



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
July 26, 2011 at the Smithtown Fire Department**

- Meeting called to order by President Rich Vella at 8:02 PM
- Salute to the flag led by Sergeant at Arms, Frank Guarino
- Chaplain Dave Carrigan gave an opening prayer and moment of silence for the sick and departed members
- 2nd Assistant Chief Tim Murphy of the Smithtown Fire Department welcomed the S.C.V.F.A.
- 1st Vice President Owenburg thanked the Chief and all the members for hosting the meeting and serving dinner
- M/M/S/P to accept the minutes of the May 24, 2011 meeting at the Quogue Fire Department

-President Vella along with Mrs. Mary Masem and her daughter Kathy Zquris presented the John Masem, Sr. scholarships to Marc Greck (Medford), Justine Randazzo (West Babylon), Jennifer Sunderman (Mastic), Ryan Melcher (Medford), Erin McArdle (West Babylon) and Louis Christensen (Holbrook).

-Mustafa Sayar from Live Wallet gave a presentation on a fundraiser for a prepaid debit card

Introduction of Guests: 2nd Vice President Peter Cincotta reported that the following guests were in attendance: Past Presidents: William Wieck, Paul Van Arts Dalen, Robert Knight, Robert McConville, Richard Vella, Eugene Perry. FASNY 2nd Vice President Robert McConville, FASNY Director, Rich Vella. SNYVFA President Eugene Perry. SC Chiefs Council President Anthony LaFerrera, SC Burn Center, Jerry Owenburg, Treasurer, Past President. Firefighter's Cancer Support Network Tony Cruz, NYS Fire Police President Frank Stringer, SC Fire Academy Executive Director, Richard Stockinger, FASNY Fire Service Community Achievement Award Winner, Brian Greck.

Treasurer's Report: Harry Prodromides report:

General Fund:	\$ 8,686.39
Dinner/Scholarship:	\$ 5,555.52
Headquarters:	\$ 3,429.60
FASNY FCU:	\$ 3,192.60
President's Debit:	\$ 265.22
TOTAL:	\$21,128.73

Bills: There were no bills

M/M/S/P to accept the Treasurer's Report

Communications:

- Letter from LAFASNY Past President Ann LaFountain asking for increased attendance at Long Island Day at the Firemen's Home
- Hauppauge FD Annual Golf Tournament August 22, 2011 at Hamlet Wind Watch Golf Course
- Suffolk County Ladies 100 Club Announcement
- Letter from Suffolk County Chiefs Council regarding their scholarship
- Suffolk County Chiefs Golf Outing Hole Sponsor

Report of Presidents:

Report of President Rich Vella: Attended the following:

- 2 FASNY Directors meetings
- Babylon Town Chiefs meeting
- FASNY Educator of the Year Award in South Farmingdale

- Southern NY Dinner in Mineola
- SC Executive Board meeting in East Northport

Report of 1st Vice President Jerry Owenburg: Attended the following:

- 2 Burn Center meeting at Stony Brook Hospital
- Fire Education meeting
- Suffolk County Parade in Selden
- Southern NY Ladies Dinner in Massapequa
- Southern NY Dinner in Mineola
- SC Executive Board meeting in East Northport
- Long Island Day at the Home meeting
- Suffolk County Chief's meeting in Greenlawn
- Nassau County Firemen's Association Dinner

Report of 2nd Vice President Peter Cincotta: Attended the following:

- Southern NY Dinner in Mineola
- SC Executive Board meeting in East Northport
- FASNY Youth in the Fire Service Conference call

Report of 3rd Vice President Chris DelVecchio: Excused by President Vella

Steering Committee: No Report

Sickness: David Carrigan reported:

- Sent Get Well cards to Isabelle Van Arts Dalen and Rich Vella
- Sent sympathy card out to the Family of Salvatore Russo
- If anyone knows of a member who is sick or in the hospital, please contact Dave at dcarrigan@westbabylon.org

