The Suffolk County Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc.



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Minutes – Meeting of the Suffolk County Volunteer Firefighter's Association May 23, 2023 - Yaphank Fire Department

Meeting Called to order by President Robert Sutton at 8pm Salute to the flag led by Sgt. At Arms Don Bracciodieta Prayer by Rev. John Fleischman

2nd Assistant Chief Don Schaaf welcomed SCVFA to the Yaphank Fire House.

Third Vice President Giovanni Chiarelli thanked Chief Schaaf and all the members of Yaphank for hosting the meeting and serving dinner this evening. A certificate of appreciation was given to Chef Schaaf.

Motion by Frank Guarino seconded by Gary Stecker to accept the minutes of the March meeting, Motion Carried.

<u>Introduction of Guests & Past Association Presidents: by Third Vice President Chiarelli</u> <u>Guests:</u>

- Stan Roberts 3rd Vice President of Islip Town Vollies
- Lori Zatorski President SCVFA Ladies Auxiliary
- Peter Colli Past President Town of Babylon VFA
- Frank Guarino FASNY Director
- Scott Thebold Vice President of Suffolk County Fire Districts
- Carl Formes President of Town of Babylon Volunteer FF Association
- Nick Luparella President Suffolk Chiefs
- Jeff Bailes President of Safety Officers
- Donald Gleason 2nd Vice President Suffolk County Burn Center

<u>Past Presidents</u> in attendance were Robert McConville, Eugene Perry, Jerry Owenburg, Frank Guarino, William Murray

<u>Treasurer Robert McConville</u> gave the treasurer's report. Motion to accept by Jeff Bailes seconded by Don Gleason, motion carried.

Bills/Correspondence – There were no bills.

Received email from Doreen Justiniano a former Lindenhurst Chemical and Rescue Co #1 member who has
relocated to Church Hill Tennessee. They are looking for old gear to be donated to be used in their local
high school. They have a Fire Science class in their High School and are looking for gear that is still in
decent condition but not good enough to use day to day. Tennessee does not have a fire academy and the

course work is taught in school. Once they reach 18 and join a department, it is up to the department to continue with the education so that they are prepared to help in an emergency. Next year they anticipate more students and they do not have enough gear. This is strictly for the classroom and will not be used outside of school. This county is not a wealthy one and this class does not get enough money to cover expenses for gear. The teacher is a retired paid fireman and paramedic from the Kingsport Fire Dept in Kingsport Tennessee. If your department can help Doreen, please email her at theshortone134@gmail.com.

- Donation request from Tower to Tunnels
- FASNY Museum requests to become a member.

Report of Presidents:

President Robert Sutton

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

<u>Annual Memorial Service</u> - Our annual Memorial Service was held 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.

<u>Educational Seminar</u> - Our second annual seminar was held on Saturday May 13, 2023, which was held at the Selden Fire Department. I would like to thank all those that attended this informative seminar, and a special thank you to FDNY Chief Frank Leeb for being our speaker. I would also like to thank the Selden Fire District & Department for allowing us to hold our seminar there once again.

<u>Firefighter of the Year</u> - Our Firefighter of the Year has been selected by the committee and will be announced tonight by the committee.

<u>Annual Dinner</u> - 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 & support dinner and journal. More information will follow concerning this event. Upcoming

<u>FASNY Convention</u> 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.

