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The Suffolk County Volunteer Firefighter's Association, Inc.

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***Minutes – Meeting of the Suffolk County Volunteer Firefighter's Association
July 25, 2023 - Smithtown***

Meeting Called to order by President Robert Sutton at 8pm
Salute to the flag led by Sgt. At Arms Don Braccioldieta
Prayer by Chaplain Joe McCarthy

Ex-Chief Jack Harford welcomed us to Smithtown.

Third Vice President Giovanni Chiarelli thanked Ex-Chief Harford and all the members of Smithtown for hosting the meeting and serving dinner this evening. A certificate of appreciation was given to Ex-Chief Harford.

Presentation of Scholarship Awards – Chairperson Keith Vella called up John Masem Jr and his sister Kathleen Czuris along with Julianna Holjte and family and Jerry Owenburg. Unfortunately, our winner Jack Owenburg could not make it as he is at a track meet, but his grandfather accepted on his behalf. President Sutton presented our winners with certificates. Congratulations to all

Motion by Don Gleason seconded by Bill Mulane to accept the minutes of the May meeting, Motion Carried.

Introduction of Guests & Past Association Presidents: by Third Vice President Chiarelli
Guest - Welcome

Past Presidents in attendance were Robert McConville, Eugene Perry, Jerry Owenburg, Frank Guarino.

Treasurer Robert McConville gave the treasurer's report. Motion to accept by Frank Guarino seconded by Paul Calllari, motion carried.

Bills/Correspondence – There were no bills.

- Letter from Suffolk Firefighters Hockey Club about open ice team on August 6th.
- Flyer about Suffolk Burn Center night at the Vineyards on August 4th at Pindar.
- Flanders Fire Dept journal for their 75th Anniversary

Report of Presidents:

President Robert Sutton

Thank you to the Smithtown Fire Department for hosting tonight's membership meeting, it is greatly appreciated.

Scholarship

Congratulations to Jack Owenburg and Julianna Holtje for being the recipients of this year's John Masem, Sr. Scholarships.

Firefighter of the Year

We are pleased to announce that Third Assistant Chief John Manzi, Jr., of the West Babylon Fire Department has been selected as the Firefighter of the Year for our organization. He will be honored at our annual installation dinner and Firefighter of the year award ceremony on October 21, 2023.

Annual Dinner - Firefighter of the Year Presentation & Scholarship Journal

The annual dinner and Firefighter of the Year presentation will be held on Saturday October 21, 2023, and will be held at the Coram Fire Department. The Dinner application as well as the journal information has been posted to our website and is also available tonight on the front table. Please make every effort to promote and support dinner and journal. More information will follow concerning this event.

Scholarship Journal

In conjunction with our annual installation dinner and Firefighter of the year award ceremony, we will also be publishing our annual journal, with the proceeds going towards our annual scholarship awards.

Applications are on the tables for your use and please bring them back to your home Departments.

Joint Task Force

Our organization, along with the Fire Chief's Council of Suffolk County and the Suffolk County Fire District Officers Association have formed a task force concerning the Lithium-Ion Battery concerns and how to best attack this fast-moving problem for the Firefighters of Suffolk County, and all nationwide. Any input or suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

Upcoming FASNY Convention

The annual FASNY convention will be held from August 10 to August 12, 2023, and will be held in Niagara Falls, NY. Please go to their website at fasny.com to get more information and to register to attend this important event.

Educational Seminar

We are looking into a good topic and presenter for our third annual seminar. We are also planning on holding it in early 2024. If anyone has any ideas for the seminar, please let us know.

Annual Memorial Service

Our annual Memorial Service was held on Sunday May 7, 2023. I would like to thank all of the Fire Departments in Suffolk County that attended this event, and a special thank you to the Greenlawn Fire Department for hosting the memorial service.

50 Year Recognition Certificates

Member recognition certificates for 50 years of services are available for any member(s) of your Department that has reached this momentous occasion. Department anniversary recognition certificates are also available. Please contact the Association secretary at suffolksecretary@gmail.com to request them.

