



The Suffolk County Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc.

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"Proud Hosts of the 2010 FASNY Convention"

**Minutes – Meeting of the Suffolk County Volunteer Firemen's Association
September 27, 2011 at the West Babylon Fire Department**

- Meeting called to order by President Rich Vella at 8:00 PM
- Salute to the flag led by Sergeant at Arms, Frank Guarino
- Chaplain Dave Carrigan gave an opening prayer and moment of silence for the sick and departed members
- 2nd Assistant Chief Peter McArdle of the West Babylon Fire Department welcomed the S.C.V.F.A.
- 1st Vice President Owenburg thanked the Chief and all the members for hosting the meeting and serving dinner
- M/M/S/P to accept the minutes of the July 26, 2011 meeting at the Smithtown Fire Department

Introduction of Guests: 2nd Vice President Peter Cincotta reported that the following guests were in attendance: Past Presidents: William Wieck, Robert Knight, William Murray, Richard Vella, Eugene Perry. FASNY Director, Richard Vella, FASNY Home Trustee William Murray, SNYVFA President Eugene Perry. SC Chiefs Council President Anthony LaFerrera, SC Fire Academy Executive Director Richard Stockinger, SC Burn Center, Jerry Owenburg, Treasurer, Past President. Firefighter's Cancer Support Network Jerry Owenburg, Babylon Town Chiefs President Jeff Thompson.

Treasurer's Report: Harry Prodromides reported:

General Fund:	\$ 4,891.39
Dinner/Scholarship:	\$ 8,545.52
Headquarters:	\$ 2,714.60
FASNY FCU:	\$ 3,192.60
President's Debit:	\$ 854.22
TOTAL:	\$20,198.33

Bills: There were no bills

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

Communications:

- Letter from Holiday Inn on Wolf Road in Albany for Housing for the Legislative Conference
- Thank you card from Scholarship winner Ryan Melcher
- Thank you card from Scholarship winner Marc Greck
- Thank you letter from Scholarship winner Jennifer Sunderman

Report of Presidents:

Report of President Rich Vella: Attended the following:

- FASNY Convention in Alexandria Bay
- Executive Board meeting in Patchogue
- 2 FASNY Board of Directors meetings in Albany & Syracuse
- Suffolk County Metal Day in Mastic
- Long Island Day at the Firemen's Home

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

- 2 Burn Center meeting at Stony Brook Hospital
- Fire Education meeting
- FASNY Convention in Alexandria Bay
- New York State Drill Team Parade in Central Islip
- Executive Board meeting in Patchogue

- Long Island Day at the Firemen's Home
- Southern NY Directors meeting in Oceanside
- Babylon Town Chiefs meeting
- FASNY Committee weekend in Syracuse

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

- FASNY Convention in Alexandria Bay
- Executive Board meeting in Patchogue
- FASNY Youth Day at the Jefferson County Training Center
- Suffolk County September 11th Service in Hauppauge
- FASNY Committee weekend in Syracuse
- Long Island Day at the Firemen's Home
- Southern NY Directors meeting in Oceanside

Report of 3rd Vice President Chris DelVecchio: No Report

- Candidate for Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone addressed the Association.

Steering Committee: Robert Knight reported:

- Endorsed the following for Office in the Association: President Richard Vella (West Babylon), 1st Vice President Jerry Owenburg (West Babylon), 2nd Vice President Peter Cincotta (Selden), 3rd Vice President Chris DelVecchio (Mastic), Financial Secretary William Rowse (Patchogue) Treasurer Harry Prodromides (Lindenhurst), Sergeant-at-Arms Frank Guarino (Hagerman)
- Recommends a Resolution to appoint Kathryn Perry as Secretary for the Association for the upcoming year

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.: Richard Vella reported:

- Robert Knight read a statement from FASNY regarding the Safety Rope Legislation
- Beneficiary forms for the FASNY AD&D Policy are available on the FASNY website
- Organizational Members of FASNY were sent a letter notifying them that their dues for Full Company Membership will increase to \$10 per member

Home Trustees: William Murray reported:

- John Farrell was elected President of the Board of Trustees at the Convention, Ted Rosko, Jr. was elected Vice President, Fred Griffiths was elected Trustee replacing John Montrose
- The Board of Directors has approved an increase to 80 residents
- Home Budget for 2011-2012 in the amount \$8,697,873 was approved by the Membership at the Convention, the Home Budget in 2008-2009 was 11,353,837, an approximately 25% reduction
- The Trustees are working on streamlining the application process for admission to the Home
- President Vella presented new Suffolk County Drive signs to placed on the stone pillars at the Home entrance

Southern New York VFA: Eugene Perry reported:

- Next meeting will be Saturday, October 8, 2011 at the Carle Place FD
- Please send your applications for the Southern NY Firefighter of the Year to Chairman Steve Klein; the Committee uses the FASNY Firefighter of the Year application for submission. Deadline is March 1, 2012
- Reminder that the FASNY Legislative Conference will be one week later this year, November 5 & 6. The Southern NY Caucus will be held on Saturday, November 5 at 2PM. You must have your dues card to be admitted to the caucus. The FASNY Legislative Conference is Sunday morning, November 6; members will be able to vote on Legislative proposals.
- The Southern NY Legislative Outreach Seminar for Suffolk County will be held on Saturday, March 3, 2012 in a firehouse to be determined

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

- Commissioner Williams apologizes that he can not attend the Association dinner as he has another commitment
- Contact Ryan for recruitment materials and any event you would like them to attend

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

- Will be in contact with Sayville FD in January to begin work on the 2012 Memorial Service
- Candles from the FASNY Memorial Service are here for any department who lost a member last year.

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

-We are in need for a host for 2012 Drill and Parade.

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

-Hope everyone who attended enjoyed themselves

-Date for next year will be September 16, 2012

Parade and Drill Officials: Rich Ligon reported:

-Congratulations to West Sayville for winning the Motorized Championship and Miller Place & Rockville Centre for winning the Old Fashion Championship

-Western Area Representative Joe Bennett from Dansville, NY was killed along with his wife when a vehicle ran thru the restaurant they were dining at. Their young son was also injured.

-Dinner on November 5th in Albany \$50 per person

F.R.E.S.: President Vella reported: Meeting tomorrow night

SUFFOLK COUNTY CHIEFS: President Anthony LaFerrera reported:

-Had both candidates for County Executive at their last meeting. They were given questions 1 week prior to discuss at the meeting.

-Next meeting will be at Riverhead FD on November 11th (Elections)

-Meeting with Congressman Israel on Homeland Security Task Force was cancelled due to the Hurricane

-There were 2 PESH Safety Rope Violations issued in Towns for Babylon and Brookhaven

VEEB: Richard Stockinger reported:

-Metal Day went very well, close to 200 in attendance

-Firefighter I Graduation Day Saturday, October 1, 2011 at the Fire Academy

-Firefighter I National Certification exam will start October 22, 2011. New forms and applications have been developed. Need to submit application on the first day of hands-on

-Firehouse scheduling to be done in advance similar to field training. There will be 3 informational meetings, October 6 in Riverhead, October 7 at the Fire Academy and October 13. Field schedule will not change

-The Academy will begin to charge for Pump Tests

-National Fire Academy 10 day class "Chemistry for the Emergency Responder" will be held at the Academy March 19-30 2012. Use form 75-5 to register

Radio: Robert Knight reported:

-FRES is still working with the vendor on audio issues

-FRES looking to have UHF capability

-2 new dispatchers are to be hired

-FRES needs a list of who is backing up who for activations

-VHF and UHF narrow banding needs to be done by January 1, 2013; you need to do all your equipment at the same time, base, portables, vehicles and pagers. Also advise your neighboring departments that you have narrow banded

-Discussion on out of range issues with departments having UHF/VHF radios. Low band should still be in vehicles.