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

- Convention coming up in Alex Bay in August. Business session is on Wednesday and Friday, Training Day on Thursday
- Beneficiary forms for the FASNY AD& D policy are available on the FASNY website
- Organizational members of FASNY were sent a letter notifying them that at their dues for Full Company membership will increase to \$10 per member

Home Trustees: Robert McConville reported for Ted Rosko:

- There are 66 members at the Home
- Currently processing six applications. The Board of Directors has approved an increase to 80 residents
- Home budget for 2011-2012 in the amount \$8,697,873 was approved by the Board of Directors and will be submitted to the membership for action at the Convention
- President John Montrose has resigned from the Board of Trustees for family reasons, elected President was John Farrell, Jr. and elected Vice President was Ted Rosko, Jr.
- Interviews for Home Administrator will be conducted on August 5, 2011 at the Home
- The 30th Annual Cosmo Strigaro Softball Tournament will take place August 5-7. Nine teams are registered from Nassau and Suffolk County

Southern New York VFA: Eugene Perry reported:

- Thanks to all who attended the Installation Dinner. There was no Southern NY Firefighter of the Year for 2011. The Committee only received 2 applications which they did not deem worthy for the award. Please send your applications to Firefighter of the Year Chairman Steve Klein; the Committee uses the FASNY Firefighter of the Year application for submission
- Reminder that the FASNY Legislative Conference will be one week later this year, November 5 & 6. The Southern NY Caucus will be held on Saturday, November 5 at 1:30 PM. The FASNY Legislative Conference is Sunday morning, November 6; members will be able to vote on Legislative proposals.
- Next meeting will be Saturday, October 8, 2011 at the Carle Place FD

Commissioner Williams' Report: Ryan Murphy reported for Commissioner Williams:

- Departments must send in their State Fire Reports and their Volunteer Census to be eligible for the County's SAFER Grant
- Received 100% of the Volunteer Recruitment Census
- Had a meeting with Nassau County to coordinate the SAFER Grant paperwork

- There are approximately 120 students taking part in the SAFER Grant at Suffolk County Community College
- Finishing up work on a computer program that will match prospective recruits with the proper agency
- Asking if each Agency create a generic recruitment email address to receive information
- Scoring proposals for a marketing campaign this week for more advertising in print and media
- Since October 2010, we have recruited at least 450 people though the website
- Contact Ryan for recruitment materials and any event you would like them to attend

2011 S.C.V.F.A. Memorial Service: May 6, 2012: Peter Cincotta reported:

- Received a letter from Sayville FD to host of the 2012 Memorial Service

S.C.V.F.A. Parade and Drill: Peter Cincotta reported:

- The Drill and Parade went very well
- Suffolk County Drill Team Captain's Officers did march with us along with Suffolk County Chiefs President Anthony LaFerrera and LAFASNY Director Jean Christensen

Long Island Day at the Home: 1st Vice President Owenburg reported:

- September 18, 2011, hope everyone is planning to make the trip
- Next meeting August 22, 2011 in Wantagh
- We will be visiting our Memorials before the Parade

Parade and Drill Officials: Rich Ligon reported:

- Season going smoothly
- Selden did a great job with the Parade and Drill
- Drill coming up in Central Islip, more than 30 teams entered
- State Drill and parade will be in Central Islip on August 20 & 21

F.R.E.S.: President Vella reported: No meeting

SUFFOLK COUNTY CHIEFS: President Anthony LaFerrera reported:

- Next meeting will be at Hampton Bays FD on September 9th. Candidates for Suffolk County Executive will be at this meeting
- Due to the untimely passing of Rick Van de Kieft, the Chiefs scholarship application process will reopen and extend to September 1, 2011. Applications are available at www.SuffolkFireChiefs.com
- Send applications to: **Jay Egan, 29 DeVillie Drive, Selden, NY, 11784**
- Long Island Emergency Services Summit on July 29, 2011 at Carlyle on the Green

