

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

The 317<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Suffolk County Fire Chief's Council was held at the North Lindenhurst Fire Department on Friday, May 14, 2010. President Scott Thebold called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM.

This meeting is dedicated to Past President Marty Albert, Ex Chief Babylon Fire Department

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

North Lindenhurst Chief Brian Gassen welcomed the Council and 1<sup>st</sup> VP President Anthony LaFerrera responded.

**Invocation:** Offered by Chaplain Rick Van de Kieft. President Thebold mention Rick's illness and welcomed him back.

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

**Past Presidents** in attendance were Michael DeNicolo, Ron Barz, Greg Anderson, Jay Egan, Don Corkery, Ed Walsh.

**Town Presidents / Officers** in attendance, Pres. Tom Kriklava from Smithtown, Mike Barry Brookhaven, James Nolan Sr. Babylon, Carelton Raab Southold, Chip Bancroft Southampton, Joe Badal Islip, Bruce Talmage Suffolk Amb. Chiefs

## **GUESTS:**

Fire Districts SNY Eugene Petrovich, Drew Silverman, Suff. Amb. Chief, Commissioner Joe Williams, Ex Chief Tony Cruz FF Cancer Support Network, Dick Stockinger Fire Academy, Ray Kiesel SCFA, Deacon Charles Huber North Babylon, Greg James FC2, Nassau County Chiefs Association President Kevin McElynn, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Frank Wakely, 3<sup>rd</sup> VP Otto Kolhmeir and Secretary Rich Messina. Pete Timmons Suffolk ADA, DJ Rosenthal Red Cross.

**MONTHLY PROGRAM:** DJ Rosenthal gave presentation on the Red Cross and how it works at disasters and major fires. Handouts were available to take for Chiefs and departments on Red Cross activation's her number is 631-924-6700 ext. 214 ADA Timmons gave presentation on Arson investigation and brief history of this past years arson cases. 30% are structure fires, 50% are car fires. It is important that you consider at every working fire you call arson. Commissioner Williams commented how it is the Chief in charge to call who ever he/she wishes to investigate the origin and if they wish they can a Fire Marshal to help in the origin. A discussion followed with Mr. Timmons and the Commissioner. Mr. Timmons commented on how in the Suffolk county Legislature there is a directive that says the Suffolk County Arson Squad is the enforcement

agency. Commissioner Williams asked to show us that directive. Commissioner Williams said that the local Fire Marshals are well qualified and that Mr. Timmons call office on Monday to continue this discussion.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

M/M/S/A to accept the minutes of the April 315<sup>th</sup> meeting of the council.

**Correspondance:** Rick Van de Kieft.

Thank you card from Rick Van de Kieft and is wife. Invitation to S.C. Volley FF annual Burn Center Recognition Day May 16, 2010. Directory update from FRES for new Directory. Received requests from Western NY State Fireman's assoc. for endorsement for Ed Tase Jr., David J. Sweat for a second 5 year term as a FASNY Director. M/M/S/A to send endorsement letter. Request from Oneida County Vol. Fireman's Association for endorsement for David Jacobwitz for President of FASNY. M/M/S/A to send letter in support. Received flyers from the Fire Marshal's Benevolent Assoc. of Brookhaven for annual Golf Tournament. Tee sponsor of \$100.00 and dinner sponsor for \$500.00 Letter received from Dennis Delborgo who offers his service as a grant writer for Public safety Grants. Cards available up at the front table. Letter from the Onondaga County Fire Chiefs Assoc. seeking our support for the re-election of Harold Smith for 3<sup>rd</sup> term as Volunteer Director for the NYS AFC. M/M/S/A to send letter.

**Arson Task Force:** Dick Keller-Clothes at a fire scene can be used at evidence. Put them in paper bags instead of plastic. Also people who are in the ambulance because of the fire can give information. Have your Amb. people aware of this. They may say something that might of interest to the investigators. New York State Arson Course 9/21, 9/23 and 9/25 2010.

**Suffolk County Burn Center:** Craig Zitek Recognition Day May 16 at 1PM. Thanks for all your support during the year. Clean Room almost completed.

**By Laws:** 2nd VP Carney- next meeting in June at Selden.

**FRES Commission:** Commissioner Joe Williams. Thanked the Red Cross. Thank to those who attended the New Chiefs Seminar. Governor signed bill for Insurance for Volunteers, It is still costly about \$16,00 a year. Back up radio room in Coram is having problems in the completion. The tower was put in the wrong location and that's being taken care of. The next project is the radio room in the FRES building. A 7million dollar contract, hopefully we will start that in September. Budget meeting coming

up, we did well on the capital, one problem that is the long term items such as the updating our Emergency Management. Craig James FC 2 commented on training for the coordinators, we have about 85 the most we ever had.

