



The Suffolk County Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc.



Minutes – Meeting of the Suffolk County Volunteer Firemen's Association July 22, 2014 at the Port Jefferson Fire Department

- Meeting called to order by President Jerry Owenburg at 8:10 PM
- Salute to the flag led by Sergeant at Arms, Ryan Murphy
- Chaplain David Carrigan gave an opening prayer and moment of silence for the sick and departed members
- Chief David Williams of the Port Jefferson Fire Department welcomed the S.C.V.F.A.
- Vice President Cincotta 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 27, 2014 meeting at the North Lindenhurst Fire Department

Introduction of Guests: Vice President DelVecchio reported that the following guests were in attendance: Past Presidents William Wieck, Robert McConville and Eugene Perry, FASNY 1st Vice President Robert McConville, FASNY Director Eugene Perry and Michael Reid, FASNY Home Trustee Jerry Owenburg, SNY 2nd Vice President Anthony Sullo, South Shore Volunteer FD Association Anthony Sullo, SC Fire Safety Educators President Bob Sutton, SC Burn Center Treasurer Jerry Owenburg, Firefighter's Cancer Support Network Tony Cruz, NYS Fire Police Past President Frank Guarino, Nassau County Firemen's Association President Otto Kohlmier, LI Benevolent Association Michael Krummenacker and Donald Holupka

President Owenburg along with the Masem family presented the Annual John A. Masem Sr. Scholarships to Bridget Cantaia, Tim Melcher, Allyson Melcher, Brendan Malm and Douglas Toledo

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Bob McConville read report
M/M/S/P to accept the Treasurer's report as read.
-Bob stated that we need more ticket sellers for our daily number drawing.

Bills: None

Communications:

- Thank you letter from Douglas Toledo for receiving the John Masem Scholarship
- Card from Judy Vella with a donation to the John Masem Scholarship in memory of Robert Knight, Edward Carpenter and Frank Obremski
- Card from Mary Reilly with a donation to the John Masem Scholarship in memory of Edward Carpenter

Report of Presidents:

Report of President Jerry Owenburg: Reported on the meetings and events he attended on behalf of the Association

Report of 1st Vice President Peter Cincotta: Reported on the meetings and events he attended on behalf of the Association

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

Report of 3rd Vice President Frank Guarino: Reported on the meeting and events he attended on behalf of the Association

Steering Committee: Robert McConville reported:

- Nominations for office for the coming year: President Peter Cincotta (Selden), 1st Vice President Chris Del Vecchio (Mastic), 2nd Vice President Frank Guarino (Hagerman), 3rd Vice President Ryan Murphy (Patchogue) Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Sutton (Central Islip), Financial Secretary Bill Rowse (Patchogue) and Treasurer Bob McConville (Selden). Nominations are open until the September meeting.
- Anyone who would like to run for office, please see Bob

Sickness: David Carrigan reported:

-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.: Bob McConville/Eugene Perry reported:

-It is with regret that we announce the passing of John Haley Past Sergeant-at-Arms of FASNY

-FASNY Seminar "YOU Safety and Wellness=Survival" Wednesday, October 15, 2014 at Selden FD. Registration on the FASNY website.

-Bob thanked everyone for their support as he has moved up through the ranks of FASNY

-Convention training track registration has been extended until August 1st.

-Convention schedule: Golf Outing Monday, Past Presidents Dinner Tuesday, Memorial Service and Convention Opening Ceremonies Wednesday morning, 2% Tax Forum Wednesday afternoon, Training Day Thursday, Elections, Firefighter and EMS Provider of the Year Ceremony and Convention close Friday

-Bob McConville will be the 3rd person from Suffolk County to be FASNY President

-FASNY Director Michael Reid thanked the Association for their support for his second 5 year term.

FASNY Home Trustees: Jerry Owenburg reported:

-There are 68 residents in the Home

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

-The Softball Tournament is August 1-3, 2014

-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 Bill

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

Southern New York VFA: Anthony Sullo reported:

-Thanked everyone for their support

-Next meeting is October 4, 2014 in Rockland County

Commissioner Williams' Report: Ryan Murphy reported:

-There has been excessive use of waivers for red light cameras. There will be no more excuses, the ticket will stand.

