

Fire Chief's Council of Suffolk County, Inc.

The 302nd meeting of the Suffolk County Fire Chief's Council was held at the Jamesport Fire Department on Friday November 9, 2007. President Craig Zitek called the meeting to order at 8:15 P.M.. **Flag salute** was led by 2nd V.P. Anthony V. LaFerrera.

Invocation: Offered by Secretary Rick Van de Kieft. Jamesport Chief Joel Lazarus welcomed the Council and 2nd V.P. President LaFerrera responded.

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

Past Presidents in attendance were Robert Holley, Ronald P. Barz, Greg Anderson, Jay Egan, and Ed Walsh.

Town Presidents / Officers in attendance, Pres. Anthony V. LaFerrera-Babylon, Ex-President Jack Blaum-Brookhaven, Joseph D'Alessandro-Huntington, and Ed Boyd-Southold.

GUESTS:

Bruce E. Johnson-Int'l. Codes Council, Dick Stockinger-Suffolk County Fire Academy, Ed Tully, FC3, President Robert DeMoustes-Suffolk County Burn Center.

M/M/S/A to accept the minutes from the 301st meeting as posted on the web.

MONTHLY PROGRAM: Presentation given by Josh Arbenz from Target Safety on Online Fire and EMS Training.

Target Safety's online training is the most convenient and cost-effective way to enhance your department's training program. Courses can be taken at the station, from home or wherever and internet connection is available, thus eliminating the need for excessive travel, overtime cost, fuel cost and the many other logistical issues associated with traditional training.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Correspondence: None to report.

Arson Task Force: Dick Keller.

October 10th meeting discussion on faulty smoke detectors, 14 fatal fires and 29 arson arrests this year, FRES budget passed, Cinder, the Fire Dog retiring this year. No information from area hospitals on burn injuries. Company Officers Training Program at FRES went well. Attendance at meetings by arson representatives was poor. Request to send letter to Commissioner Dormer. Decline in members of the

Arson Squad from 15 to 11 members; additional man power may be needed in the future.

Suffolk County Burn Center: Robert DeMoustes. Very busy month. He thanked everyone who attended the Suffolk County Burn Center fund raiser at Martha Clara Vineyards on Friday October 5, 2007. Over 300 people attended. He also thanked the Fire Police for traffic control. \$7,000 was donated to the Center by the Stiller Foundation. Tickets are available for Firefighter's night at Islander game on Saturday February 16, 2008. He thanked all members of the Council and Fire Departments for their support as President and hopes they will support the new President.

FRES Commission: Ed Tully (FC3).

The recall for APR masks is in progress; exchange will be made on a one to one basis (masks were not NIOSH approved). FRES received \$2,000,000 in funding for fiscal year 2008 and also 2 new FRES positions. Big drill coming up in April 2008 (TBA). County Fire Marshals are responding to hospital ER's in the event of an injured firefighter. He wished everyone a Happy Holiday Season.

Suffolk County Fire Academy: Chief Dick Stockinger.

The new Pump House project is moving well. Concrete work is complete and draft pits are running. Building should be closed in before the cold weather arrives. The applications for field exercises are due this Tuesday and the lottery picks will be made on Thursday. Make sure all applications are in. The Fire Academy was asked to coordinate next year's April 24-26, 2008 drill on the Pilgrim State grounds. We have good cooperation with the owner of the property. He then discussed how the drill was going to run. Multiple agencies from Nassau and Suffolk would be involved. All Haz-Mat teams and 40 Fire Departments from Nassau would also be involved. A letter and questionnaire will be sent out to all Fire Department reference the drill. Please respond back a.s.a.p. He contacted NYS for Firefighter-1 programs and dates will be announced. A meeting to change the Firefighter-1 and Firefighter-2 curriculum was held and a new textbook from Delmar was approved. A new NYS Training Information System for checking training records for your agency is coming out. The state will be issuing ID numbers instead of SS numbers. He thanked the Burn Center for treating a Bohemia Firefighter that was burned on the job. A discussion by Greg Anderson about State Online Training records took place.

FRES Representative: Scott Thebold.

No report.

