



The Suffolk County Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc.

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"Proud Hosts of the 2010 FASNY Convention"

Minutes – Meeting of the Suffolk County Volunteer Firemen's Association March 23, 2010 at the North Babylon Fire Company

- Meeting called to order by President Eugene Perry at 8:00 PM
- Salute to the flag led by Sergeant at Arms, Chris DelVecchio
- Dave Carrigan gave an opening prayer and moment of silence for the sick and departed members
- 1st Assistant Chief George Folise of the North Babylon Fire Company welcomed the S.C.V.F.A.
- 1st Vice President Vella thanked the Chief and all the members for hosting the meeting and serving dinner
- M/M/S/P to accept the minutes of the January 26, 2010 meeting at the Sayville Fire Department

Introduction of Guests: 2nd Vice President Owenburg reported that the following guests were in attendance:

Past Presidents: Robert McConville, William Murray, Richard Vella, Ted Rosko. FASNY Director, Robert McConville. FASNY Trustee Ted Rosko, William Murray. SNYVFA 1st Vice President, Eugene Perry, 2nd Vice President, William Murray. SC FRES Commissioner Joe Williams, SC VEEB, Richard Stockinger. SC Burn Center, Jerry Owenburg, Treasurer and Past President. Firefighter's Cancer Support Network, Jerry Owenburg, South Shore VFD, Anthony Sullo, Past President, Suffolk County Chiefs, Anthony LaFerrera, 1st Vice President, John Carney 2nd Vice President, NYS Fire Police, Frank Guarino Past President

Treasurers' Report: 2nd Vice President Owenburg read Treasurers report:

Bills: There were no bills

Communications:

- Letters sent to Federal Representatives and Senators for support of Suffolk County SAFER Grant
- Letters sent to County Legislators for support of IR 1078
- Letters sent to County Legislators for support of IR 1173
- Letter sent to Leg. Ed Romaine for support of Brian Deedy from Center Moriches FD to the VEEB
- Thank you letters sent to Legislators who voted yes for the PSAP Bill
- Endorsement letter sent to FASNY for David Jacobowitz President, Joe Kelly 1st Vice President, Robert McConville 2nd Vice President and Wayne Butts Trustee of Firemen's Home
- Letter from Leg. Ed Romaine indicating his support of IR 1078, IR 1173 and for the appointment of Brian Deedy
- Letter from FASNY Secretary Michael Whalen for our endorsement letter.
- Thank you letter from Suffolk County Burn Center for our Dollar-A-Member donation
- Journal request from the Riverhead Firefighters Association
- Minutes from January meeting of the Southern New York VFA in Patchogue
- Dues Notice from Southern New York VFA
- Invitation to the Suffolk County VFA Ladies Auxiliary Installation Dinner in Lindenhurst

Report of Presidents:

Report of President Eugene Perry: Attended the following:

- Executive Board meeting in Selden
- Press Conference for FASNY Convention at the Hyatt Hotel
- Suffolk County Drill Team Captain's meeting in Riverhead
- Southern New York VFA Directors meeting in Merrick
- 2010 FASNY Convention Committee meeting in Mastic

Report of 1st Vice President Rich Vella: Attended the following:

- Southern New York VFA Directors meeting in Merrick
- Babylon Town Chiefs meeting in Babylon
- Suffolk County Chiefs meeting in Huntington Manor

- Executive Board meeting in Selden
- Babylon Town Fire Police meeting
- Babylon Town fire Districts meeting
- Press Conference for FASNY Convention at the Hyatt Hotel
- 2010 FASNY Convention Committee meeting in Mastic

Report of 2nd Vice President Jerry Owenburg: Attended the following:

- 2 Burn Center meetings at Stony Brook Hospital
- 2010 FASNY Convention Committee meeting in Mastic
- Southern New York VFA Directors meeting in Merrick
- Babylon Town Chiefs meeting in Babylon
- Firefighter's Cancer Support Network meeting in Manhasset-Lakeville
- Mega Show at the Nassau Coliseum
- Suffolk County Chiefs meeting in Huntington Manor
- Suffolk County Fire District's Dinner at Majestic Gardens
- Executive Board meeting in Selden
- 2010 FASNY Convention Committee meeting in Mastic
- Long Day at the Home meeting in Merrick
- Funeral service for Marty Albert, Sr.