Suffolk County Chiefs: Vice President Del Vecchio reported:

-The Chiefs donated \$1,000 to LI Day and \$500 to our Hospitality Room

-M/M/S/P to send a thank you letter

Suffolk County Ladies: No Report

2014 S.C.V.F.A. Memorial Service: May 4, 2014: Vice President Cincotta reported:

-We need a host for next years' service which will be held on Sunday, May 3, 2015 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: Vice President Cincotta reported:

-Selden FD did an excellent job with the Parade & Drill

-Suffolk County Parade & Drill Officials did a great job as well

-The Leg Trophy in memory of Past President Rich Vella for Best Appearing Juniors went to the Selden FD Juniors

-M/M/S/P to send letters to the Selden FD for hosting the events and to the Selden FD Juniors for winning Best Appearing

Long Island Day at the Home: President Owenburg reported:

-This year's date is Sunday, September 21, 2014

-Our Chapel window will be dedicated along with Ted Rosko's window at 11AM

-The Tree and Monument Ceremony will follow the Window Dedication

-The Juniors from Suffolk & Nassau Counties will be honored in the Program

-If you have a group coming up or a bus with extra room, please contact President Owenburg

-Next meeting is Wednesday, August 27, 2014 at Wantagh FD

Parade and Drill Officials: Rich Ligon reported:

-Season going well so far

-Central Islip "Hoboes" won the Suffolk County Drill Championship & West Sayville FD won the Suffolk County Parade Championship

-The Parade Officials especially the Ladies Parade Officials are in need of help.

F.R.E.S.: Ryan Murphy reported:

- Any department who can help with the Non T band build out by giving the County any frequencies they are not using, please contact Commissioner Williams. The County will make arrangements with the department for the transfer
- Next meeting is tomorrow night

VEEB: President Owenburg reported:

- Minutes from May 19, 2014 meeting turned over to the Secretary. No minutes from June 23, 2014 meeting
- Alan Groveman is the new Vice President of the Board
- The Association was promised that a representative from the Board would be at all of our meetings going forward and no one is here tonight.
- President Owenburg will be attending the next Board meeting on Monday, July 28, 2014 and he will remind them of their commitment to attend our meetings

Radio: Anthony Sullo reported:

- Successful backup system test in Coram in May
- Memo from Commissioner Williams to FD's about Motorola getting out of low band pager business and emergency agencies having to relocate their systems to other frequencies
- Commissioner Williams asked if any department could help with the Non T band build out by giving the County any frequencies they are not using; the County has \$6 million for this project

Fire Police: Frank Guarino reported:

- Next NYS Fire Police meeting is October 10 & 11 in Athens, NY
- Convention in 2015 will be in Watertown

Legislative: William Wieck reported:

- Legislative Session is over for the year
- 3 of our bills have passed both houses and are awaiting action by the Governor, they are Sex Offenders from becoming volunteer firefighters, VFBL/AWBL Coverage for non-jurisdictional response & Job Protection in times of declared State of Emergencies
- LOSAP bill was included in the State Budget, check with your accountant on how to apply this to your 2014 taxes

Firefighter of the Year: President Owenburg reported:

- Thomas Gorman from the Bohemia FD is the 2014 Suffolk County Firefighter of the Year
- He also is the FASNY and Southern NY Firefighter of the Year

Audit: President Owenburg reported:

- Anyone who is interested in being Chairman, please see Jerry

EMS: Meryl Montrose reported:

- Update titled "New Initiatives for 2014: NYS DOH deadline for completing transition of all EMT Basics to the new national standard curricula was June 30, 2014. EMT's who have not completed the training as of that date cannot act as the only certified provider providing care to a patient. The County EMS Division will continue to offer the 13 hour supplemental courses. The deadline for EMT-CC's is June 30, 2015 or before if their expiration date falls before that date. Paramedics have a 3 hour on line module before that date as well.
- Deadline for ALS agencies to obtain a Class 3C controlled substances license is still May 1, 2015
- Distributed a listing of the 2013 REMSCO award winners
- Requests for transfer of Operating Application from Emergency Ambulance Service Inc. (EAS) and clarification of Operating Territory Application from Farmingville FD were both approved
- Course Sponsor Renewal Application from Hunter Ambulance and SUNY Stony Brook were submitted. All paperwork was received
- Mass training for the public by the Chain of Survival/CPR Committee will be held at La Valle Stadium at SUNY Stony Brook on Sunday, September 7, 2014. The goal is to train 5,000 people on that day. Setauket FD & Stony Brook has developed an on-line CPR program for schools
- Congratulations to the EMS Division for the recent training held on Plum Island
- There was an open forum/brainstorming about possible long term goals/plans in regards to EMS. Topic included new requirements on training & it's effect on the amount of volunteers taking original & refresher courses as well as the long range possibility of a paid EMS system. Another "Best Practices Conference" to be held in the fall

