

Fire Chief's Council of Suffolk County, Inc.

The 306th meeting of the Suffolk County Fire Chief's Council was held at the Southold Fire Department on Friday, July 11, 2008. 1st Vice President Scott Thebold called the meeting to order at 8:30 PM.

Flag salute was led by Sgt.-at-Arms John Carney.

Invocation: Offered by Rick Van de Kieft.

Southold Chief Weber welcomed the Council and Vice President Scott Thebold responded.

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

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

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

Town Presidents / Officers in attendance, Pres.

Anthony V. LaFerrera-Babylon, Ed Boyd-Southold, and John Carney-Islip.

GUESTS:

Jerry Amato-Suffolk County Fire Academy, Jerry Owenburg-Suffolk County Burn Center, Anthony Sullo-2nd Vice President SCVFA, John Searing Jr.-Deputy Commissioner of Suffolk County FRES, and Commissioner Joe Williams of Suffolk County FRES. M/M/S/A to accept the minutes from the 305th meeting as posted on the web.

MONTHLY PROGRAM: none presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Correspondence: Rick Van de Kieft.

A check for \$100 was received from Fire News for Hospitality Room at Lake George. He discussed the fire prevention calendar offer from FASNY. North Amityville fire company is having its first Annual Golf Tournament on Monday Sept. 8th, at Bergen Point Golf Course. Letters were written for our support for Robert McConville for the Director of FASNY and Paul O'Brien for Trustee of the Firemen's Home. A letter was also written supporting Joe Kelly for FASNY 2nd VP. A letter was received from Michael Whalen, Sec. of FASNY acknowledging the receipt of the above endorsements. A letter was written to County Executive Levy reference State Police enforcing the LIE. Copies will be sent to Police Comm. Dormer, members of the Public Safety Committee and SCPD Special Patrol Bureau. Letters will be written to Congressmen Bishop, King, and Israel as per our discussion with Ron Barz at the last month's meeting. Letters sent to State Assemblyman Robert Sweeney and State Senator John Flanagan reference official

license plates. Posters were received from NYS Workman's Comp board reference participation during post 9/11 activities. Must be registered by August 14, 2008.

Arson Task Force: Dick Heller.

Stated the Juvenile Fire Setter Prevention Program doing very well. Arson Lieutenant stated that to make an arson arrest evidence must be credible. Notify Arson Squad a.s.a.p. The District Attorney's office is working on Arson cases. The crime lab is working on teaching the arson dogs to detect bio-fuels. The Town of Islip is working on the abandoned house problem. Arson task force tee shirts are on sale and we are looking into a possible cigar night. TBA.

Suffolk County Burn Center: Jerry Owenburg.

He stated don't be afraid to send people to the burn center. We need to use it. Suffolk County Burn Center fundraiser will be held at Martha Clara Vineyard on Saturday, October 4, 2008 from 6:30 to 11pm.

Bi Laws: no report.

FRES Commission: Joe Williams-Commissioner.

Stated that John Searing Jr. has been appointed as Deputy Commissioner of FRES. A meeting took place with FEMA and the County to discuss the storage and supply trailers at Brookhaven Labs. The grant for college tuition is running out. We took in 1,400 new members and 130 are going to school at SCCC. He asked the Council to send a letter to Congressmen King and Bishop to continue the grant money. M/M/S/A.

The FEMA trailers are available for a major event and contain generators, tarps, and tents and will be coming next week. The FRES Commission has requested new signs to be installed by the Fire Academy.

Suffolk County Fire Academy: Chief Jerry Amato.

The August 3rd Firefighter graduation was postponed due to only 9 people attending. Will move to a date in October TBA. Deputy Director meeting Sunday, Sept. 28th at 1 pm. Bob Holley stated that on Saturday August 2nd, at 1 pm, there will be a bail out rope demonstration at the Fire Academy. The new pump test facility project will be completed at the end of August. NYS cut the budget by 1/3 and the County filed a lawsuit. The County will lose approx. \$130,000 to the Fire Academy. We need to send letters to our State Senators and Assembly in order to restore funds.

