

Fire Chief's Council of Suffolk County, Inc.

The 313th meeting of the Suffolk County Fire Chief's Council was held at the East Quogue Fire Department on Friday, September 18, 2009. President Scott Thebold called the meeting to order at 8:05 PM.

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

Invocation: Offered by Rick Van de Kieft.

East Quogue Chief Aaron Sacks welcomed the Council and 1st VP President Anthony LaFerrera responded.

Officers present were President Scott Thebold, 1st V.P. Anthony V. LaFerrera, 2nd Vice President 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 Ed Busch, Mike DE Nicolo, Ronald P. Barz, Greg Anderson, Jay Egan, Bob Holley, Craig Zitek and Ed Walsh.

Town Presidents / Officers in attendance, Pres. Tom D'Arcangelo, Islip, Larry Cavanagh, Huntington, Tom Kriklava, Smithtown,

GUESTS:

S.C.F. Academy Bob Holley, Ex Chief Tony Cruz FF Cancer Support Network, Chaplain from 6th & 8th Divisions Philip DiDomenico, Chaplain Charles Huber North Babylon FD., Bruce Johnson, ICC Council.

MONTHLY PROGRAM:

Bruce Johnson reported on the Builders Association want to pull back the Sprinklers Code. Important to get to Baltimore on October 24 & 25 to vote. You must be a ICC member, 4 per department. Also discussion on light weight construction.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

M/M/S/A to accept the minutes of the April 312th meeting of the council.

Correspondance: Rick Van de Kieft.

Letters written to all Town Presidents to attend tonights meeting. Thank you cards from the Gillespie and Baucum Families

Arson Task Force: Dick Keller-Arson Budget reduced. Talked about the soda bottle bombs, 2010 budget is \$15,000., training \$12,000. Case load lower than last year.

Suffolk County Burn Center: Craig Zitek
Clean room is in process of being built by a \$285,000 grant. Call ahead when a FF is going to the hospital with burns. This way we can send a member out to make sure everything is going well. Phone numbers are on the web site. Tickets still on sale for Martha Clara's fund raiser. M/M/S/A to send the executive board to night at Clara's Vinyards.

By Laws: Looking into activating committee, October 8th West Islip FD , 7PM see 1st VP Carney.

FRES Commission: Commissioner Joe Williams. Warren Horst promoted to Chief of Fire Rescue.

Trying to get health insurance to our firefighters and EMS volunteers through the county, sent out letters to chief officers to see if any members interested. Ot of 12,000 volunteers only 100 responded. WE need more to bargain with the insurance companies. Sent out MOU for the FDNY to all Chiefs only 50 were interested. We need more to participate. Please go back to your depts.. and send in to us by the end of the month. H1N1 info changes daily. We will keep you informed. The Suffolk health Commissioner says all first responders should get the Flu shot at this time. Commissioner also expressed how wrong it is that President of FASNY told Roger Putnam he is no longer on the Firefighter of the year committee. M/M/S/A to send letter to FASNY on our support for Roger to remain on the Committee. The Suffolk Volleys also reported on same and are sending letters. Commissioner was very concerned and told that he didn't want to step on anybody toes, that he is talking on behalf of himself.

Question was raised on the grounding of any PD helicopters, Commissioner reported he investigated the rumor and has not heard anything to prove otherwise.

Greg James FC 2 reported how busy it was this past summer with many funerals. They are looking into putting a funeral detail manual together to make it easier to put a detail together. When Fire Police are called out through the County Mutual Aid Plan, they are covered per Commission Williams.

Suffolk County Fire Academy: Deputy Chief Bob Holley Medal of Valor on Sunday September 27, 2009 at 1PM at the performing Arts Center in Westhampton Beach. Firefighter 1 graduation on Saturday October 3, 2009 at 10:am at the Fire Academy . Due to budget reductions, we had to cancel the extra sessions given to departments above their annual allotment of 6. Contingency plans are being set for next year in case we have an unfavorable decision on the law suit regarding the state aid. Marty Albert stepped down from the VEEB Board. Anyone interested, send letter to the academy.

Suffolk County Chief's Golf Tournament: Mike DeFelice – September 28, Smithtown Landing, full at this time. Need more hole sponsors.

Joint Council- resident Thebold reported on getting prices for the plaque at the academy. We are working together and will be meeting in November.

LIPA: No report.

New York State Association of Fire Chiefs: Ron Barz, reported on next years convention.

Rooms available outside of Turning Stone for next year Chiefs Convention.

Suffolk Districts: Don Corkery

Hospitality Room: 100.00 per couple. November 15 at Majestic Gardens . Shirts, hats and pull –over’s are on sale, see me after the meeting.

Installation Brunch: Jay Eagan- November 15, 2009. 11AM – 3PM \$100.00 Per Couple at Majestic Gardens. Flyers out. Shirts, hats and pull –overs are on sale, see me after the meeting

Radio Committee: Robert Knight.

Shortage on Base Stations low band antennas. 46.38 is still the county wide mutual aid freq. So if you’re on high band, still keep the low band in your vehicles and portables.

Laws and Legislation: Greg Anderson.

Moving slow upstate. Anyone who is in the World trade center program, flu shots are free. VP LaFerrera reported to the County Legislature on the PSAP bill. Blue Light Bill is moving slowly, we will meet with Senator Foley to discuss this bill. Any questions concerning the Ryan White Act see Greg Anderson.

Political Action Committee: Ronald Barz.

Will have the same room at CFSI to meet our political people. NO lunch . Congressman Bishop & King got \$285,000 for Burn Center.