Resolutions: Eugene Perry reported:

1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Association thank the Port Jefferson FD for hosting tonight's meeting

2. BE IT RESOLVED that the Association thank the Greenlawn FD for hosting the April Executive Board meeting
 3. BE IT RESOLVED that the Association congratulate the Central Islip FD "Hoboes" for winning the Suffolk County Drill Championship
 4. BE IT RESOLVED that the Association congratulate the West Sayville FD for winning the Suffolk County Parade Championship
 5. BE IT RESOLVED that the Association appoint Kathy Perry as Secretary of the Association for the coming year
- M/M/S/P to accept resolution as read.

Burn Center Stony Brook: President Owenburg reported:

- Very busy, Dix Hills firefighter sent home. BBQ burns, burns from fireworks, grease burns (water and hot grease DO NOT MIX!)
- Burn Center is now on the 8th floor, all looking good
- Please have firefighters follow up if they go to the Burn Center so they receive the proper care
- Tours are always available and Memorial cards see Jerry
- Salute to Heroes Concert to support the Burn Center & Cancer Network Wednesday, September 10, 2014 at Bald Hill in Farmingville
- Afternoon at Sea Star (Atlantis Aquarium) Sunday, October 5, 2104 3pm-8pm. Tickets are \$60
- 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 18, 2014 at Sunset Harbour: Vice President DelVecchio reported:

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

William Reilly Scholarship Journal: Eugene Perry reported:

- To date receives \$2,130 for the journal
- 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:

- Discussed the danger of sparklers. If you see something, say something, we must remain vigilant and 100% watchful

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.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: President Owenburg reported:

- Anyone interested in being Chairman, please see Jerry

Candidate Campaign: Robert McConville reported:

- Cups and pens for the Convention have been ordered

Safety Officer: Alan Bayley reported:

- The next meeting will be on Friday, August 28, 2014 in Selden
- Response for Suffolk County should be completed by the end of August
- FDSOA Seminar for September was moved to Arizona and promises to be good
- Apparatus Symposium will be in Florida January 2015
- Larry Torres from the Suffolk EMS Academy gave an excellent presentation on Electrical Emergencies
- Presentation on Light Weight Construction by Tom Rinaldi was very informative.

Fire Prevention: Bob Sutton reported:

- Fire Prevention Week October 5-11, 2014 "Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives – Test Yours Every Month"

- FASNY can help make your Fire Prevention Programs more successful. Reach out to the Fire Prevention & Life Safety Committee for details
- There are now 20 new Fire Life Safety Educator Level 1 in Suffolk County. Another will be offered in the next year
- The Association will no longer print and send out a news letter. All info can be found at www.scfsea.org
- Check the FEMA & NFPA website for some free Fire Prevention information
- With summer here remember pool safety
- Suffolk County All Hazards Trailer has been it many locations in the County

NFPA: Paul Van Arts Dalen reported:

- NFPA has forgotten about the volunteer fire service
- It cost \$1,500 for membership, way out of our league

Recruitment and Retention: Ryan Murphy reported:

- The SAFER Grant comes to a close in October; however there are some efforts for an appeal
- Students looking to continue may apply to the FASNY HELP Program
- Recruitment overall in Suffolk County continues to grow
- Contact Michael Fink at FRES for SERVES Program

Headquarters: Vice President DelVecchio reported:

- The theme at the Hospitality Night at the Convention is Mardi Gras
- Letters were sent to Department for donations to the Suffolk County Hospitality Room
- To date we have received \$2,525 for our Hospitality Room

Ways and Means: Ryan Murphy reported:

- \$160 to the winner

Credentials: Bill Rowse reported: 66 Members in attendance

Membership: Bill Rowse reported:

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

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

- Congratulations to this year's winners
- 6 applications were disqualified because they were not Association members
- Deadline for next year's Scholarship is June 1, 2015
- You must be a member of the Association for 1 year or a child or grandchild of a member of the Association for 1 year to qualify
- Applications are available on the website
- Please make sure the application is complete

Youth in the Fire Service: Vice President Cincotta reported:

- Youth Day at FASNY Convention on Thursday, August 21, 2014 at the Colonie Training Center
- Suffolk County Youth Seminar scheduled for November. Details to follow
- Keith Vella will replace Peter on the FASNY Youth in the Fire Service Committee

Firefighters Cancer Support Network: Tony Cruz reported:

- Salute to Heroes Concert to support the Burn Center & Cancer Network Wednesday, September 10, 2014 at Bald Hill in Farmingville
- Advance Dermatology offering free skin cancer screening for any firefighter or EMS provider & their families
- Miracle House in Midtown Manhattan will give you a room for 2 and a cooking area for \$75 per night for anyone who has 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
- 1 in 3 firefighters come down with cancer in their career
- 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
- To date we have mentored 269 firefighters, 32 EMS providers & 89 family members

Food Drive: Eugene Perry reported: Progress

Web Site: President Owenburg reported

-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:

-Northport FD Parade on Saturday, October 18, 2014, please respond to Parade request

-Discussion on VEEB appointment, the process & the makeup of the board

New Business: None

Election: None

Good and Welfare:

-The following Departments in Suffolk County still owe FASNY Dues: Mount Sinai, Port Jefferson, Ridge & Point-O-Woods

Dark Horse: Winning numbers drawn.

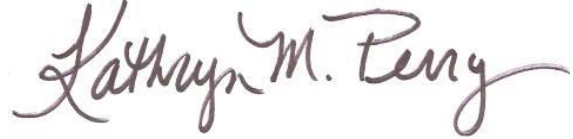
Future Meeting: Tuesday, September 23, 2014 – Selden FD 732-1234

-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: by Chaplain Fleischmann

Motion to adjourn and meeting adjourned at: 10:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Kathryn M. Perry". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kathryn" being the most prominent.

Kathryn M. Perry
Secretary



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Dear Fellow Firefighters:

The Annual Dinner of the Suffolk County Volunteer Firemen's Association will be held on Saturday, October 18, 2014, at the Sunset Harbor located on Colonial Drive in East Patchogue. In conjunction with our Dinner, we will be publishing the William J. Reilly Memorial Journal. The proceeds from this Journal support the John A. Masem, Sr. Scholarship. We would appreciate your support by purchasing an advertisement.

Full Page Ads: \$50.00

Half Page Ads: \$30.00

Boosters \$3.00

To place your ad, please fill in the bottom of this form, **attach the copy** that you want printed in the Journal, and return it with your check made payable to "SCVFA" to the address indicated. The deadline for placing an Advertisement in our Journal is September 30, 2014.

Thank you for supporting **your** organization and we hope to see you in East Patchogue on October 18th.

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**SCVFA Journal Advertisement
2014 William J. Reilly Memorial Journal**

_____ **Full Page Ads: \$50.00**

_____ **Half Page Ads: \$30.00**

_____ **Boosters \$3.00**

\$_____ **Total amount Enclosed**

Please enclose this form, with your advertisement copy and your check for the correct amount made payable to "SCVFA" and mail to:

**S.C.V.F.A.
c/o Mr. Eugene Perry
67 Smith Road
Shirley, NY 11967**

If you can supply any artwork via email, please email it to pfdvg40@aol.com



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REMEMBER TICKETS ARE ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS
AND ONLY 300 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD!!!!

SCVFA Annual Dinner
Installation of Officers and Firefighter of the a Year
Ticket Request Form
Saturday, October 18, 2014

_____ Tickets @ \$65.00 each = \$ _____ Total Amount Enclosed

Send Tickets to: _____

Fire Department, Company or Org.: _____

Address: _____

Address 2: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Please enclose this form and your check for the correct amount made payable to "SCVFA" and mail to:

S.C.V.F.A.
c/o Mr. Chris DelVecchio
33 Tonopan Street
Mastic, NY 11950

You can e-mail your ticket requests to fire97cd@aol.com

**PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE DEADLINE FOR REQUESTING TICKETS WILL BE NO LATER
THAN OCTOBER 4, 2014**