

# **Fire Chief's Council of Suffolk County, Inc.**

The 301<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Suffolk County Fire Chief's Council was held at the Northport Fire Department on Friday September 14, 2007. President Craig Zitek called the meeting to order at 8:30 P.M. **Flag salute** was led by Sgt-at-Arms John Carney.

**Invocation:** Offered by Deacon Billia.

Northport Assist. Chief Robert Varese welcomed the Council and 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P. President LaFerrera responded.

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

**Past Presidents** in attendance were Robert Holley, Mike DeNicolo, Ronald P. Barz and Greg Anderson.

**Town Presidents / Officers** in attendance, Pres.

Anthony V. LaFerrera-Babylon, Mike Barry-Brookhaven, Joseph D' Alessandro-Huntington, John Carney-Islip and Ed Boyd-Southold.

## **GUESTS:**

Commissioner Joe Williams-Suffolk County FRES, Deputy Commissioner Belinda Pagdanganan-Suffolk County FRES, President Drew Silverman-SCVAC, Bruce E. Johnson-Int'l. Codes Council, Roger Putnam-Past Pres. SCVFA, Chief Thomas Kost-Suffolk County Fire Academy, President Eugene Petricevich-Suffolk County Fire Districts and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Pres. Anthony Sullo-SCVFA, President Robert DeMoustes-Suffolk County Burn Center, Chief Greg James-FC2, Tom O'Hara-SCFRES and Nassau P.D. Det. Dennis Farrell.

M/M/S/A to accept the minutes from the 300<sup>th</sup> meeting as posted on the web.

**MONTHLY PROGRAM:** Tom O'Hara and Detective Dennis Farrell.

Tom outlined the US DHS SAFER Grant received by the county. This grant is a 100% federally funded grant in the amount of \$1,168,283.00. Outlined were recruitment, retention and education.

Detective Dennis Farrell brother of Chief Terry Farrell of the Dix Hills Fire Department (Terry was killed on 9/11 working for FDNY Rescue 4) gave an overview of the Terry Farrell Firefighters Fund. The fund supports the families of firefighters across the United States with educational and financial grants.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Correspondence:** None to report.

**Arson Task Force:** Dick Keller.

No representation.

**Suffolk County Burn Center:** Robert DeMoustes. Letters sent to all fire departments and ambulance corps. to participate in the \$1.00 per member

fundraiser. Moving along on the new clean room and testing for the generic skin. Progress on the Hyperbaric Chamber. Suffolk County Burn Center fund raiser (\$35.00 a ticket) at Martha Clara Vineyards will be Friday October 5, 2007. Majority of the patients treated at the burn center were kids with burns received by grill and fire pits.

**FRES Commission:** Commissioner Joe Williams. The new smaller command van is in service and will be shared with SCPD due to the purchase was made with Homeland Security monies. The merge of EMS into FRES continues to be looked into. The County Legislators approved a bill to give the County Executive permission to continue to look into this merge. This started about three years ago by the FRES Commission not the Health Department. Drew Silverman updated everyone how this idea of the merge came about.

**Suffolk County Fire Academy:** Chief Thomas Kost. Ground has been broken for the new pump hose construction with very slow progress and no action at all for the past month. NIMS ICS 300 drill last Saturday was very successful. Field training request forms will be going out. There are new sign in procedures for field evolutions. Chief Kost mentioned that with the assistance of Congressman Peter King Homeland Security Certificates that students waited several months for were received just several days after a phone call was made. Medal of Valor Day at West Islip Fire Department Headquarters, on Sunday September 30, 2007 at 1:00 PM.

**FRES Representative:** Scott Thebold.

No report.

## **Suffolk County Chief's Golf Tournament:**

Mike DeFelice. Golf outing Monday September 24, 2007 @ 9:00 a.m., Smithtown Landing Golf Course. Barbecue to follow at St. James FD picnic ground. M/M/S/A for \$3,000.00 for Mike to purchase prizes for raffles and gifts.

**Haz-Mat Homeland Security:** Jay Egan.

No report.

**Joint Council's:** President Craig Zitek.

Next meeting October 12, 2007 @ 7:30p.m. Location TBA

**LIPA:** 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P. Anthony LaFerrera.

No report.