FRES Representative: Robert Holley.

No report.

Suffolk County Chief's Golf Tournament:

Mike DeFelice

September 22, 2008. Letters will be going out. M/M/S/A to advance \$2,000 to the golf tournament.

Haz-Mat Homeland Security:

No report.

Joint Councils: See VP report.

LIPA: 2nd V.P. Anthony LaFerrera.

No report.

New York State Association of Fire Chiefs:

Robert Holley.

Lake George conference will be June 11-13, 2008. Ron Barz replaced Ed Bush on the Committee. Both Ron Barz and Greg Anderson will be reappointed to State Chief's Council. He realizes there were some problems at the show. Let him know of any others and he will have full report at the Sept. meeting.

Hospitality Room: Edward C. Walsh.

The Council advanced \$2,000 for the Hospitality room. \$1,873.68 was collected in donations and \$744 was returned to the Council. The following Depts. donated to the Hospitality Room: Riverhead FD, TOB Chiefs, TOH Commissioners, ASI Fire/Rescue, Hauppauge FD, Fire News, Nassau County Fire Chiefs, FF Cancer Support Network, East Quogue FD, Cutchogue FD, Greenport FD, North Babylon FD, Nesconset FD, and Northport FD.

Installation Brunch: Jay Egan.

The brunch will be held on Sunday following the November meeting.

Radio Committee: Robert Knight.

No Report.

Laws and Legislation: Greg Anderson.

Stated that there was a discussion on the E-911 money, which come from cell phones. Of the 310 applications filed, 146 were approved, 92 denied, 69 are pending and 39 appealed. Of those, 12 were approved. A letter was sent to the State supporting a health insurance buy back. There was another bill on the Governor's desk waiting to be signed for a firefighter to be a member of 2 Fire Companies. A bill is sitting with the State Assembly for giving Peace Officer status to Fire Marshalls. Another bill in Albany to give firefighters an Income Tax rebate. Another bill is being written for villages and towns to receive money for code enforcement. NYS Chief's e-mail is up to date, funding is on Firehouse.com. The DEC is looking at live burn drills. They are getting very strict even at the Fire Academy. There is a website for info on alternative fuel vehicles: GMSTC.com. The NYS Assoc. of Fire Chiefs is looking to make improvements on their building.

Political Action Committee: Ronald Barz.

He stated that the Bishop/Israel HR061 bill has passed in the House Appropriation Committee and they are looking for it to pass in the Senate. There is a new bill from Westchester County to increase funds, bringing it to \$3,000,000. Congressman Tim Bishop will introduce the Bill and Congressman Peter King will support it. At the FASNY convention we will have a sit down meeting with everyone regarding the CFSI convention next year in order to have a unified front going into Washington for this convention. Congressman Steve Israel will be delayed going to the NYS Chief's Convention at Lake George. December 6th, at the East Farmingdale FD, will be a meeting with our local Congressman. The County Executive is taking 13 PO's off the LIE in order to save money. The money is there and we are looking for protection from the PD on these roads. The FF Cancer Support Network is looking for an old bell to donate to Congressman Steve Israel, who sits on the Appropriation Committee.

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

The last meeting was Tuesday night. The surveys came back from EMS providers about questioning good response. On the West End there was an increased amount of calls and on the East End recruitment and retention was the problem. A special meeting on the Response Committee will be held on Fire Island tba. The glucometer issue has been tabled to July 25th. Making CPAP into an EMT-CC skill is still in question. Positive things to report for new ALS equipment. July 1st is the deadline for the new ALS equipment. SCEMS can loan equipment for short term use. The electronic PCR's are a work in progress, hoping to have by the end of this year. A resolution was passed to make SCPD and Stonybrook core sponsors. The EMS health dept. to FRES issue will start an interview process at the end of the month. Sag Harbor FD was voted NYS Agency of the Year. The next meeting will be Tuesday Sept. 9th at SCEMS in Hauppauge. Jay Egan stated that the cost of the rollout and ALS equipment is approx. \$875 per bag and the Selden FD spent \$20,000 on this equipment.

