

Fire Chief's Council of Suffolk County, Inc.

The 311th meeting of the Suffolk County Fire Chief's Council was held at the Commack Fire Department on Friday, May 8, 2009. 1st Vice President Anthony LaFerrera called the meeting to order at 8:20 PM.

Flag salute was led by Sgt.-at-Arms Joe D'Alessandro

Invocation: Offered by Rick Van de Kieft. Commack Chief Steve Fontana welcomed the Council and 1st VP President Anthony LaFerrera responded.

Officers present were V.P. Anthony V. LaFerrera, 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, Jay Eagan, Don Corkery and Ed Walsh.

Town Presidents / Officers in attendance, Pres. Mike Barry, Brookhaven, Tom D'Arcangelo, Islip, Tom Kriklava, Smithtown, Chip Bancroft, Southampton, Carleton Raab, Southold, Bruce Talmage, SCVAC

GUESTS:

FRES, John Searing Deputy Commissioner, Dick Stockinger-Suffolk County Fire Academy, Greg Zitik, -Suffolk County Burn Center., Greg James FC-32, Steve Jones Suff. Water Co., Eugene Petricevich 2nd VP BHTF Districts, Herman Miller & Stan Carey - Suffolk County Water Authority, Steve Silverman - FRES FC 30

MONTHLY PROGRAM:

Water Company From Stan Carey and Hermann Miller spoke on the private hydrants program. 1st VP LaFerrera thanked them and presented them with our pin.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

M/M/S/A to accept the minutes from the 310th meeting which was passed out tonight.

Correspondance: Rick Van de Kieft.

Letters were written to all state Senators and Assembly people concerning the CDL Bill and funding of State Code Books. Letter to Commissioner Joe Williams re: Nomination for Jay Eagan for a 2 year Fres Comm. Term. Letter recvd from Marc Alesi State Assemblyman Ref> Bill A.60.51 Letter recvd from Floyd A. Madison State FireAdmin. Ref. funding of Fire Prevention & Building Code Books. Sent in info to Chief F.M. Warren Horst for update of 2009 Directory. Thank you letter from family of Ex Chief Fred Wouters. Letter sent to County Executive

Levy re: 4 FRES positions that may be slated for layoffs, supporting their positions. Bible & letter sent to wife of Ex Chief Paul Quarry- Greenport FD
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. Always looking for people to join the board.

By Laws: Looking into activating committee

FRES Commission: Deputy Commissioner John Searing. Remember two more weeks for filing grant application. Congrats to John for being accepted into the Harvard Fire Fellowship Program.

Suffolk County Fire Academy: Chief Stockinger-Pump house now available for scheduled pump tests. Letters for poll Re: daytime training and Boot Camp for FF1 High School Students went out on April 15th. Received only a few responses. National Certification for Firefighter 1 & 2 on August 22 & 23, 2009.

Working with Corning Community College for credit for OFPC classes. FF1- 5 credits, EMT - 8 Credits, Fire Instructor 1- 3 credits. Ed Walsh is working on this. Open enrollment no shows have increased, have waiting list for all classes. Please Review Policy and call so we can fill seat. Intro to Fire Officer May 13w, 20, 27 and June 3, 10, 17 still room. Wednesday nights @ riverhead FD.

Suffolk County Chief's Golf Tournament:

Mike DeFelice - September 28, Smithtown Landing, \$115.00 per golfer. Invites going out this month. M/M/S/A to increase hole sponsor to \$75.00. Any questions give me a call, my number is on the web site.

Haz-Mat Homeland Security:

Rick Gimbl reported that this committee is no longer, approved at the last FRES Commission Meeting for lack of attendance at meetings.

LIPA: No report.

New York State Association of Fire Chiefs:

Don Corkery. Discussed Turning Stone, Verona, NY. Still rooms available in East Syracuse and around the area. If you have rooms and not using them, please see me. Oneida Nation has agreed to pay several Million in taxes to Oneida County. Golf Tournament 115.00 per Golfer. 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. Met with Falling Firefighters Committee, discussed voting criteria. A lot of controversy. Came

up with list that qualifies and criteria for the Fallen Firefighter Memorial.

Suffolk Districts: Don Corkery

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: Jay Eagan- November 15, 2009. 11AM – 3PM \$100.00 Per Couple at Majestic Gardens

Radio Committee: Robert Knight.
Still no rep from Suffolk Chiefs.

Laws and Legislation: Greg Anderson.
CDL Being re-written and should pass both houses. All Depts should have their risk assessments completed by June for Rope rescue. Dave Fischler reported on 70% cut in the Safir Grant. M/M/S/A to send letter to our representatives to fully fund the Fire Act and to keep at \$90 million for 2010..