Report of 3rd Vice President Peter Cincotta: Attended the following:

- 2010 FASNY Convention Committee meeting in Mastic
- Southern New York VFA Directors meeting in Merrick
- Southern New York Legislative Conference in Montrose
- Suffolk County Radio Committee meeting in Yaphank
- Conference call with the FASNY Youth in the Fire Service Committee
- Suffolk County Chiefs Seminar at Brookhaven Lab

Steering Committee: Robert McConville reported:

- Still looking for a Treasurer for the Association
- Endorse the following for office in Southern New York VFA: President Eugene Perry (Patchogue) 1st Vice President William Murray (Bay Shore) Financial Secretary William Rowse (Patchogue) Directors Richard Vella (West Babylon) Paul Van Arts Dalen (North Sea) Jerry Owenburg (West Babylon) Director at Large Robert Knight (Sayville)

Sickness: President Perry reported:

- If any one knows of any member that is sick please contact one of the members of the Executive Board

F.A.S.N.Y.: Robert McConville reported:

- The Volunteer Firefighter Magazine will only be printed 6 times per year
- FASNY will sponsor 2 youth weekends at the Sate Fire Academy. Dates will be announced
- FASNY 2010 Fall Workshop designed and presented by VFSI entitled "Managing Volunteer and Combination Emergency Services Organizations". These workshops deal with administrative corporate leadership geared to the department or company President, Secretary, Treasurer & any other administrative corporate leaders you have
- Working with Suffolk County on the Convention, Wednesday Opening Ceremonies, Firefighter of the Year and 2% Forum. Thursday will be all day training seminars. Friday will be the Memorial Service

Home Trustees: Ted Rosko/Bill Murray reported:

- 85 residents at the Home
- Had the difficult decision to lay off Home personnel due to budget projections
- Hopefully this will have no effect on the residents
- Stained glass window for the Chapel will be installed by May.
- 12 windows behind the alter on each side are available at a cost at this time of \$8,000.00 a piece
- 3 beds are available, 3 are in the Dementia Ward

Southern New York VFA: President Perry reported:

- Southern NY Legislative Outreach Seminar in Central Islip was cancelled due to weather
- Bob Knight working with Kevin McElynn from Nassau County to combine with the Seminars on April 17, 2010 at the Albertson Fire Company, breakfast will be served at 9 AM with the program to follow
- Annual Jr. Seminar will be held on Friday, May 21, 2010 at the North Sea FD at 7PM
- Speaker will be FDNY Captain Don Hodgkinson who will speak on Career Opportunities though the Volunteer Fire Service

- Convention will be on Saturday, May 22, 2010 and will be hosted by the North Sea FD
- Parade and Drill will be held on Saturday, June 12, 2010 and will be hosted by the Lindenhurst FD
- Suffolk and Nassau Drill Team Captains have made Southern NY a point Drill, this may increase attendance
- Next meeting is Saturday, March 27, 2010 at the Copiague FD

Commissioner Williams' Report:

- Thanks for inviting him to the press conference for the FASNY Convention
- FEMA denied costs for December storm. Will be combining cost for all recent storms and resubmitting
- Thanks for support for County SAFER Grant application.

2010 S.C.V.F.A. Memorial Service: May 2, 2010 @ West Babylon FD: 3rd Vice President Cincotta reported:

- Service all set with West Babylon
- Final letter going out to Departments for names of deceased. Deadline is April 15, 2010
- Looking for a host for 2011

2010 S.C.V.F.A. Parade and Drill:

- 2010 - Riverhead FD will be hosting both the Drill & Parade
- NEED A HOST FOR 2011 and 2012 and beyond**

Long Island Day at the Home: 2nd Vice President Owenburg reported:

- Sunday, September 19, 2010
- Looking into getting snugies for residents as gifts
- Next meeting, May 12, 2010 in Wantagh

Parade and Drill Officials: Rich Ligon reported:

- Schedule for year posted on the web. 1st drill in Lindenhurst

F.R.E.S.: Rich Vella reported:

- Budget Committee met to discuss capital projects, replace of underground storage tanks, rehab of the radio room and EOC improvements
- M/M/S/P to send a letter to the County Executive asking for support for these projects
- M/M/S/P to send a letter to County Executive in support of making the FRES Commissioner, Police Commissioner and the Director of Probation a Five (5) year term which can be renewed

VEEB: Richard Stockinger reported:

- Thanks for posting a link for letters for State Aid, 900-950 letters sent to date
- Award letter for 2011 recalculated to receive \$366,000 opposed to \$68,000 in 2010
- 6 Departments (17 Nominees) for the Metal of Valor turned over to the VEEB Board. Letters to winners will go out in May
- Completed the Fire Police Certification Program though OFPC, 12 instructors were certified. Program will be ready by early summer
- New VEEB Board member chosen, Brian Deedy from Center Moriches
- Fire Service Instructor 1 Program, May 13-16 and 21-23

