

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

The 307<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Suffolk County Fire Chief's Council was held at the East Quogue Fire Department on Friday, September 12, 2008. President Craig Zitek called the meeting to order at 8:25 PM.

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

**Invocation:** Offered by Rick Van de Kieft.

East Quogue Chief Lynn welcomed the Council and President Craig Zitek responded.

**Officers present** were President Craig Zitek, 1<sup>st</sup> V.P. Scott Thebold, 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P. Anthony V. LaFerrera, Sgt.-at-Arms John Carney, Treasurer John Urevich, and Recording Secretary Joseph D'Alessandro.

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

**Town Presidents / Officers** in attendance, Pres. Anthony V. LaFerrera-Babylon, Ed Boyd-Southold, Tom D'Arcangelo-Islip and Arron Sacks-South Hampton.

## **GUESTS:**

Dick Stockinger-Suffolk County Fire Academy, Jerry Owenburg-Suffolk County Burn Center, John Searing Jr.- Deputy Commissioner of Suffolk County FRES, Dan Harris - Chaplain Hampton Bays FD, and Mike Barry - BTFCC.

M/M/S/A to accept the minutes from the 306<sup>th</sup> meeting as posted on the web.

**MONTHLY PROGRAM:** Congressman Tim Bishop was introduced by Ron Barz. Spoke to the Council about SAFA Grants and Fire Academy.

## **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. 8<sup>th</sup>, 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:** no report.

**Suffolk County Burn Center:** Jerry Owenburg. Burn center was busy last month. Martha Clara fund raiser on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, \$35 per person. Anybody needing tickets see him tonight. The clean room at Stony Brook hospital is being built. Anyone wishing to get involved with the burn center see Jerry. Meeting Monday night. M/M/S/A to send Executive Board to Martha Clara.

**Bi Laws:** no report.

**FRES Commission:** John Searing Jr.-Deputy Commissioner.

Stated that Tier 1 equipment, a number of Depts. have not answered as to whether they want the equipment. A fifth notice has recently gone out. Please answer the notice. They have scheduled 6 additional trainings for September and if you are not interested in receiving, please let them know. The 4 FEMA trailers have now been delivered and contain shelter for approx. 500 people each and no perishables. The new Emergency Response guides are in. We received 6,600 on Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> and will distribute them much like last year. The Commissioner sent out a letter to the DMV Commissioner regarding inquiry about the necessity for a CDL for Fire Departments and Ambulance Companies. We have an unofficial answer from their web-based question system – "Fire and police vehicles when operated by authorized personnel in the line of duty don't need CDLs." UHF UTAC channels do not need license. Commissioner Williams sends his regards.

**Suffolk County Fire Academy:** Chief Dick Stockinger.

The FF1 graduation has been postponed until Sunday October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 10 am. All resumes for VEEB position should be turned in to Joint Council. Medal of Valor will be on Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, at 1 pm at the Bay Shore Fire Department. New pump test facility is moving along, estimated completion at the end of October. The State aid issue looks like will be losing 1/3 of the money. There will be a new formula for the calculation based on annual salaries. The County filed lawsuit with the State. We are asking for your support to change legislation on this. Ed

Walsh was added to the Program Development Staff. We will be adding a Fire Fighter orientation class to FF1. The Fire Fighter 2 National Certification will be on November 8th and 9th. NYS Fire Officer training switched to the NFPA Program. Fire Instructor program funding will be cut out for NYS. New info on Rope legislation. Bob Holey spoke about Rope regulations.

**FRES Representative:** Robert Holley.  
No report.

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

Mike DeFelice  
The tournament will be a week from Monday at Smithtown Landing. We will be going back to St. James FD for dinner and there will be a 9:30 shotgun start.

**Haz-Mat Homeland Security:**

No report.

**Joint Council:** Interviewing for V- Board member will be next Sunday, September 21st at 9 am at Mid Island FD.

**LIPA:** No report.

**New York State Association of Fire Chiefs:**

Don Corkery.  
He made the Board meeting in July. They are coming out of a financial crisis. The focus is on the Fire Expo at Lake George, June 11-13, 2009. The conference will be back at Ft. William Henry. Don was made Board Liaison. The Leadership Seminar is coming up, FASNY, Chiefs and Districts pledged to work together. All Boards and Presidents will be meeting together. The appeal for Wilbur Ritter was sent up to vote on Sept. 25th.