Political Action Committee: Ronald Barz.
Good turnout at this years CFSI .

Regional E.M.S. Council: Edward Boyd.
Discussed merger, asked upstate Health id there will be any cuts in funds if we merge, no answer yet. Next meeting May 12, At the Dennison Bldg.

Wild Fire Task Force: Greg Anderson.
Attendance not going well.

WEBSITE: Greg Anderson
Please update your meetings and new officers from your councils..

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: C Scott Thebold
Unable to attend due to his Fire Dept Function. He sent his thanks to Bob Holley and John Urivich for their time and great work at CFSI hospitality room.

1st Vice President: Anthony V. LaFerrera
Seminar was successful. M/M/S/A to send Anthony to Baltimore to hear the speakers for next years Seminar. M/M/S/A to send letter to BNL for their support and to thank them for their support. Thanked Bob Holey and John Urivich for their work on our hospitality room at CFSI. Discussion on the monies going to State Police from Phone surcharges. Funding for our 911 system is going down . In next years contract there is zero dollars. M/M/S/A to send letter to support the funding of E911 bill surcharge for wireless service.

2nd 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.

Firefighters Support Group: Ron Barz Thanks to all who attended the first annual Golf outing. It was a

great success. Next year it will be held on May 3, 2010 We are looking for members from each dept. to be on committee so we have better communications. M/M/S/A to send \$200.00 to Makayla Marquies Fund raiser.

SUFFOLK COUNTY VOL. FIREMAN'S ASSOC.: Rich Vella Thanks to all who attended the annual memorial service at Bayport FD

Suffolk County Fire Police: Ed Tully, No report
Suffolk County Chief's Scholarship & Seminar:
No report

TOWN PRESIDENTS:

Babylon Township:

Brookhaven Township: Mike Barry

East Hampton Township: Kent Howie.

Huntington Township: Larry Cavanagh.

Islip Township: Tom D'Arcangelo.

Peconic Chief's: Ted Rosko, Jr.

Smithtown Township: Tom. Kriklava.

Reported on PESH and OSHA visiting Fire Depts. unannounced.

Southampton Township: Chip Bancroft

Southold Township: Carelton Raab

Riverhead Township: Thomas Campanero.

Suffolk County Vol. Ambulance Assoc.: Bruce Talmage

OLD BUSINESS:

Suffolk county Fire Chiefs Council Food Drive- Rick Gimbl reported that we will be sending letters out to ask each dept. to donate \$100.00 to our council for food Then we will visit Restaurant Depot and buy the amount collected and purchase pallets of food. And bring them to Long Island Cares, M/M/S/A to send letters. Gil Hanse reported from Babylon Fire Marshals Office that they will be holding a Wounded Warriors Ride again this year on July 24 10AM. Any questions or willing to participate call his office at 957-3009. Rick Gimbl asking for support for the Homecoming of a wounded Soldier in his district. Asking for tower ladders for arch ways and other units to participate in the homecoming parade on May 16, 11AM.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dave Fischler thanked everyone for the support for him to serve on the Ambulance Standards Committee for NFPA. He was elected Chairperson. M/M/S/A for \$500.00 to Support John Searing Dep. Commissioner while attending the Harvard Fellowship Program. M/M/S/A for \$100.00 sponsor for the JOLT Tournament being held in Northport on may 9,2009. M/M/S/A to purchase a pole and clamps for our banner. M/M/S/A for \$200.00 donation for arthritis walk at Belmont Lake park on May 16, 2009.

National Code Council Bruce Johnson
Progress.

SUFFOLK COUNTY EMS: Karl Klug.
No representation.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

Jim Vaz son was in a motorcycle accident and is serious condition . .Past President home recuperating from cancer

SGT OF ARMS Joe D'allesandro
6 Chiefs, 11 Assistant Chiefs, 49 Ex Chiefs, 10
Guests, Total in attendance 76. 37 Departments,
Collected \$211.00 in Dark Horse.

Next Meeting: North Lindenhurst on Friday July 10,
2009 at 7:00PM.

TREASURER'S REPORT: John Urevich.

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

DARK HORSE: # 8339852, # 8339776 Total
\$211.00

BENEDICTION: Offered by Rick Van de Kieft
Meeting Adjourned: 10:35 p.m.

**Next Meeting: North
Lindenhurst Fire Department.
July 10, 7PM**

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

Will be held on

JULY 10, 2009

At

**NORTH LINDENHURST
FD.
1630 STRAIGHT PATH
(631) 957-1457**

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

COUNCIL OFFICERS

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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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