

Stony Brook Fire District
Board of Fire Commissioners
Minutes of Regular Meeting

Date: March 12, 2026

Present: Commissioner's Holsberg, McAllister, Roberts, D'agostino, Leonard District Manager Schwenker, Chief Simonsen, Chief Seelin, Chief Trapani, District EMS Coord. Fealey, Attorney, Ring, Treasurer Mejia, Deputy Treasurer Hennesy, Secretary Degen.

Public Attendees': LynnAnn Tapani

Quorum: Five (5) Commissioners.

Commissioner Holsberg called the meeting to order at 7:01pm

Minutes: Minutes of February 12th, 2026 (Regular) meetings were read silently. M/M McAllister/Roberts to accept all the reviewed minutes as read. AIF-Motion carried

Bills: M/M McAllister/D'Agostino to pay all bills listed and reviewed all bills paid prior to meeting all were found to be acceptable. – AIF-Motion carried

Correspondence:

Invite for Sound Beach Fire District Installation Dinner Saturday 4/11/26. Polled BoFC and no one could make event. Declined.

Invite for Port Jeff Fire District Installation Dinner Saturday 4/11/26. Polled BoFC and no one could make event. Declined.

Discussed SBFD By Law Change

More Correspondence .will be read under District Managers report.

Chief's Reports:

Chief Simonsen (In Attendance – Report Submitted Electronically)

Good evening,

Thank you very much for the very nice evening on Saturday. I think it was a great time had by all!

- A request to bring back affixing stork's to ambulances which would indicate the department's role in assisting with an active maternity. (Approved)
 - Past practice dictates Stork's were affixed to all ambulances regardless of which responded to the active maternity where birth was either imminent or birthed at the hospital following transport.
- Personnel Updates:
 - Resigned - Manaog
 - Off-Probation: Pfitzer, Andrew
- RIT Pack to be moved from Squad-5 to E-4 and R-6 to E-2 (go ahead)
 - As requested by Dept. Officers due to reassignment enroute or arriving on scene
 - To align that each station configuration remains similar
- Work Order request submitted by FF B. Roberts re: Baby Changing Station of sorts.
- Mustang Suit replacement
- Email current roster as opposed to hard copies
- Request to remove company decals from apparatus to align with re-organization.
- RecruitNY 4/18 @ station 1 1100-1400 (meal approved for members)
 - SCFRES Fire Extinguishment Sim will be on-hand.
 - Lawn signs
 - Poll of membership indicated 25 signs at \$12.50/ I'd like to move forward with designing to be presented before printing. (*Approved pending the design of the sign*)
- Request to use L-16 on 4/18 for a Military Appreciation Game at WMHS.
- By-Law Amendment
- 3/22 @ 11 am Girl Scout Troop wishing to visit Fire station 2. Ex-Chief Tutino will be the member on hand to host.
- Welcome Home - Date is TBD. Tentatively on Tuesday. Already be in contact with Setauket FD/Dept. and their potential involvement as this has the potential to occur in their district.
- Request to affix Irish flags to apparatus to, during and from St. Patrick's Day parades.
 - No inflatable Leprachuan / frowned upon by members of the BoFC

Renewed Explorer Post #0528 Charter ?

Presentation to BoFC on creating a Junior Company

- *same criteria of Explorer Post under Junior Company letterhead from Fire District*

Completely remove all personal equipment from turnout gear when submitting for service

- *No second set of boots or helmets will be issued*

Missing 4 PETZL Systems

45 Minute Cylinders will be delivered by April on E-4

Waterway on 3/16 - messages to go out re: status of units

Enterprise Risk Management now attempting to submit for an BLS/ALS-FR (program is evolving)

Re-iterate the professionalism of multi-agency responses to certain off-site SUNY campuses

Clean up organizing

Training pad clean up once weather breaks

Floors at station 2 to be addressed

5A3-26 options for fire pump - rebuild or rebuild pump and motor or total replacement

- *lots of uncertainty*

Smithtown's boat

- *no commitment. New boat has been spec'd out but still no further talks*

Grant Trophy -

Radios - weather has been an issue but work progresses. Testing all day today 3/12/26

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Chief McNeil (Not in Attendance – Report Submitted Electronically)

Good evening. I would like to thank the Board of Fire Commissioners for their hard work in organizing this year's Installation Dinner. I also want to officially congratulate Timmy Holsberg, the recipient of this year's Rescue/EMS Award. This recognition is a direct reflection of his continued growth, contributions, and commitment to the Department's mission.

Our Rescue and EMS training program continues to aggressively pursue high-level clinical education. Our February drill focused on Advanced Stroke Care, and I would like to extend our gratitude to Jason Hoffman from Stony Brook University for providing excellent instruction to our members.

With the assistance of Doc Rich, we have successfully secured Dr. Julie A. Welischar (Obstetrics and Gynecology, Stony Brook Medicine) and Adriann J. Combs, DNP (Neonatal Nursing/Perinatal Services, Northwell Health). They will be leading an upcoming training session to ensure our personnel are fully prepared for field deliveries and neonatal emergencies.

For the May training, I am currently working with Commissioner Roberts to coordinate a familiarization and training with the Army National Guard (ANG).

1. I am formally requesting permission to host this training event at Station 2 on a May 13th. The evolution will involve an ANG UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter landing on the Station 2 property. Given the scale of this drill and the value of inter-agency interoperability, we plan to invite the Port Jefferson and Setauket Fire Departments to participate.
2. The ANG contact has requested a specific liability rider to facilitate this operation. I am requesting the Board review and execute this rider so we may move forward.

Thank you for your time and continued support of our training initiatives.

Chief Seelin (In Attendance – Report Submitted Electronically)

- Good evening all thank you for another wonderful installation dinner.
- Department training this month will be held at station 2 on march 22nd 0930 looking to have some room on the pad made. will be using a forcible entry door and roof prop please and thank you.
- Next upcoming department training will be looking at going to Mankuski date to be determined.

Chief Trapani (In Attendance – Report Submitted Electronically)

Good evening,

I would like to thank the Board for the new 33 truck. The truck is extremely nice, and the District was a big help throughout the process. Also thank you for getting my Class A jacket done and both Class A hats.

I would also like to thank the District for the Installation Dinner. It was a really nice night, and I truly appreciate you inviting my family to attend.

For probationary training, we have recently completed the SCBA portion of the schedule. The probationary members took an SCBA test and also participated in a night of ambulance familiarization. We are now moving into Truck Company Operations, which we anticipate covering for approximately 5–6 weeks before transitioning into Engine Company Operations.

To support this training one of the topics is roof operations. We will try to get plywood donated from lowes or home depot first, but I am requesting that the District purchase inexpensive plywood for the roof prop to fill in the gap as needed, as we plan to begin utilizing it over the next several weeks.

M/M Leonard/McAllister to pay for plywood materials. – AIF-Motion carried

I'm requesting the district to order additional probationary member shirts. Currently, we only have a few XLs and a few smalls left. I would like to continue the tradition of giving to new members the shirts when they join.

M/M Leonard/McAllister to pay for tee shirts (1 dozen in each size discussed). – AIF-
Motion carried

Lastly, I will be out of state from March 24 through March 29. The 33 vehicle will be left at station 2

Commissioner's Reports:

Commissioner McAllister: (In Attendance)

- Weather is breaking and chopped up vehicles will be removed from pad.
- Floors at Station 2 will be stripped and waxed soon.
- Will do research on baby station request.

Commissioner D'Agostino: (In Attendance)

Discussed maintenance about ladder truck. Looking at tune up with mechanic friend of Dick Wulforst. Will get estimate right away. We can inquire with Smithtown who they use, as they have the same truck.

Commissioner Roberts: (In Attendance – Report Submitted Electronically)

1. 5A3-26: We are looking at different options for the repair of the fire pump. The first option is rebuilding the pump. The second option is rebuilding the pump and motor. The third option is a new pump and motor.
2. Grant: Most of the gear has been distributed and old gear put into inventory. Thank you to the district staff for all of their efforts in accomplishing this.

3. Hoping the arrival of Spring weather will put the contractors back on track for completion in the near future.
4. Ice rescue Suits: At recent training 8 of the old Mustang suits were deteriorated to the point of no repair. (They are at least 20 years old). 2 of the newer First Watch Ice Suits did not hold up to the standards we expected. They suffered minor tears that were able to be repaired. I would make a motion that we purchase 10 new o go Mustang suits for replacement. S6 suits to go on 5A3-6 and 5 to be placed on 5A3-5. The remaining ne suits to be placed in the chief's vehicles. M/M Roberts/Leonard to purchase suits. – AIF-Motion carried
5. Discussed Smithtown's existing boat and explained that they are specking out a new boat, which could be a very good opportunity for us to make a proposal for their old boat. Will report progress and their progression.
6. Discussed Radio System and how snow slowed things down but they are working again.

Commissioner Leonard: (In Attendance)

- No Report.

Commissioner Holsberg: (In Attendance)

- Thank you to the District Manager for his and staffs work to put together the Installation Dinner.

Dental, Vision and Life Insurance is up for renewal. Dental we are looking at a 5% increase. I recommend that we renew policy.

District Manager Report:

District Manager Schwenker(In Attendance)

- Surplused (Destroyed) & Discarded 35 old helmets of various models. Cairns 880, 1010, 1044.
- Surplused (Destroyed) & Discarded 30 pairs of Structural Firefighting boots of various sizes.
- Surplused (Destroyed) & Discarded 16 pairs of Securitex Turnout Pants
- Surplused (Destroyed) & Discarded 20 Securitex Turnout Coats
- Moved all inventory from 2010 and older to Non-Structural firefighting equipment to be assigned to Explorer Post 0528 & the District EMS Staff.

- Request to purchase Helmet shields for the Explorer Post members. Twelve (12) for general membership, two (2) for Lieutenants, and one (1) for Captain. After a brief discussion, the Chief is going to once again investigate moving away from BSA and starting a Junior Company. The District Manager will contact Hubbinette-Cowell to get a new quote on a policy for the Junior Company. Commission Roberts discussed holding off purchase as we maybe leaving explorer post and until we renew the charter. Also getting quote for insurance. Commissioner McAllister discussed JR. Program costs etc. Commissioner Leonard wanted safety issues as strict as the Boy Scouts with JR Company.
- Commissioner Roberts discussed
- All members (that were fitted) have been issued new turnout gear (Helmet, Coat, Pants, Boots). We are still awaiting delivery of new gloves.
- All second sets of gear have been inventoried, and stored so when a member needs to swap out (Repairs, Cleaning, etc.) we will be able to efficiently accommodate them. Members need to be reminded that if they need to turn in their gear for any reason, they need to completely empty their pockets and remove their bailout gear and place their gear in the clear bags left in the firehouses. We will NOT be issuing second pairs of boots or bailout systems.
- Any member that was NOT measured for new gear will be contacted shortly to be fitted for newer hand-me-down gear. These members will receive Globe gear as their primary set and we will store what they are currently wearing as their second set for repair/ cleaning purposes.
- All EESR system ropes have now been swapped out with new inventory. We will need to replace them in 10 years from the date we put them in service. (February 2036)
- We currently have thirteen (13) EESR systems in stock. We will change out those ropes when we issue them to incoming members. We are missing four (4) systems. They could NOT be located during our inventory update on 3/5/26. They have been marked in Red Alert as LOST/ DISCARDED for now.
- Removed/ Surplused (Destroyed) eight (8) Mustang IC9001 Survival Suits. Two (2) were previously removed from service and destroyed. We currently have one (1) Mustang Suit from the early 2000's on Rescue 6 that should be surplused/ condemned and replaced.
- An order was placed for twelve (12) new 45 minute SCBA cylinders. We should receive them in early April. We wanted to guarantee that they would have a 2026 manufacture date as Scott Aviation was still sending out 2025 manufacture dates in February. These bottles will be going to 5A3-4 when they arrive.
- Waterway is scheduled for Hose Testing on March 16th. All testing will be completed at Sta. 2. We will send out messages letting the membership know to use caution when responding and what the status of the units are during the day.
- Chief Trapani was issued SB-043 (2025 Chevrolet HD 2500 Pick-up) on 2/27/26. NYS DMV registration was completed and a temporary tag was issued. We will schedule with Chief Trapani when his permanent tag arrives.
- Island Tech Services Watch Guard, cost \$1,834.00
M/M McAllister/Leonard to pay as discussed. – AIF-Motion carried