Suffolk County Chief's Golf Tournament:

Mike DeFelice. He stated that it has been a successful year and a great Golf Tournament outing. He thanked Ronnie Barz and Greg Anderson for helping out with the Tournament. \$16,060 was made with a total income of \$20,645.

Haz-Mat Homeland Security: Jay Egan.

Meeting will be held on Wednesday November 14, 2007.

Joint Councils: President Craig Zitek.

Next meeting January 4th, 2008 @ 7:30p.m. Location TBA.

LIPA: 2nd V.P. Anthony LaFerrera.

Discussion by Patchogue Chief Jack Blaum on grid shutdown for a MVA went very well. Next meeting December 19th, 2007 in Hicksville.

New York State Association of Fire Chiefs:

Bob Holley. NYS partnered with Target Safety for the Online Training program. Any State Fire Chief can log on for training records. The state Chiefs' Conference will make major changes for the June conference. They are moving the exhibition tents from Ft. William Henry to the Community Center, approx. 2.5 miles away. Further information TBA. The cost of attending the training track will increase, approx. cost \$175-200 pp. This increase was needed in order to improve the quality of training offered. He stated to hold off on the Rope Rescue issue until further clarification comes from the State. You should do a study in your own district. Hands-on training will be available at the Concord Hotel with live burns.

Hospitality Room: Edward C. Walsh.

No report.

Installation Brunch: Jay Egan.

A brunch will be held at Majestic Gardens in Rocky Point on Sunday November 11, 2007, 11:00 am until 3:00 pm. As of this date only 87 people have responded and attendance is poor. Future options and plans are open for next year's Installation.

Radio Committee: Robert Knight.

No Report.

Laws and Legislation: Greg Anderson.

He talked about state issues and bills that died in Committee, including ones that regulated Fire Districts. The Heart Bill passed at a Federal level.

Political Action Committee: Ronald Barz.

A meeting will be held with 5 Congressmen on Saturday, December 8, 2007 at 10 am at the Melville FD. There will be a continental breakfast at 10 am and discussions will start at 11 am. Chief Robert

Holley will be the moderator. Please wear Class A uniform. He stated our agenda for the meeting and our goal to fill the room with approx. 150 members. Robert Holley thanked Ronald Barz for working hard for us. We need to support this meeting. Please bring all Chiefs and Board members. The CFSI dinner will be held in Washington DC on April 2 & 3, 2008. He spoke about the airfare and cost of this dinner. A discussion was started by Jay Egan for members to attend the December meeting at Melville FD if they cannot go to Washington in April.

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

Next meeting will be Tuesday November 13, 2007 in Hauppauge to discuss Remsco protocols and exemption waivers. The EMS to FRES issue will be discussed next year.

Wild Fire Task Force: Greg Anderson.

He stated it was a very busy year. He brought up the West Coast fires.

Nominations Committee: Greg Anderson.

Election of Officers recommended the Secretary cast 1 ballot and did so carried by all present. President - Craig Zitek, 1st Vice Pres.-Scott Thebold, 2nd 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.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Craig Zitek.

He thanked all members who attended the Burn Center fund raiser at Martha Clara Vineyard. He also thanked everyone for a good turn-out at Medal Day in West Islip. He excused Sgt. at Arms-John Carney from this meeting due to the death of one of his members. He spoke to Scott Thebold on Tuesday and was told that he is home and will attend the brunch on Sunday. Keep him in your prayers.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Anthony V. LaFerrera. No report.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT: Rick Van de Kieft.

No report.

SUFFOLK COUNTY VOL. FIREMAN'S ASSOC.:

Next meeting November 27, 2007. Location TBA.

Suffolk County Chief's Scholarship & Seminar:

Rick Van de Kieft. No report.

TOWN PRESIDENTS:

Babylon Township: Anthony V. LaFerrera.

No report.

Brookhaven Township: Michael Barry.

No report.

East Hampton Township: Kent Howie.

No representation.

Huntington Township: Joey D'Alessandro.

Next meeting Monday November 27, 2007 at
Huntington Community 1st Aid Squad.

Islip Township: John Carney.

No representation.

