



The Suffolk County Volunteer Firemen's Association, Inc.

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**Minutes – Meeting of the Suffolk County Volunteer Firemen's Association
July 27, 2021, from Smithtown Fire Dept Park**

Meeting Called to order by President Frank Guarino at 8pm
Salute to the flag led by 3rd Vice President Vinny Ammirati
Prayer by Chaplain Joseph McCarthy

Chief Patrick Diecidue welcomed us to the Smithtown Fire Dept's park. 1st Vice President Bob Sutton presented Chief Diecidue with a certificate of appreciation.

William Mullane made a motion to accept the May minutes, seconded by John Masem, all in favor.

3rd Vice President Vinny Ammirati read the following guests who were in attendance: Past President Robert McConville, Past President William Murray, Past President/ President of Trustees at FASNY Firemen's Home Jerry Owenburg, SNYVFA 2nd VP Frank Guarino, South Shore Vollies Anthony Sullo, President Tom Kriklava from Suffolk County Fire Chief's Association, Don Gleason - Suffolk County Emerald Society, Suffolk County Ladies President Marybeth Asbell, Suffolk County Fire Safety Educations Don Bracciodita, NYS Fire Police Association Past President Frank Guarino, Brookhaven Town Chief's Association John Masem, Director of the Burn Center Dr. Sandoval and the scholarship recipients and their families.

Treasurer's Report by Bob McConville read the balance of the accounts as follows:

General Fund	\$4445.28
Headquarters Fund	\$1725.39
Dinner Fund	\$3083.28
Scholarship Fund	\$3968.58
Ways & means	\$2278.27
Campaign Fund	\$2587.16
FASNY Ways & Means Fund	\$4520.98
FASNY Wildfire	\$2262.22
FASNY Convention Fund	\$1952.40
FASNY Presidents Fund	\$ 393.75
FASNY Savings	\$3239.89

Total in all FASNY Accounts.....\$12369.24

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report by Don Bracciodita seconded by John Masem, all in favor.

Communications:

- The Firefighter Cancer Support Network would like to thank us for the support of the Golf Outing Fund Raiser
- Tunnel to Towers Foundation looking for a donation.

President Reports:

3rd Vice President Vinny Ammirati–

Fire gear cleaning training @ Selden FD

Met with Felico's Catering concerning this year's annual Dinner

SCVFA June executive board meeting

Town of Babylon Fireman's Association scholarship presentation and meeting Lindenhurst Pavilion

Delivered a Bible to Laconia New Hampshire for Ex Chief from Selden fire department for the Suffolk County Chief.

Suffolk County Ladies meeting West Sayville

Hospitality committee zoom meeting

Wake service for Coram Ex Captain Kevin Bush

FASNY Youth in the Fire service training at Selden training center

Everything is tentative but as of now we're looking to open up the hospitality room starting on Wednesday evening as in the past the hospitality room will be closed during training and sessions involving FASNY. Thursday for the lunch time break and Thursday night Friday for the lunch time break and Friday night.

2nd Vice President Peter Cincotta –

- Sent electronically to Jean Christensen

I will not be at meeting tonight. Please understand that I fully Back the re-do of the monuments

Whatever it takes We owe it to them who gave All. Pete

1st Vice President Bob Sutton –

Hello to everyone, I hope that you all are having a nice and healthy summer.

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

- June 3, 2021 - Suffolk County Fire Safety Educators meeting at the Brookhaven Town Museum.
- June 17, 2021 - Brookhaven Town Chiefs meeting at Hagerman Fire Department.
- June 21, 2021 - Suffolk County Volunteer Firefighter's Burn Center Fund meeting at Stony Brook hospital.
- June 22, 2021 – SCVFA Executive Board Meeting at Copiague Fire Department.
- July 9, 2021 – Fire Chiefs Council of Suffolk County at Riverhead Fire Department.
- July 10, 2021 – Suffolk County Drill/Tournament held at West Sayville Fire Department.
- July 14 to July 16, 2021 – Attended the NYS Chief's Conference at Syracuse, NY.
- July 19, 2021 - Suffolk County Volunteer Firefighter's Burn Center Fund Center meeting at Stony Brook hospital.
- July 24, 2021 – FASNY Youth in the Fire Service Day at Selden Fire Department.

President Frank Guarino –

- (1) July 9, 2021, Suffolk County Chief's Meeting Riverhead FD
- (2) July 10, 2021, Zoom Class Safety Officers

- (3) July 11, 2021 Hagerman Fundraiser
- (4) July 11, 2021 NYS Fire Police Zoom Meeting 7:00 PM
- (5) July 14, 2021 Suffolk County Ladies Meeting West Sayville FD
- (6) July 16, 2021 Hagerman Jr. Tournament
- (7) July 17, 2021 NYS Chief's Convention Syracuse
- (8) July 19, 2021 BTFPA Meeting Hagerman FD
- (9) July 20, 2021 Commission Meeting
- (10) July 22, 2021 FASNY Meeting White Plains Convention Hotel
- (11) July 24, 2021 Ex-Chief Joe Gonnely Tournament Hagerman FD
- (12) July 24, 2021 FASNY 2021 Youth Mentor of the Year exchief Louis Valentino Hagerman FD
- (13) July 27, 2021 SCVFA Membership Meeting & Scholarship Awards presentation at Smithtown FD River Property

Motion to accept the President's Report by Thomas Dodge, seconded by William Murray

Steering Committee – Bob McConville

The Steering Committee met at the last Executive Board meeting and presented the following slate of officers for 2021-2021:

President – Robert Sutton
1st Vice President – Peter Cincotta
2nd Vice President – Vinny Ammirati
3rd Vice President – Giovanni Chiarelli
Sargent at Arms – Donald Bracciodita
Financial Secretary – Daniel Brooks
Treasurer – Robert McConville

Sickness –

Larry Montrose is ill, please keep Larry and Meryl in your prayers.

FASNY - Second Vice President Eugene Perry

- The 149th Convention of the Firemen's Association of the State of New York will be held August 5-7 at the Sonesta White Plains Hotel, located at 66 Hale Avenue in White Plains, New York. The Convention will begin on Thursday morning, August 5th at 8:30am with a Joint Memorial Service with LAFASNY. This will be followed by the Opening Session. The Keynote Speaker will be Chief Billy Goldfeder. This will be followed by a presentation by the Standards and Codes Committee on the Stouffer's Inn fire which occurred on December 4, 1980, and is considered the birth of sprinklers in hotels and commercial occupancy buildings.
- The 2% Tax Forum will also be held on Thursday August 5th at 1:30pm and will be moderated by our General Counsel, The Hannigan Law Firm.
- In cooperation with the New York State Association of Fire Chiefs, FASNY will be hosting a Flashover Simulator Training on Friday and Saturday at the West Harrison Training Center. There is an additional charge of \$100 per participant, there are still spots open for the Friday class, the Saturday class is sold out.
- The Gerard J. Buckenmeyer Scholarship Night will be held on Friday evening, August 6th. There will be a basket raffle and the proceeds will help FASNY continue to award 25 \$1,500 scholarships to deserving High School Seniors. This year Suffolk County had 2 scholarship winners: Jeremy Sodergren from Central Islip FD and James Conner from the Northport FD.

- FASNY is doing some Capital Improvements to our office building in downtown Albany. We've removed the entire façade and replacing it with a new red brick façade which will look like a firehouse. Also, a new training room is being constructed on the second floor which will allow FASNY to conduct webinars and training sessions right from its headquarters. A complete rundown of the Convention events can be found in the July/August edition of the Volunteer Firefighter magazine or on the FASNY website.
- FASNY will be holding a Firefighter Training Weekend at the State Preparedness Training Center in Oriskany, NY September 24-26. Registration for this training will open on Monday August 2nd. Space is limited so register early. Anyone attending this training that lives more than 50 miles from the Training Center will have their housing paid for by the State.
- FASNY has completed 2 successful 5k Walk/Runs in memory of Michael D. Whelan in Hudson and Saratoga. More are planned across the state including one here in Suffolk County on Saturday October 30th at the Town of Brookhaven Firemen's Memorial Park. More information on this event will be forthcoming.
- Just as a reminder, the 150th Anniversary of FASNY will be celebrated in 2022. The presidents and members of the Board of Directors as well as past Presidents and past Board member will travel to Auburn, NY on October 1, the date, and site of the first convention of FASNY in 1872 to rededicate an historic marker in front of the Auburn Public Safety Building. Several other events are planned for 2022 including a boat cruise around Manhattan as well as a 150th Anniversary parade in Tarrytown, NY, the site for next year's Convention. Watch the FASNY website and future issues of the Volunteer Firefighter Magazine for updates.

Home Trustee – Jerry Owenburg

- 72 brothers and sisters are at the home. Three more we just voted on last Thursday. If you know someone who needs our help, please let me or Peter Cincotta know, and we will meet them and help them and their family with the application or any questions.
- No COVID-19 cases in the home big thanks to our staff. They were getting tested twice a week. Starting now, no testing if you are vaccinated. Staff is very happy! As of now more than over 8000 COVID-19 tests have been completed.
- Visitations are allowed but you must call first. When you arrive, you will need a rapid test. Take out visits are available, as well as overnight too. Vaccinated visitors before visiting is always preferred for the safety of our brothers and sisters and staff.
- County Days are on in the MPB. We can setup live stream from the MPB to the floors where you can talk to some of the members. Also, live stream to all rooms but no talking. Just call ahead so we can set it up. This may change so please call ahead.
- Compassionate Caregiving visits are 8am-8pm. Some of the things listed are end of life, new members who have been living with family so they can adjust, friends or family, member passing away, member who needs encouragement to eat and drink. Call first to setup.
- Donations of t-shirts and clothing are now being accepted again.
- Any money donation please write in the memo and letter where you wish it to go. We have a new project in the Memory Wing, we are updating the Memory Garden.
- The Butterfly Garden is complete. Thanks to all that donated.
- Thanks to all for the many dinners for the members and staff.
- Adopt a Member Program is always available. Go to the website under Events.
- In Memory of Brick are always available on the website.
- This year we have a member turning 100, a past trustee and member just turned 103 yesterday. Thanks to the staff. This is what its s all about, caring for our brothers and sisters
- FASNY Convention is next week in White Plains. We have three members going from the home as of now. That may change.

Any questions, please contact Jerry or Pete.

- FASNY 2nd Vice President Gene Perry wanted to thank every all the Trustees at the home for having no COVID cases among the members since the start of COVID.

Southern New York VFA –.

Next meeting is July 29th.

Suffolk County Chiefs –President Tom Kriklava reported the following.

- State Chiefs Convention was July 14th – 17th. Hospitality room was available.
- 20 scholarship awards were issued in 2021, letters have been sent out.
- Scholarship seminar on March 25th, 2022 – Aircraft emergencies. Joe Marino Chief of PAPD Crash/Fire/Rescue and former Chief MacArthur Airport and Ex-Chief of Islip FD will be the lead presenter.
- Golf Outing is Sept 27th at Smithtown Landing. More to follow.
- Installation brunch is November 14th. Looking for recommendations on Chief of the Year.
- Welfare fund available for Chiefs in need.
- Chaplains available for presentations and ceremonial unit available o assist with large scale events.
- Looking for reps for the Burn Center
- Facebook and website available for department use.
- Next meeting is Sept 10th at Kings Park FD.

Suffolk County Ladies – President Marybeth Asbell

- No report

Commissioner Jordan – Jack Blaum reported –

- Fire Police refresher at Mastic FD on September 21st
- Medal Day at N. Lindenhurst FD on September 22nd
- Fire Police Field Day at the Fire Academy on October 2nd
- Discussion about implementing an Intro to Fire Police Officer course which would be classroom/practical

Brookhaven Chiefs

- No report

Father Halpin Memorial Service – 1st Vice President Bob Sutton

- Our next Memorial Service is scheduled for Sunday May 1, 2022. At this time The Holtsville Fire Department has tentatively agreed to host this event. Please remember to save this date and make every effort to attend.

SCVFA Parade and Drill –

- No report

Long Island Day at the Home –. Jerry Owenburg / Peter Cincotta

- No report

FRES – Jack Blaum and Anthony Sullo reported

- 800mhz radios are available, some departments have been testing
- Has a lot of flexibility in coordinating radio channels during incidents and MCI

VEEB Board – Gary Schaum –

- Fire Academy website is being updated and will be more user friendly, Including open enrollment for the firefighters. Should be up and running by end of summer.
- Classes have been and are being scheduled by Fire Departments at their requests based on the additional budget being reinstated so fire departments can go back to 7 field classes.
- Basement on the taxpayer is now back in use.
- Fire Officer 1, Fire Instructor 1, Fire Police Field Day, ICS 300 is scheduled and posted on the website.
- We are working closely with FRES towards the capital projects and the Garden Apartments.
- SCPD Sgts and Recruits have been training and using the academy over the next month.

- Affordable Drill Towers donated a window washer prop to the Academy and was installed on the Tech Rescue Tower for High Angle Rescue training.

Radios – Anthony Sullo

- Reiterated what Jack Blaum stated about the 800mhz system is available.

Fire Police – Frank Guarino

- The New York State Fire Police meeting will be held on October 1st and 2nd at the Cortlandville Fire Dept in Cortland, NY

Legislation – Vinny Ammariti reported

- No report

Fire Fighter of the Year – John Manzi

- Winners were notified they won and when the dinner is
- Icon was added to the website

Audit Committee – Jerry Owenburg

- No report

EMS – Meryl Montrose - Absent – no report

Resolutions – Eugene Perry

- Resolution #1 – The Association extend its sincere thanks to the Smithtown Fire Dept for hosting tonight's meeting. Motion made by Anthony Sullo, seconded by John Masem
- Resolution #2 – The Association extend its sincere thanks to the Copiague Fire Dept for hosting our June Executive Board meeting. Motion by William Mullane, seconded by Thomas Dodge
- Resolution #3 – The Association extend its sincere thank to the East Farmingdale Fire Company for hosting our May membership meeting. Motion by Robert McConville, seconded by Anthony Sullo
- Resolution #4 – The association extend its sincere thanks to the Westhampton Beach Fire Dept for hosting our April Executive Board meeting. Motion by Don Gleason, seconded by Anthony Sullo.
- Resolution #5 – The Association extend its sincere thanks to the Selden Fire Dept for hosting our March Membership meeting. Motion by Vinny Ammirati, seconded by Thomas Prendergast.
- Resolution #6 – The Association extend its sincere thanks to the Blue Point Fire Dept for hosting our February Executive Board meeting. Motion by Keith Vella, seconded by William Murray.
- Resolution #7 – The Association appoint Jean Christensen as Secretary of the Association for the coming year. Motion by Frank Guarino, seconded by William Murray.
- Resolution #8 – The Association congratulate the Central Islip FD "Hoboes" Drill Team for winning the Suffolk County Championship. Motion by Stanley Roberts, seconded by Don Gleason.
- Resolution #9 – The Association congratulate the Bay Shore FD Junior "Redskins" for winning the Junior State Championship. Motion by William Murray, seconded by Anthony Sullo.

Burn Center – Don Gleason

- They are selling challenge coins for \$15.00.
- The correct mailing address is Suffolk County Volunteer Firefighter's Burn Center, PO Box 352, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779.
- Dr. Sandoval provided an overview of the Burn Center and talked about how the center is doing and what's on the plan going forward. Thanks everyone for their support and dedication.
- Cheers and Beers Fundraiser will be October 17th from 3-7pm at the Westhampton Beach Brewing Company, 220 Rogers Way in Westhampton Beach.

Annual Dinner – Bob McConville – Eugene Perry

- Flyers are on the tables, spread the word.

- Please mark on your calendars our annual Installation of Officers & Firefighter of the Year presentations, which will be held on Saturday October 22, at the East Farmingdale Fire Company. Tickets are now available, please see Chairpersons Bob McConville & Gene Perry for tickets and further information.
- Our annual John Masem, Sr. Scholarship journal will be printed and published for the annual installation as well, please see Chairman Giovanni Chiarelli for further information.
- There are dinner tickets request forms as well as applications for our annual scholarship journal on the tables, please take this information back with you to your Departments and Organizations to promote these two important events, and we look forward to seeing you there.

William Reilly Annual Journal – Giovanni Chiarelli

- We will have a journal and the information is on the website.
- If you send an email with your ad, please have it in a pdf format if possible.

Publicity – Vinny

- Facebook has been receiving many hits.
- Please send all of your events and information and we will forward

By-Laws – Peter Cincotta

- No report

Candidate Campaign – Bob McConville

- Hospitality room is ready to go for the Convention

Safety Officer – Jeff Bailes

- No report

Fire Prevention & Life Safety – Don Braccioldieta

- Next meeting is August 26th at 8pm at the Nesconset FD.
- We are collecting recipes for our annual 2021 fundraiser (This year will be a journal and cookbook and then you can put in as many recipes as you like and also in there will be safety notes) mailing sent out please look at your firehouses.
- July's fire and life safety messages "Smoke Alarms, CO Alarms & Escape Planning: On June 8th NFPA announced their 2021 Fire Prevention Week theme; "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety". Three of every five fire fatalities in the United States occur in homes that do not have functioning smoke alarms. Check out this link for more information about the year's theme and how you and your agency can help better educate your customers about the importance of smoke & CO alarms:
<https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Staying-safe/Preparedness/Fire-Prevention-Week/About>
- Summer Safety Tips: Flyers on table. Barbecue fire safety, marine and boating safety, Swimming safety tips.
- Please like us on Facebook and you will get daily updates on fire prevention reports daily.
- You can email us for any questions scfsea@suffolkfireeducators.com.
- Coming up in October open houses. (Please be safe, if you need any help, please let the Educators know)
- In closing "let's all remember there is no honor in fighting a fire that could've been prevented through education".

Headquarters – Vinny Ammirati

- Hospitality room open Wednesday evening and will be closed during meetings and seminars. Room will be open for Wednesday – Friday evenings.

List of donations 2021 hospitality room

North Fork Volunteer Fireman's Association

East Northport Fire Department

Suffolk County Fire Districts Association

Patchogue Fire Department Vanguard Hose Company #1
Lindenhurst Fire Department
Babylon Town Volunteer Fireman's Association
Sag Harbor Fire Department
Bay Shore Fire Department
Riverhead Volunteer Firefighters Association
Mastic Fire Department Chemical Company #1
Montauk Fire Department
Central Islip Fire Department
West Babylon Fire Department
Selden Fire Department Dixon Engine Company #3
Brookhaven Town Safety Officers Association
Selden Fire Department
Long Island Association of Fire Department Benevolence Association
Ocean Bay Park Fire Department
Suffolk County Ladies Auxiliary Association

Ways N Means – Don Bracciodieta stood in for Meryl and ran the raffles.

Credentials: - Dan Brooks

- Reported 26 members signed in and 15 guests. If you didn't sign the book, please do so.

Membership – Dan Brooks

- To date we have 123 paid members and 120 paid departments. There are a few that are delinquent.
- We will be reviewing programs to electronically manage the membership roster and cards/dues notices.

John Masem Sr Scholarship – Keith Vella

- There were 5 applications, 3 were accepted and were honored at this meeting.
- President Frank Guarino thanks Keith for all the work he has done on this committee.

Youth in the Fire Service –Keith Vella

- 45 attended the Youth in the Fire Service at the Selden FD held on July 24th.
- Next Youth in the Fire Service event is August 28th in West Potsdam.
- Youth Mentor of the Year went to Louis Valentino from the Hagerman FD presented on July 24th.

Firefighter Cancer Support Network- Jerry Owenburg

- Reminded all not to put off test and follow up visit.
- Golf Outing is August 23rd.

Website – Roger Putnam.

- No report

North Fork VFA - Carleton Raab

- Next meeting is July 28th in Wading River.

Long Island Benevolent – Peter Cincotta

- Next meeting is July 30th in Hicksville.

Old Business – None

New Business –

None

Dark Horse – \$120 to winner (Cheech Chiarelli mentioned that someone from the kitchen staff won).

The next membership meeting will be Tuesday September 28th in Central Islip

Closing prayer by Reverend Joseph McCarthy

Motion to adjourn by Anthony Sullo, seconded by William Murray, all in favor.