

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

The 310<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Suffolk County Fire Chief's Council was held at the Sayville Fire Department on Friday, March 13, 2009. President Scott Thebold called the meeting to order at 8:05 PM.

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

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

Sayville Chief Larry Sesso welcomed the Council and President Scott Thebold responded.

**Officers present** were President Scott Thebold 1<sup>st</sup> V.P. Anthony V. LaFerrera, 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P. John Carney Sgt.-at-Arms Joe D'Alessandro, Treasurer John Urevich, Corresponding Secretary Rick Van de Kieft Recording Secretary Rick Gimbl.

**Past Presidents** in attendance were Robert Holley, Ronald P. Barz, Greg Anderson, Bill Murray, Craig Zitek, Michael DeNicolo and Don Corkery.

**Town Presidents / Officers** in attendance, Pres. Anthony V. LaFerrera-Babylon, Tom D'Arcangelo-Islip. Larry Cavanagh Huntington, Mike Barry Brookhaven, James Nolan Babylon, Chuck Duffy Smithtown, Ed Boyd Southold.

## **GUESTS:**

FRES, JohnSearing Deputy Commissioner, Dick Stockinger-Suffolk County Fire Academy, Jerry Owenburg-Suffolk County Burn Center, Bruce Johnson Intl Code Council, Rich Vella SCVFA 1VP, Bob McKenna USCG., Ed Tully FC-3 Fire Police, Greg James FC-32, Steve Jones Suff. Water Co., Eugene Petricevich 2ndVP BHTF Districts, John Pedneault Bohemia.

## **MONTHLY PROGRAM:**

USCG Commander McKenna spoke on the upcoming training with the FD and looking for another year of great relationships. Helicopter will not be coming back to Long Island, however, when called for it responds in a timely fashion.

Water Company From Steve Jones and Hermann Miller spoke briefly on the private hydrants program. They just check private fire hydrants and do not pressure test them. They will be at our next meeting to do a complete program in May at Central Islip FD.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

M/M/S/A to accept the minutes from the 309th meeting which was passed out tonight.

**Correspondance:** Rick Van de Kieft.

Recvd letter from SCVFA for donation for their hospitality room at the 137 th Annual Convention. Letter recvd from the SCV Burn Center for the yearly one dollar per member campaign. 15 letters were written to all State Assembly and Senators for support on bills for CDL License as per

joint council. Recvd hole sponsor application for the Glenn Petit Foundation Golf Outing.

**Arson Task Force:** Dick Keller-No Report

**Suffolk County Burn Center:** Craig Zitek reported that the clean room being built. Center is at Full Staff. Recognition Day is May 17, 1PM at Stony Brook Health Center. Red Knight benefit ride on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. All proceeds will be divided for all three burn centers

**By Laws:** Looking into activating committee

**FRES Commission:** Deputy Commissioner John Searing. Safir Grant 1.4 million is not going to happen for the second half. We are in an Appeal process to obtain the grant back. New Chiefs Seminar coming up May 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Fire Academy. Info going out next week from FRES to each Dept.

**Suffolk County Fire Academy:** Chief Stockinger-Field opens March 18 for probie training and April 2<sup>nd</sup> for live burns. Intro to Fire Officers at Riverhead FD Wednesday nights May 13, 20, 27 and June 3, 10, 17 both 7pm start. Fire Service Instructor 1 Pilot Program April 16 -19 and April 24-26. On web site for registration, \$85.00 fee for books, \$25.00 for National Certification. Hazmat Tech Course May 2,3,9,16,17, on line registration. ICS 400 (20 hours) April 20,21,22(4hrs) Women in the fire service seminar postponed until further notice. OFPC classes must be requested thru County Coordinator which is Joe Williams. New email system. for important notifications. To sign up send email to fansscfali.org to sign up.

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

Mike DeFelice NO Report.

## **Haz-Mat Homeland Security:**

Rick Gimbl reported that again there was not a quorum. Will be asking the FRES Commission to disband the committee.

**LIPA:** No report.

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

Don Corkery. Discussed Turning Stone, Verona, NY. The hotel at Turning stone is sold out. Still rooms available in East Syracuse and around the area. Will have a lottery system next year. On Sat. night there will be a clam bake info is on the web site. Buses will be avail. from Turning Stones. New legislation again on belong to two fire depts. CDL license came up and wants change of language. They will add going back to fire house however they may require CDL for other travels such as mechanics. Rope Rescue law still in appeal process. You still must do your surveys. New language should be coming out soon the head of the Labor Dept.

**Suffolk Districts: Don Corkery**

Bad turnout 160 people we had to guarantee 300. We finally reached 210 and got charged for 235. Looking to possibly combine chiefs and district for next year. Next mtg May 21 at Gordon Heights.

**Hospitality Room:** Will not be running one because of the attendance. . If there is a good turnout we will open one of our rooms and have beer and soda.

**Installation Brunch:** November 15, 2009

**Radio Committee:** Robert Knight.

Still no rep from Suffolk Chiefs. FCC change the labrling of the U-tack channels. Still the same frequencies.

