



The Suffolk County Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc.



**Minutes – Meeting of the Suffolk County Volunteer Firemen's Association
March 24, 2015 at the Brookhaven Fire Department**

- Meeting called to order by 1st Vice President Chris Del Vecchio at 8:00 PM
- Salute to the flag led by Sergeant at Arms, Bob Sutton
- A moment of silence for the sick and departed members
- Chief Tom Connors of the Brookhaven Fire Department welcomed the S.C.V.F.A.
- Vice President Guarino thanked the Chief and all the members for hosting the meeting and serving dinner
- M/M/S/P to accept the minutes of the September 23, 2014 meeting at the Selden Fire Department

Introduction of Guests: Vice President Guarino reported that the following guests were in attendance: Past President Eugene Perry, FASNY Director Eugene Perry, SC Fire Safety Educators President Bob Sutton, NYS Fire Police Vice President Frank Guarino, VEEB Member & NYS Drill Team Capts. Vice President Gary Schaum

Treasurer's Report: Eugene Perry read Treasurer McConville's report
M/M/S/P to accept the Treasurer's report as read.

Bills: None

Communications:

- Thank you card from Jean Christensen
- Minutes of the Southern NY VFA Meeting on October 4, 2014 in Nanuet, NY
- Letter from Fire Service Women of New York, Phoenix Fire Camp

Report of Presidents:

Report of President Peter Cincotta: Excused

Report of 1st Vice Chris Del Vecchio: Reported on the meetings and events he attended on behalf of the Association

Report of 2nd Vice President Frank Guarino: Reported on the meetings and events he attended on behalf of the Association

Report of 3rd Vice President Ryan Murphy: Excused

Steering Committee: No Report

Sickness:

- If anyone knows of a member who is sick or in the hospital, please contact any Officer

F.A.S.N.Y.: Eugene Perry reported:

- John D' Alessandro has been appointed Secretary of FASNY to finish the term of Michael Whelan
- FASNY has created a Fireworks toolkit. It is available on the FASNY website
- FASNY has created two documents related to the recent passage of the Job Protection Bill into law. The forms are available on the FASNY website.
- FASNY with the State Chiefs, Districts and Professional Firefighters are supporting the adoption of the International Residential Code without amendment which would require the installation of residential sprinklers in new 1 & 2 family homes.
- FASNY is awarding 15-\$1,500 scholarships to those students who fit the program's criteria. Applications are available on the FASNY website.
- 50 Departments and 400 Firefighters from across the State participated in the FASNY Winter Games. Congratulations to Farmingville FD who placed 1st overall.

-The 2015 FASNY Sectional Educational Program will be held at the Southern NY Convention on Saturday, June 13, 2015 at the Atlantic Hook & Ladder Co. of the Port Washington FD. FASNY Director Brian McQueen will present CANCER IN THE FIRE SERVICE...A GROWING EPIDEMIC

-The FASNY Convention dates are Thursday through Saturday, August 20-22, 2015. The Golf Outing to support the National & NYS Fallen Firefighters Memorial will be on Tuesday, August 18, 2015. The FASNY Committees will meet on Wednesday, August 19, 2015.

-Beginning in 2016 the FASNY Convention will end on the 2nd Saturday of August so as not to conflict with the NYS Drill Team Parade & Drill. The Dates of the 2016 FASNY Convention are August 11-13, 2016

FASNY Home Trustees: Eugene Perry reported:

-The Home is at full capacity and there is a waiting list

-No Smoking on the Home property

-Anyone who would like to "Adopt a Resident" please contact Jerry

-Memorial Brick application available

-Jerry has a list of the resident's birthdays and where they are from. Suffolk County has 4 residents

-Jerry has a list of the trees and monuments at the Home

-The "Wish List" has been changed to the "Members Comfort List"

-There are events going on at the Home every weekend

-Anyone who has DVD's, puzzles or crafts to donate to the Home contact Jerry or Peter

-When making a donation, please write on the check where you wish the money to go to