- R&D Park EMS Response Agreement discussed including SBVAC responding to businesses operated by the Stony Brook University and that we have jurisdiction over 1320 and 2500 medical parks. Commissioner Roberts explained why he supports agreement. If a year down the line they want to respond to 1320, this agreement restricts it. Its not perfect, but its an agreement in writing. Commissioner Leonard discussed why he opposed it, because of several factors including revenue, and they can't guarantee ALS Response ect.
- M/M Roberts/McAllister, Role Call- Roberts Yes, McAllister Yes, Holsberg Yes & D'Ago stino Yes, Leonard No Opposed, Motion carried to approve agreement.

District EMS Coord. Report:

District EMS Coord. Fealey(Not In Attendance – Report Submitted Electronically)

- County Updates:
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- EMT Courses:
- Personnel:
 - Resigned:
 - EMT John Glidden (FDNY Academy)
 - Paramedic Brian Derrick
 - EMT Theresa Reynolds
 - Paramedic Jessica Singer
 - Dropped due to inactivity:
 - Paramedic Jamie Defeo
 - Paramedic Logan Paticoff
 - Paramedic Hayley Schultz
- FDNY Field Medicine Symposium
 - May 14-17 @ Randalls Island
 - \$450 pp
 - Requesting 4/4
- CME Program:
 - Submitted 1 Provider (R. Shannon)
 - Contract with Prodigy signed and currently building out Platform.
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- Controlled Substances
 - New DEA Rules enacted. Minimal impact to our operations,
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- Equipment:
 - Additional Equipment required by updated Part 800 will be added by end of Month (enforcement effective April 22)
- Requesting Training approval for 5/14/26 thru 5/17/26 \$450 per person AI at Randles Island, send 4 Department members & 4 District members
- M/M Leonard/McAllister to approve as submitted as submitted. - AIF-Motion carried.

Attorney's Report:

Christopher P. Ring Esq. (In Attendance)

- Discussed 3 audits of the same Fire District on investment policy that did not yield any interest or very low interest, criticizing their decision, even though they did not lose any money.
- Tuesday 5/19/26 Special Election(s).

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Mario Mejia (Not in Attendance, Electronically submitted)

Presented electronic Treasurer's Report (attached) to BoFC for March 2026

M/M McAllister/Roberts to accept report as submitted as submitted. - AIF-Motion carried.

Public Comments:

LynnAnn Tapani- Thank you so much for the wonderful Installation Dinner.

M/M McAllister/Roberts to go into Exec Session at 8:46 PM. AIF-Motion carried.

Out of Exec. Session at 9:01 PM. Chairman-Have our District's Attorney Chris Ring, draft and send a letter to the discussed member in Executive session in reference to returning to duty.

At this time, 9:02 PM, having no further business to discuss, M/M McAllister/Roberts to adjourn the meeting. - AIF-Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul Degen
District Secretary