NYS Bill A 7160/S 6269 The Assembly Insurance Committee needs to HEAR OUR 80,000+ voices from across the state and VOTE NO on taking funding away from our Firefighter's Home! Assemblyman David Weprin (D-Queens) is bringing a bill he sponsors (A 7160/S 6269) to a vote in the Assembly Insurance Committee this Wednesday that would TAKE FUNDING currently allocated for the Firefighter's Home in Hudson and direct it to be paid to NYS Professional Firefighters Association. The Firefighter's Home would lose \$700,000 in funding under this proposal. This is UNACCEPTABLE and incredibly insulting to the brave men and women serving their communities in volunteer fire departments. The Firefighter's Home was created in 1892 by volunteer fire organizations as a place for indigent firefighters as a refuge of last resort. It started as a working farm and eventually evolved into a skilled nursing facility. The Firefighter's Home does NOT receive any Medicare/Medicaid money and it NEEDS this funding. Volunteer firefighters save our state BILLIONS of dollars annually all while putting their lives on the line to serve their communities despite receiving none of the salary, health benefits, or retirement benefits that paid professional firefighters receive – and yet this proposal wants to STEAL money away from our Firefighter's Home. We need all FASNY members to help make sure that all members of the Assembly Insurance Committee HEAR OUR 80,000+ voices from across the state and VOTE NO on this egregious money grab. Go to: https://www.votervoice.net/NVFC/Campaigns/105490/Respond to send your message to your area elected New York State Assembly and Senate members.

50 Year Recognition Certificates Member recognition certificates for 50 years of service 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.

<u>Committee Members</u> 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 on the meeting sign-in table or see me after tonight's meeting.

<u>Phone and E-Mail Notifications</u> Are you being notified of the Associations meetings and upcoming events? If you are not, please fill out your phone and E-Mail information on the information sheet on 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. I would like to wish everyone a very happy and safe Memorial Day weekend. Always remember all members of the military that we have lost and be grateful to those in our ranks who served our country. Have a safe and healthy summer.

Report of 1st Vice President Peter Cincotta - None

Report of 2nd Vice President Vinny Ammirati:

Attended the following meetings:

FASNY legislative committee Zoom meeting March 30, 2023

Southern New York legislative outreach meeting Albertson, FD April 15, 2023

Help out 1st VP Peter Cincotta move to the FASNY Home April 12 through April 22, 2023

Long Island Benevolent meeting at the Norwich Fire Department April 28, 2023

Brookhaven Town Fire District, Association, brunch, and installation of officers April 30, 2023

Funeral for Ex Chief Paul Felice of the Patchogue Fire Department April 30, 2023

Transported Past President Peter Cincotta to the FASNY Firefighters home April 26, 2023

Visited Peter Cincotta at the Home and brought him up some more personal items May 5, 2023

Suffolk County Memorial Service at the Green Lawn FD May 7, 2024

Southern New York executive board meeting Port Chester, Fire Department Wednesday May 10, 2023

Suffolk County seminar at the Selden FD May 13, 2023

Town of Babylon vollies meeting at the Lindenhurst FD pavilion May 15, 2023

Southern New York, memorial services and convention May 20, 2023, at Hewlitt Fire Department

Brookhaven town volunteer Fireman's Museum memorial services May 21, 2023

Report of 3rd Vice President Giovanni Chiarelli – I have attended.

April 25, SCVFA meeting at Brookhaven FD

May 07, SCVFA Memorial service at Greenlawn FD

May 11, Seminar at Dix Hills FD

May 13, Seminar at Selden FD

May 17, Huntington/Smithtown Fire Police at East Northport FD

- -Continue working with vendors to order new logo shirts and jacket plates for SCVFA
- -Thank you to all who participated in the Seminar.

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

By-Laws - No report

<u>Candidate Campaign</u> – Robert McConville

Bob Sutton will be running for Trustee of the Firefighter's Home in August – ready to go. Will have a discussion on Peter under new Business.

REMSCO Report by Tom Prendergast - meeting 5/16/23

• Transfer of Authority Voted on

Stony Brook FD to District

Lake Ronkonkoma FD to District

· Applications submitted

Deer Park FD to District

Melville FD to District

- Discussion on Service Pins for First responders/ambulances
- 5/24/23 CPR Awards at Deer Park FD
- Lt. Michael Murphy run is June 24th in Ronkonkoma, is a half marathon.
- MOU Stony Brook ->Gordon Heights, Yaphank, Middle Island
- EMS week EMS Memorial is 5/23 in Albany
- September 23 is EMS Conference Fire Police Field Day
- Stats
 - o BLS 12 Lead 60
 - o BLS Cpap 39
 - o RSI Agencies 29
 - o CFR 33 (1)
 - o EMT 4719 (103)
 - o CC 146
 - o Paramedics 810 (142) Total is 5708 including 956 ALS providers.
 - o Paramedic bridge course is in progress 4/20 to 6/20/24.

