

Fire Chief's Council of Suffolk County, Inc.

The 304th meeting of the Suffolk County Fire Chief's Council was held at the Hauppauge Fire Department on Friday March 14, 2008. 2nd Vice President Anthony V. LaFerrera called the meeting to order at 8:15 PM.

Flag salute was led by Sgt.-at-Arms John Carney. Meeting dedicated to Chief Tom Kerlova.

Invocation: Offered by Deacon Biala.

Hauppauge Chief Thomas Kirklava welcomed the Council and 2nd V.P. LaFerrera responded.

Officers present were 2nd V.P. Anthony V.

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

Past Presidents in attendance were Robert Holley, Ronald P. Barz, Greg Anderson, Jay Egan, Ed Walsh, Don Corkery, Mike DeNicolo, and Bill Murray.

Town Presidents / Officers in attendance, Pres. Anthony V. LaFerrera-Babylon, President Mike Barry-Brookhaven, Joseph D'Alessandro-Huntington, Ed Boyd-Southold, Drew Silverman-President of SCVAC and John Carney-Islip.

GUESTS:

Dick Stockinger-Suffolk County Fire Academy, President Robert DeMoustes-Suffolk County Burn Center, President Eugene Petricevich-Suffolk County Fire Districts, Deputy Commissioner Bell Pagdanganan and Commissioner Joe Williams of Suffolk County FRES, Tom Kost-S.C.F.A. M/M/S/A to accept the minutes from the 303rd meeting as posted on the web.

MONTHLY PROGRAM: None presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Correspondence: Rick Van de Kieft.

Letter given to Greg Anderson from the Fire Fighter Cancer Support Network to be put on website.

Received letter from West Babylon Rescue Squad to set up EMS competitions looking for letter of support and \$150 for leg trophy. M/M/S/A/ to send \$150.

Letter received from East Northport FD honoring Roy Kennedy for 60 years of service. M/M/S/A/ to send plaque.

M/M/S/A/ to pay \$100 for dues for NYS Fire Chiefs Assoc.

Received letter from East Northport FD announcing their 100th Anniversary. Parade to be held Saturday June 7, 2008 at 4 PM.

M/M/S/A/ for a \$200 full page add in the Suffolk County Fire District Directory.

M/M/S/A/ to take out a \$250 full page add honoring Chief John Carney of Brentwood FD at the Brentwood St. Patrick's Parade.

Arson Task Force: Dick Keller.

Reports that Bret attended a training course with his dog. 2007 a busy year, arsons were up. He reminded everyone to keep overhaul to a minimum to protect the crime scene. 14 fatal fires in 2007. Cinder, the fire dog, retired. The task force budget was \$20,050 for 2008. There will be a fund raiser (Cigar Night) in the Fall 2008. Next meeting: April 2, 2008.

Suffolk County Burn Center: Robert DeMoustes.

Burn Center continues to be very busy. The Annual Fund Raiser: "\$1 per man", 80% of Depts. responded. Red Knights Motorcycle Club will have a Fund Raiser on May 4, 2008. Burn Center Recognition Day will be Sunday May 18, 2008 at 12 PM at Stony Brook University Hospital. Please, we need your support. Invitations went out. Please, RSVP.

FRES Commission: Joe Williams-Commissioner.

Attended a FEMA meeting in Washington D.C., where FEMA agreed to pre-position supplies in Nassau and Suffolk Counties. 20 trailers of supplies will be stored at Brookhaven National Lab, such as generators, tents and other supplies. New Member Census was sent out in 2007. Results were over 100 students going to SCCC paid by the County. We need the numbers of recruited members of each Dept. Please return the census forms. The County was awarded over \$2,000,000 in Homeland Security Funds. He received call from Suffolk Life newspaper about tracking ambulance response times.

Suffolk County Fire Academy: Chief Tom Kost.

Holding a Tabletop Exercise for the drill on April 24, 25, 26, 2008. Still need Coordinators to help. ICS-300 course canceled again due to lack of participants. New Pump Test building is approx. half done. It is still planned to be open by July 4, 2008. We have received 19 submissions for Medal of Valor Day. Fire Service Instructor 1 course finishing up this week. Next course will be in October TBA. Chief Dick Stockinger.

Stated that there will be a Town Hall meeting for the April drill in Hauppauge, on April 2, 2008 at 7 PM. There will be a 4 hour commitment for each Dept. participating in the drill

FRES Representative: Jay Egan.