REMSCO paid for the printing of the ALS guides for providers.

Wild Fire Task Force: Greg Anderson.

No Report.

Nominations Committee: Greg Anderson.

President: Scott Thebold

1st VP: Anthony V. LaFerrera

2nd VP: John Carney

Sgt.-at-Arms: Joseph D'Alessandro

Treasurer: John Urevich
Corr. Sec.: Rick Van de Kieft
Rec. Sec.: Rick Gimbl
WEBSITE: Greg Anderson

No Report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Scott Thebold.

Thanked all members for their support.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Anthony V. LaFerrera.

Wilbur Ritter Memorial form letter being sent out to change the criteria for a line of duty death. M/M/S/A to send letter. From the Joint Council meeting Bob Holley resigned his position on the V-board. There is a position open. We received 3 resumes and a discussion was made on the issue. A M/M/S/A to extend the deadline for resumes for 2 additional weeks.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT: Deacon Biala.

No Report.

SUFFOLK COUNTY VOL. FIREMAN'S

ASSOC.: Jerry Owenburg.

Golf tournament was postponed. New date tba.

Suffolk County Chief's Scholarship & Seminar:

Rick Van de Kieft.

He stated that the Certificates were printed and handed out to those who attended. The Scholarship awards, the checks have not gone out. We are trying to tie the Scholarship with the Firefighter graduation. You must go to school first to get the money.

TOWN PRESIDENTS:

Babylon Township: Anthony V. LaFerrera.

No Report.

Brookhaven Township: Michael Barry.

No representation.

East Hampton Township: Kent Howie.

No representation.

Huntington Township: Larry Cavanagh.

No representation.

Islip Township: John Carney.

Meeting Tuesday night at Fair Harbor 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.

No report.

Riverhead Township: Thomas Campanero.

No representation.

Suffolk County Vol. Ambulance Assoc.:

No representation.

OLD BUSINESS:

A discussion on the matter of CDL driver license for fire vehicles was made. A discussion on whether to pull LIPA meters was made.

NEW BUSINESS:

A question was brought up to the Council on whether NYS has a training trailer.

SUFFOLK COUNTY EMS: Karl Klug.

No representation.

COMMUNICATIONS: Rick Van de Kieft.

See correspondence.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

Jerry Owenburg.

Stated on August 8,9, and 10 there will be a balloon fest and joint muster in Brookhaven town. Jay Egan M/M/S/A to update Council stationary with past presidents. Rick Van de Kieft thanked Council for flowers at his brother's funeral. A motion for a donation for State Chief's building was made and tabled.

SGT.-AT-ARMS REPORT: John Carney.

Departments (27), Chiefs (2), Asst. Chief's (1),

Ex-Chief's (38), Guests (4).

Total Attendance: (45).

Dark Horse: \$86.00

Next Meeting: East Quogue Fire Department on Friday Sept. 12, 2008 at 7:30 pm.

TREASURER'S REPORT: John Urevich.

Checking..... \$3,707.81

FF Benefit Fund.....\$3,207.71

Money Market.....\$34,200.22

Total Assets:\$41,115.74

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

DARK HORSE: #02215862, #0225775

BENEDICTION: Offered by Rick Van de Kieft.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:05 p.m.

Next Meeting: East Quogue 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

Sept. 12, 2008

At

**EAST QUOGUE
FIRE DEPT.
456 Montauk Hwy.
East Quogue, N.Y. 11942
(631) 653-5101**

**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	Hauppauge
May 9	West Babylon
July 11	Southold
Sept.12	East Quogue
Nov 14	Mid Island

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