**Hospitality Room:** No report.

**Installation Brunch:** Jay Egan.

The brunch will be held on Sunday, November 16th at Majestic Gardens.

**Radio Committee:** Robert Knight.

Spare 800MHz and UHF MHz portable radios on command van. Departments cannot put neighbors UHF mobile frequencies in their base stations.

**Laws and Legislation:** Greg Anderson.

The Governor vetoed a bill that would legislate local government to reduce tax deductions. Letters are needed for legislative support on this issue. M/M/S/A to send a letter for Public Safety Officer Benefit.

**Political Action Committee:** Ronald Barz.

This year's forum will be held on Saturday, December 6th at 10 am at the East Farmingdale Fire House. CFSI will be held on April 2nd 2009. This will be the week before elections. Due to the high cost of the air travel, we are looking into going by bus

or car. We are also looking for a Hospitality Room. We are looking to change the format, for photo opps. and to speak to Aides in the Rayburn building. Fire Fighter Cancer Support Network is available to talk and work with any member needing it. Free PSA testing for our Fire Fighters will be held at North Shore/LIJ hospital.

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

In regards to EMS to FRES issue, REMSCO must have a meeting in Hauppauge. He thanked Bob Holley for addressing the Rope issue. A question was brought up about the JEMS conference in regards to CME's.

**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:** Craig Zitek.

He stated we had a good summer off and it's good to have Scott Thebold back.

**VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Scott Thebold.

VP stated he's glad to be back.

Anthony V. LaFerrera.

He attended the 911 ground breaking ceremony.

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

Attended a funeral service for Ex-Chief of Eastport FD. M/M/S/A to send Father Dan on a conference.

**SUFFOLK COUNTY VOL. FIREMAN'S**

**ASSOC.:** Jerry Owenburg.

Volly's dinner will be Saturday, October 18th at the Polish Hall in Riverhead. M/M/S/A to send Executive Board and a page in the journal.

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

Rick Van de Kieft.

He stated no awards were issued at this time. We need to get transcripts to get money.

**TOWN PRESIDENTS:**

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

No Report.

**Brookhaven Township:** Michael Barry.

The Drill Tournament Committee will be held at Patchogue FD on Friday night.

**East Hampton Township:** Kent Howie.

No representation.

**Huntington Township:** Larry Cavanagh.  
No representation.

**Islip Township:** Tom D'Arcangelo.  
Meeting will be Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Peconic Chief's:** Ted Rosko, Jr.  
No representation.

**Smithtown Township:** Sal Formica.  
No representation.

**Southampton Township:** Arron Sacks.  
Meeting will be held on Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> and a speaker from the National Grid will attend.

**Southold Township:** Edward Boyd.  
Meeting Monday Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> at Mattituck FD. The trip to Connecticut will be Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>, and the trip to the casino will be on Sunday, Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Riverhead Township:** Thomas Campanero.  
No representation.

**Suffolk County Vol. Ambulance Assoc.:**  
No representation.

**OLD BUSINESS:**  
M/M/S/A was made to send Executive Board and a full page journal add for the Emerald Society dinner in CI on Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>.

**NEW BUSINESS:**  
See nominations.

**SUFFOLK COUNTY EMS:** Karl Klug.  
No representation.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Rick Van de Kieft.  
See correspondence.

**GOOD AND WELFARE:**  
John Searing Jr.  
Thanked all who came at his Swearing-In Ceremony.  
Looking for Departments to host meetings for next year, 2 from the East, 2 from the West, and 2 from the middle.

**SGT.-AT-ARMS REPORT:** John Carney.  
Departments (31), Chiefs (7), Asst. Chief's (5),  
Ex-Chief's (44), Guests (4).  
Total Attendance: (60).  
Dark Horse: \$224.06  
Next Meeting: Mid Island Fire Department on Friday  
Nov. 14, 2008 at 7:30 pm.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** John Urevich.  
Checking..... \$968.69  
FF Benefit Fund.....\$3,299.88  
Money Market.....\$34,223.41  
Total Assets: .....\$38,491.98  
M/M/S/A/ to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted.

**DARK HORSE:** #892335, #892297, #892387

**BENEDICTION:** Offered by Father Dan.  
Meeting Adjourned: 10:00 p.m.  
Next Meeting: Mid Island Fire Department.

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

*Will be held on*

**Nov. 14, 2008**

*At*

**MID ISLAND  
FIRE DEPT.  
Arnold Drive  
Mid Island, N.Y. 11953  
(631) 924-3121  
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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