<u>Credentials</u> – Dan Brooks – Members and Delegates in good standing please sign in. Three people joined this evening.

<u>FASNY</u> – 1st Vice President Eugene Perry – gave the following report.

- FASNY has released its Economic Impact Study which shows that the Volunteer Fire Service saved New York taxpayers \$3.8 billion in salary and benefits alone. The annual cost of an all-career fire service (salaries, benefits, operating costs, and debt service) would be \$4.7 billon. Property taxes would rise 28.4%. The study is broken down by Assembly and Senate districts. The complete report is on the FASNY website. A handout which lists the study highlights, and the Assembly and Senate breakdown will be posted on the Suffolk County website for download.
- Recruit NY weekend across the State went extremely well. Here in Suffolk County a Press Conference was held at the Dis Hills Fire Department and was attended by Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone. During the weekend visited the St. James Fire Department recruitment event where I presented the Chief with a FASNY recruitment grant. I also stopped by the Setauket and Sound Beach Fire Department's Open Houses.
- The FASNY Convention will be August 10-12 at the Sheraton Hotel in Niagara Falls. All housing, registration information and events for the Convention are on the FASNY website under the Events tab. Please be advised that any registrations after July 1st will incur a \$50. Service charge.
- I want to congratulate the 2023 FASNY Firefighter of the Year Lieutenant Justin Berry from the Riverhead Fire Department. FASNY Scholarship winners from Suffolk County are Sophia Augier from the Nissequogue Fire department and Maxwell Gazes from the Bay Shore-Brightwaters Ambulance Company. Also the East Norwich Juniors have won both the National Volunteer Fire Council Youth Program of the Year and the FASNY Youth Group of the Year.
- I've been extremely busy the last few days because the Assembly Insurance Committee is holding a hearing tomorrow, and on the agenda is a bill A7160/S6269 that will take part of the 2% money that FASNY receives for support and maintenance for the FASNY Firefighters Home and give it to the Professional Firefighters Association (PFFA). They claim that the money would be used for Cancer Screening and Health and Safety programs. FASNY stands to lose approximately \$700,000 in funding for the Firefighter's Home. If you receive emails from FASNY please look for the email to act. If your email is not registered with FASNY, please get your email to the FASNY office.

<u>Home Trustees</u> – Past Presidents of Trustees Jerry Owenburg mention that with us tonight is Bill Murray who is a Past Trustee at the Home. Jerry gave the following report:

- We are taking care of 84 Brothers and Sisters. We have a long-range committee looking into ways to expand. Five members are in the 100 club.
- Co-Vid cases 0 Brothers and 0 Sister. 3 Staff with Co-Vid.
- If any organization or anyone wants to sponsor a meal for the members and to thank the staff, call Home to pick a meal. Call 1800-479-7695.
- 2 more active Application in the works. New Application online now 3 pages and 5 Financial pages. Call us for assistance. We 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 Small Changer, Tain Club, Chapel Fund,
 Butterfly Garden and Memory Garden.
- Anyone looking to donate any Model Train items, Arts and Craft items, clothing, clank greeting cards, or
 anything call us and we will get them 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 for is on-line. As little as make sure the Member gets cards for Birthday and Holidays. Memorial bricks available 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 now 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 132 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 at 12noon.
- DBW Home name 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 as you to wear a mask.
- Hudson High School is going to paint two murals on the walls. One in the train room. One by the pool.

Gene Perry thanked Jerry for serving 10 years on the Board of Trustee as well as being a Past President of the Board of Trustees. Thank you for all your hard work!

Father Halpin Memorial Service is May 4, 2024

<u>Firefighter Cancer Support Network</u> - Jerry Owenburg announced they had their golf outing, and the weather was nice. Thank you to Nesconsett they went there after the outing. Get your tests done, do not put them off.

<u>Firefighter of the Year</u> – John Masem announced that the winner is John Manzi Jr from West Babylon.

