

Fire Chief's Council of Suffolk County, Inc.

The 314th meeting of the Suffolk County Fire Chief's Council was held at the Riverhead Fire Department on Friday, November 13, 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. Riverhead Chief Robert Zaweski 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 William Murray, Ron Barz, Greg Anderson, Jay Egan, Bob Holley, Michael DeNicolo.

Town Presidents / Officers in attendance, Pres. Mike Barry Brookhaven, Chip Bancroft, Tom D.Arcangelo Islip, Southampton, and Carelton Bancroft Southold

GUESTS:

Fire Districts SNY Eugene Petrovich, S.C.F.Academy Dick Stockinger, and Ray Keisel, Suffolk Amb. Chiefs Bruce Talmage, Ex Chief Tony Cruz FF Cancer Support Network, Chaplain Charles Huber North Babylon FD. Chaplain Phil D'Domenico, And Nassau Chiefs Executive Board

MONTHLY PROGRAM: Riders Fire Club gave presentation on their club and how they raise money for indigent Fire Fighters. They also adopt a family during Christmas and collect toys. M/M/S/A to donate \$500.00 to the Riders Club

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Correspondance: Rick Van de Kieft.

Thank you from Quogue FD for their past funeral. FASNY Educator of the year application, Thank Greg Anderson for letters of our Council and up to date.

Arson Task Force: Dick Keller-K9 very busy in Suffolk & Southampton. Budget cut for the Arson Task force especially for training. Arson Squad has asked to call them ASAP so they can interview first arriving units. Also Town Fire Marshals because they have knowledge of the commercial properties as well as vacant buildings. Thirty people indicted this year. Take pictures of the scene and also the crowd.

Juvenile Fire Setters Program lost contract. RFP to renew for a 3yr program. Next meeting Jan 13, 2010

Suffolk County Burn Center: Craig Zitek

Busy as usual, Changing the nursing staff, new nurse manager, she is very gone ho and looking to see

things move ahead. Clean room and skin bank moving along slow but moving along. Martha Clara Event went well and thanks to all who attended. 466 people attended.

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

FRES Commission: Commissioner Joe Williams. Thank the Fire Academy and all the departments that went to Buffalo for attending the Tech Rescue training. They did a fantastic job up there. It is important to send in the Fire Reports to the state. It is important for receiving grant money meeting. Some comments were made that depts. are sending them up and they say did not receive them. If you sent them and they say they did not receive them, I will be very happy to follow up for you and complain.

Suffolk County Fire Academy: Chief Stockinger reports; 2010 budget legislature voted to put back \$50K in our budget. Will be cutting overhead. There will still be reductions in training since we cannot overcome state aid losses. Starting January 2010 monthly scheduled will be emailed to save on postage, also on website. Field drills Lottery held today. Pump Tests will now be conducted year round starting in January 2010. Veeb Board position open, send inquiries to the Fire Academy. Graduation ceremony went well, we had 138 graduates with 150 people showed up. Chief from Selden thanked the Fire Academy for the logistics in Tech Rescue for Buffalo.

Suffolk County Chief's Golf Tournament: 1st VP gave report for Mike. Total income \$18,505.00, Expenses \$15,781.15 profit \$2,723.85. 1st Vice President thanked Mike for a great job.

Joint Council- President Thebold reported met had a good meeting, moving right along.

LIPA: No report.

New York State Association of Fire Chiefs: Don Corkery reported Fire 2010 top two hotels booked. NYS PESH was at Patchogue and asked about the Rope Law. All you need now is to survey of the buildings in your district. The inspector gave them a hard time it was ironed out and they are fine and in compliance. Do your Surveys and sit tight until litigation is done. We have Rich Messina from Nassau moving up to 2nd Vice President of NYS Chiefs Assoc., M/M/S/A to send letter in support.

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.

Progress

Laws and Legislation: Greg Anderson.

Fire Grant approved for 390 million, 175 million less than last year, Increased Safer Grant actually doubled it to 420 Million. Preventing Federal Taxation of incentives for Volunteer Firefighters – LOSAP benefits. Funding for State Fire Training Systems. Ryan White Act Language replaced. Please ensure all departments have infectious disease Officer designated. Congress passed but not signed yet the Volunteer Responder Incentive Protection Act for Federal tax credit. Also the house passed the Volunteer Job Protection for FF's where a disaster is declared by the President FF's won't lose their jobs. Residential Sprinkler Requirements were passed again in Baltimore. On the State level legislation signed for tax filing check-off for donation for retention and recruitment. Thanks to Senator Brian Foley and Assemblyman Sweeney. Myself, Rick Gimbl and Ron Barz met with Brian Foley to discuss the Blue light legislation, Should be passed next year. Still working on Health Insurance legislation, Cancer Impairment legislation, background etc. Senator Foley and Assemblyman Sweeney has been very supportive on our issues upstate. Suffolk County Legislature overrode County Executive Veto on \$50,000 for the Fire Academy. Suffolk county legislation passed Legislature Horsely's surcharge from cell phones to have \$.30 surcharge from cell phones to go to PSAP's with a guaranteed 20% going to secondary PSAP's. Legislatures tabled the resolution on additional members from the Ambulance Chiefs to the FRES Commission. They wanted to increase it to two. We fought it to keep as all of the other agencies reps to two.

Political Action Committee: Ronald Barz.

December Meeting of Nassau and Suffolk Chiefs with Congressional members will be on December 12, 2009 at Jericho FD. Starting at 10AM Congressional Dinner in Washington will be on April 29, 2010, \$275.00. Setting up tour of Arlington Cemetery on April 28, Will have meeting in the Cannon Office Building on April 29 between 2-3PM. Cost of room is \$226.00 per room. You can go to the Congressional Fire Service Institute registration page and follow drop downs on page.

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

Meeting held Tuesday, November 10th. Relaxed on H1N1 and flu shots required by Hospital, Schools and

health care workers. Chair and Vice chair coordinating the preparation of the REMSCO working Group's report on the status of EMS in Suffolk County, which should be ready for January's meeting. Considering a transfer of operating Authority application for a minor change in name from Wading River Fire Dept. to Wading River Fire District. Response committee working on better methods to communicate to Deaf/Blind patients. A successful ceremony was held at Bay Shore Brightwaters Ambulance for NYS agency of the year and other awards were given out. Two for Suffolk, Dr. Goodman from Brookhaven Hospital. Education and Training Comm. Requested and received \$2400 dollars to present "Streedt Survival" a training course for senior instructors. Slate of Officers Chairman Edward Boyd, Jay Gardiner Vice Chair, Secretary/Treasurer Guy Cassara. Voted to have Newsday the official paper for REMSCO. H1N1 flu increased at Hospitals but not in ambulance calls. A draft protocol for restraint and transport of persons with mental illness is now being reviewed. Suffolk is in the forefront on this protocol. Next meeting January 11, 2010

Wild Fire Task Force: Greg Anderson.

Attendance not going well. Next Meeting in Riverhead Nov. 30, 2009. 13 students from Suffolk County attended this years academy.

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. Thank you to our Chaplains and the Executive Board for their support during the year. Thanks to Jay Eagan for this year's annual dinner.

1st Vice President: Anthony V. LaFerrera

Spoke on a couple of bills in the county. Bill 1727 to collect \$.35 from cell phones takes effect January 2010. Public Safety voting on Bill 1777 wireless surcharge \$90-110 Thousand to PCPAP. Need Support. Thanks to Commissioner Joe Williams, and Legislator John Kennedy and for his support on this bill.

2nd Vice President: John Carney

Committee to met on Line of Duty Death in West Islip. Next meeting Dec. 10 at Northport FD, 8 people at last meeting. Would like more representatives to join. If interested please contact me.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT: Rick Van de Kieft.

Firefighters Cancer Support Group: Tony Cruz Manhasset –Lakeville seminar went very well. There were 400 attendees. On October 28, the network held a general meeting where 34 attended. Prostate Cancer was the topic. The network adds care pages to the Website. A blood Marrow drive for FF Tom Corda brother of East Farmingdale FD Tuesday November 17th at 3pm to 8:30PM. Makayla the daughter of a Manorville FF is still in Schneider Hospital undergoing Chemo for Liver Cancer. 91 FF's Mentoring, 11 family members, and 5 EMS providers

SUFFOLK COUNTY VOL. FIREMAN'S

ASSOC.: Rich Vella, Happy Holidays, Thanks for the Journal add and for attending the dinner.

Suffolk County Fire Police: Ed Tully, No report

Suffolk County Chief's Scholarship & Seminar:

\$1,000.00 to Courtney Dombkowski, \$500 to Patricia Kaifler, \$500 to Sara Brown, \$500 to Jack Italiano III , \$250 went to Sawyer Rock, Mary Alice Curney and Krista MarCovecchio.

Suffolk County Vol. Ambulance Assoc.: Bruce

Talmage - No report

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Nominating committee read off the nominations for all positions on the executive board. No changes this year .M/M/S/A to Approve the above slate. M/M/S/A to send the executive Board to CFSI. M/M/S/A to spend \$800 for name plates for plaque at the fire academy.M/M/S/A to purchase a new lap top for the Recording Secretary.

National Code Council Bruce Johnson

Progress.

SUFFOLK COUNTY EMS: Karl Klug.

No representation.

GOOD AND WELFARE: M/M/S/A to dedicate this meeting to all our departed members and our sick and for Father Dan. Welcome back Frank Guarino from Hagerman. Chief John from Selden FD gave high praise to Bohemia FD and Sayville Community Ambulance for a horrific Accident on Sunrise Highway. Happy Birthday to John Urevich. Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Happy New Year.

SGT OF ARMS Joe D'allesandro

60 in attendance,5Chiefs, 14Assistant Chiefs, 34 Ex Chiefs, 7 Guests, 30 Departments, Collected \$196.00 in Dark Horse.

Next Meeting: North Amityville on Friday January 2010 at 7:00PM.

TREASURER'S REPORT: John Urevich.

FF Benefit Fund \$4,0744, Total \$ 31,007.77

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

DARK HORSE: # 636363, # 636340, Total \$196.00

BENEDICTION: Offered by Rick Van de Kieft

Meeting Adjourned: 10:00 p.m.

**Next Meeting: North
Amityville Fire Department.
January 8, 8PM**

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**The next meeting of
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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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