-A donation to the Chapel Fund is for the large Chapel window

-Anyone who knows of someone who needs assistance, contact Jerry or Peter

Southern New York VFA: No Report

Commissioner Williams' Report: No Report

Suffolk County Chiefs: No Report

Suffolk County Ladies: No Report

2015 S.C.V.F.A. Memorial Service: May 3, 2015:

-Service will be held at the Central Islip FD at 7PM

-Anyone who would like to host a future Memorial Service can send a letter of intent to the Association

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

-The Drill will be held on Saturday, July 18, 2015 in Riverhead

-The Parade will be held on Saturday July 25, 2015 in Deer Park

Long Island Day at the Home:

-This year's date is September 20, 2015

Parade and Drill Officials: Rich Ligon reported:

-Looking forward to a successful & safe season

-Anyone interested in becoming a parade official especially ladies please contact Rich

-State meeting will be Saturday, April 25, 2015 at the Holiday Inn in Albany

-Gary Schaum stated that the NYS Dill Team Capts. have created a brochure to assist departments who would like to start a Drill Team

F.R.E.S.: No Report

VEEB: Gary Schaum reported:

-Both Gary and Bob Kutch have been seated on the VEEB

-Advanced Maze Class is being offered

-Haz-Mat Refresher Course is online

-Received college accreditation for 5 courses, Firefighter 1- 7 college credits, Firefighter 2- 3 college credits, Intro to Fire Officer- 1 college credit, Fire Officer- 2 college credits & RIT 1 college credit.

-Working on a new process between the Joint Council & VEEB

Radio: No Report

Fire Police: Vice President Frank Guarino reported:

- Fire Police Seminar in Elmira, 234 people attended
- Fire Police Refresher Course on Wednesday, April 1, 2015 in Centereach at 7PM
- Convention will be in Watertown May 14-16
- NYS Fire Police Meeting Saturday, October 10, 2015 in Hagerman

Legislative: No Report

Firefighter of the Year: No Report

Audit: Vice President Del Vecchio reported:

- Audit was done at the February Executive Board meeting in Mastic and all was found in order

EMS: Meryl Montrose reported:

- 5 Agencies were recognized with Life Saving Awards including Mastic Ambulance, Bayport FD & Sayville Community Ambulance
- In 2014 70 people in Suffolk County who suffered an out of hospital cardiac arrest survived and walked out of the hospital. More Fire Departments should take a more active role in teaching Bystander/Compression Only CPR.
- 2015 NYS EMS Memorial Ceremony will be Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at the Empire State Plaza in Albany at 1PM. Ross Huffer from Nesconset FD will be added to the Memorial
- REMSCO is establishing a Memorial Committee. They are considering renaming the Suffolk County Excellence Award in memory of Paramedic Ralph Oswald from Hampton Bays Ambulance who died in the Line of Duty on February 9, 2015
- May 1st compliance for narcotics is still on hold awaiting the regulatory process. 100% of agencies in Suffolk County are either licensed, under development or under review
- Deadline for 2014 NYS EMS Awards is Friday, May 8, 2015
- A Conference is tentatively scheduled for Fall 2015 "EMS 2020, A Clear Vision for EMS in Suffolk County". Target audience are agencies that are looking to improve the level of service to their communities. More information will follow.

Resolutions: Eugene Perry reported:

1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Association thank the Brookhaven FD for hosting tonight's meeting
2. BE IT RESOLVED that the Association thank the Mastic FD for hosting the February Executive Board meeting
3. BE IT RESOLVED that the Association thank the Hagerman FD for hosting the October 2014 Executive Board meeting
4. BE IT RESOLVED that the Association thank the Selden FD for hosting a Special Executive Board meeting in November 2014
5. BE IT RESOLVED that the Association extend its sincere condolences to the family of Ex-Captain Richard Weisse of the St. James FD who answered his last alarm in the Line of Duty on November 15, 2014

Burn Center Stony Brook:

- 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
- We have a web site www.suffolkffb.com and we are on Facebook and Twitter

Arson Task Force: No Report

Annual Dinner: Saturday, October 17, 2015 at Sunset Harbour: Vice President DelVecchio reported:

- Tickets are \$65 each. Cocktail Hour starts at 6 PM
- Application for tickets available on the website

William Reilly Scholarship Journal: Eugene Perry reported:

- Full page ads are \$50, ½ page ads are \$30
- The journal supports the John Masem Scholarship
- Applications available on the website

