



*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  
May 22, 2018 – Orient Fire Department**

Meeting Called to order by President Chris Del Vecchio at 8 pm  
Salute to the flag led by Sergeant at Arms Vincent Ammirati  
Vinny Ammirati gave the opening prayer.

1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief Mike Prindle of the Orient Fire Dept. welcomed Suffolk County Volunteer Firemen's Association to Orient. First Vice President Frank Guarino thanked the chief and department for hosting the meeting and serving dinner.

M/M/S/P to accept the minutes of the January 23, 2018 meeting at the Coram Fire House.  
M/M/S/P to accept the minutes of the March 27, 2018 meeting at the Bohemia Fire Dept.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Ryan Murphy introduced the guests with us tonight  
FASNY PP McConville  
Southern NY Pres. Sullo  
Home Trustees Cincotta and Owenburg  
FASNY Director Perry  
2<sup>nd</sup> VP of Islip Town Vollyes Rich Lynster  
Pres. Of Brookhaven Town Safety Officers Bailles  
Ann LaFountain Past President LAFASNY & Suffolk County Ladies  
Jean Christensen President Suffolk County Ladies/1<sup>st</sup> Vice President LAFASNY  
Carleton Raab North Fork Volly's

**Treasurers' Report:** Robert McConville read the total of all accounts, \$28,828.41

**Bills:**

Bills from Jean Christensen - \$26.05 for Certificate holders and \$16.19 for black ink M/M/S/P to pay bills

**Communications:**

- Spring into Summer Cocktail Party with Suffolk County Clerk Judy Pascale
- Thank you from Suffolk County Volunteer Firefighters Burn Center Fund, for dollar per man donation
- Letter from David Quinn regarding the Cancer insurance.
- Brookhaven Town Safety Officer's Association 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Safety Officers Education & Training Forum September 29, 2018 in Coram.

**Report of Presidents:****Report of President Chris DelVecchio:**

Attended various meetings and Suffolk County Ladies Dinner

**Report of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Frank Guarino:**

Back in Service – thank you for cards. Will start attending meetings.

**Report of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Ryan Murphy:**

Attended various meetings

**Report of 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Robert Sutton:**

Attended meetings and Suffolk County Ladies Dinner

**Steering Committee:** Robert McConville

They will meet at the June Executive Board meeting. There is opening for Sgt. At Arms

**Sickness:**

No Report

**F.A.S.N.Y.:** Eugene Perry

- FASNY, Chiefs, Districts and NY State Assoc. of counties developed an RFP for the cancer coverage law. 16 Insurance providers participated. They were reviewed by all four associations and Hartford has agreed to provide all coverages under the cancer law – cost is \$225 per FF/per year pending approval by the NYS Dept. of Financial Service.
- FASNY-Northwell Health Cancer Study is ongoing to date we have 31 depts in the state that submitted data. An additional 52 departments currently have the survey, we have 7 depts in Suffolk submitted data.
- FASNY Convention will be August 9-12 in the Holiday Inn in Liverpool. 2% Tax is on Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> along with the annual Michael D. Whelan Walk for cancer. Scholarship night is Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup>, Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup> will be FASNY Awards – FASNY Educator of the Year is Bob Sutton, FASNT Firefighter of the year is Peter DiPinto Sr. from Brookhaven FD and EMS Provider of the year comes from Southampton, Ian King & Shane Sharkey.
- The 2020, 2021 & 2022 will be held at the Westchester Marriott in Tarrytown.
- FASNY Scholarship received 160 applications a record number. Unfortunately, some had to be eliminated due to incomplete applications. They are working on an on-line application. Suffolk County received 3 winners. Brian Femminella from Nesconset FD, Amanda Pizzo from Commack FD and Sean Sulton from the Smithtown FD. All scholarships will be presented in the next few weeks.

**Home Trustees:** Jerry Owenburg

- There are 74 brothers and sisters in the home.
- Had dedication of the multi-purpose room
- Putting overhang and reviewing stand in front of the home and overhang over the ambulance bay
- Administrator of the Home left they have a Supervisor for 6 months
- They have a new dining person as well.
- If you have any puzzles or blank cards, contact Jerry or Peter to take to home.

Parade & Drill Team Captains: Gary Schaum sent report

- Drill & Parade season starting Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at Lindenhurst – Parade 10am – drill to follow half hour after parade.
- Suffolk County Parade & Drill at Copiague Saturday, July 14, 2018 – Drill 10am/Parade at 6pm.

**Suffolk County Chiefs:** Scott Theobolt - Absent

**Southern New York VFA:** Anthony Sullo

Convention was in South Farmingdale and Anthony was elected President – Congratulations!  
Installation dinner is June 29<sup>th</sup> at Leonard's in Great Neck.

**Suffolk County Ladies:** Jean Christensen

Thank you to those who came to our installation dinner, had a very nice turnout.

Thank you to S.C.V.F.A. for taking boosters. If there are any individuals who would like to take a booster see Ann tonight, the County with the most boosters will win \$100, Suffolk Ladies is in the running.

**Long Island Firemen's Benevolent Assoc.** – Doug Miller was absent  
Peter Cincotta reported next meeting is July 26 in Syosset.

**Commissioner Williams's Report:**

No Report

**Father Halpin Memorial Service:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Bob Sutton

Was very successful – had over 175 in attendance. Thank yous have been sent out.

Next year it will be May 5, 2019, we are in need of a host. Will be sending letters out looking for host.

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

Reported it is July 14, 2018 – drill is at 10am and the parade is at 6pm.

**Day at the Home:** Past President Owenburg:

-Sunday, September 16, 2018 Parade at 1pm.

Jerry has list of departments who have trees on Suffolk Drive if interested.

**FRES** - - Ryan Murphy

Meet tonight.

Anthony Sullo reported that they spoke about sponsors for the Radio bill.

House resolution 5085 "Don't break up the T-Band Act" act was submitted by Representative Elliot Engel from New York and has been now co-signed by a number of legislators including Zeldin, Rice and King. It's the first step in a long process of changing the law, but a cautiously hopeful one. Testimony was given today by the bill sponsors to the house homeland security sub-committee. They made a good case on our behalf. Commissioner Williams sent out a blast fax to the service with the update and reminding agencies and councils to keep the pressure on.

**VEEB:** Gary Schaum was absent. Eugene read Gary's report

- Railroad cars were delivered to Fire Academy.
- Tower building has had repairs done to it.
- Medal of Valor ceremony Sunday Sept 30, 2018 at Brookhaven Fire Dept.
- Sent letter on Junior Training, which was read. It states, "It is the policy of the Suffolk County Fire Academy to allow only active members of fire departments to participate in training on the Academy field" Juniors are not permitted.

It was noted that was not the question – the question is why the county doesn't offer Junior Firefighters to do the classroom only portion of the FF1 while a Junior. President Del Vecchio will call Academy on this.

- Past President Owenburg brought up that we only have one arson dog and they do not intend to get another one. Jerry Made a motion to send letter stating that we object to not getting another arson dog and send to the County Executive, Joseph Williams and all mail to all Fire Departments, seconded by Peter Cincotta, All in Favor. Copy of this letter also to be put on the website.

**Radio:** Anthony Sullo:

Spoke on this under FRES

**Fire Police:** Vice President Guarino:

Convention was in Niagara and was successful. Next year convention is in Watertown.

**Legislative:** Bill Wieck:

Absent

**Firefighter of the Year:** Roger Putnam:

Winner has been picked. Certificates will be given to those not picked.

**EMS:** Meryl Montrose:

Absent

**Resolutions:** Eugene Perry/Larry Montrose

- Be it resolved that we thank the Orient Fire Dept. for hosting tonight's meeting.
- Be it resolved that we thank the Central Islip Fire Dept. for hosting the April Executive Board meeting.

M/M/S/P to accept all resolutions as read.

**Burn Center Stony Brook:** 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Jeff Bailes

- Thank you for all your donations.
- The website is a work in progress – [suffolkburn.care](http://suffolkburn.care).
- They have been giving tours of burn unit
- Burn unit has been busy, all types of burns
- Pineapple gel study continues
- They are doing Rat Study
- Recognition Day was May 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Next meeting is Monday, June 18 at Health & Science Room 19-25 7:30pm
- Golf outing is August 6, 2018.

**Annual Dinner:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Ryan Murphy reported progress

10/20/18 at Mills Pond Golf Course – cost is same as last year \$65.00 per person.

Sending information out soon.

**William Reilly Annual Journal:** Jeff Bresler:

Journal Ad request is going out this week.

**Publicity:** Vice President Murphy:

Progress

**By-Laws:** Eugene Perry:

Committee met – they will review changes at the Executive Board meeting in June and will put on website.

**Candidate Campaign:** Robert McConville:

Jerry Owenburg is running for his 2<sup>nd</sup> five-year term as Trustee of the Firemen's Home and is a candidate for Vice President of Trustees.

Peter Cincotta will be running next year for his 2<sup>nd</sup> five-year term as Trustee

Eugene Perry will be running in 2020 for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – he does have competition as of right now. Eugene would like posters for convention this year.

Was also noted that Jean Christensen is running for President of LAFASNY

Chris to order posters

**Safety Officer:** Larry Montrose – Absent

Jeff Bailes gave report. There is mutual aid program for safety officers, training forum.

**Fire Prevention & Life Safety:** Don Braccioldieta

- August 23 next meeting in Nesconset
- Slip N Fall program out in September
- 2 hour CME Class for LIRR
- Burn Presentation soon

**NFPA:** Paul Van Arts Dalen:

None - Absent

**Recruitment and Retention:** Vice President Murphy:

- Spring 2018 had 51 applications.
- If you need material reach out to FRES.
- Safe Application submitted in April for more funding.
- FASNY recruit website just updated.

**Headquarters:** Vice President Sutton:

- Receiving donations – Bob has letters with him if anyone needs to take back to departments.
- All who attend the FASNY Convention are welcome to attend.

**Ways and Means:** Vincent Ammirati:

\$60.00 to winner and raffled two bottles

**Credentials:** Vincent Ammirati reported:

31 people signed in tonight.

**Membership:** William Rowse reported:

Two new members – Michael Firreno of Central Islip and Ian T. Winkeler from Nissequogue.  
M/M/S/P to accept their applications.

**John A. Masem, Sr. Scholarship:** Keith Vella:

Seven Applications received to date. June 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline.

Will pick winner at June Executive Board meeting.

**Youth in the Fire Service:** Keith Vella:

All set for August 10<sup>th</sup> at FASNY Convention.

Mattydale is doing the housing for those coming from the Island.

Forms on Youth in the fire service web page

**Firefighter Cancer Support Network:** Jerry Owenburg:

Please ask your Chiefs/Board to send information in for the Cancer study. His dept. sent in for the whole department. Know that you can call them if you or your family needs even just someone to talk to.

Vinny stated that the golf outing was great.

**Website:** Roger Putnam:  
None - Absent

**Unfinished Business**

- Firework bill is on Bellone's Desk for signature. Nassau County signed their bill.
- Jean asked everyone to make sure that they have given her their email and/or phone number. Minutes are emailed to members if we have your email.

**New Business** –

- Brookhaven Chief's Council is having a Golf Outing on July 11<sup>th</sup>, Jeff asked for a hole sponsor was noted that we do not do this.

**Good & Welfare** – Peter

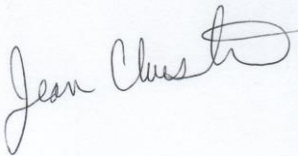
- Floyd Tyska was just recognized for 50 years of service – congratulations. Floyd thanked Peter for coming.
- Vinny stated that a West Islip fireman fell and hit his head – please keep him in your prayers.
- A Bayport Junior and his brother recently saw the house behind theirs on fire and woke the family and got them out of house. The Zoller boys will be honored at ceremony on June 21<sup>st</sup> at the Bayport Fire Dept. 7pm. We will be giving them certificates.

Dark horse was drawn

Future Meetings: Executive Board meeting Tuesday, June 26, 2018 – Bayport  
Membership meeting Tuesday, July 24, 2018 - Riverhead

Closing Prayer by Past President Peter Cincotta  
Motion to adjourn at 9:03pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jean Christensen", written in dark ink on a light background.

Jean Christensen  
Secretary