Committee Members Needed

Committee members are needed for our existing committees, as well as newly formed ones. If you are interested, please provide us with your information on the committee sheet at the meeting sign-in table or see me after tonight's meeting.

Phone and E-Mail Notifications

Are you being notified of the Associations meetings and upcoming events? If you are not, please fill out You're your phone and E-Mail information on the information sheet at the meeting sign-in table.

Website, Please visit our website at www.scvfaonline.org for all forms as well as current information concerning events, activities and postings.

Please enjoy the rest of your summer and stay safe.

The Association meeting dates for the remainder of 2023 are as follows:

Meeting Date Membership Meeting - Executive Board Meeting
August 22, 2023, Patchogue Fire Department
September 26, 2023 Central Islip Fire Department
October 24, 2023, Hagerman Fire Department
November 29, 2023, West Islip Fire Department

The Association meeting dates for 2024 are as follows:

Meeting Date Membership Meeting Executive Board Meeting
January 23, 2024 Bayport Fire Department
February 27, 2024 HOST NEEDED
March 26, 2024 HOST NEEDED
April 23, 2024 HOST NEEDED
May 28, 2024 HOST NEEDED
June 25, 2024 HOST NEEDED
July 23, 2024 HOST NEEDED
August 27, 2024 HOST NEEDED
September 24, 2024 HOST NEEDED
October 22, 2024 HOST NEEDED
November 26, 2024 HOST NEEDED

We are looking for Fire Departments that would like to host one of our Association meetings. Please look the above list over and see your Department would like to host us. For our future meetings, please reach out to your fellow Fire Department members and encourage them to join our Association, attend or meetings and be an active participant in it. All meeting dates and locations will be posted on our website and Facebook sites.

Since the last membership meeting I have attended the following meetings/events

- ☐ May 24, 2023 - Attended the Southern New York Ladies Auxiliary Meeting & Installation, held at the Holbrook Fire Department.
- ☐ June 1, 2023 – Attended the Lithium-Ion Battery Task Force at the Suffolk County Fire Academy
- ☐ June 4, 2023 – attended and presentencing three 50 Year certificates at the Holbrook Fire Department.
- ☐ June 8, 2023 - The meeting of the Long Island Day at the Firefighter's home, at the Wantagh Fire Department.
- ☐ June 14 to June 17 – Attended the NYS Chief's annual conference, in Syracuse, NY
- ☐ June 19, 2023 - the Suffolk County Volunteer Firefighter's Burn Center Fund meeting at Stony Brook Hospital.
- ☐ June 22, 2023 – Attended the meeting of the Suffolk County Fire Safety Educators, at the Suffolk County Fire Academy.
- ☐ June 23, 2023 – Attended a meeting with Bob McConville at Suffolk County Legislator Dominick Thorne's office, concerning the Lithium-Ion Battery Task Force
- ☐ June 23, 2023 – Attended the Southern Volunteer Firefighter's Association Annual Installation and Dinner, at Leonard's Palazzo.
- ☐ June 26, 2023 - Attended the Huntington Town Fire Chief's Council meeting held at the East Northport Fire Department.
- ☐ June 27, 2023 – attended the Suffolk County Volunteer Firefighter's Executive Board meeting.
- ☐ June 28, 2023 - Attended the Babylon Town Fire Chief's Council meeting held at the Deer Park Fire Department.

- July 6, 2023 - Attended the Smithtown Town Fire Chief's Council meeting held at the Smithtown Fire Department.
- July 8, 2023 - Attended the Suffolk County Parade & Drill held at the Riverhead Fire Department.
- July 12, 2023 – Attended a joint task force meeting with Suffolk County Legislator Dominick Thorne.
- July 12, 2023 attended the Wake services for Ex-Captain Dennis Whittam from the Terryville Fire Department.
- July 13, 2023 – Attended the Fire Department services for Ex-Captain Dennis Whittam from the Terryville Fire Department.
- July 14, 2023 – attended the Fire Chief's Council of Suffolk County meeting held at the Nesconset Fire Department.
- July 17, 2023 – Attended the Suffolk County Volunteer Firefighter's Burn Center Fund meeting at the Centereach Fire Department.

