

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
South Farmingdale Board of Fire Commissioners
November 4, 2025

At approximately 8:00pm, Commissioner Forry called the meeting to order and recited the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence. Commissioner P. Fullshire, Commissioner M. Mackie, Commissioner M. Suwalski, Commissioner J. Tasch, the District Secretary and the District Manager were in attendance. Chiefs McFarlane and Witt, were also present.

Two (2) new members were sworn into the department by Commissioner Forry at 8:05pm.

The minutes from October 21, 2025 were discussed. Motion by Commissioner Tasch to approve the minutes with all changes, seconded by Commissioner Fullshire.

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Forry				
Commissioner Suwalski	X			
Commissioner Tasch	X			
Commissioner Fullshire	X			
Commissioner Mackie	X			

Motion passed.

Chief's Report

1. **Personnel**
 - There are currently six (6) members on medical leave and five (5) members on educational leave.
2. **Training and Preparedness**
 - The SCBA training for the new packs is scheduled for November 13, 2025 and November 20, 2025.
3. **Vehicles and Equipment**
 - Vehicle 977 is out of service.
 - The 9701 is still out of service. Is there an update on when the vehicle will be returned?
 - The 978 waterway is out of service and repairs have not been scheduled at this time.
4. **Radio and Communications**
 - No report at this time.
5. **Buildings and Grounds**
 - No report at this time.

Treasurer's Report

Total warrants for November 4, 2025 are \$ 8,756.87

Anton Community Newspaper	32.50
AT&T MOBILITY	535.22
Carr Business Systems	236.54
Elan Financial Services (Flushing CC)	4,054.70
Farmingdale Iron Works	500.00
GR FARMINGDALE II LLC	30.00
HENDRICKSON	108.63
HY-TONE	24.00
Integrated Wireless Technologies	69.00
MEDICAL WAREHOUSE	659.91
MES SERVICES COMPANY, LLC	158.00
Pinsky Law Group, PLLC	1,710.00
Schneps Media	35.00
SES, Inc	35.00
VERIZON	462.60
PSEG	105.77
TOTAL:	8,756.87

Motion by Commissioner Fullshire, seconded by Commissioner Mackie to accept the warrant and pay all bills.

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Forry				
Commissioner Suwalski	X			
Commissioner Tasch	X			
Commissioner Fullshire	X			
Commissioner Mackie	X			

Motion passed.

Apparatus – Commissioner Forry

971: It was reported that the left rear cab window switch is not working. I called Hendrickson and they will send out a road service technician on November 10, 2025 to do the repair.

973: Hendrickson picked up the vehicle for an oil leak on October 29, 2025. They found a faulty turbo speed sensor. Unfortunately, that part is nationally out of stock.

976: We have received the vehicle registration. The vehicle is due for a New York state inspection this month.

977: The vehicle is at the Ford dealership for a coolant leak. They found that the coolant line to the turbocharger is starting to fail. The replacement part is on order.

978: Commissioner Forry called Commander Fleet requesting they inspect the waterway. They anticipate the process will take about eight hours of labor to remove and replace the fly section of the waterway. The vehicle is due for a New York state vehicle inspection this month.

979: The cover for the three-pin super 30 yellow connector on the shoreline broke off. The connector was replaced on October 29.

9701: The vehicle is currently at Empire Chevrolet for a check engine light (code U010) that indicates a communication problem between the transmission and the engine. They troubleshooted the code and determined that the transmission needs replacement. A remanufactured transmission has been ordered.

9702: The vehicle received an oil change and a New York state inspection on October 31, 2025.

9799: The vehicle is due for a New York state vehicle inspection this month.

The Streamlight Survivor batteries on the two engines were replaced with new ones at no cost to us. The ones that came from the manufacturer were defective because they were not charging.

Audit & Bonds

Nothing to report.

Buildings & Grounds – Commissioner Fullshire

The roof at Station 2 has a water leak. The Senior House Maintainer will arrange for BAC Systems to inspect and diagnose the problem.

Capital Improvements – Commissioner Fullshire

During roof repair, the contractors and employees noticed the siren was out of commission on the roof at headquarters. RJM Electric has been notified. Ladder to the roof was repaired as well.

Communications & Alerting – Commissioner Mackie

The backup repeater has been installed at Station 2.

One (1) XTS 1500 portable can radio for the 979 vehicle is broken beyond repair.

One (1) XPR4000 radio has been sent back to the vendor for further repair and diagnostics.

The high band XPR8500 for vehicle 971 is out of service and will need to be repaired.

The dispatch room radio board is going in and out of service. We can transmit signals but we cannot receive them at this time.

District Reports, Communications & Petitions – District Secretary

Two poll workers have been hired for the December 9, 2025 the annual Commissioner election.

Emergency Preparedness – Commissioner Tasch

All stocked up. To reduce waste when standbys are called, the officer in charge will be able to send out for food and refreshments not to exceed \$25.00 per person.

Equipment – Commissioner Fullshire

MES will be conducting SCBA flow testing on November 20, 2025.

Firefighter's Equipment will be coming December 1, 2025 to complete the annual gear inspection. Members should ensure that their gear is cleaned before that time.

All equipment and district property that were distributed to former members must be returned as soon as possible. Nothing is to be kept without the permission of the Board of Fire Commissioners.

Fuel – Commissioner Tasch

Fuel has been paid for October and all receipts were submitted.

IT Computers / Printers / Cable – Commissioner Mackie

3M SCBA tracking software was installed on Commissioner Mackie and Commissioner Fullshire's laptops.

Insurance & Personnel – Commissioner Tasch

One (1) new member is assigned to the Engine Company and one (1) new member is assigned to the Truck Company.

Nicole from Salerno Brokerage will be attending our next board meeting on November 25, 2025 to provide commissioners with further classification on our VFBL accident and sickness policy.

Legal / Government – Commissioner Suwalski

District counsel will be consulted regarding establishing a policy for those former members who do not return district equipment and property.

LOSAP – Commissioner Tasch

Nothing to report.

Medical & Fit Tests – Commissioner Tasch

Members can begin calling the district physician's office to schedule their 2026 annual physical.

SES will be at headquarters on January 8, 2025 and January 29, 2025 to conduct annual fit testing.

Three (3) applicants are being sent for their physicals and fit tests.

Policies & Procedures – Commissioner Suwalski

Commissioner Suwalski is recommending that a policy be established for member training requests. If a member is failing their percentage or has been absent, they should not be sent to conferences or training courses that would incur a cost to the taxpayers. These members would be able to attend other local trainings as long as they do not incur a cost to the taxpayers.

Trainings – Commissioner Mackie

The Chiefs have notified members that an upcoming Fire Police course will be held in Bellmore.

John Drews from MES will be providing SCBA training to members on November 13, 2025 and November 20, 2025.

Three (3) evaluators' resumes from the Nassau County Fire Service Academy were submitted for review by the Board of Fire Commissioners. The District Manager will contact these individuals to meet with the BOFC.

Miscellaneous:

Commissioner Tasch and the District Manager have developed a member survey to obtain feedback on the volunteer experience here at the South Farmingdale Fire Department. Surveys are anonymous and the results will be shared with the chiefs and officers.

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business.

New Business

Motion by Commissioner Fullshire, seconded by Commissioner Tasch to approve the permissive referendum to purchase a new telephony system and equipment.

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Commissioner Forry				
Commissioner Suwalski	X			
Commissioner Tasch	X			
Commissioner Fullshire	X			
Commissioner Mackie	X			

Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Tasch, seconded by Commissioner Fullshire at approximately 9:30pm.

Siobhan Domingo
District Secretary