Fire Prevention - Don Bracciodieta

- June 1st is the last day to apply for the Scholarship.
- EMS Week is this week. Thank you for all that you do.

<u>Headquarters</u> – 2nd Vice President Vinny Ammirati –

• Forms are on the table. Thank you to the following who have donated.

Suffolk County Ladies. \$100

Selden Fire Department \$100

Fire Chief Council of Suffolk County \$100

Van Gard Hose Co#1 Patchogue FD \$100

Patchogue Fire Department \$100

Town of Babylon Fireman's Association \$100

Any amount would be appreciated, please go back, and ask your department to donate. There are forms on the table up front and also on our website.

<u>John A. Masem Sr. Scholarship</u> – Keith Vellia –Deadline is June 1st. Only have one good application right now. The application is on the website. We get applications every year that are disqualified. The applications will be voted on in June at the Executive Board meeting.

<u>Legislative</u> – Jerry Owenburg –

- Reappointed Edward J. Vinogroski as a member of the Suffolk County Fire, rescue, and emergency Services Commission.
- Authorized the County Executive to enter into an Agreement with Suffolk County Community College to provide facilities for human and pet sheltering during times of emergency.
- Approved the reappointment of Bryan Prosek as a member of the Suffolk County Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services Commission.
- Authorized the County Executive to execute grant related agreements for all reoccurring New York State Homeland Security Grants administered by the Suffolk County Department of Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services.
- Reappointed Patrick Murphy as a member of the Suffolk County Vocational, Education and Extension Board.
- Donating surplus emergency Meals Ready to Eat (MREs) to recognized non-for-profit organizations providing relief to residents in need.
- Authorized the County Executive to enter into a New York City Urban Area Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement for Major Emergency Transportation Unites (METU).

Vinny reported on FASNY Legislation

They did a Lobby Day. They have a meeting next Weds with new score card. Have a lot on the agenda.

2023 LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD UPDATED MAY 1

PRIORITIES FOR CONSIDERATION

- ➤ Lithium-Ion Battery Safety Standards
- Cancer Coverage Cost Relief

FY 2024 BUDGET MONITORING

- Reimbursement for training materials and classes
- ➤ Improve tax benefits for volunteer firefighters
- o Push to allow reception of both real property tax exemptions **and** income tax credit *Proposed in FY24 Senate One-House Budget Language; standalone language to fix A.6274 (Barrett) S. 6630 (Mannion)* o Income tax credit increase (has been at \$200 since its inception in 2006) *Increase to \$800 proposed in FY24 Senate One-House Budget Language*
- Standalone language (S.5949 Skoufis) would step increase credit tied to qualifying years of service up to \$2,500 for 10+ consecutive years of service.

Budget Update

- · Nominal Fee for additional training Only Local AHJs to Opt in (Their cost) OFPC to determine courses
- \$10 Million for Stipends for BEFO, IFO and OfF1 (\$3.5 Million of which goes to OFPC to Administer)
- \$25 Million for Capital fund for fire station improvements and equipment, no word on how it will be administered.
- No Income Tax Credit increase (MOA Barrett has bill in to increase it to \$800 (A6224) No Senate sponsor as of yet)
- No removal of the prohibition of collecting both Tax incentives
- 54G Money will still be swept

We know the members will want to know how stipend breakdown from state fund will work, it is yet to be set in stone by DHSES but on the record Commissioner Bray said: "suggesting about 750 per firefighter for basic and 1250 for every vff to compete interior". Unclear at this juncture what Officer 1 breakdown would be, and also, we will push for guidance from state to AHJs on how to determine/break down nominal stipend for additional training on top of these 3 reimbursable by the state.

Long Island Day at the Firemen's Home – Jerry Owenburg reported:

- September 17th with Memorial Service at noon, Parade at 1pm followed by BBQ to follow.
- Please plan on coming up, it is a great day. Hopefully we will be able to go in the Home.
- Thank you for everyone's support.
- This year's program will be dedicated to William Wieck.

Membership - Dan Brooks -

We have paid – 136 Members 71 Departments 41 organizations.

