

The Suffolk County Volunteer Firefighter's Association, Inc.

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***Minutes – Meeting of the Suffolk County Volunteer Firefighter's Association
September 23, 2025 – Smithtown River Property***

Prior to the meeting, we had the following Speakers:

- Deputy Chief Michael Presta from Port Jefferson EMS introduced their dog, Huck, and how he provides support to the Port Jefferson EMS agency and the community.
- Nathan Gardner from America's Vet dogs introduced his dog, Kenzo, about how he provides support to Nathan and will talk about suicide programs and how dogs are playing a pivotal part of military, police and first responders' mental health.

Meeting Called to order by President Vincent Ammirati

Salute to the flag led by Sgt. At Arms William Mullane

Moment of Silence for departed members followed by a prayer by President Ammirati with a moment of silence for the line of duty death of Keith Kostuk, from Eastport Fire dept.

President Vinny Ammirati thanked Smithtown for hosting our meeting tonight and First Vice President Giovanni "Cheech" Chiarelli presented Chief Kelly with a certificate of thanks.

Motion to accept the minutes from the July meeting by Jonathan Barnett, seconded by Russel Curley, motion carried.

Introduction of Guests & Past Association Presidents by Third Vice President Donald Braccioldieta

Don Lynch – Chief Fire Marshall – Suffolk County Fire Rescue

Eugene Perry – President FASNY

Frank Guarino – President SNY

Mike Barry – President Suffolk Chiefs

Marybeth Asbell – Vice President Suffolk County VFA Ladies Auxiliary

Stanley Roberts – Islip Town VOLLIES

Chris Mele – VFPASNY – Region 7 Director

Mary Catherine Dolan – BOD Secretary Suffolk Juniors

Joel Heilbrunn President Town of Babylon Fire Officials and Past President TOB VOLLIES

Past Presidents in attendance were

William Murray

Robert McConville

Gene Perry

Jerry Owenburg

Frank Guarino

Robert Sutton

Treasurer's report. Bob McConville read the totals of all accounts, and the copy will be attached to the original minutes. Motion by John Masem to accept the Treasurer's Report seconded by Frank Guarino, motion carried.

Bills - FASNY dues are due

Communications:

- Thank you from Matthew Murray for his scholarship.
- Fundraiser to benefit Firefighter Cancer Awareness Mentoring of New York on Weds Nov. 12th Dinner 7pm show at 8:30pm. \$65.00 per person
- All American Fundraiser for Dominick – Spaghetti Dinner/Chinese Auction – November 8th 20 per person. They are also looking for basket donations.
- FASNY dues - \$25.00 for one year or five years for \$100.00
- FASNY membership benefits, delegate credentials,
- FASNY thank you for taking ad in Journal along with copy of the journal.

Report of Presidents:

President Vincent Ammirati

- There are memorial candles up front from the FASNY Convention – if your department is up here please bring it back.
- Tonight is his last meeting as your President – Thank you to all – we wouldn't have this organization without all of you.
- Thank you to the Board and Smithtown Fire dept.
- I wish you good luck for the future.
- SCVFA meeting Smithtown River Property FD July 22,2025
- Camp Fahrenheit 516 graduation Farmingdale July 26,2024
- Long Island Benevolent meeting North Babylon FD July 26,2025
- Junior state tournament Central Islip FD July 28,2025
- Suffolk County Juniors BBQ at Smithtown River Property August 2,2025
- Shopping for the hospitality room August 2,2025
- Delivered all the soda, coolers, adult beverages and snacks to the hotel
- LAFASNY wine testing at Pindar Vineyard August 5,2025
- FASNY Convention, Trustee meeting, and Golf Outing August 6-9, 2025
- East Moriches FD Summer Bash August 16,2025
- Veterans memorial service at the Suffolk County Lee Dennison building Hauppauge August 17,2025
- Ridge FD Golf outing at the Middle Island Country Club August 19,2025
- Suffolk County District meeting Coram FD August 21,2025
- FASNY youth in the Fire training and drill weekend August 22 & 23,2025 at the Suffolk Fire Academy
- SCVFA executive board meeting at the Patchogue FD August 26,2025
- Suffolk County FRES retention and recruitment meeting with all the other associations president on August 27,2025
- Suffolk County Ladies meeting September 10 I wasn't able to attend but I did send the county report in by email
- Suffolk County Chiefs Council meeting at the James Port FD September 12,2025
- Visit with Peter Cincotta and Ann Lafountain at the Home and drop off donations on September 15,2025
- Trip to Lake George with the Home Members on September 16,2025
- Long Island Day at the Home September 21,2025