VEEB: Richard Stockinger reported:

- Medal of Valor Day Sunday, September 25, 2011 at 1 PM at Mastic FD
- Firefighter 1 Graduation Saturday, October 1, 2011 at 10 AM at the Fire Academy
- Firefighter 1 National Certification Exam will start September 24, 2011. New forms and applications are being developed
- Sending out a complete information package to all departments

Radio: Robert Knight reported: No meeting

- M/M/S/P to send a strong letter to the Chairman of the FRES Commission inquiring as to why the Chairman of the FRES Radio has not scheduled a meeting

Fire Police: Frank Stringer reported:

- There are 14,000 Fire Police Statewide. Suffolk County has the largest membership
- State Quarterly meetings in Spencerport October 14 & 15th and March 4th and 5th in Deerfield
- Annual training in Montour Falls on Saturday, March 17, 2012
- By-Laws have been rewritten to reflect the new Officers
- Convention will be in Lake Placid May 3-5, 2012
- Area 7 meeting for Suffolk County will be September 16th

Legislative: Robert Knight reported:

- Governor signed Bills for Blue Lights on Ambulances and use of lever voting machines for Special Elections
- FASNY strongly opposes A4362C/S4529D fireworks/sparkling devices
- A lot of Bills have been passed, but the Governor has not called for them. When he does call for them he has 10 days to act on it
- Senator Gillibrand is sponsoring Legislation to speed up claims for the 9/11 Cancer Bill

Firefighter of the Year: President Vella reported:

-Suffolk County Firefighter of the Year is Kevin Smith from the Deer Park FD. He will be honored at our dinner in October

Audit: No report

EMS: Meryl Montrose reported:

-Electronic PCR's, there are only 3 agencies using them, East Hampton VAC, Sag Harbor VAC and North Amityville Volunteer Fire Company. There are numerous other agencies in various stages of in-house training and equipment procurement. Two agencies voluntarily opted out and have returned to using paper PCR's

-Version 6 of the New York State PCR (paper) will be released shortly. It will contain roughly 210 data points at a MINIMUM of 4 pages. They will not be printing the version 6 PCR, a PDF will be available to all regions. The State announced that roughly 70% of PCR's submitted are from the electronic PCR platform

-Stony Brook University Hospital is pulling out of its 1st Responder agreement with 4 east end agencies as of September 2, 2011. The County is working with these departments trying to put something else in place (possibly what Islip Town did when North Shore pulled the Medics out of Southside Hospital)

-Completed installation of medical grade oxygen generator unit at Suffolk County FRES. This unit is capable of generating medical grade oxygen from ambient air and also allows for the establishment of a mobile cascade system to supply oxygen to remote locations. It was purchased with Homeland Security funds in an effort to support EMS and hospitals in conditions of increased surge

-Spoke again about narrow banding of VHF starting in 2013 and the possibility of some older radio equipment, including pagers not being compatible. Departments need to check with their individual vendors

Resolutions: Paul Van Arts Dalen reported:

1. Be it resolved that we thank the Smithtown FD for hosting tonight's meeting
2. Be it resolved that we thank East Northport FD for hosting the Executive Board meeting on June 28th
3. Be it resolved that we purchase 22 tickets to the FASNY Past Presidents Dinner at the Convention M/M/S/P to accept resolution as read

Burn Center Stony Brook: 1st Vice President Owenburg reported:

-New web site www.suffolkffburn.com face book and twitter also

-A lot of children and scalding burns coming in

-Just hired 3 new burn nurses

-Purchased a second burn garment for a young child who is doing very well

-Gel torch burn victim has a long recovery, Gel is now off the market

-Guy Cassara Memorial Golf Outing, Tuesday, August 9, 2011 at Tall Grass Golf Club in Shoreham

-Night at the Vineyards Saturday, August 6, 2011 at Martha Clara Vineyards, tickets are \$40 each, call Jerry for details