Dan has applications with him if interested in joining and they are on the website as well.

<u>Publicity</u> – Vinny Ammirati – The three amigos moderate the page (Vinny, Dan and Jean). Posts must be fire service related. They are going to try every week to post a topic that everyone can interact with.

Resolutions by Gene Perry

- BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Association extend its sincere thanks to the Yaphank Fire Department for hosting tonight's meeting. Motion by Frank Guarino, seconded by Anthony Sullo, carried.
- BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Association extend its sincere thanks to the Brookhaven Fire Department for hosting our April Executive board meeting. Motion by Peter DePinto, seconded by Anthony Sullo, carried.
- BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Association send a letter to Assemblyman David Werpin expressing our displeasure with Assembly Bill 7160 which takes funding away form the FASNY Firefighters Home. Motion by Frank Guarino, seconded by Peter Colli, motion carried.

Sickness -

- Jerry Palermo from Hagerman
- Doug Harrow from Bellport

Steering - Past President Robert McConville

Will be meeting in June. If you want to run for office or be on a committee let Bob know.

SCVFA Parade & Drill

The parade is at 10am in Riverhead, the drill will start 45 minutes after the parade.

Ways and Means - Don Bracciodieta -

50/50 took in \$175, so the winner will win \$87.00.

<u>Website</u> – website is up and running.

Youth in the Fire Service - Keith Vellia

• Thursday the 25th is a meeting in Hagerman with Chief Sunderman, Frank Guarino, Gene Perry, and a few others to discuss youth day. Would like to do lecture August 25th and hands on August 26th. There will be youth days in Old Forge, Niagara Falls and West Potsdam.

Suffolk County Fire Chief's Council - Nick Lucarella

Hospitality at Chiefs convention at the Marriott Downtown on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Next meeting is July 14 in Nesconsett.

<u>Suffolk County Association of Fire Districts</u> —President Bob McConville & Vice President Scott Theobald Elections at the Turning stone. Don Corkery is running for President, Jo Badala for 1st Vice President. First time tht both the President and 1st VP are from the same county. All went well. Will go back October 2024 to the Turning stone. Next meeting is August 17th in Dix Hills. Any questions, please ask.

Suffolk County F.R.E.S. by Anthony Sullo

They spoke on Cyber Attack – E911. Next meeting is tomorrow night, and they will tour the training facility.

Suffolk County VEEB Board Gary Schaum was absent but sent his report with Secretary JEAN Christensen
 Firefighter Safety Stand Down week of June 19th. The Fire Academy is giving special training all week.

6/19/23 – Dix Hills FD Station 1 115 East Deer Park Rd, Dix Hills – 50 sets – Keeping Today's Firefighters Safe. 6/20/23 – West Hampton Beach FD – 92 Sunset Ave, West Hampton Beach – 100 seats – Lithium-Ion Batteries: Are you ready?

6/21/23 – Medford FD 171 Oregon Avenue, Medford – 125 Seats – Incident Command Nuggets – Taking Care of our Troops.

6/21/23 Deer Park FD 94 Lake Avenue, Deer Park – 125 Seats – Cancer Awareness, Lithium-Ion Batteries Update, Let's keep our firefighters safe.

- Upcoming Cancer Prevention Training June 10th Drone rodeo at SCFA with FRES 9am please sign up through website.
- Confined Space and ropes Rescue Refresher June 10th and 11th please sign up for open enrolment.
- Please review the SCFA training bulletin that we sent out. There has been some nice added information. Very useful to share with your members. Post on your message boards electronically, via email or on your training board. The latest one is on Fire Scene Preservation.
- Please check the Fire Academy website for the most up to date information for all upcoming training and classes.
- Dedication of the Railroad Platform and Train Prop. In Memory of Past Executive Director Tom Kost from Lindenhurst took place on Saturday, May 13th.

Suffolk County Ladies Auxiliary – President Lori Zatorski

- Thank you to the Memorial Service Committee job well done.
- The ladies scratch off drawing will be held in June.
- Still selling chances for our 100 club.
- Jeffrey Wands Fundraiser in January 2024.
- Our next meeting is June 14th in West Sayville

Suffolk County Fire Police Frank Guarino

- Convention was in Niagara Falls.
- Next convention is in Watertown.