FRES Commission is looking for Dave to sign the MOU with SCPD. The Deputy County Executive will also sign. At this point it has been dragged out long enough, there will be no additional ambulances,

and it is for our protection that we move forward. A motion was made and approved for Jay to approve the MOU letter.

Suffolk County Chief's Golf Tournament:

Mike DeFelice.

A motion was made and approved for a check for \$200 for a golf outing. Mike was presented with a watch for the Chief of the Year.

Haz-Mat Homeland Security: Jay Egan/Rick Gimbl.

They attended a meeting last month for Natural Gas in-service course. Be careful, terrorists are trying to clone ambulances and lastly the report of a FEDEX truck that was stolen was false.

Joint Councils: President Craig Zitek.

No report.

LIPA: 2nd V.P. Anthony LaFerrera.

No report.

New York State Association of Fire Chiefs:

Don Corkery. Fire 2000 is going as planned. The venues have been moved to Million Dollar Beach, where 4 large tents will handle. There is still hotel space available. The \$80.00 fee will cover instruction and access to venues. Top instructors will be present and good training. Vendors have complimentary tickets to venues. There was a discussion on price of shows for spouses. Looking for feedback on the letter that was written on the consolidation of fire service. Please e-mail back. Question whether the contract with Lake George was up this year and if the Committee was looking into other venues.

Hospitality Room: Edward C. Walsh.

Will run same as last year.

Installation Brunch: Jay Egan.

Was booked the Sunday following the elections at Majestic Gardens. We're looking to get more people to attend than last year.

Radio Committee: Robert Knight.

Nothing since last meeting.

Laws and Legislation: Greg Anderson.

Stated he had meeting with Senator Flanagan. The Senate has put stops on the Budget Bill and was waiting for the April 15th report. Rest of the bills are still on the program. No Legislative Day has been scheduled for the State Chiefs at this time.

Political Action Committee: Ronald Barz.

CFSI itinerary has been sent out. All 5 Congressmen from Nassau and Suffolk are coming to the meeting at Chinese restaurant in Washington D.C. Will have meeting Wednesday morning with the Chief of Staff from Senator Dodd's office. Still waiting to hear back from Senator Schumer's office if they will attend meeting. Will have meeting on Tuesday

morning with Congress members in reference to Burn Center. Items to be discussed this year are to put more money into FEMA, a relaxation on LOSAP, a relaxation on equipment, and lastly, a Collective Bargain Bill that cannot restrict municipal employees from volunteering. Motion made and approved for \$420 to purchase a bell and lapel pins. Meeting with Attorney General Andrew Cuomo for the Consolidation of the Fire Districts Bill will be on April 18th, 2008 at 7 pm at Brentwood HS.

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

Anthony LaFerrara was appointed as a new member of REMSCO. Ron Barz made his Fire Fighter Cancer Support Group presentation to REMSCO. Dr. Mermelstein, the acting Medical Director, discussed several things that were going on in the County. The electronic PCR program contract is still not signed. This will be a 30-60 days pilot program in Nesconset FD. There was a question with the electronic PCR's; there will be only one assigned per patient. The response subcommittee has put together a detailed questionnaire, which will be sent out to each EMS provider. The questionnaire will be put out on the REMSCO website, and will appear in Fire News. Please fill out and return a.s.a.p. New capnography measuring devices will be mandated by NYS on Feb 1, 2009. This device can be accomplished through a 12-lead EKG monitor or stand alone unit. If you have a device at this time, please use it; this will be good for the patient. A question came out in reference to new members of REMSCO. A new representative from SCCC was put in place. American Heart Association will have the same representative. The new ALS protocols are out. EMS to FRES meeting will be at Patchogue FD, April 27, 2008 at 7 PM. REMSCO will have its own hearings to talk to certain people reference this matter. Next meeting will be Tuesday May 13, 2008 at 7 PM at the EMS building in Hauppauge. Still working on glucometer protocols, looking into pilot programs, and are trying to tie it into the stroke protocol.

Wild Fire Task Force: Greg Anderson.

No meeting since last. Next meeting will be in Eastport, last Wednesday of the month.

Nominations Committee: Greg Anderson.

No report.

WEBSITE: Greg Anderson

Updating the website. Need town meeting dates for January to December. Looking to update all active Chiefs to database. Please send in data.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Anthony LaFerrara.

The Fire Academy sign on Yaphank Avenue has been installed by the Expressway and Sunrise Highway.

The fire districts and fire depts. need representation for the ICC Publishing, for residential sprinklers. Discussion on motion to join by Jay Egan; all in favor. ICC information to be posted on website.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Anthony V. LaFerrera.

Scotty Thebold back in Smithtown Rehab. He met with him and his wife last week. He seemed pretty upbeat. Please call and show your support. Ronnie Barz and Father Dan met with him and tried to bring up his morale. His wife, Bee, appreciates all our help and Scotty wants to see people.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT: Deacon Biala.

April 20-23, 2008 Annual Chaplain's Conference at Huntington Manor FD.

SUFFOLK COUNTY VOL. FIREMAN'S

ASSOC.: Jerry Owenburg.

Bay Shore FD will be hosting a Memorial Service May 4, 2008. The Volley Golf Tournament will be July 23, 2008. A motion was made and passed for a tee sponsorship.

Suffolk County Chief's Scholarship & Seminar:

Rick Van de Kieft.

Last report of 2008. Anthony LaFerrera will be the new Chairman. He thanked John Searing from Brookhaven Labs and Ed and Deb Walsh. 7 applications to date. The scholarship seminar itself 33 depts. and 210 attended. Potential receipts \$10,700, \$3,500 expenses and \$7,200 donated to scholarship fund. Brentwood FD sent 25 people. Membership gave Rick a standing ovation for the past 10 years of service.

TOWN PRESIDENTS:

Babylon Township: Anthony V. LaFerrera.

Meeting next week changed to Lindenhurst.

Brookhaven Township: Michael Barry.

Meeting next Friday night at Terryville FD.

East Hampton Township: Kent Howie.

No representation.

Huntington Township: Joey D'Alessandro.

Next meeting: Monday March 31, 2008 at Melville FD, 7:00pm.

Islip Township: John Carney.

Meeting Tuesday night at 7pm at Islip FD.

Peconic Chief's: Ted Rosko, Jr.

No representation.

Smithtown Township: Sal Formica.

No representation.

Southampton Township: Brian Williams.

No representation.

Southold Township: Edward Boyd.

Meeting 3rd Monday of April at 7 pm at Cutchogue FD.

Riverhead Township: Thomas Campanero.

No representation.

Suffolk County Vol. Ambulance Assoc.:

Next meeting on Wednesday April 19, 2008 in Sayville.

OLD BUSINESS:

Jay Egan motioned to pay dues to FRES commission for \$50. Motion was approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fire districts association new president Lou Delgado. Next meeting May 15, 2008 at Islip Terrace.

Don Corkery asked to amend his letter of support for him to run for director to include all County Chiefs organizations. Motion made and approved.

Huntington Manor FD lost firefighter Bill Hegermen, 69-year veteran.

Discussion on a loop hole in the NYS Vehicle and Traffic Law in regards to a CDL license needed to drive fire apparatus.

Bob Holley stated that Ben Lupia from Hampton Bays FD is being awarded this year for his 70 years of service. M/M/S/A/ to give plaque.

Ron Barz thanked all Chiefs Council for the Fire Fighters Cancer Survivor Group booth. The group will be at the NYS Chiefs in June.

Scholarship award discussion on issue.

SUFFOLK COUNTY EMS: Karl Klug.

No representation.

COMMUNICATIONS: Rick Van de Kieft.

See correspondence.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

Line of duty death Edward Muller, West Islip FD.

M/M/S/A/ to send \$500 from the Benefit Fund.

SGT.-AT-ARMS REPORT: John Carney.

Departments (30), Chiefs (4), Asst. Chief's (2), Ex-Chief's (47), Guests (7).

Total Attendance: (60).

Dark Horse: \$140.00

Next Meeting: West Babylon Fire Department on Friday May 9, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

TREASURER'S REPORT: John Urevich.

Checking..... \$10,413.82

FF Benefit Fund.....\$2,610.70

Money Market.....\$27,498.36

Total Assets:\$40,522.88

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

DARK HORSE: #6344069, 6344107, 6344079

LUCKY BUCK: #7-9-30

BENEDICTION: Offered by Deacon Biala.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:15 p.m.

Next Meeting: West Babylon Fire Department.

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

Will be held on

May 9, 2008

At

**WEST BABYLON
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126 Arnold Avenue
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**Dinner at 7:30PM
Meeting at 8:00PM**

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Chaplain

Council Meetings

<u>2008</u>	<u>Location</u>
Jan. 11	Nesconset
Mar. 14	Hauppauge
May 9	West Babylon
July 11	Southold
Sept.12	East Quogue
Nov 14	Mid Island

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