Peconic Chief's: Ted Rosko, Jr.

No representation.

Smithtown Township: Sal Formica.

No representation.

Southampton Township: Brian Williams.

No representation.

Southold Township: Edward Boyd.

No report.

Riverhead Township: Thomas Campanero.

No representation.

Suffolk County Vol. Ambulance Assoc.:

No representation.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ron Barz discussed the 501C3 Corp. issue. He asked for \$300 to build a booth for the wellness group at the show. M/M/S/A and passed to pay the entire bill for the booth, not to exceed \$1,500.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ed Boyd stated that Suffolk County was coming up with a new mobilization plan. M/M/S/A to send a letter to FRES Commission stating that Jay Egan will be our representative. Greg Anderson discussed the loss of Father Dan from our meetings and asked to send a check for \$500 to pay his car insurance.

M/M/S/A

SUFFOLK COUNTY EMS: Karl Klug.

No representation.

COMMUNICATIONS: Rick Van de Kieft.

Received Thank you card from the family of Ex-Chief Arthur Berglund (Northport FD). Copy of letter sent by Ron Barz and Robert Holley to all Departments with CFSI dinner application for April 2 & 3, 2008. Letter addressed to President Craig Zitek from Suffolk County FRES Commissioner Joe Williams, regarding Jay Egan as our current representative on the FRES Commission. Resume and nomination needed. Membership renewal notice from NYS AFC for \$100 turned over to treasurer. Letter from Kathryn M. Perry, Secretary of Suffolk County Vol. Firemen's Assoc. with information on their Officers for 2007-08 and meeting dates, dinner dates, and date for Memorial service. Letter written to Commissioners in Melville FD for the December 8, 2007 meeting.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

Keep Scotty Thebold in our prayers. December 8, 2007 meeting Melville FD 10 am Class A uniform. Ex-Chief Gene Walker from Huntington Manor FD passed away.

SGT.-AT-ARMS REPORT: John Carney.
Departments (27), Chiefs (2), Asst. Chief's (11),
Ex-Chief's (34), Guests (2).

Total Attendance: (48).

Dark Horse: \$153.00

Next Meeting: Nesconset Fire Department on Friday
January 11, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

TREASURER'S REPORT: John Urevich.

Checking..... \$1,185.15

FF Benefit Fund.....\$3,640.88

Money Market.....\$37,921.69

Total Assets:\$42,747.72

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

DARK HORSE: #328964, 328978

BENEDICTION: Offered by Chaplain Rick Van de
Kieft.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:16 p.m.

Next Meeting: Nesconset Fire Department.

COUNCIL OFFICERS

President Craig Zitek
P.O. Box 926
Jamesport, NY 11947
Cell 831-8842

1st Vice Pres. Scott Thebold
14 Middle Island Blvd.
Middle Island, NY 11953
Tel. 345-6272; Cell 484-7742

2nd V.P. Anthony V. LaFerrer
104 Kime Avenue
North Babylon, NY 11703
Tel. 254-4306; Cell 484-7917

Rec. Sec. Joseph D'Alessand
2 Candlewood Path N
Dix Hills, NY 11746
Cell (631) 433-4102

Treasurer John Urevich
962 Ostrander Avenue
Riverhead, NY 11901
Cell 727-4561

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

Will be held on

January 11, 2008

At

**NESCONSET
FIRE DEPT.
25 Gibbs Pond Rd
Nesconset, N.Y. 11767
(631) 265-1430**

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

COUNCIL OFFICERS

Sgt.-at-Arms John Carney
211 Locust Drive
Bay Shore, NY 11706
Cell 445-8153

Corr.Sec. Rick Van de Kieft
35 Gores Drive
Mastic, NY 11950
Tel.399-2953

Chaplain

Council Meetings

<u>2008</u>	<u>Location</u>
Jan. 11	Nesconset
Mar. 14	TBA
May 9	TBA
July 11	TBA
Sept.12	TBA
Nov 14	TBA

**FIRE CHIEF'S COUNCIL
OF SUFFOLK COUNTY, INC
P.O. Box 1459
SELDEN, N.Y. 11784**