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

- Shot Gun Shoot Fundraiser moved to June 17^{th.}
- August 5th is the Pindar Fundraiser
- Looking to do a Comedy night at McGuires.
- Burn Center is open for Tours.
- Next meeting is June 19th at 7:30pm.
- July 17th the meeting will be at the Centereach Fire House at 7:30. Trying to get more members to attend the meetings.
- Trying to move meetings at the hospital to the lobby.

Safety Officer's by Jeff Bailes

- We need Agencies to host an ISO or HSO class 1 day 8am to 4pm.
- Heat Stress
 - 1. Sweating is the primary mechanism to prevent heat stress.
 - 2. Full structure PPE reduces the body to evaporate heat.
 - 3. Workers become dehydrated.
 - 4. Working in direct sunlight adds 10 degrees bunker gear adds another 10 degrees.
 - 5. Fires inside structures
 - 6. Studies have found that firefighters engaged in operations have elevated core temperatures more than 101 degrees Fahrenheit after 20 minutes. This affects mental judgement.

Safety Officers should be aware of various warning signs. Rehabilitation should be available on all calls with the capabilities of passive cooling and active cooling.

FDSOA

- Health and Safety January 14-18, 2024, Phoenix AZ
- Fire Apparatus and Specifications January 17-20, 2024, Mesa AZ

New York State Safety Officers

- Next meeting October 8, 2023, 8am at Hillcrest FD Spring Valley 4 presenters also on zoom
 - 1. Lawyer Dave Fischler, Liability if you don't have a SO
 - 2. Jeff Cool Black Sunday
 - 3. Pastor Fleischman CISM
 - 4. Greg James SO Leadership

Thank you all for supporting our fundraiser. Stay safe, Healthy, Keep hydrated and get home safe.

Southern NY VFA - 1st Vice President Frank Guarino

- Memorial Service and Convention was in Hewlett.
- May 31st in Glen Cove is the next meeting.

North Fork VFA – Carlton Raab – No Report

Babylon Town VFA - Carl Formes reported.

- Memorial Service was on Sunday.
- September meeting in North Amityville with Elections

<u>Islip Town VFA</u> – 3rd Vice President Stan Roberts

• June 21st is the next meeting in Sayville. Please plan on attending.

New Business

• Keith Vellia was approached by Anthony from Standard Recycling Corporation to place recycling bins at businesses and fire houses as a fundraiser. They would need to work out insurance and details. They maintain the area. Westchester is looking into doing this. Question was asked what department would get. They give \$1800 per bin, so we would need to split. West Islip and Bay Shore already do something similar. Question was raised on how the community would know these are there.

Motion by Gene Perry to bring back to the Executive Board and have a representative present for further discussion seconded by Warren Holtje, motion carried.

Good & Welfare

• Jerry reported that Peter is at the Firefighters Home. He is doing PT two times a day. He is doing great. A good time to reach out to Peter is late afternoon – give him a call. If you are in the area stop in and see him.

<u>Dark Horse</u> was drawn. Thank you to Yaphank for donating bottles for the raffle. May Catherine Dolan won the 50/50. Bottles were won by Jeff Bailes and Vinny Ammirati.

- Firefighter Cancer Support Network is having a seminar on September 9th there are flyers on the table.
- If your department can help the school in Tennessee with gear come, get information from Jean.
- FASNY Museum is looking for membership, if you are personally interested in joining the information is up front.
- John Masem thanked all departments and districts that supported our seminar. We are looking for ideas and
 perhaps a different time of the year to do the next one. Please see John if you have ideas. Many didn't
 realize how important it is to clean the inside of your helmets. If you use Red Line, they clean inside
 helmets.

Next membership meeting is July 25th at the Smithtown River Property.

Thank you for coming tonight.

Closing Prayer said by Rev. John Fleischman Motion to adjourn by Don Gleason seconded by Jeff Bailes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Christo

Jean Christensen

Secretary