**Suffolk County Fire Academy:** Chief Dick Stockinger , Fire Officer 1 Pilot program completed, will evaluate and will be offered in near future. New 21 hour Fire police Program will be piloted in June. Will be offered in 5 three hour sessions and one six hands on session which will included a 33 question exam. Need is-700 and ICS 100 to receive certificate. Fire instructor 1 program started yesterday with 21 students. FF1 & FF2 National certification at Nassau Fire Academy in August 21 &22, 2010 fee for each. Will be given back field session, you will be contacted this month. Improvements to tower & taxpayer and USER meeting June 25, at BNL.

**Suffolk County Chief's Golf Tournament:** No Report

**Joint Council-** President Thebold reported most of the issues have been corrected, no need for a meeting at this time.

**LIPA-** Chief Bob Chester commented on Red Flagging calls that come in from Fire depts..This may help in accurate response times.

**New York State Association of Fire Chiefs:** Greg Anderson reported. Everything is a going good for this years convention.

**Suffolk Districts: Don Corkery**  
Next Meeting west Sayville March 23<sup>rd</sup>. There is a check cashing Scam going on. 18 fire districts have been affected . District Attorney Spota is looking into it. New President is Anthony Gallino

**Hospitality Room:** 1<sup>st</sup> VP LaFerrera - Sharing with Nassau, we have Thursday night and both on Saturday night.

**Installation Brunch:** Jay Eagan- Progress

**Radio Committee:** Robert Knight.No meeting

**Laws and Legislation:** Greg Anderson.  
Federal Level- Broadband for first responders H.R.5081, Need letter to our Senators and Representatives. Assistance to Firefighter Grant Program and Volunteer Emergency Services Recruitment and Retention Bill H.R.1792. On the state end Health insurance legislation signed by the Governor S5111/A8215. Municipalities can offer health insurance and volunteers can buy into NYSHIP. S2769/A5895 extends provisions for heart bill from June 2010 to June 2015. Lung Bill also up looking to extend that to2012. Need to send

letters on supporting these bills. S6613 budget bill eliminates numerous advisory boards including Fire Advisory Board., Arson Board and Code Enforcement standards and education Commission. Need letters again to be sent. Senate bill S6606 and Assembly bill A9706 for billing for EMS Services by Volunteer Departments. NYS Chiefs in favor. Commercial Ambulance service is opposed to these bills. M/M/S/A to send letters. New Burning Legislation, will put on web site. President Thebold commented on the memorial wall, waiting from Don Corkery on what action to take. We sent a letter to Legislature Lindsey , it looks like he trying to re-invent the wheel on Terrorism in the county, he didn't have certain agencies listed, after our letter they now are on it, We should talk with Comm. Williams on what he is trying to do.

**Action Committee:** Ronald Barz.  
CFSI April 28-29. We supplied the Honor guard this year. We visited the Arlington Cemetery. Need letter to thank Tom Sherlock, Peter King and his Rep Peter for setting up the tour. , it was a great tour. Next year it will be we April 6-7 2011.We would like to present a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier on Thursday next year. On way home we visited Father Dan. Lost his insurance on the rehab.

**Regional E.M.S. Council:** Edward Boyd.  
Suffolk REMSCO meeting held on Tuesday, May 11th at the H. Lee Dennison Building in Hauppauge. Applications for renewal of Program Agency status were approved for Suffolk EMS, Suffolk County Community College, Suffolk County Police Department and Hunter Ambulance.Three agencies that went live with ePCR in January continue to report success. Eighteen additional agencies are in training and are procuring equipment with three planning to go live by June, 2010. REMSCO has sponsored and distributed 400 English/Spanish Visual Language Medical Translators as part of EMS Week. Translators are intended to be carried in all ambulance and first responder units to assist with patient care.REMSCO 2009 Award winners announced as follow:

BLS Provider – Allison Hall, Exchange Ambulance  
ALS Provider – Kathryn Hartmann, Cutchogue Fire Department  
EMS Leadership – Edward Stapleton, SUNY at Stony Brook  
Educator of Excellence – Carol Cronogue, Wyandanch-Wheatley Heights Ambulance

Nurse of Excellence – Christine Fink, Bay Shore-Brightwaters Ambulance  
Communications Specialist – Christine Springer, Suffolk FRES  
Youth Provider – Thomas Bair, Exchange Ambulance Agency of the Year – Patchogue Ambulance

*Report of the Strategic Working Group on the Suffolk County Emergency Medical Services System*, also known as the “White Paper,” was discussed and adopted by REMSCO. The major recommendations of the White Paper are as follow:

- **EMS should remain under the Suffolk County Health Department.**
- **The Suffolk County Executive hire a full-time, Board Certified Emergency Physician as Medical Director as soon as possible.**
- **A universal system of data collection and reporting be established that includes the following times; 911 call (or local number call), dispatch, scene arrival, time on scene, and arrival at hospital. PSAPs should be strongly encouraged to contribute their response data in a standardized form to a centralized database for the purposes of measuring and improving the response time in Suffolk County.**
- **Agencies should collaborate across borders, thereby creating a true EMS System in Suffolk County. We encourage political leadership, REMSCO and REMAC to work with agencies to facilitate this critical goal.**

REMSCO will establish a steering committee with several subcommittees to address each of the recommendations. The complete Report is available at [www.suffolkremSCO.com](http://www.suffolkremSCO.com)  
Next meeting of REMSCO will be Tuesday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at Happauge – all are welcome.