-Still having some issues with digital UHF radios

Fire Police: Frank Guarino reported:

-State Quarterly meetings in Spencerport October 14 & 15th and March 4th and 5th in Deerfield

-Annual training in Montour Falls on Saturday, March 17, 2012

-Convention will be in Lake Placid May 3-5, 2012

Legislative: Robert Knight reported:

-Waiting for the Governor to sign the Brady Bill, he vetoed the Sparkler Bill and the Haz Mat Cost Recovery Bill

-Hempstead's By-Laws were challenged and you do not have to be a US citizen to be a Volunteer Firefighter

-Federal Legislation, there are a lot of Cancer Bills

-Safety Rope Regulation, OSHA to be checking on the requalification

Firefighter of the Year: President Vella reported:

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

Audit: Arthur Wilson reported: Will pick a date after the election

EMS: Meryl Montrose reported:

- Dr. Dennis Russo was introduced as the new EMS Medical Director replacing Dr. Mermelstein. Dr. Russo is the Department's Director of Public Health and Emergency Preparedness
- The Centereach Fire District submitted a Transfer of Operating Authority application changing the certificate ownership from the Centereach Fire department to the Centereach Fire District, it was approved
- Chair Ed Boyd and Ed Stapleton attended the Public Safety Committee meeting of the Suffolk County Legislature on August 11 where they presented the "White Paper". In response to the Newsday article that was printed the following day there was a discussion on the importance of bystander CPR and increased survivability from out of hospital cardiac arrests. A rep from AHA was present to do a brief presentation. It was suggested that a formal sub-committee on citizen CPR be formed with thoughts to provide broad based education for the general population
- Suffolk County EMS and FRES are holding an informational seminar on narrow banding on November 2, 2011 at the EMS Academy in Hauppauge.
- REMSCO Annual meeting is November 15, 2011, the proposed slate of Officers are: Chair Jay Gardiner, Vice Chair Jane McCormick RN Sec/Treas. Michael Mirras, CPA
- Suffolk County Community College has officially started its Paramedic program, slated to start in the fall 2012 semester. Students are eligible for funding through the SERVES Program
- REMSCO Awards Ceremony and Dinner will be held Thursday, October 27, 2011.

Resolutions: Paul Van Arts Dalen reported:

1. Be it resolved that we thank the West Babylon FD for hosting tonight's meeting
2. Be it resolved that we thank Patchogue FD for hosting the August Executive Board meeting
3. Be it resolved that we appoint Kathryn Perry Recording Secretary

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

- New web site www.suffolkffb.com face book and twitter also
- Purchased a second burn garment for a young child who is doing very well
- Guy Cassara Memorial Golf Outing went great, thanks to all
- Night at the Vineyards also went very well
- Tours are always available and Memorial cards see Jerry
- You can call the clinic at the Burn Center @ 444-4545 with any burn questions
- Anyone who would like to be a member of the Burn Center Executive Board, please see Jerry

Arson Task Force: No report

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

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

William Reilly Scholarship Journal: Eugene Perry reported:

- Deadline for ads is Friday, September 30, 2011; to date we have collected \$2,400
- The Journal supports the John Masem Scholarship. Cost will be the same, \$50 for a full page and \$30 for a ½ page.
- Applications are available on the website

Homeland Security: No Report

Publicity: Ryan Murphy reported:

- Ryan Murphy is the contact for Suffolk County for submissions to the Volunteer Firefighter. Ryan is the contact for the Southern New York Regional news in the magazine. Please send your submissions to Ryan at rmurphy@patchogurfd.com.
- If you submit a picture please make sure it is captioned left to right with the names of the people, the location and date
- Deadline for submissions is the 1st of the month as it has to be to the Volunteer Firefighter by the 5th of the month

By-Laws: No report

Campaign: No Report

Safety Officer: Alan Bayley reported:

- Safety officers Conference in Orlando, there were 88 people in attendance, 20 people from New York
- New Association for Safety Officers-Suffolk County Fire/EMS Safety Officers Association. To belong it will cost you a \$50 fee. Next meeting is in Amityville.