## **New York State Association of Fire Chief's:**

Bob Holley. Not much going on right now. This would be the appropriate time to start sending letters of support for Don Corkery for the director's position with the NYS Chief's. M/M/S/A to send a letter in

support of Don, to the NYS Chief's Nomination Committee. Next year's dates are June 14-16, 2008. Make sure you start making your reservations.

**Hospitality Room:** Edward C. Walsh.

No report.

**Installation Brunch:** Pres. Craig Zitek.

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.

No Report.

**Laws and Legislation:** Greg Anderson.

We must send members to Albany (Firefighters Day) to meet with Senators and Assembly members as we do at CFSI. These meetings usually happen in late April to early May. This year we met with Senator Flanagan. The Senator will be speaking at the Districts Meeting in November (November 2 & 3, 2007) along with Michael Balboni (Nassau) who is the Director for NYS Homeland Security.

**Political Action Committee:** Ronald Barz.

A rough draft of a sign that we will have with us in Washington D.C. at CFSI 2008 (April 2 & 3, 2008) was presented to the council. This will be ready for November's Meeting. Beside ourselves and Nassau we have been joined by Erie and Monroe Counties, as part of our delegation. There has been a request for this council to run a seminar session at the Mega Show. The Marriott wants too much money to use a room. We are looking to work something out with the Nassau County Firefighters Museum with their IMAX Theater. (Suggestion to make a donation to Nassau's Museum with monies we would be taking in). With the help of Vinnie Bologna we were able to secure a room at Melville Fire Department to host a meeting in December (possibly Saturday December 8, 2007) with our members in Congress.

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

Next meeting will be Tuesday September 18, 2007 in Hauppauge.

**Wild Fire Task Force:** Greg Anderson.

We do need support from the departments that so belong. Attendance has been very poor. Wild fire Academy Training will be at the end of October. Some of this free (\$130 and \$190 classes) training may help a young firefighter with a career

**Nominations Committee:** Greg Anderson.

Letters of nomination have been received for the following positions. President-Craig Zitek, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Pres.-Scott Thebold, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Pres. Anthony V. LaFerrera, Sgt.at Arms-John Carney, Treasurer-John Urevich, Recording Secretary-Joseph D'Alessandro and Corresponding Secretary-Rick Van de Kieft.

These letters are the only letters that have been received by the Nomination Committee. Chairman Anderson opened the floor for any other nominations, for each position three times. M/M/S/A to close the nominations and proceed to the next meeting for election of officers, (Jamesport Fire Department November 9, 2007) with the positions and names nominated tonight. Carried by all present.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Craig Zitek.

Literature up front is from the National Volunteer Fire Council. Cookbooks and pamphlets for a healthy firefighter. Scottie is back in the hospital please keep him in your prayers. A meeting was held in County Executive Levy's office with police Commissioner Dormer and Chief Robert Moore, along with Commissioner Williams and the county Attorney. This council was represented by Craig, Tony and John. The meeting was to discuss the ticket that was received by the Chief of Center Moriches by a SCPD Highway Sergeant. The meeting lasted about one half hour, all parties included determined that this incident was an isolated incident and sorry that it happened. Since the ticket was written its disposition does have to be decided by a judge. Chief Bill Renzetti of Center Moriches spoke in length about his incident (overturned vehicle on Sunrise Highway) with the highway Sargeant. Chief Renzetti was issued a summons for failure to obey a lawful order of a police officer. Chief Renzetti does have to appear in traffic court on December 5, 2007 @ 10:30 am in Hauppauge. NYS office building, third floor. Pres. Zitek reviewed the procedure of how the family of a passing member would receive a bible.

**VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Anthony V. LaFerrera. Flyers are on the tables to remind all Chief's that their Chief rosters need to be updated with this council's directory. Please mail all updates to the address on the flyer. Chief Jordan is doing very well and is back to work at FRES.

**CHAPLAIN'S REPORT:** Rick Van de Kieft.

Rick introduced two of our Chaplains. Deacon Ed Billia from Huntington Manor and Deacon Jim Hanly from Dix Hills. Things are going well but unfortunately there have been some funerals. This Council was represented well at these funerals. Also Father Dan from Hampton Bays has been active and doing well attending services in Brookhaven.

**SUFFOLK COUNTY VOL. FIRMAN'S ASSOC.:**

Vice Pres. Jerry Owenburg & Vice Pres. Anthony Sullo. Anyone going up to the home this Sunday, Long Island Day Ceremonies will begin at 11:00a.m. Our delegation will be marching in the opening ceremony parade. VP Sullo, our next meeting is

September 25, 2007 in North Sea, and our Installation and Awards dinner is Saturday October 20, 2007 at the Polish Hall in Riverhead.