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

NYS Dept. of Health has informed Suffolk County that the proposed transfer to FRES has been turned down. Suffolk will appeal the decision. Info gathered during the hearings y REMSCO is being collated and will be published as a report on the State of EMS in the County along with recommendations for future development. Application approved to substitute Halesite Fire District for Halesite Fire Dept. Response Sub Committee will hold an information gathering session on Tuesday October 13, at Hauppauge FD to continue work on the “restraint protocol”. REMAC subcommittee on PMI will meet at 1700 hrs on Tuesday, October 13 at Hauppauge also. Two Suffolk County award winners, Dr Carl Goodman and the Bay Shore-Brightwaters VAC were selected as NYS EMS Physician of the year and EMS Agency of the year respectively. Lengthy discussion was held on Federal, State/County plans to deal with a potential H1N1 outbreak. Next meeting will be held at 1900 hrs on November 10th, 2009 at Hauppauge.

Wild Fire Task Force: Greg Anderson.

Attendance not going well.

WEBSITE: Greg Anderson

Please update your meetings and new officers from your councils. Will be updating the new chiefs.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT: C Scott Thebold

Thank You for coming tonight. Constant contact with FRES Commissioner and the Deputy Commissioner.

My heart goes out to Rick Van de Kieft, and his group for attending all the funerals since our last meeting. The Suffolk EMS is looking into putting three reps on the FRES Commission .M/M/S/A to send letters to all legislatures opposing three positions. We are ok with two but not three. Suffolk Volley’s also sending letters. I am asking for a meeting with Presiding Officer Bill Lindsey to discuss this. Food Drive is in progress, please send \$100.00 per dept. to our Treasurer. We are planning on issuing a check to Long Island Cares in October.

1st Vice President: Anthony V. LaFerrera

Seminar Looking into a presenter for this years seminar. Looking for the dates of the townships seminars so we do not interfere. Smithtown Historical Society Ball is honoring Father Dan October 29 at the WaterMill. M/M/S/A to send Dick Keller and his wife and Our President and his wife plus a half page journal add. Assembly Bill 1159 is to give Suffolk County FF’s and EMS personnel to get 5 points for any civil Service exam. M/M/S/A to send letter to get this bill passed to our assembly and Senate reps.

2nd Vice President: John Carney

Looking into a committee to work on Line of Duty Death, a rep from each township to join next committee mtg at West Islip. If interested please contact me.

CHAPLAIN’S REPORT: Rick Van de Kieft.

New Chaplains on board. Bibles have to be ordered. Chaplains from Huntington Manor is becoming a member of the International Chaplain Association. We thank our new chaplains and they are here tonight.

Firefighters Cancer Support Group: Ron Barz

General Meeting October 28, 2009 7:30 Hicksville FD On October 26, Fire News is sponsoring a seminar on Single Family dwelling fires, proceeds will go to the Cancer Support Group. all welcome. Mentoring 82 FF’s, 9 family members and 5 EMS. Ask that your commissioners put into your annual medicals a PSA test.

SUFFOLK COUNTY VOL. FIREMAN’S

ASSOC.: Long Island day at the home is Sept. 20, 1:30 pm, food to follow.

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., thanks for the turn out and thanks for all the support from FRES

Islip Township: Tom D'Arcangelo. Golf Outing October 12 and dinners on October 18 at Capt. Bills in Bay Shore.

Peconic Chief's: Ted Rosko, Jr.

Smithtown Township: Tom. Kriklava, thanks for all who came out for the funeral services for ex Chief from Kings Park.

Southampton Township: Chip Bancroft, working on dispatching for water rescue and procedures , draft written.

Southold Township: Carelton Raab, Fund Raiser October 18, at the casino.

Riverhead Township: Thomas Campanero.

Suffolk County Vol. Ambulance Assoc.: Bruce Talmage

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion on EMS move to FRES. REMAC is working on protocols regarding PMI(people with mental illness) it is tying up police officers in the county and taking them off the road. Meeting on this is October 13 , 5PM in Hauppauge.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nominating committee read off the nominations for all positions on the executive board. No changes this year .M/M/S/A for \$500.00 for Father Dan to attend International Fire Chaplains Association in California.

National Code Council Bruce Johnson
Progress.

SUFFOLK COUNTY EMS: Karl Klug.
No representation.

GOOD AND WELFARE: Suffolk County Volleys hosting 2010 FASNY Convention in Hauppauge. Meeting on Sept. 30 at West Babylon. Rich Vella thanked Ron Barz and the Cancer network for their support and as my mentor. Round of applause for Rich and his good health. Discussion on bill in Albany for Peace Officers especially for our Fire Marshals.

SGT OF ARMS Joe D'allesandro

67in attendance,7 Chiefs, 10Assistant Chiefs, 44 Ex Chiefs, 6Guests, 32 Departments, Collected \$242.00 in Dark Horse.

Next Meeting: Riverhead on Friday November 13 2009 at 7:00PM.

TREASURER'S REPORT: John Urevich.

FF Benefit Fund \$4,073.42, Chck Acct. \$ 4, 825.99, Money Market \$ 23,880.51, Total \$ 32,779.92

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

DARK HORSE: # 200962, # 200908, # 200957, #201012 Total \$242.00

BENEDICTION: Offered by Rick Van de Kieft
Meeting Adjourned: 10:00 p.m.

**Next Meeting: Riverhead Fire
Department. November 13,
8PM**

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

Will be held on

November 13, 2009

At

**Riverhead FD.
(631) 727-2751**

**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	North Lindenhurst
Sept.18	East Quogue
Nov 13	

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