Fire Prevention: Peter Cincotta reported:

- Open Houses coming up, limited space available the Hazard House
- Juvenile Fire Setter Program is up and running, the contact is the Fire Marshal's Office
- Arson Dogs are not available for Fire Prevention

NFPA: Paul Van Arts Dalen reported:

- Fire Prevention Week is October 9-15; the theme is "Protect Your Family from Fire"
- NFPA offers everything you need through www.FPW.org

Recruitment and Retention: Ryan Murphy reported:

- 97 students at Suffolk County Community College in the SERVES program
- All our Federal paperwork in approved and up to date
- Ready to roll out the new recruitment web site
- Contract with marketing company will be finalized soon
- Make sure departments send in the recruitment profiles
- We are not eligible for the FASNY HELP program

Headquarters: 2nd Vice President Owenburg reported:

- Great Convention in Alexandria Bay
- Need a good turnout for next years Convention in Syracuse; we have Bob McConville running for FASNY 1st Vice President and Ted Rosko running for his 2nd 5 year term for FASNY Home Trustee

Ways and Means: Frank Guarino reported:

- 50/50, \$78 to the winner

Credentials: Arthur Wilson reported: 45 Members in attendance

Membership: William Rowse reported:

- 1 application
- M/M/S/P to accept new member
- FASNY Membership Committee Chairman Eugene Perry reminded everyone that FASNY due renewals will be going out starting in November. Individual dues is \$15, Organizational dues is \$25 and Full Company Membership is \$10 per person

Youth in the Fire Service: Peter Cincotta reported:

- Thanks to all who participated in FASNY Youth Texting Campaign, 1st Place winner of an I Pod Touch is from Nassau, 2nd Place winner of a Flip Camera Phone is from Central NY and the 3rd Place winner of a FASNY Jacket is from Western NY
- Successful FASNY Youth Day at the Jefferson County Training Center, Over 50 young people participated
- Planning for next year in Syracuse
- Looking to train adult advisors
- President Vella is looking for someone to organize a youth training day in Suffolk, anyone interested please contact him

Firefighters Cancer Support Network: Tony Cruz reported:

- We lost a mentor from Lindenhurst
- Anyone wishing to be a mentor survivor or caregiver, contact Jerry
- Any department or EMS group wishing us to speak at one of your meetings, contact Jerry
- Our Mentor Program is working great. Over 100 firefighters, EMS personnel and family members are being mentored now. We now have our first Jr. Firefighter. When you are ready, we are here for you and your family. Please call, we can help you through some tough times for you and your family members. We also have children's programs
- We have children's programs also. Call Jerry @ 631-433-3701 and they can hook you up with a survivor mentor with the same type of Cancer
- To contact the Cancer Support Network, contact Shawn Owenburg, Regional Director at 866-994-FCSN or e-mail: SOwenburg@FCSN.net or their website is www.FirefighterCancerSupport.org or Jerry Owenburg at 631-433-3701

Food Drive: Eugene Perry reported:

- Our food drive with the Suffolk County Chiefs has gone very well. We collected approximately \$2,000, thanks to the departments for your support. We will be making a donation to Long Island Cares-The Harry Chapin Food bank on behalf of the two Associations.

Website: No Report

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Elections: President Vella turned the elections over to Past President Robert Knight:
-M/M/S/P to elect the slate as recommended by the Steering Committee

Chief Stockinger swore in the Officers of the Association

The Officers thanked the Association for their support for the coming year

Good and Welfare:

M/M/S/P to put a page aside for Sal Russo from West Babylon who passed away over the summer

Dark Horse: Winning numbers drawn.

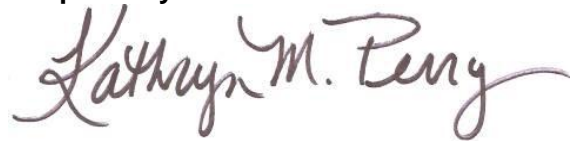
M/M/S/P to suspend the November meeting

Future Meeting: Tuesday, January 24, 2012 at the Brentwood FD 273-7080

Closing Prayer: by Chaplain Dave Carrigan

Motion to adjourn and meeting adjourned at: 9:40 PM

Respectfully Submitted

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

Kathryn M. Perry
Secretary

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