**Suffolk County Chief's Scholarship & Seminar:**

Rick Van de Kieft. We are working on something for March 2008.

**TOWN PRESIDENT'S:**

**Babylon Township:** Anthony V. LaFerrera.

Next meeting Wed. September 19, 2007 in Deer Park has been changed to Copiague.

**Brookhaven Township:** Michael Barry.

Our next meeting is next Friday at Brookhaven FD. Jolt Tournament is Saturday September 29, 2007.

**East Hampton Township:** Kent Howie.

No representation.

**Huntington Township:** Joey D' Alessandro.

Next meeting Monday September 24, 2007 in Cold Spring Harbor

**Islip Township:** John Carney.

Our next meeting is Tuesday September 18, 2007 in West Islip. The Islip Chief's Council would like to congratulate the Fire Academy and VEEB Board for a job well done at last week's drill.

**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 Mohegan Sun on Columbus Day weekend, tickets are \$25.00 a piece. Will be traveling on the Sea Jet.

**Riverhead Township:** Thomas Campanero.

No representation.

**Suffolk County Vol. Ambulance Assoc.:**

Drew Silverman. Reported under FRES.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

No old business at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Greg Anderson spoke on a program for soldiers returning home called the Wounded Warrior Back Pack Program. Soldiers are treated for their injuries but that where it stops. Some of the soldiers only have the hospital gown on their back. These warrior packs contain sweat pants and shirt, CD player, calling card, full comfort kit and other sectionals. Cost is \$99.00 per pack. M/M/S/A to donate \$1,000.00 to the program. Ten rooms are needed for the council at CFSI in April. M/M/S/A to book the rooms. M/M/S/A to book rooms for NYS Chief's in June at Marine Village. Robert Knight reported that Wilbur Ritter from Sayville and a Firefighter from

Nassau (Both LODD) will not be honored this year in Albany by the NYS Fallen Firefighters Memorial.

The committee expressed that the two firefighters did not meet the criteria for LODD. The Chairman of this committee expressed the two deaths will be looked into again and re-evaluated. If approved there will not be enough time to put these names on the memorial this year. Bob will keep council updated on this issue. M/M/S/A to send the Executive Board to the Suffolk Vollie's Dinner.

**SUFFOLK COUNTY EMS:** Karl Klug.

No representation.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Rick Van de Kieft.

Letter from Father Dan Bitsko, says he misses us and our meetings as well as our annual golf outing. Father Dan thanked the Council for allowing him to attend the Federation of Fire Chaplains Training and Conference in St. Joe Missouri.

**GOOD AND WELFARE:**

Boy Scout Jamboree (for all Suffolk County Boy Scouts) will be held in Hecksher State on Saturday 13, 2007. Looking for people to get involved with the kids with some activity. Maybe bring a specialty piece of equipment to show the kids. 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. Ten rooms are needed for the council at CFSI in April. M/M/S/A to book the rooms. M/M/S/A to book rooms for NYS Chief's in June at Marine Village. We are looking for departments to host our meetings in the year 2008. If any department is interested please see any Executive Board Member. Firefighter's winter games will be February 8, 9, & 10, 2008 in Cortland.

**SGT.-AT-ARMS REPORT:** John Carney.

Departments (24), Chiefs (6), Asst. Chief's (12), Ex-Chief's (38), Guests (13).

Total Attendance: (118).

Dark Horse: \$175.00

Next Meeting: Jamesport Fire Department on Friday November 9, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** John Urevich.

Checking..... \$2,104.60

FF Benefit Fund.....\$3,638.45

Money Market.....\$38,198.38

Total Assets: .....\$43,941.43

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

**DARK HORSE:** #982329, 982382

**BENEDICTION:** Offered by Deacon Hanly.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:20 p.m.

Next Meeting: Jamesport Fire Department.

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**The next meeting of  
Fire Chief's Council  
Of Suffolk County, Inc.**

*Will be held on*

**November 9, 2007**

*At*

**JAMESPORT  
FIRE DEPT.  
Manor Lane  
Jamesport, N.Y. 11947  
(631) 722-3617**

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

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Chaplain

**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	Jamesport

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