**Laws and Legislation:** Greg Anderson.

Bill to have fire Apparatus display Blue Lights on the rear. MMSA to purchase code books. Trying to get the Heart Bill to be a permanent law. On line training for Fire Marshals and Code Enforcement personnel. Bill in for funding for training for Code Enforcement.

**Political Action Committee:** Ronald Barz.

Everything ready for the April trip. Cancer group is having their first Golf Outing on May 4, in Hauppauge, please support the group by being a hole sponsor or by having a foursome.

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

Letter from County Executive to NYS Health commenting merging EMS with FRES. Interviews on April 30 on the merge. Documentation on testing Glucometer.

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

No Report.

**WEBSITE:** Greg Anderson

Please update your meetings and new officers from your councils..

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** C Scott Thebold

Thanks for everyone for attending. Joint Council met and discussed CDL, letters went out to political people, letters out to support the Burn Center from budget cuts, we have to stay on top of things especially with the fiscal cuts. We will support you and your organization, please let us know of any problems you need our support on.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:** Anthony V. LaFerrera

May 20 EMS Memorial Induction at State Plaza, we have some from the island. Need attendance at the seminar on March 27, at BNL.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:** John Carney

No report

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

Please let us know when you have a wake service and funeral. We do not have ESP so you must alert us and we will be there to present a Bible to the family.

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

Rich Vella\_ Next Meeting March 24. at Lindenhurst Pavillion. May 3<sup>rd</sup> is the annual memorial service at Bayport FD

**Suffolk County Fire Police:** Ed Tully

Manual for Fire police were sent out to all chiefs. Frequency 46.50 is used for Fire Police and use plain language. Went well during Line Of Duty Police Officer wake and funeral. Need Fire Police Coordinator for South Fork..

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

No report

**TOWN PRESIDENTS:**

**Babylon Township:** James Nolan.

Next meeting is on March 18 at Babylon FD. Hosting seminar on Garden Apts. April 27 at North Babylon FD.

**Brookhaven Township:** Michael Barry.

Next Meeting March 20 @ Wading River FD

**East Hampton Township:** Kent Howie.

No representation.

**Huntington Township:** Larry Cavanagh.

Next meeting 3/30/09

**Islip Township:** Tom D'Arcangelo.

Next meeting 3/17/09 Bay Shore . We are running a Mock Trial this Sunday at Tauro College. It will be a trial on a motor vehicle Accident with a fire truck.

**Peconic Chief's:** Ted Rosko, Jr.

No representation.

**Smithtown Township:** 1<sup>st</sup>.V.P. Kriklava.

Next meeting in April 2,Nissequogue

**Southampton Township:** Arron Sacks.

**Southold Township:** Edward Boyd.

NIMS 300 @ Greenport, April 27 and next two consecutive Sundays skipping Mothers Day.

**Riverhead Township:** Thomas Campanero.

No representation.

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

No representation.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

MMSA to pay \$150 to the Burn Center.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

M/M/S/A to send a foursome to the Cancer Golf Outing. Looking to have members show up in class A uniform on March 24<sup>th</sup> 6:30PM at the County legislatures Building in Hauppauge for the hydrant bill .M/M/S/A to elect Jay Eagan as our rep to the FRES Board. M/M/S/A for \$100.00 for hospitality room for the FASNY Convention.Chieg Gimbl brought up a joint venture with the USMC and us to have a food drive to support the soup kitchens around the County. We will be asking for each FD to donate \$100.00 of food and will have the marines pick it up.

Again this is in the infant stage and more info will follow as we further put this together .Looking for a motion to continue this project. M/M/S/A to continue this project. M/M/S/A to purchase Tee Shirts with Marine and our Logo on them. We will also put out a press release to let everyone one know.

**National Code Council** Bruce Johnson

Progress.

**SUFFOLK COUNTY EMS:** Karl Klug.

No representation.

**GOOD AND WELFARE:**

Ex Chief Fallon from Hauppauge FD is in St.

Catherines with a hip fracture.

**SGT OF ARMS** Joe D'allesandro

10 Chiefs, 9 Assistant Chiefs, 48 Ex Chiefs, 9

Guests, Total in attendance 76. 35 Departments,

Collected \$205.00 in Dark Horse.

Next Meeting: Central Islip on Friday May 8, 2009 at 7:00PM.

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

M/M/S/A to accept Treas. Report

**DARK HORSE:** # 1706556, # 1706468, # 1706317

Total \$ 205.00

**BENEDICTION:** Offered by Rick Van de Kieft

Meeting Adjourned: 09:55 p.m.

**Next Meeting: Central Islip  
Fire Department.**

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

*Will be held on*

**May 8, 2009**

*At*

**Central Islip FD.  
97 Carelton Ave.  
(631) 5234-9145**

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

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**Council Meetings**

<u>2009</u>	<u>Location</u>
Jan. 9	West Islip
Mar. 13	Sayville
May 8	Central Islip
July 10	
Sept.11	
Nov 13	

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