-Tours are always available and Memorial cards see Jerry

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

-Anyone who would like to be a member of the Burn Center Executive Board, please see Jerry

Arson Task Force: No report

Annual Dinner: Saturday, October 15, 2011 at Sunset Harbour: 1st Vice President Owenburg reported:

-Tickets are \$65 each. Cocktail Hour starts at 6 PM

-Applications available on the website

William Reilly Scholarship Journal: Eugene Perry reported:

-Letters have been sent to everyone who placed ads in last year's journal

-The Journal supports the John Masem Scholarship. Cost will be the same, \$50 for a full page and \$30 for a ½ page.

-Applications are available on the website

Homeland Security: No Report

Publicity: Ryan Murphy reported:

-Ryan Murphy is the contact for Suffolk County for submissions to the Volunteer Firefighter. Ryan is the 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

Campaign: Report read

Safety Officer: Alan Bayley reported:

-New Association for Safety Officers-Suffolk County Fire/EMS Safety Officers Association. To belong it will cost you a \$50 fee. Next meeting is in Orient. Richard Maddox is the Chairman

Fire Prevention: Peter Cincotta reported:

-Next meeting August 26th in Nesconset

NFPA: No Report

Recruitment and Retention: Covered in Commissioner Williams Report

Headquarters: 2nd Vice President Owenburg reported:

-Convention will be in Alexandria Bay in August

Ways and Means: Frank Guarino reported:

-50/50, \$89 to the winner

Credentials: Arthur Wilson reported: 48 Members in attendance

Membership: William Rowse reported: Progress

John A. Masem Sr. Scholarship: President Vella reported:

-Gave out our scholarships this evening

Youth in the Fire Service: Peter Cincotta reported:

-Youth Day at the FASNY Convention will be Thursday, August 18, 2011 at the Jefferson County Training Center

-Texting Campaign in progress

Firefighters Cancer Support Network: Tony Cruz reported:

-Golf Outing was a great success, it didn't rain thanked the Association for their support

-We have a Reflection Park at Stony Brook Hospital; we will be adding a gazebo

-We will be at the FASNY Convention and at the Police and Fire Games in Manhattan

-Anyone wishing to be a mentor survivor or caregiver, contact Jerry

-Any department or EMS group wishing us to speak at one of your meetings, contact Jerry

-Our Mentor Program is working great. 152 firefighters, 19 EMS personnel and 30 family members are being mentored now. We now have our first Jr. Firefighter. When you are ready, we are here for you and your family. Please call, we can help you through some tough times for you and your family members. We also have children's programs

-We have children's programs also. Call Jerry @ 631-433-3701 and they can hook you up with a survivor mentor with the same type of Cancer

-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

Food Drive: Eugene Perry reported:

-In conjunction with the Suffolk County Chiefs we are asking each department to donate \$100 which will be donated to Long Island Cares, the Harry Chapin Food Bank. Send donation to Suffolk County VFA or Suffolk County Chiefs

Website: No Report

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

-M/M/S/P for Sayville FD to host the 2012 Suffolk County Memorial Service

-M/M/S/P to take a Hole Sponsor in the Suffolk County Chiefs Golf Outing

Good and Welfare: None

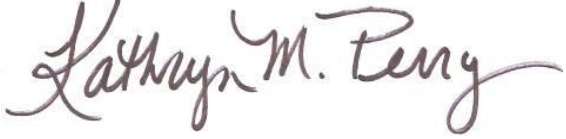
Dark Horse: Winning numbers drawn.

Future Meeting: Tuesday, September 27, 2011 at the West Babylon FD 669-9822

Closing Prayer: by Chaplain Dave Carrigan

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

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathryn M. Perry". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

**Kathryn M. Perry
Secretary**

PLEASE NOTE: IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN BEING ON A COMMITTEE OR RUNNING FOR ANY ELECTED OFFICE, PLEASE CONTACT BOB MCCONVILLE, CHAIRMAN OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE.