



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 July 27, 2010 at the Ronkonkoma Fire Department

- Meeting called to order by President Eugene Perry at 8:00 PM
- Salute to the flag led by Sergeant at Arms, Chris DelVecchio
- Peter Cincotta gave an opening prayer and moment of silence for the sick and departed members
- Chief Vincent Diaz of the Ronkonkoma Fire Department welcomed the S.C.V.F.A.
- 1st Vice President Vella 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 25, 2010 meeting at the Riverhead Fire Department

1st Vice President Richard Vella along with Mary Masem and her daughter Kathleen presented the Annual John Masem, Sr. Scholarship awards to Patrick Perry, Daniel Haase, and James Campbell.

Introduction of Guests: 2nd Vice President Owenburg reported that the following guests were in attendance:

Past Presidents: Paul Van Arts Dalen, Robert Knight, Robert McConville, William Murray, Richard Vella, Ted Rosko. FASNY Director, Robert McConville. FASNY Trustee Ted Rosko, William Murray. SNYVFA President Eugene Perry, 1st Vice President, William Murray. SC Burn Center, Jerry Owenburg, Treasurer and Past President. Firefighter's Cancer Support Network, Jerry Owenburg. South Shore VFD, Anthony Sullo, Past President. NYS Fire Police Past President, Frank Guarino

Treasurers' Report: 2nd Vice President Owenburg gave his monthly report.

Bills: none

Communications:

- Thank you letter from the Suffolk County Burn Center Fund for our donation
- Suffolk County Burn Center, 1st Annual Guy Cassara Memorial Golf Outing
- Suffolk County Burn Center, Annual Night at the Vineyards

Report of Presidents:

Report of President Eugene Perry: Attended the following:

- Nassau County Drill Team Captain's meeting in Baldwin
- Southern NY Dinner in Mineola
- Suffolk County Drill Team Captain's meeting in Central Islip
- 2010 FASNY Convention meetings in Selden and West Babylon
- Executive Board meeting in Mastic

Report of 1st Vice President Rich Vella: Attended the following:

- Many Convention meetings at the Hyatt
- Several Town Organizational meetings

Report of 2nd Vice President Jerry Owenburg: Attended the following:

- 2 Burn Center meetings at Stony Brook Hospital
- 2010 FASNY Convention meetings in Selden and West Babylon
- Nassau County Firemen's Association Dinner
- Firefighter's Cancer Support Network meeting in West Babylon
- Babylon Town Chiefs' meeting in North Lindenhurst

- Executive Board meeting in Mastic
- Suffolk County Chiefs' meeting in Westhampton Beach
- Suffolk County Parade in Riverhead

Report of 3rd Vice President Peter Cincotta: Attended the following:

- Southern NY Dinner in Mineola
- 2010 FASNY Convention meetings in Selden and West Babylon
- Executive Board meeting in Mastic
- Jr. Certificate presentation in Westhampton Beach
- Suffolk County Chiefs' meeting in Westhampton Beach
- FASNY phone conference with the Youth in the Fire Service Committee

Steering Committee: Robert McConville reported:

- The following is the slate for our September elections: President Richard Vella (West Babylon), 1st Vice President Jerry Owenburg (West Babylon), 2nd Vice President Peter Cincotta (Selden), 3rd Vice President Chris DeVecchio (Mastic) and Sergeant at Arms Frank Guarino (Hagerman)
- Nominations will still be in order at the September meeting
- Still looking for a Treasurer for the Association

Sickness: President Perry reported:

- Former Legislator and FRES Commissioner Herb Davis had a heart attack and is in the John J. Foley Skilled Nursing Facility
- If anyone knows of a member who is sick or in the hospital, please contact one of the Presidents

F.A.S.N.Y.: Robert McConville reported:

- Presented a \$1,000 FASNY Scholarship to James McLoughlin, Jr. from Sound Beach. He was one of the ten FASNY Scholarship winners from across the State
- FASNY has a meeting this weekend to discuss the budget for the Firemen's Home and final arrangements for the Convention
- Looking forward to seeing most of you at the Convention in Hauppauge

Home Trustees: Ted Rosko, William Murray reported:

- Ted Rosko stated there are 86 members at the home. Three (3) residents will attend the Convention
- Budget for the Home for 2010-2011 is \$9.6 million and will be presented to the Board of Directors this weekend. It will then be passed on to the membership for approval at the Convention in August
- Annual Softball Tournament will be held August 6, 7 and 8. Thirty two (32) teams will be participating, ten (10) teams from Long Island
- William Murray encouraged everyone to attend the Convention to vote for the Home budget and other matters that will be coming up on Friday. Last year the Trustees submitted a budget that was low so that the FASNY Directors would accept it

Southern New York VFA: President Perry reported:

- Thanked the Lindenhurst FD for hosting the Parade and Drill, it was very well attended
- Our Annual Installation Dinner was held at the Nassau County Bar Association in Mineola
- We will be holding two (2) Legislative Outreach Seminars one in Nassau and one in Suffolk in 2011 following FASNY's Legislative Conference. Dates, times and locations will be forthcoming
- Next meeting will be Saturday, October 2, 2010 in Port Washington

Commissioner Williams' Report: No Report

2011 S.C.V.F.A. Memorial Service: May 1, 2011: 3rd Vice President Cincotta reported:

- Anyone interested in hosting the Memorial Service, please submit a letter to the Association

S.C.V.F.A. Parade and Drill:

- President Perry thanked the Riverhead FD for hosting the Parade and Drill. Can't control the weather but everything went well
- NEED A HOST FOR 2011 and 2012 and beyond**

Long Island Day at the Home: 2nd Vice President Owenburg reported:

- Sunday, September 19, 2010
- Gift for the Home residents will be Snuggies with the Long Island Day logo on them
- Next meeting is September 2, 2010 in Albertson

Parade and Drill Officials: Rich Ligon reported:

- Drill season is going very well
- Central Islip Drill is July 31 and the State Drill is in Clayton on August 21
- State Parade in Clayton, the Town Islip and Town of Babylon Parades are coming up

F.R.E.S.: No Report

VEEB: No Report

Radio: Robert Knight reported:

- Rebanding of UHF, VHF. If your radios are more than 8 years old they may not be able to get rebanded to the narrow width
- Be careful when doing announcements. A department was looking for an ALS crew and couldn't transmit because of the announcements going on the air
- FRES will be going into their back-up facility. When they do they will lose E-911

Fire Police: No Report

Legislative: Robert Knight reported:

- The Governor called for the VFBL/VAWBL reform, Heart bill, Cancer Impairment, Low Interest Loan, Source patient testing (HIV), Hazardous Materials, Blue Light and the Highway Safety Zone. All are expected to be signed
- The Blue Light Law is being questioned
- The State Chiefs lost their lawsuit on the bail-out ropes, there is a Bill in the Assembly that corrects the present law, and it will not go anywhere because the Professional Firefighters Union (Not FDNY) does not want to be exempt from the law. The law is effect and districts will have to decide how they are going to comply
- There are other bills pending
- Suffolk and Nassau County received a SAFER grant for recruitment and retention. Members of the Fire Service who maintain a 2.0 GPA and remain in the Fire Service for 5 years can receive \$2,500 per semester to attend Suffolk County Community College
- For more information contact Tom O'Hara at FRES 852-4908

Firefighter of the Year: No Report

Audit: No Report

EMS: Meryl Montrose reported:

- Attended the REMSCO meeting on July 13th
- With the passing of Guy Cassara there will be an election for Secretary/Treasurer of REMSCO
- The recent NYS legislation that allows EMT-CC's/Paramedics to draw blood when not in the presence of a physician or PA in case of suspected DWI/DUI. Suffolk County does not have the protocols/procedures that would allow ALS providers to do this. This is not an authorized skill or procedure in this region
- Restated to Chiefs, Commissioners, Directors and ALS providers that NYS requires that all ALS agencies have the capability to transmit 12 Lead EKG's to Medical Control. Keep that in mind when contacting vendors and to include in discussions about what extra equipment maybe needed when purchasing cardiac monitors/defibrillators
- Suffolk County is developing a pilot program for BLS administration of Narcan. It is given in case of suspected Heroin overdoses. They hope to have approval in October and to start training EMT's by January 1
- Suffolk County has a pilot program on the North Fork that is allowing EMT's to test blood sugar. This is limited to the agencies on the North Fork
- There is a nationwide shortage of some medications that are carried on the ambulance. If anybody has a problem obtaining them please contact the County. This should be alleviated by August
- The family Health Care Decision Act was passed. It expands the responsibility of the EMS provider.
- REMSCO website www.suffolkremSCO.com is an excellent source of information. It has a list of classes, CME's and updated protocols

Resolutions: Paul van Arts Dalen reported:

1. Be it resolved that we thank Ronkonkoma FD for hosting tonight's meeting

2. Be it resolved that we thank Mastic FD for hosting our Executive Board meeting on June 22, 2010
3. Be it resolved we purchase Tickets for our President and guest to attend Tom Cuff's Testimonial Diner, with an appropriate gift
4. Be it resolved we appoint Kathryn Perry Secretary of the Association for the year 2010-2011
5. Be it resolved we congratulate the winners of the John Masem Scholarships, Patrick Perry, Daniel Haase and James Campbell
6. Be it resolved we congratulate West Sayville FD for taking 1st Place in the Suffolk County Drill
7. Be it resolved we congratulate West Islip FD for taking 1st Place Best Appearing Small Department and Hauppauge FD for taking 1st Place Best Appearing Large Department

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

Burn Center Stony Brook: 2nd Vice President Owenburg reported:

- You can call the clinic at the burn center @ 444-4545 with any burn questions
- North Babylon firemen spent a night in the Burn Center
- Equipment is being purchased for the clean room. We will have an opening ceremony when it is complete
- WE lost our PA Guy Cassara to lung cancer. He was working on a project for patients at the Burn Center WII-FIT. Jerry is going to finish it for him and put a plate on it in his name
- 1st Annual Guy Cassara Memorial Golf Outing will be held August 10, 2010 at Tall Grass Golf Club, \$125 per golfer. Tee signs \$50 and Sponsor \$100
- Night at the Martha Clara Vineyard will be held on October 2, 2010 from 6:30-11PM \$35 per person. Call Jerry for tickets
- Anyone who would like to be members of the Burn Center Executive Board please contact Jerry
- Clare Rose one of the founders of the Burn Center passed away last week