Report of 1st Vice President Peter Cincotta – None

Report of 2nd Vice President Vinny Ammirati:
Attended the following meetings:

Suffolk County Vollies meeting at the Yaphank Fire Department May 23, 2023

Suffolk County REMSCO EMS award at the Deer Park Fire Department May 24, 2023

Suffolk county, electric battery, task force meeting June 1, 2023, Fire academy

Lindenhurst Parade and Drill June 3, 2024

50-year presentation, Bohemia, Fire, Department, June 4, 2023

Brookhaven, Fire, Police Meeting.
 Sound Beach Fire Department June 19, 2023

Southern Volunteer Firefighter's Association Annual Installation & Dinner, at Leonard's Palazzo. June 23, 2023

Selden invitational Drill tournament
 June 25, 2023

Suffolk County Parade Riverhead July 8, 2023

Funeral Services for Dennis Whittam
 July 12, 2023

Department services for Selden Ex Chief Tony Ryan July 14, 2023

Ride up to the home to visit Peter Cincotta July 16, 2023

Congressman Andrew R. Garbarino (R-NY-02) introduced the *Volunteer First Responder Housing Act*, legislation to expand eligibility for qualified volunteer emergency responders to participate in certain federal housing assistance programs. Original cosponsors of the legislation include **Representatives Elissa Slotkin (D-Michigan-7), Mike Lawler (R-NY-17), Dan Kildee (D-Michigan-08), Frank Lucas (R-OK-03), Derek Kilmer (D-Washington State-06),** and **Claudia Tenney (R-NY-24).**

Report of 3rd Vice President Giovanni Chiarelli – I have attended a couple of meetings, Southern NY Installation, Suffolk County Parade and Drill, Wake for Dennis Whitman. I have been working on the new shirts, if interested see Cheech tonight. Got the shirts at Threaded Ink. Cheech is also working on new pocket badges.

Annual Dinner – will be held in Coram on October 21st. There are forms on the table and also available on our website.

Audit – Jerry stated it will be in January 2024.

By-Laws – No report

Candidate Campaign – Robert McConville

Ready to go for Convention for Bob Sutton and Vinny Ammirati, both running for Trustee of the Firemen's Home.

Credentials – Dan Brooks – Please be sure to sign in up front.

FASNY – 1st Vice President Eugene Perry – gave the following report.

- FASNY Convention August 10-14 at the Niagara Falls Convention Center. There will be a Golf Outing on Tuesday, August 8th at the Hyde Park Golf Course. The Past President's Dinner will be Wednesday evening, August 9th from 6-9pm at the Frontier Volunteer Fire Company. Opening session/Memorial Service is Thursday August 10th 9am followed by the Hero's Award Ceremony. Following Lunch at 2pm will be the Business Session & Keynote Speaker Chief David Rhodes, Editor in Chief of Fire Engineering Magazine. The evening activities will include a Block Party from 6pm-12am on Falls Street which is between the Sheraton Hotel and the Convention Center. The second business session will be Friday, August 11th at 9am. The 2% Tax Forum will be at 1:30pm. There will be a Hands-On Training Session at the City of Niagara Training Center also at 1:30pm with Tom Miller, West Virginia Director from the NVFC on Lithium-ion Batteries. The evening will end with our Annual Scholarship Night and Raffle at 7pm. The final business session will be Saturday, August 12th at 9am. Election voting will be from 8am-1pm at the Convention Center. There will be Classroom Training at 10:30am by Chief Robert Fling from the Dix Hills FD "Today's Fires, Yesterday's Tactics. We will re-convene at 3pm to announce the election results/closing ceremony and swearing in of Officers. Saturday evening at 5pm will be the 1st Annual FASNY Testimonial Dinner honoring our retiring Directors and Trustees.