Homeland Security: John Pedneault reported:

- We must remain on guard when entering a structure. Things may not be what they seem
- Discussed the war with ISIS
- There are no such thing as safe fireworks

Publicity:

-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.ryan.murphy@suffolkcountyny.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: Eugene Perry reported: Progress

Candidate Campaign: No Report

Safety Officer: Alan Bayley reported:

-The Mutual Aid Plan for Safety Officers in the County is now in effect

Fire Prevention & Life Safety: Bob Sutton reported:

-Annual NYS Public Education Conference will be held in Montour Falls May 1-3

NFPA: No Report

Recruitment and Retention: No Report

Headquarters: Vice President DelVecchio reported:

-This year's theme is St Patrick's Day in August

Ways and Means: Bob Sutton reported:

-\$75 to the winner

Credentials: Bill Rowse reported: 35 Members in attendance

Membership: Bill Rowse reported:

-2 new members, M/M/S/P to accept new members

North Fork Volunteer Firemen: Bruno Sermon reported:

-Next meeting Wednesday, June 24, 2015 at Orient FD

-Annual Dinner on Saturday, May 2, 2015 at the Riverhead Polish Hall

Islip Town Volunteer Firemen:

-Central Islip will be hosting the Islip Town Parade

John A. Masem Sr. Scholarship: No Report

Youth in the Fire Service: No Report

Firefighters Cancer Support Network:

-President McConville's theme for his term is "A Healthy Firefighter is Everyone's Fight

-Advance Dermatology offering free skin cancer screening for any firefighter or EMS provider & their families

-Working with hotels in Manhattan to obtain corporate rates for families of a firefighter or EMS provider in the hospital for cancer treatment

-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

-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 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

Web Site:

-Roger Putnam has kept on top of our web site; if there is anything that needs to be added or changed, please contact Roger

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

-M/M/S/P to give Ryan Murphy expenses for the CFSI Dinner in Washington DC

Good and Welfare:

-John Masterson from St. James FD is in St. Catherine's Rehab Room 255 with a broken hip

-Ex-Chief and Commissioner Edward Crean from Hauppauge FD passed away this afternoon

Dark Horse: Winning numbers drawn.

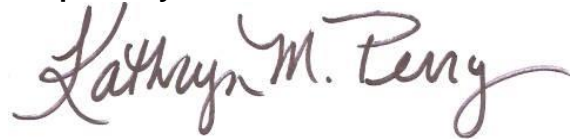
Future Meeting: Tuesday, May 26, 2015 – East Brentwood FD 273-4560

-Anyone who would like to receive a phone message or email for the meetings and other events please give your email address or the phone number you would like to be used to the Secretary at kmpredo@aol.com

Closing Prayer: Islip Town Chaplain

Motion to adjourn and meeting adjourned at: 8:33 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



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Organized 1886



"Proud Hosts of the 2010 FASNY Convention"

May 2015

Dear Brother Firemen:

This year the 143rd Annual Convention of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York (FASNY) will be held in the Desmond Hotel and Conference Center in Colonie, New York from **August 20th through August 22nd 2015.** Suffolk County will again be hosting a "Hospitality Room" at the Convention Hotel. Here is where our Suffolk County members can relax and discuss the day's events.

The hosting of this "Hospitality Room" comes mainly from the generous contributions of the Fire Departments, Fire Companies and Firematic Organizations within Suffolk County. Your contributions for the "Hospitality Room" this year will help us spread goodwill among our brother volunteer firefighters and EMS personnel across the state.

We ask that you take this all into consideration when you make your contribution. All donations, no matter how small will be greatly appreciated and recognized on a banner displayed in our "Hospitality Room".

Please send your check, payable to the Suffolk County Volunteer Firemen's Association (SCVFA) Hospitality Fund to:

Chris DeVecchio, Headquarters Chairman
33 Tonopan Street
Mastic, NY 11950

DEADLINE FOR DONATIONS WILL BE AUGUST 10, 2015

Thanking you in advance for your continued support of the Association throughout the year.

Firematically yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christopher J. DeVecchio".

Christopher DeVecchio
1st Vice President
Chairman, Headquarters Committee