**Wild Fire Task Force:** Greg Anderson. No report.

**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

Thanks for coming tonight. Thank for all those who supported our seminar. Thanks to Legislature Romaine on waving the fees for the County Showmobile. Thank you to our Chaplains for attending all the funerals and wakes, you are doing a great job. I will keep in touch with Father Dan’s progress. Looking into Tee Shirts with our logo and the cancer support group logo to help them. I am asking Jay Eagan to look into that.

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

We raised \$15,300.00 on our seminar. Thanks to all who supported the seminar. Need Departments to

host our meetings for 2011. Our next meeting is in Westhampton July 9, 2010. Bill 1029 for 5 year terms for commissioners is being tabled at this time. Bill 1533 for Lindsey’s terrorist bill is on the table.

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

Research on having the calling post, for our meeting and for funeral announcement. It’s about 6 cents, 1minute 12cents a call. We would like to try this, it is going to be difficult to get everyone’s number so if the town chiefs can help it will be appreciated. We will further research a little more on the numbers and report back. Looking to place a wreath at the county 9-11 memorial next year.

**CHAPLAIN’S REPORT:** Rick Van de Kieft. Father Dan from Westhampton suffered a heart attack. He now doing well. We responded to 4 out of 5 funerals

**Firefighters Cancer Support Group:** Tony Cruz

President Thebold commented on what a great job they are doing. The golf outing was again rained out, but they did a great job on all their fund raising.

Anthony thanked those who supported the Golf Outing. Company 4 of the Smithtown FD is sponsoring a fundraiser seminar for us on May22,2010. Strength for life exercise program will take place at the Stony Brook University Hospital Cancer Center on Tuesday from 6:30pm – 7:30pm during month of May. Call for appt. 444-4000. Next general membership meeting will take place on Wednesday June 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. Location will be West Babylon FD. Education Topic will be on Colon Cancer. We are mentoring 108 FF’s, 6EMS and 15 Family members.

**SUFFOLK COUNTY VOL. FIREMAN’S**

**ASSOC.:** Rich Vella, No Report.

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

Netted \$15,300.00 Thanks to all who supported this year’s event.

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

**National Code Council** Bruce Johnson  
Progress.

**SUFFOLK COUNTY EMS:** Karl Klug.

No representation.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** M/M/S/A to send letter to Legislature Flanagan to eliminate the burden on a volunteer on reporting every year who have less than 5yrs of active service for their Tax credit.  
M/M/S/A to purchase wreath for 9-11 memorial.  
M/M/S/A to send letter to our legislatures to stop tabling Capital items or moving them when they are slated for action especially the OEM, Radio room and Training Grounds and Our President is attending the

Relay for Life M/M/S/A to support with donation of \$150.00. M/M/S/A to purchase a wreath for Arlington Cemetery and present it at next years CFSI.

**SGT OF ARMS** Joe D'allesandro

49 in attendance, 6 Chiefs, 5Assistant Chiefs, 29Ex Chiefs, 9Guests, 28 Departments, Collected \$131.00 in Dark Horse.

Next Meeting: July 9, West Hampton

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** John Urevich. John is not feeling well. No report

**GOOD AND WELFARE:** A Mayday Flyer for a family in North Babylon, a fundraiser is being held at Lily Flannagans June 27, 2010. President Thebold is going for surgery in June and will not be at the July meeting. We wish him well and great success.

**DARK HORSE:** # 095344, # 095251

**BENEDICTION:** Offered by Rick Van de Kieft  
Meeting Adjourned: 10:15 p.m.

**Next Meeting: Westhampton  
Fire Department. July 9,  
Dinner 7:30Pm Meeting at  
8PM**

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

*Will be held on*

**May 14, 8PM**

*At*

**North Lindenhurst Fire  
Department.  
(631) 957-1457**

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

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**Council Meetings**

| <u>2010</u> | <u>Location</u>   |
|-------------|-------------------|
| May 14      | North Lindenhurst |
| July 9      | West Hampton      |
| Sept.18     | East Quogue FD    |
| Nov 12      | North Babylon FD  |

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