Home Trustees – Past Presidents of Trustees Jerry Owenburg gave the following report:

- We are taking care of 86 Brothers and Sisters. Zero in hospital. Voting on three new members tomorrow. We have a long-range committee looking into ways to expand. We just looked at a local school that is closed to see if we can expand. Five Members are in the 100 club.
- Co-vid cases 0-Brothers n Sisters. 0-Staff with Co-vid.
- If any organization or anyone wants to sponsor a meal for the Members and to Thank the staff, call the Home to pick a meal. Call 1-800-479-7695.
- Five more applications are in the works. The new application on-line now three pages and five financial pages. Call them for assistance. A trustee will sit down and go over the application with you.
- We would like to thank all that have donated to the Home. If you wish to donate to something specific call us and we will give you a list and make it happen. Some examples are small change, train club, chapel fund, Butterfly Garden and Memory Garden. Working on a new generator to run the whole building.
- Anyone looking to donate any model train items, Art and Craft items, clothing, blank greeting cards or anything call a trustee and they will get it up to the members. If you donate to the Home, the Thank you will be sent to you signed by one of the Members.
- If you want to Adopt a member form is on-line. As little as make sure the Member gets cards for Birthday and Holiday cards. Memorial bricks are available, the form will be on-line soon. Call FASNY for now.
- If taking a member out for the day to an event, please keep them safe.
- Anyone looking to go into a Nursing Home give us a call. We can walk you through the paperwork and a tuff decision. We would like you to go to the Firemen's Home of course but can give you the questions you need to ask and people to see when making that hard decision. Please let all know to be eligible to be a Member in the Firefighter's Home, one year in the Volunteer Fire Service Firefighters, Ladies Auxiliary, EMS Personnel in the Fire Dept and spouses.
- Our Firefighter's Home is 133 years old this year.
- Long Island Day is September 17. West Islip FD band performed last year; Members loved it. Next year anyone with a band let us know. Members to judge Battle of the Bands. All are welcome to come up Members, Ladies, Juniors and Families. Parade at 1pm BBQ to follow. Suffolk Memorial is 12 noon.
- DBW Home Name is FASNY Volunteer Firefighter's Home.
- We are planning a Cornhole tournament October 7, 2023, details to follow.
- NY Department of health told us no more masks. If we have any health concerns, we will ask you to wear a mask.
- Hudson High School is going to paint two murals on the walls. One in the Train room and one by the pool.
- Three Members to attend the FASNY Convention next month.
- Jerry thanked everyone for their support when he was President and a Trustee.
- If you need to contact Jerry his cell is 631-433-3701.

Father Halpin Memorial Service is May 4, 2024

Firefighter Cancer Support Network - Jerry Owenburg announced they had their golf outing. Hope you all have had your tests. You need to catch it early. They will help you and your family just reach out. If you have kids, be sure to let their teacher know what is going on. They can do Presentation at your fire house.

Congratulations to Jerry on your Two five-year terms as Trustee and serving as Vice President and President. Jerry stated it was an easy job, taking care of our own. Jerry said that Bob and Vinny will love it. Jerry also stated that he hoped he did Ted Rosko proud.

Firefighter of the Year – Dinner is October 21st in Coram.

Fire Prevention – Don Bracciodieta

- Next membership meeting is August 30th in Nesconset – Dinner at 7pm meeting to follow.
- The Association would like to thank all the departments for their support for this year's 2023 scholarship awards. Two awards were awarded this year. If you have not heard yet for this year 2023 Fire Prevention Week theme is **Cooking safety starts with YOU.**
- Please like us on Facebook and you will get daily updates on fire prevention reports.
- Closing Note – Let's all remember there is no honor in fighting a fire that could have been prevented through education.

Headquarters – 2nd Vice President Vinny Ammirati read the following report:

Hospitality room donations

1. Suffolk Ladies
2. Selden Fire Department
3. Fire Chief Council of Suffolk County
4. Patchogue FD Van Guard Hose Co#1
5. Patchogue Fire Department
6. Town of Babylon Volunteer Firefighter's Association
7. Selden Fire Department Rescue Co#4
8. New York State Safety Officers
9. Suffolk County Fire Districts Officials Association
10. Hagerman Fire Department
11. Selden Fire Department Dixon Co#3

John A. Masem Sr. Scholarship – Keith Vellia

President Sutton Thanked Keith for a great job.

Legislative – Jerry Owenburg –

This month was cancelled.

FASNY – nothing came out of committee.

Membership – Dan Brooks – Thank you to all who have paid their dues. Keep in mind that to be eligible for a scholarship you need to be a member.

REMSCO – by Tom Prendergast

- Transfer of Authority approved – Deer Park FD to District and Melville FD to District.
- Presentation by Canine Companions – Service Dogs. This presentation was made to alert EMS personnel how to handle a patient with a service dog. EMS are to ask the patient “What is the dog trained to do”. A response of “Emotion” does not count.
- 6/20-6/30 2024 Policy Seminar Education, E-Bridge, EEO, Nepotism, REMAC, EKG submission, Stroke Centers – Stony Brook, Good Sam, South Shore, Narcan Training.
- Fisher Island now has ALS Providers
- EMT Training – 3 Hybrid Courses – 8 courses later in the fall
- EMS Seminar September 23, 2023 – Sayville Community Ambulance Company.
- 33 CFR (+3), 4827 EMT (+434), 149 CC (-100), 838 Paramedic for total of 5847
- Agencies Certification 61 – EK 12 Lead, 40-Cpap, 29 RSI
- Two bills were passed by the Senate and Assembly in the last week of the session.

Bill #S1466/A0250A This bill authorizes payments to non-participating providers of ambulance services licensed under article 30 of the public health law. The effective date is January 1, 2025. The bill will be delivered to the Governor in the coming months for signature. Variations of this bill have been introduced in the legislature for the past 10 years. Insurance companies will have to send ambulance service bill payments to the provider of the services not the patient.

Bill#S6749B/A6683B this bill will establish a community-based paramedicine demonstration program to operate with the same flexibility authorized under Executive Order Number 4 of 2021, and in the same manner and capacity as currently approved for a period of two years. (Governor Hochul issued Executive Order 4 declaring a statewide disaster emergency due to health care staffing shortages across the state and has continuously renewed the order from 2021 to the present. The effective date of the bill is immediately upon being signed by the Governor. The bill was signed into law by the Governor on 6/22/23 (Chap. 137 the increase in Medicaid reimbursement rate for ambulance transport went into effect on July 1, 2023. This increase was included in the Governor’s budget that was passed in April.

Resolutions by Gene Perry

- Resolution #1 – BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Association extend its sincere thanks to the Smithtown FD for Hosting tonight’s meeting. Motion to accept by Frank Guarino, seconded by Anthony LaFerrera, motion carried.
- Resolution #2 – BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Association extend its sincere thanks to the Hauppauge FD for Hosting our June Executive Board meeting. Motion by Tom Kriklava, seconded by Bob McConville, motion carried.
- Resolution #3 – BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Association appoint Jean Christensen as Secretary to the Association for the coming year. Motion by Vinny Ammirati, seconded by Dan Brookes, motion carried.
- Resolution #4 – BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Association congratulate the Islip FD “Wolves” Drill Team for winning the Suffolk County Championship, motion by Marilyn Davis, seconded by Bob McConville, motion carried.
- Resolution #5 – BE IT RESOVLED THAT the Association congratulate Juliana Holtje and Jack Owenburg for receiving the John Masem Sr. Scholarships. Motion by Jerry Owenburg seconded by Keith Vella, motion carried.