Arson Task Force: Robert Knight Reported:

- Incendiary devices are being improvised to be explosive devices. DO NOT wash/sweep possible devices away from the scene
- Overhauling of the FIRE ROOM should be kept to a minimum. Seems to be too much overhauling of fire rooms or possible area of ignition
- Chief of Fire Rescue Services, Warren Horst will be retiring on August 23rd

Annual Dinner: Saturday, October 16, 2010 at Sunset Harbour: 1st Vice President Vella reported:

- Response for tickets has great, there have been 100 tickets sold to date. Tickets are \$65 each. Cocktail Hour starts at 6 PM

William Reilly Scholarship Journal: Eugene Perry reported:

- Letters have gone out to all who have taken ads in last year's journal
- The Journal supports the John Masem Scholarship. Cost will be the same, \$50 for a full page and \$25 for a ½ page. Applications are available on the website

Homeland Security: No Report

Publicity:

- Ryan Murphy is the contact for Suffolk County for submissions to the Volunteer Firefighter. Ryan will be a contact for the Southern New York regional news in the magazine. Please send your submissions to Ryan at www.rmurphy@patchogue.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: Robert Knight reported: Progress

Ways and Means: Robert McConville reported:

- Financial report read for the membership

Safety Officer: No Report

Fire Prevention: 3rd Vice President Cincotta reported:

- With summer upon us, please remember both pool and grill safety
- Next meeting, August 27, 2010 in Nesconset

NFPA: Paul Van Arts Dalen reported:

-Voting members at the 2010 NFPA Technical meeting in June in Las Vegas considered 15 documents, accepting 13 and returning two

-Among those accepted were NFPA 25, inspection, testing and maintenance of water based fire protection systems and NFPA 70, National Electrical Code

Recruitment and Retention: Robert McConville reported: Progress

Headquarters: 2nd Vice President Owenburg reported:

-General Hospitality Night at the FASNY Convention will be Thursday night, August 19th. Please come and join us.

2010 State Convention: Robert McConville reported:

-Convention will open on Tuesday night with the Past President's Dinner. Tickets are available on the FASNY website

-Wednesday morning will be the Opening Ceremonies, we are still asking each department to send one member in Class "A" uniform with their Department flag to participate in the Opening Ceremony. Please be at the Hyatt by 8 AM, the Ceremony will begin at 9 AM. 11AM will be the Firefighter of the Year. The winners are from the Verona FD. EMS Provider of the Year is from Sayville Community Ambulance. Luncheon tickets are available on the FASNY website.

-Thursday will be an all day of training- 4 training sessions will be held at the Hyatt, 2 in the morning and 2 in the afternoon. The junior training will also be on Thursday at the Suffolk County Fire Academy. All training offered is free. The 2% Tax Forum will be a stand alone forum on Wednesday afternoon at 1 PM.

-There will be a BBQ Buffet in the Hotel Courtyard on Wednesday night from 6-10 PM; Thursday night will be General Hospitality in the Hotel Ballroom

- 50/50 raffle tickets are available, see any committee member.

-Convention apparel for sale, see Anthony Sullo

-Friday morning will be the Annual Memorial Service and Elections

-Anyone who would like to help during the Convention, see one of the Presidents

Credentials: Arthur Wilson reported: 68 members in attendance

Membership: William Rowse reported:

-Applications for 4 new members

M/M/S/P to accept new members

John A. Masem Sr. Scholarship: 1st Vice President Vella reported:

Congratulations to our 3 Scholarship winners

Firefighters Cancer Support Network: 2nd Vice President Owenburg reported:

-General membership meeting Wednesday, October 27, 2010 at Stony Brook Hospital at 7 PM. Topic: Breast Cancer. All welcome and bring a friend

-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. Many firefighters, EMS personnel and their family members are being mentored now

-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

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

-M/M/S/P to purchase 8 tickets to the Night at the Vineyards Fundraiser for the Burn Center

-M/M/S/P to purchase a \$100 sponsorship in the Guy Cassara Golf Outing for the Burn Center

Good and Welfare:

-Anyone who can help out at the Convention, please see Bob McConville, Bob Knight or Rich Vella

-Convention tee shirts on sale, only 200 available

-BBQ fundraiser for Lonnie Gooch at the North Amityville FD on September 13, 2010. The Association made a donation at the spaghetti dinner fundraiser held in Selden

Dark Horse: Winning numbers drawn.

Future Meeting: September 28, 2010 West Babylon FD at 7:00 PM 669-9822

Closing Prayer: by Peter Cincotta

Motion to adjourn and meeting adjourned at: 9:20 PM

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathryn M. Perry". The signature is written in dark ink and is centered on the page.

Kathryn M. Perry
Secretary

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