Report of 1st Vice President Giovanni Chiarelli

August 2025

5 VEEB interview via zoom
6-9 FASNY Convention
10-18 Vacation
20 Huntington/Smithtown Fire Police at Smithtown FD
22,23 Youth Days @ FRES
26 SCVFA @ Patchogue FD
27 Fire Police Refresher via zoom
28 Greenlawn Parade

September 2025

4 Smithtown Chiefs @ Kings Park FD
8 Smithtown Meeting @ Smithtown FD
9 Cancer Awareness 7 Mentoring Fundraiser @ Stonebridge
10 SCVFA President mtg @ Patchogue FD
11 911 Memorial Ceremony @ Memorial Park in Hauppauge
11 911 Memorial @ Ground Zero
11 911 Memorial @ Smithtown
16 Riders of Fire mtg @ Lindenhurst FD
18 Fire Marshall Fundraiser @ Top Golf
21 LI Day @ FASNY Home

Please let us know if you have members achieving 50 years of service to contact us to present a “certificate of appreciation”! It’s the least we can do to acknowledge these members!

Thank you to the Departments who took the ride to celebrate Long Island Day at the FASNY Home as well as the Juniors who came out!

Please find the time to visit the FASNY Home! As soon as we have a date, we’ll be sure to let you know!

Report of 2nd Vice President Dan Brooks – Gave highlights from his report and stated his full report will be in the minutes. He hopes to have existing speakers in 2026.

- Aug 1 – SCVJFA BBQ @ Smithtown
- Aug 4 – AEMT Commencement Ceremony @ EMS HQ
- Aug 5 – Suffolk Legislature Firefighter of the Year Awards
- Aug 6-10 – FASNY Convention
- Aug 17 – Amagansett Chicken BBQ
- Aug 17 – FASNY Youth Day @ SCFA
- Aug 23 – Cutchogue Chicken BBQ
- Aug 27 – FRES Retention Meeting
- Sept 6 – Southampton Muster
- Sept 8 – Suffolk County Next Gen Meeting
- Sept 9 – Lithium-Ion Presentation at 5th Precinct Community Meeting
- Sept 10 – SCVFA President’s Re-Org meeting
- Sept 12 – Suffolk County Fire Chiefs Council
- Sept 13 – Southold Fire Dept Steak Night
- Sept 18 – Fire Marshals Association of Suffolk County Topgolf Fundraiser
- Sept 19 – Brookhaven Town Fire Chiefs Council Meeting
- Sept 21 – Long Island Day at the Firefighter’s Home in Hudson

- New SCVFA sign has been installed at the Fire Academy. Thanks to the Fire Academy for getting this installed, the sign was donated by Dan Brooks.
- New vector files were created by JSigs of Patchogue which will allow us to use these files to have anything created in the future with our logo. This was a \$100 donation.
- Ad Apparel of Patchogue donated the logo that was added to our banner carrier. Unknown the donation amount.

3rd Vice President Donald Braccioldieta

August/September

- August 5, 2025, Suffolk County Legislature's volunteer fighter fighters of the year
- August 5-9, 2025, FASNY convention
- August 11, 2025, Patchogue FD
- St Liberata honoring Gene Perry
- August 21, 2025, Suffolk District meeting Corm FD
- September 9, 2025, lithium-ion battery demonstration YMCA Patchogue.
- September 10, 2025, presidents meeting Patchogue FD
- September 16, 2025, Islip Town Chiefs East Brentwood FD
- September 17, 2025, Stony Brook safety day at Stonybrook College
- September 17, 2025, Islip town volunteer meeting West Islip FD
- September 21, 2025, long Island day at the FASNY home
- I would like to thank all departments and All who supported the 50-50 raffle which will be drawn the night of our fight, a fire/EMS awards ceremony Saturday, October 18, 2025

Annual Dinner – Robert Sutton reported

Please save the date of Saturday October 18, 2025, for our annual dinner, Installation and Firefighter of the Year presentation. Our dinner will be held at the Coram Fire Department, and the tickets are \$75.00 each. The Applications & tickets are here tonight and are available on our website. Please take the applications for the dinner & Journal back to your Fire Departments/Boards and other organizations that you belong to get commitments and monies for tickets. Time is running out to get tickets to attend this very important event. If you have any questions at all, please contact me.

By-Laws – Eugene Perry - progress

Candidate Campaign – Eugene Perry – Progress

FASNY – President Eugene Perry read his report.

- Secretary John D'Alessandro and I were invited to a meeting with US Senator Kirsten Gillibrand's staff in New York City. Representatives from the FDNY, NYPD, IAFF and 9/11 organizations were also present. Senator Gillibrand is collaborating with a fellow Senator on the possibility of establishing a new PSOB disability benefit. The discussion also moved to ways to make qualifying for PSOB disability benefits easier.

- Along with Vice Presidents Farrell and Holmes, we participated in the Firefighter Memorial Service at the New York State Fair.
- Gene wants to thank everyone for making our 153rd Annual Convention a success. It was very well received by all that attended. I want to congratulate Director Any Pilecki on his election to his 2nd Five-year term, Director Paul Reiben, and election of Trustees Marsha Holland and Walter Frame.
- Gene Received an invitation from Governor Hochul to attend an Italian Heritage Reception at the Executive Mansion that he will attend on October 1st.
- Gene Attended the First Chaplain's Day at the FASNY Firefighter's Home. FASNY Chaplain Barrie-Lyn Foster and Reverend Richard Washburn put on an excellent program with topics including Ministry at the Home, Being Faithful to your Faith, and calling, Diverse Chaplaincy Roles and the Fire Chief's Perspective. Gene did a Presentation on Mental Health in Emergency Services. It's a great opportunity for anyone who is a Chaplain or is interested in the Chaplaincy. They are working on another Chaplain's Day for 2026.
- Vice President Holmes attended the Annual Firefighter's Home Lake George Boat Ride. There were 28 residents on the trip, 18 of them were in wheelchairs. Thank you to the Board of Trustees and the Lake George Fire Department for putting on this annual event.
- The FASNY Legislative Workshop will be held October 31 – November 1st at the Hilton Garden Inn in Troy, NY. We will meet with our Legislative Representatives, the Legislative Committee, Sectional Presidents and Sectional Legislative Chairs to review our mid-year legislative agenda.
- Gene has been on the road a lot.
- FASNY has Fire Safety Booklet available at the FASNY Office. Gene will pick up some cases to bring down for those who want them.

Home Trustees –Bob Sutton reported the following:

- The current census for the Firefighters home is 87.
- 13 applications are in various stages of completion. The Home currently has four available beds, all on the Memory Care (Dementia) unit.
- Currently there are no active cases of COVID in the Home,
- The annual Lake George boat trip was a huge success. There were 23 Members that attended in addition to Members of the Lake George Fire Department.
- The annual Open House, Site Tours, Cornhole Tournament, Family Scavenger Hunt and Chili Cookoff will be held this coming Saturday September 27, starting at 10:00 AM. All are invited.

Father Halpin Memorial Service – Bob Sutton reported

Our annual Memorial Service held on Sunday May 3, 2026, and will be hosted by the Bay Shore Fire Department. More information to follow on the start time.

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

Was a great day – wish more departments came up. The Selden and Smithtown Juniors came up. Peter Cincotta looks good. The Residents are selling a new challenge coin.
If in the area stop by the Home.

Firefighter Cancer Awareness Mentoring of New York State – Jerry Owenburg/Bob Sutton

Golf Outing – appreciate all who attended. Thank you to Suffolk County Vollies for Ad.
Letter going out soon with information about the association. Any questions, please reach out to them.
Thank you for your ongoing support.

Firefighter of the Year – John Manzi/John Masem –

John Masem reported the Firefighter of the year is Anthony Serpenti from North Babylon for a rescue he made on 11/24/24. He will be honored at our dinner on October 18th

Headquarters – William Mullane - No Report

Youth in the Fire Service – Keith Vella

- July 25th Nassau Jr.s held Camp Fahrenheit 516 and by all accounts it was a great success. Three (3) Suffolk Juniors were awarded the German Youth Flame Award.
- August 1st – Suffolk Jr.s held their 2nd Annual BBQ at the Smithtown River Property. 64 Youths were in attendance.
- August 8th – At FASNY Convention a “How to Start and Maintain a Youth Program” Lecture was held and run by Jerry Presta. Well over 100 were in attendance and was well received.
- August 9th – At the FASNY Convention a Stop the Bleed/Narcon Classroom was held for juniors and was attended by 22 youths.
- August 22 & 23 – FASNY Youth Day was held at Suffolk County Fire academy. 55 Youths from 13 departments were in attendance. Stephan Petras of FDM (fire District of NY Mutual Insurance Co) Was kind enough to sponsor the youths through a Kona Ice Truck which treated the youths at lunchtime as well as Gatorade during the day.
- September 28th – Next general meeting of the Suffolk Juniors will be held at West Babylon Headquarters starting at 8am (breakfast) 9am (meeting). Robert Sutton will be speaking.
- October 4th – Keith will be attending a Youth Day in Wyoming County.
- November 16 – Suffolk Jr. General Meeting in Setauket FD. Dr. Steven Sandoval of the Stony Brook Burn Center will be speaking.
- December 14 – Suffolk Jr. Special Meeting, Elections of Officers at the Hauppauge FD.

John A. Masem Sr Scholarship – Keith Vella reported the next deadline is June 1st, 2026.

Suffolk Legislative – Jerry Owenburg – they spoke about Boarding up.

FASNY Legislative Committee will meet October 31 – they are going to every other year to align with the state. VFBL is big – Gene Perry is working on a letter asking for support of the Governor. Looking to get it increased – unemployment you get 860 per week. FASNY sent letter in opposition of the training hours bill. Chief must know when calling in a mutual aid company that they have qualified personnel on rigs.

Resolutions – Eugene Perry

Resolution #1 – BE IT RESOLVES THAT the Association extends it's sincere thanks to the Smithtown Fire Department for hosting tonight's meeting. Motion to accept by Bob Sutton – second by Bill Murray, motion carried

Resolution #2 – BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Association extends its sincere thanks to the Patchogue Fire Department for hosting our August Executive Board meeting. Motion to accept by Bob Sutton seconded by Bob Chuchillo motion carried.

Resolution #3 – BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Association congratulate the West Sayville Fire Department “Flying Dutchmen” Drill Team for winning the Suffolk County Championship, Motion by Bob Sutton seconded by Patrick Perry, motion carried.

Resolution #4 – BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Association congratulate the Central Islip Fire Department “Jr. Hoboes” Drill Team for winning the New York State Junior Championship, Motion by Patrick Perry seconded by Stanley Roberts, motion carried.

Resolution #5 – BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Association congratulate the West Sayville Fire Department “Flying Dutchman” Drill Team for winning the NYS Championship, motion by Patrick Perry, seconded by Bob Sutton, motion carried.

Suffolk FRES Commission – Anthony Sullo/Bob McConville

Anthony reported that the next meeting is Thursday. Welcome back Anthony!

Bob McConville said the Plywood bill was brought up by Tom Kriklava and Dominick Thorne got it through. EpiPen came from FRES Commission and Dominick Thorne pushed it through.

Sickness – Joe McCarthy is still recuperating and would appreciate calls and cards.

Steering – Past President Gene Perry –

The Steering Committee recommends the following slate for Elections tonight

President Giovanni “Cheech” Chiarelli

First Vice President – Dan Brooks

Second Vice President – Don Braccioldieta

Third Vice President – William Mullane

Sgt At Arms – Keith Vella

Financial Secretary – Tom Prendergast

Treasurer – Jerry Owenburg

Secretary Jean Christensen was already appointed at the last general membership meeting in July.

SCVFA Parade & Drill –

John Masem reported

- Suffolk County Parade is Saturday September 27th. Have 19 departments attending – line up 3pm – step off at 4pm
- Joel Heilbrun reported they have 21 departments and some post entries. There is only one set of judges – all new rules. They are looking for Judges. There is only one category for Band – it is Musical Unit, no longer broken down.

William Reilly Journal – Giovanni Chiarelli

Doing well – still accepting ads. Please send ad as a PDF. Thank you to those who have purchased ads. We have 45 ads to date.

Publicity & Public Relations/Website – Dan Brooks / Roger Putnam – Progress

Ways and Means – William Mullane – Collected \$200 - \$100 to winner

Lithium Ion Battery – Bob Sutton/Bob McConville

- There will be a meeting of the Lithium-Ion Battery Task Force on Thursday September 25, at the Selden Fire Department starting at 3:00 PM.
- Two presentations are scheduled:
- Tuesday September 30, 2025 – Longwood Public Library, starting at 7:00 PM.
- Saturday November 22, 2025 – Central Islip Public Library, starting at 2:00 PM.
- Our task force has a very informative and valuable presentation to help educate the communities about the safe handling and use of Lithium-Ion Batteries. This presentation is available, at no cost to all.
- We encourage local associations, libraries, fraternal organizations, civic groups, homeowner associations, Scouting of America, Girl Scouts, and all Fire Department and EMS agencies, as well as Junior/Youth/Explorer organizations to attend.
- If any individual or organization has questions, or are interested in scheduling a free presentation, please contact us.

Fire Prevention – Don Braccioldieta gave the following report
Our next membership meeting for Fire, Suffolk educators

Date: November 21, 2025

Location: Islip Town museum

Time: 7 PM dinner meeting to follow

Fire & Life Safety Topics

September 21-27 child passenger safety week

Upcoming dates

CHARGE into Fire Safety™

Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home

fpw.org

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FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Save the date

Fire and life safety educators training series 51 years

Saturday, April 18, 2026

Saturday, May 2, 2026

Please like us on Facebook and you will get daily updates on fire prevention reports daily

Closing note

“let’s all remember there is no honor in fighting a fire that could’ve been prevented through education”

SCFSEA

Audit –Bob Sutton is now the Chair. Books to be audited for January.

Credentials/Membership – Tom Prendergast gave the following report

Two new members tonight – Lauren Parada and Madison Grant from Central Islip.

EMS/REMSCO – Tom Prendergast

Jerry Owenburg and Dan Brooks said that they heard they extended CC and there is no sunset right now. They asked Tom to look into this. Also, RESCO is having a First Responder course for Chiefs.

Legislative Report- REMSCO meeting 9/16/25

The four NYS bills that were included in the July meeting legislative report have not been delivered to the Governor for her signature or veto.

S1515/A2177A – The bill which was advocated by South Country Ambulance Chief Greg Miglino has passed the Senate and the Assembly – the bill removes EMS from the limit on real property tax levies by local governments. The bill takes effect immediately upon being signed by the Governor. (Senator May/Assemblywoman Lupardo)

S7501/A8086A – The bill passed the Senate and the Assembly. The bill Directs Counties, in coordination with their regional emergency services councils, to develop and maintain comprehensive county emergency medical system plans that provide coordinated emergency medical systems within such counties. The planning process shall include cities, towns and villages within their jurisdiction. The plan shall be completed within six months. The bill takes effect immediately upon being signed by the Governor. (Senator May/Assemblyman Otis). (This bill is a part of the EMS being considered as an essential service bill that was removed from the budget).

S31/A34 – The bill passed the senate and the Assembly. The bill provides that the NYS thruway authority shall issue permits for ambulances and fire vehicles for toll exemptions when engaged in emergency operations. The bill takes effect immediately upon being signed by the Governor. (Senator Comrie/Assemblyman Eachus).

S688/A5619 The bill passed the Senate and Assembly. The bill amends the real property tax exemption for surviving spouses of volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers killed in the line of duty. The bill allows municipalities to extend the exemption to un-remarried spouses of members with service between two and five years, provided they were receiving the exemption prior to their death. The bill takes effect immediately upon being signed by the Governor. (Senator Martinez/Assemblyman Stern).

Suffolk County Fire Chiefs Council – Mike Barry – President reported

- If you have a LODD let someone on the Chiefs Council know so that the monument can be updated at County.
- Chaplain Joe is improving
- They are in need of Chaplains – if interested please contact Mike or Scott Thebold. The Chiefs present a Bible to the family at wake.
- Meetings – we would love to have active Chiefs in attendance – it is where you find out things, but anyone can attend as a guest.
- Fire Police is still needed for Hagerman Saturday 9/27 at 2:30
- Next Chief meeting is North Babylon on 10/14

Suffolk County Association of Fire Districts –

Next meeting is November 20th in Selden

Suffolk County FRES –Don Lynch stated a couple of months ago we lost our canine. We have a Fire Marshall leaving on the 28th to get a new canine.

Suffolk County VEEB Board Dan Sicilian Sent the following information for the meeting, which was read by Secretary Jean Christensen

- The 2026 Field & Firehouse training Applications have been emailed out to all departments. Applications are due back by October 2, 2025. If you have any questions regarding Field and/or Firehouse Training, please contact the Academy office.
- This month's training bulletin is on "Battery Energy Storage Systems". With the proliferation of residential and commercial installations we encourage you to review the training bulleting which includes recommendations for fire department actions for responses to incidents.
- Fire Police Field Day at the SCFA on Saturday September 13th at 9am. No preregistration is required.
- The next "Ready Room RoundTable" broadcast from the "Dennis Whittam Web Room" on Monday September 22 at 6pm. Visit our Facebook page to view the August recorded podcast.
- This year's Medal of Valor Awards ceremony will be held on Wednesday September 24th at 7pm at the Central Islip Fire Dept.
- National Certification (Pro-Board) testing for Firefighter II (October 4th). Please visit our website for more information.
- The annual Women in the Fire Service Event will be held on Saturday, October 25th. Please visit our website for more information and to register.

- The Suffolk County Fire Academy and Suffolk County FRES will be hosting a training class 'In the Public Eye – A Fire Department's Guide to News and Social Media'" on Sunday November 9th at West Babylon FD. This one session class will provide attendees with an understanding of traditional news media and contemporary social media, including how both interact with the fire service on a daily basis. Please visit our website to register.
- Fire Officer II daytime program (08:00 – 17:00) November 17-21. Visit our website for more information.
- Vacancy on the Vocational Education and Extension Board (VEEB) in the Education Sector. Deadline for applying is Friday, October 31, 2025. Must have formal background in Education.
- Flyer on SCFA – Training Bulletin 25-09 – Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) is up front if interested.

Suffolk County Recruitment & Retention – Giovanni Chiarelli/Dan Brooks –

We had meeting three weeks ago. Discussed that a lot of Insurance companies are dropping or policy rates hikes are outrageous.

Suffolk County Ladies Auxiliary – Vice President Marybeth Asbell gave the following report

- Next meeting is October 8th in Central Islip
- They are running a gift card raffle – cost is \$10 per chance, and you could win \$500 in gift cards.
- Still selling chances on their 100 club – cost is \$26, and it will run for 26 weeks.

NYS Fire Police – Chris Mele – New region 7 Director

- Upcoming Meetings:
 - September 26, 2025 - Region 7 Fall Meeting is scheduled to be held at the BluePoint FD. Light Dinner at 7, meeting at 8.
In light of Eastport Fire Department Ex-Chief Keith Kostuk's passing, we are trying to reschedule this meeting to the following week.
 - October 25, 2025 - VFPASNY Fall Meeting - Hilton Garden Inn in Troy, NY
- Upcoming Training:
 - January 28, 2026 - VFPASNY/SCFA Virtual Fire Police Refresher - Pre-registration is required. Emails were sent out to members of VFPASNY and anyone else that has attended a Virtual Training in the past with the registration link. Members of the VFPASNY will receive a Certificate for attending. Non-members are encouraged to join. Membership applications are available at VFPASNY.com.

In reference to the Board-Up issue mentioned earlier in the meeting, we've been stressing at our Fire Police Association meetings to establish Fire Lines, so you have a clear demarcation that they have to stay behind.

Suffolk County Firefighters Burn Center – Don Gleason reported that they are working on their website and fundraisers. Not many are showing up for the meetings. This is your Burn Center – we need your help. Next meeting is the third Monday in October at the Hospital.

Suffolk County Safety Officer's - Jeff Bailes

- Pro-Board-Certified Incident Safety Officer Class Sept 27 and Oct 25th – Sayville Resolute Hose 8am to 4pm.
- FDSOA Conference January 13th – 16th in Phoenix.
- NYS Safety class everyday
- Thank you, President Vinny, for your support.

Southern NY VFA – President Frank Guarino reported

- September 30th is Executive Board meeting in Glen Cove
- October 4 is Membership in Hillcrest Fire, Spring Valley.

Nassau County Vollies – Absent

North Fork VFA –Artie Brewer reported

- October 22nd is their next meeting in Orient

Babylon Town VFA – Joel Heilburn reported

- Joel read list of new officers – new President is Kenny
- Next meeting is third Monday in November.
- Brunch is October 5th at Captain Bills. \$75 per person

Islip Town Vollies – Stan Roberts

Next meeting is November 1st at the Islip Museum – Dinner 7pm and meeting 8pm. Will have presentation of awards.

Babylon Town Fire Police – Russel Curley reported their next meeting is November 18th – place TBD

Suffolk Juniors Reported by Mary-Catherine Dolan

*As many are aware, my name is Mary-Catherine Dolan, and I serve as Secretary of the Board of Directors for the Suffolk County Volunteer Junior Firefighters' Association.

*Here is a brief update on the Association. We are one year old this month. It has been an incredible journey watching the appointed Charter Junior Executive Board thrive in the positions they hold. The BOD is looking forward to seeing what the 1st elected Junior executive board does.

*This Sunday, we will be holding the First round of nominations for the junior board.

*With that being said, if your department's junior organization is interested in joining the Suffolk Juniors, please let me know. I will provide you with information on the next meeting and an application. This Association is for Fire and EMS.

*Just a recap of the year's events. We had presentations on Lithium-Ion Batteries, LIRR safety and Suffolk Water Authority. The Suffolk Juniors were training at the LIRR and Selden's Training Center for extrication here they were all able to handle the equipment and learn the safety precautions for themselves, their partners, including EMS and safely extricate their patients from various cars.

*Some future presentations and training will include CPR, Stop The Bleed, Narcan. The Burn Center's Dr. Sandoval will be attending the November meeting, and PP Robert Sutton will be presenting on Sunday. We are working with a company to obtain an EMS simulated ambulance and collaborating with other fire departments for additional hands-on fire training.

*If you have a training that will benefit the Suffolk Juniors, please let me know, and the OBD will officially contact you for meeting dates or training date openings.

*Thanks for everything you guys have done for the Association.

Russell Curley said LI FF Exempt is meeting in West Hempstead

Old Business –

Don Gleason wanted to remind everyone that Stony Brook Burn Center does tours. Also if you want Dr. Sandoval can come to your Department meeting to speak on the Burn Center.

Chris Mele reported that change in date of meeting for State Fire Police Region 7 will be on their website. The new meeting date is October 21st.

Tom Kriklava stated the county legislators passed the boarding up it just has to be signed. It is very important that this be brought back to your departments.

Chief Fire Marshall Don Lynch spoke on the following

- Fire Police is huge on fire scenes.
- Board up right now is like the wild west – we have to protect the homeowners. They must stay beyond the tape – Arson is aware and will reinforce – if there is a problem the Fire Marshall or arson will take care of.
- Will be licensing for board up – some really good ones out there.
- Chiefs, if you see something grab a Fire Marshall or arson and fill them in.
- Will be signed next week by Romain.
- Fire Marshall can recommend a board-up company or can tell you who is coming.

Tom Kriklava – he is very passionate about this – you must secure the homeowner by command post – protect them – explain what's going on - tell them to call their insurance right there to start the claim. Public adjustors are getting their phone numbers and saying that they are the FD or PD – tell homeowner the FD/PD do not call cell phones.

Marilyn Davis had a brochure when she was Chief that she gave out to homeowners about what they needed to do after a house fire.

New Business

- Frank Guarino made a motion to pay \$100 in FASNY dues for Five years seconded by Don Gleason, motion carried.
- Patrick Perry announced that the Town of Brookhaven Museum will be having a 5K Run/Walk on October 4th.
- Bob Sutton made a motion to donate \$100 to the All-American Award Fundraiser for Dominick, seconded by Marilyn Davis, motion carried.

Nominations & Elections – run by Past President Eugene Perry

Gene started with the recommendation of the steering committee

For **President** – Giovanni “Cheech” Chiarelli – there being no further nominations – Vinny Ammirati made a motion to close nominations seconded by Gary Stecker.

For **First Vice President** – Dan Brooks – there being no further nominations - Patrick Perry made a motion to close nominations seconded by Bill Murray.

For **Second Vice President** – Don Braccioldieta – there being no further nominations, Frank Guarino made a motion to close nominations seconded by Russel Curley.

For **Third Vice President** – Bill Mullane – there being no further nominations, Jonathan Barnett made a motion to close nominations seconded by Patrick Perry.

For **Sgt – at – Arms** – Keith Vella, there being no further nominations, Bob McConville made a motion to close nominations seconded by Jerry Owenbur.

For **Financial Secretary** - Tom Prendergast – there being no further nominations, Bob Sutton made a motion to close nominations seconded by Jonathan Barnett.

For **Treasurer** – Jerry Owenburg – there being no further nominations, Rich Camenella made a motion to close nominations seconded by Jonathan Barnett.

Bob Chiuchiolo made a motion for the Secretary to cast one vote for all unopposed position, seconded by Paul Callegri.

At this time the Officers were installed by FASNY President Gene Perry.

Cheech stated that he is honored to serve as the associations President and thank you for the opportunity. Thank you to Vinny for the last two years and all of the Past Presidents before for all they have done for the association. Thank you to Smithtown for allowing him the opportunity to train and get to this position. President Cheech Thanked Bob McConville for all of his years and the wealth of knowledge that you bring to the table, it is unbelievable. Thank you for your dedication and being the Association Treasurer.

Good and Welfare –

Just got word that George Lang from Amityville fire dept and instructor at Suffolk Fire Academy has died in the LODD. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Dark Horse – Won by Marilyn Davis

Next membership meeting is January 27, 2026 – West Babylon

Next Executive Board meeting is October 28th - Hagerman

Closing Prayer by Past President Vinny Ammirati.

Motion to adjourn by Vinny Ammirati seconded by Bob Sutton at 9:40 pm motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jean Christensen
Secretary