Sickness – no report

Steering – Past President Robert McConville

- Jean Christensen has been doing a great job as our secretary.
- FASNY 1st Vice President Gene Perry, Director Frank Guarino – doing a great job representing Suffolk County.
- Jerry Owenburg and Peter Cincotta - Great job - Peter did a great job till he got sick. Looking forward to having Bob and Vinny as Trustees.
- SNY – Frank Guarino 1st Vice President and Directors are Jerry Owenburg, Gene Perry, Vinny Ammirati and Bob Sutton.
- We have great - great Chaplains – John Fleischman and Joe McCarthy.

Steering Committee recommendation for slate of officers for SCVFA 23-24

President – Vinny Ammirati

1st Vice President – Giovanni Chiarelli

2nd Vice President – Dan Brooks

3rd Vice President – Don Bracciadieta

Sgt at Arms – William Mulane

Treasurer – Robert McConville

Financial Secretary – Tom Prendergast

SCVFA Parade & Drill

- Leg trophy's Town of Babylon see Anthony LaFerrara
- County Leg Trophy's check your fire houses for them
- We have the Babylon and Town of Babylon parades left.
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Training & Education - No report

Ways and Means – Don Bracciadieta – 50/50 collected \$270.00. \$135 to the winner

Website – No Report

Youth in the Fire Service – Keith Vellia

August 25th and 26th at the Suffolk Fire Academy and Hagerman

Suffolk County Fire Chief's Council – Nick Lucarella - Progress

Suffolk County Association of Fire Districts – President Bob McConville & Vice President Scott Theobald

- Next meeting is August 31st in North Patchogue. Task Force Committee concerning batteries – cars – meeting – progress.

Suffolk County F.R.E.S. Don Lynch reported.

- Meeting with the Fire Academy
- Women in the Fire Service October 21st – it is free, limited seating. Wants to have it be a continuous thing.
- Hired new Fire Marshall.
- Canine graduates in November.
- Contact them for open houses.
- Geraldine Kifen passed away.
- FRES is here for you – we support you!

Suffolk County VEEB Board Gary Schaum

- Fire Police Field Day – September 23 - 9am – all welcome
- VEEB Board Vacancy – with much sadness with the passing we are accepting resumes for the position to fill Dennis Whittam position on the VEEB Board. The Councils along with the Board will be conducting interviews this position is from the Fire Service and resumes are being accepted until August 25th.
- Flashover reminder when attending the Flashover please ensure members are wearing long pants, long sleeves, and no synthetic closing. Also, reminder students must have completed FD1.
- Youth Dat August 25th 7pm at SCFA and August 26th 8am at Hagerman with FASNY.
- Lithium-Ion Training Lecture – We will be conducting training on September 25th 7pm Southold FD and October 26th Setauket please register via the website.
- Medal Day for 2023 – Scheduled for September 27th at Riverhead FD please save the date, at 7pm.
- LIRR Drill for 2024 will now be a hands-on component, look for new revised class.
- We are working closely with PSEG to see if we can get an upgrade and provide an Electric Training Class in the field for 2024.
- Classes at the Academy for 2022 total was 40,283, so far this year we are at 29,423.

Suffolk County Ladies Auxiliary – President Lori Zatorski

- We are currently selling chances for our 100 club they are \$26 and run for 26 weeks.
- Jeffrey Wands Fundraiser on January 27th.
- Our August meeting is cancelled – our next meeting is September 13th in Islip.
- Hope to see you all in Niagara Falls.

Suffolk County Fire Police Frank Guarino

- October 14th is NYS Fire Police in Hagerman – Will be meeting and training. Starts at 8am.

Suffolk County Firefighters Burn Center – 2nd Vice President Don Gleason

- Had a meeting in Centereach, no one came but that is usual. Will try this once a quarter for one year. Need place to hold meeting.
- Remember this is your Burn Center.
- Sent Nurses to Burn Conference
- Bought two chairs for them.
- Next meeting is August 21st at the Hospital.