Radio: 3rd Vice President Cincotta reported:

- Backup communications is in progress at the old 6th Precinct, should be on line by Memorial Day
- When complete they will move to revamp the primary communications center
- Rebanding the MedCom channels
- Myles Quinn has ample supply for portable radios UHF and 800 MHz
- Presently programming all portables with U-TAC National Mutual Aid Channels

Fire Police: Frank Guarino reported:

- State fire police changing their By-Laws for their Officers. Change from President and 9 Vice Presidents to a President, 2 Vice Presidents and 9 Directors; vote on change at the State Fire Police Convention May 20-22 in Mayville

Legislative: President Perry reported:

- Statewide legislation there will be only one issue of united concern which is consolidation
- The bill that the major organizations are working on is not out yet, Senator Foley and Assemblyman Sweeney are drafting it.
- All other issues that are on the scorecard will be followed
- The Heart and Cancer bills are still being worked on

-Safety Ropes, legislation being worked on will give authority back to fire district or company to provide the necessary equipment.

-You MUST have done your risk assessment. You must also have your SOG's or Pre-Plans showing how you will handle firefighters above the 2nd floor

Firefighter of the Year: No Report

Audit: No Report

EMS: Meryl Montrose reported:

-Agencies have started taking delivery of the new PCR's, one difference is that they lack the preprinted sequential numbers. State DOH has placed a 2nd order for an additional 1 million

-3 of the 5 pilot agencies went live with e-PCR's on January 1st. 18 new agencies are currently working on in house training and procuring the necessary equipment

-Ongoing discussions regarding the FCC mandate that all license holders of the VHF High Band radio spectrum must reapply to the FCC for the purpose of changing emission designations from High Band. This change affects all public safety agencies using the spectrum. New equipment/licensing needed to meet compliance deadline of January 1, 2013

-Vital Signs Conference will be held August 26-29 at the Sheraton Hotel and Towers in New York City. Applications available on website www.vitalsignsconference.com

-New York State EMS Award applications must be in to the State by June 1, 2010. They are due to Suffolk REMSCO before April 23, 2010. Applications only available on the State DOH website

-Ryan White Act restated the need for all agencies to designate an exposure control officer as a way to provide communication between the hospital and the providers

-Follow up to an issue that developed regarding care and transport of a veteran to a non-VA hospital. State DOH reports the VA will pay for all costs associated with such care when the non-VA hospital is the appropriate hospital for transport based on the presenting problem. EMS providers should follow local protocol for trauma, stroke and STEMI patients

-Suffolk County Community College will be offering a Paramedic Program in the fall of 2012. AAS degree, Max. 24 students per year

-Developing an EMS street survival course

-County EMS reports that the December written exam results were received and Suffolk County grade averages were 8 points higher than the NYS average

-Promise no new ALS protocols updates until early 2012

-Legislative proposal, A02788 all senior living facilities to employ an independent ambulance service for the provision of EMS and transport. Senior living facility is any dwelling or collective group of dwellings at a common location providing housing to more than 50 persons over the age of 65

-Amendment to 209b of the General Municipal Law to allow fire districts to bill for services

Resolutions: There were no resolutions

Burn Center Stony Brook: 2nd Vice President Owenburg reported:

-You can call the clinic at the burn center @ 444-4545 with any burn questions

-Unit is busy, all new staff working well together

-Clean room is complete, going to buy equipment now for room with grant money

-Burn Recognition Day is Sunday, May 16, 2010 at Stony Brook Hospital at 1PM, all are welcome

-Anyone who would like to be a member of the Burn center Executive Board see Jerry. They meet on the third Monday of the month at Stony Brook Hospital

-Tours are always available

Arson Task Force: No Report

Annual Dinner: Saturday, October 16, 2010 at Sunset Harbour: 1st Vice President Vella reported:

-Applications for tickets will be going out with May minutes

-Limited to 250 people

William Reilly Scholarship Journal: Eugene Perry reported:

-The Journal supports the John Masem Scholarship. Watch for the notices which will first be sent to the departments who took ads last year. Cost will be the same, \$50 for a full page and \$25 for a ½ page

Homeland Security: John Pendault reported:

-We can not afford to be reactive to acts of terrorism

- All agencies tasked with our protection are now saying that the probable scenarios will involve schools, churches and town events
- You must be able to evacuate large numbers of people from these scenes
- Schools are the "most likely" target
- Fire Police are going to be looked at to take on a much larger role

Publicity:

- Ryan Murphy will be the contact for Suffolk County for submissions to the Volunteer Firefighter. Ryan will be a contact for the Southern New York regional news in the magazine. Please send your submissions to Ryan at www.rmurphy@patchogue.com.
- If you submit a picture please make sure it is captioned left to right with the names of the people, the location and date.
- Deadline for submissions is the 1st of the month as it has to be to the Volunteer Firefighter by the 5th of the month.

