, Ferry will be leaving at 6:50 PM from Maple Avenue. Chief Schroeder of West Sayville who works for Legislator Lindsey is preparing any documentation with the lack of LIPA and Key span emergency response issue referencing the merge. LIPA reports they do not have any problems with response to fire and EMS emergencies. If this council has any supporting documentation please forward to Chief Schroeder.

Peconic Chief's: Ted Rosko, Jr.

No representation.

Smithtown Township: Sal Formica.

No representation.

Southampton Township: Brian Williams.

No representation.

Southold Township: Edward Boyd.

Sea voyage to Fishers Island was successful. Next meeting will be on the third Wednesday in August at Southold Fire Department.

Riverhead Township: Thomas Campanero.

No representation.

Suffolk County Vol. Ambulance Assoc.:

Drew Silverman. No representation.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jay Egan expressed concerns as expressed at a recent FRES meeting, on delays in the response of the new helicopter. The new helicopter does have a delayed start up cycle. Recommendations have been made to put the helicopter on stand-by ASAP to get the start cycle going. FRES and Suffolk EMS Committee, working on verbiage (to be ready by September) for the Memorandum of Understanding for the SCPD Ambulance. We must make sure this agreement has the wording to suit our needs before anyone signs anything. All councils must be in agreement

SUFFOLK COUNTY EMS: Karl Klug.

No representation.

COMMUNICATIONS: Rick Van de Kieft.

No report.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

Ron Barz mentioned that the Terry Farrel Scholarship fund will be changed to a grant. Ron met with Terry's two brothers this past week and received a presentation on the doings of this grant. Ron asked of the Presidents permission to bring in the brothers to our next meeting to make a presentation. M/M/S/A to bring them to the next meeting. Ron asked for permission to put on our website information for a support group to help members who made need assistance in dealing with a crisis in their life, (example prostate cancer). M/M/S/A. Jay Egan request that this council donate \$500.00 out of the Firefighters benefit fund to Recording Secretary John G. Jordan, as we have done in the past. M/M/S/A.

SGT.-AT-ARMS REPORT: John Carney.

Departments (17), Chiefs (5), Asst. Chief's (8), Ex-Chief's (20) Guests (6).

Total Attendance: (39).

Dark Horse: \$137.00

Next Meeting: Northport Fire Department on Friday September 14, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

TREASURER'S REPORT: John Urevich.

Checking..... \$1,169.21

FF Benefit Fund.....\$4,134.45

Money Market.....\$43,708.60

Total Assets:\$49,012.26

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

DARK HORSE:

We are looking for departments to host our meetings in the year 2008. If any department is interested please see any Executive Board Member.

BENEDICTION:

Meeting Adjourned: 9:15 p.m.

Next Meeting: Northport Fire Department.

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**The next meeting of
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will be held on

September 14, 2007

At

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

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Council Meetings

<u>2007</u>	<u>Location</u>
Jan. 14	Brentwood
Mar. 11	Selden
May 13	North Babylon
July 8	Miller Place
Sept.14	Northport
Nov 11	TBA

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