Safety Officer's No Report

Southern NY VFA – President Juan Batta

- Thank you to those who came to Dinner and donated to the Journal.
- meeting is October 7th in Stony Point.
- Firefighter support network seminar in Selden.
- Website is www.snyvfa.org

North Fork VFA – Carlton Raab – No Report

Nassau County – Kevin McClewyn President has no report but thanks Suffolk Vollies for their hospitality.

Long Island Exempts Firemen's Association President Donald Hulupka reported.

- Next meeting is July 28th Bay Shore – Dinner at 7pm – meeting starts at 8pm.
- Claim against Financial Services regarding 2%
- 2% Forum in Niagara Falls on Friday at 1pm. Legal Service will be there.

Babylon Town VFA – Carl Formes

- The parade is September 9th.

Islip Town VFA – no report

NYS Chiefs – Anthony LaFerrera reported.

- Congratulations! Assistant Chief Christopher Ciaccio! Commack Fire Dept Recipient of the NYSAFC Presidents Award.
- THANK YOU! To all who attended our NYSAFC 117th Annual Conference & Fire 2023 Expo.
- Congratulations to our newly elected Executive Board
 - President R. Scott Ewing, District #3 Fire Department – Clinton County
 - 1st Vice President Anthony V. LaFerrera, North Babylon Volunteer Fire Company – Suffolk County.
 - 2nd Vice President Richard Lynam (Retired), White Plains Fire Bureau – Westchester County.
 - Immediate Past President James Comstock (Retired) Henrietta Fire Dept – Monroe County.
- NYSAFC 118th Annual Conference & Fire 2024 Expo – OnCenter Syracuse, NY June 12-15, 2024.
- In Memoriam:
Let's please remember our friend Dennis Whittam. Our condolences to Dennis's family as well as his Terryville family and of course his FireNews family. Dennis, we will all miss – Rest in Peace, our friend!

Old Business – None

New Business

- Bob McConville spoke on the drug panel report for Suffolk County.
 - AS of 7/13/23 – YTD ALL DRUG ODS

Aided Type	2021	2022	2023	2021-2022 % Change	2022-2023 % Change
FATAL	171	168	104	-2%	-38%
NON FATAL	751	748	807	0%	8%
Total	922	916	911	-1%	-1%

NARCAN ADMINISTERED BY	2023
SCPD	101
FIRE/RESCUE/EMS	259
OTHER	138
Total YTD	498

2023 Total Opiate Overdoes

Age Group	Drug Deaths	Town	Deaths	Race	Deaths
Under 20 years	3	Babylon	12	Black	8
20-29 Years	9	Brookhaven	44	Caucasian/White	68
30-39 Years	20	East Hampton	0	Hispanic	11
40-49 Years	25	Huntington	1	Asian	0
50-59 Years	19	Islip	28	Other	2
60 and above	13	Riverhead	0		
		Shelter Island	0		
		Smithtown	3		
		Southampton	0		
		Southold	1		
		Unspecified	0		
Totals	89	Total	89	Totals	89

Suffolk County Burn Center Fundraiser – Motion by Frank Guarino to purchase 5 tickets @ 85 each for total of \$425 seconded by Jerry Owenburg, motion carried.

Question on the ad request we received from the fire department. We do not take journal ads for individual fire depts.

Good & Welfare

John Masem on behalf of his family thank you to Keith Vella and the Executive Board for continuing the scholarship in his dad's memory.

Gene Perry would like to put aside a page in Memory of Dennis Whittam. Motion by Tony LaFerrera to put aside a page in the minutes for Dennis seconded by Scott Theobold, motion carried.

Peter Cincotta does not need much. Can make donation in his name for pizza party or the holiday appeal. Thank you for the prayers.

Dark Horse was drawn. 50/50 was won by Chief Marilyn Davis.

Next membership meeting is September 26th in Central Islip.

Thank you for coming tonight. Enjoy the rest of your summer.

Closing Prayer said by Chaplain Joe McCarthy

Motion to adjourn by Tony LaFerrera seconded by Frank Guarino at 9:16pm, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jean Christensen
Secretary