By-Laws: No Report

Ways and Means: Robert McConville reported:

- Financial report read for the membership

Safety Officer: Alan Bayley reported:

- 2nd class for Safety Officer being given March 27th at Sayville FD

Fire Prevention: 3rd Vice President Cincotta reported:

- Next meeting March 26, 2010 at the Brookhaven Museum
- Application for OFPC Public Conference weekend at Montour Falls, April 30-May 2
- The John Cohen Educator of the Year Award Nominations will be announced

NFPA: No Report

Recruitment and Retention: Bob McConville reported: Progress

Headquarters: 2nd Vice President Owenburg reported:

- Looking into joint venture for General Hospitality Night. Pay One Price for All

2010 State Convention: Robert McConville reported:

- Thanks to the County Executive for attending the press conference announcing the Convention
- Thanks to Ryan Murphy for setting up photo op
- Journal ad requests were mailed to all departments in Suffolk and Nassau Counties
- Working on Convention information needed for the Volunteer Firefighter magazine in May & July
- Need help & people to serve on different committees
- Next meeting is Tuesday, March 30, 2010 at Van Guard Firehouse (Patchogue) at 7PM

Credentials: Bill Rowse reported: 52 members in attendance

Membership: William Rowse reported:

- M/M/S/P to accept 3 new members

John A. Masem Sr. Scholarship: 1st Vice President Vella reported:

- Application available on the website. Deadline is June 1, 2010

Blood/Food Drive: 3rd Vice President Cincotta reported: Progress

Firefighters Cancer Support Network: 2nd Vice President Owenburg reported:

- Anyone wishing to be a mentor survivor or caregiver contact Jerry
- Any department or EMS group wishing to us to speak at one of your meetings contact Jerry
- Our 2nd Annual Golf Classic is Monday, May 3, 2010
- To contact the Cancer support network, contact Shawn Owenburg, Regional Director at 866-994-FCSN or e-mail: SOwenburg@FCSN.net or their website is www.FirefighterCancerSupport.org or Jerry Owenburg at 631-433-3701

Suffolk County Chiefs: 1st Vice President Anthony LaFerrera reported:

- Thank you for being invited to the press conference for the FASNY Convention
- Need to have departments report their response time to the Commissioners Office, especially ambulances

- Annual Seminar at Brookhaven National Lab Berkner Hall was a great success, 350 people attended
- Police Commissioner wants to replace Co-pilots in the helicopters with civilian EMT's
- New Chiefs Seminar Sunday, May 2, 2010 at the Training Center
- Next meeting May 14, 2010 at North Lindenhurst

Unfinished Business: None

- Voter Registration cards are available in the back of the room. We need EVERYONE registered and to get out and vote
- FASNY, State Chiefs and State Districts have a website www.firefightervote.com

New Business:

- Request from Riverhead Firefighter Association for a Journal Ad, Referred to the Executive Board
- M/M/S/P to purchase tickets for the Presidents and their guests to the Suffolk County Ladies Auxiliary Installation Dinner
- 50/50 Raffle tickets for the convention are available from Chris DelVecchio
- Convention Shirts and Hats are available from Anthony Sullo

Good and Welfare:

- Congratulations to Robert McConville on his recent retirement from the County of Suffolk
- FASNY Youth Day at the Suffolk County Fire Academy Thursday, August 19, 2010. See Peter Cincotta for applications
- Fire truck Blessing at the Shrine of Our Lady of the island in Eastport on Sunday, May 2, 2010 at 12:30PM
- Congratulations to Richard Gehrt of the Smithtown FD for 50 years of service

Votes and/or Elections: None

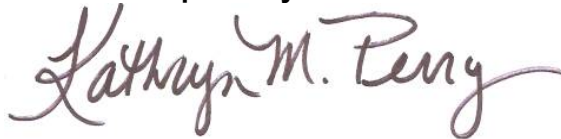
Dark Horse: Winning numbers drawn

Future Meeting: May 25, 2010, Riverhead FD at 7:00 PM 727-2751

Closing Prayer: by Chaplain Rev. John Fleischmann

Motion to adjourn and meeting adjourned at: 9:20 PM

Respectfully Submitted



Kathryn M. Perry
Secretary

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