Dix Hills Fire Department

Department Meeting Minutes
November 5, 2025

Alarm Summary October

Monthly Fire	**98**	**YTD Fire**	
Monthly Rescue	**151**	**YTD Rescue**	
Monthly Totals	**249**	**YTD Totals**	

Pledge and a moment of Silence for the sick, departed members

Chief Napolitano

- Thank you all who participated in the Open House. Pretty good turnout. Next year we may possibly have two open houses
- Thank you to all that participated in the MCI drill. Pretty good foundation for future need
- Starting Jan 2026 we will be switching to the LADDER app instead of SCM
- Points - please get your points done. Just get out there and do them
- Co1 hosting their annual Comedy Night. The rest will be doing standby crews
- Burn building is back up and running. Everything is good
- Facial hair- you need to go by regulations. You will benefit in the long run
- Training is paying off!
- Wentworth fire – E scooter on fire
- E-cars on fire or not completely put out got to Rofay Drive
- HR questions that went to Jean and Lawyers, answers will be forth coming
- Suffolk Fire Rescue have a few Drones
- Thank you for your support

Chief Farrell

- Defensive driving course will be held 11/15 from 8-2pm. 23 Open stops still
- Physicals will be held at HQ on 11/22 and 11/23
- Driver trainees were read off
- Rescue squad members please use “When to Work”

Chief Fico

- Alarms read off
- Training: Live Burn 11/16
    - Confined Space 11/6
    - Trench Awareness 11/18 and 11/20
    - Company trainings 1/11/26 Live Burn
        - Hazmat training 2/1/26
- EEO and Work Place Violence will possible be online
- Burn schedule have been hand out to officers
- Good production year!

Chief Stio

- When backing up vehicles, make sure you have a spotter
- Response – be careful, wet leaves on the roads
- DO NOT PASS a stopped school bus when their lights and stop signs are out!

Company 1

- Meeting Monday
- Comedy Night

Company 2

- Meeting Monday

Company 3

- Meeting Monday

Rescue

- Meeting TBD

Fire Police

- Town meeting 11/12
- Squad meeting11/17

Ex-Chiefs

- No Report

BOFC

- Good luck to whomever gets elected into their officer position
- Sta 1 – new flooring and molding installation will start 11/24. Station will only be open for alarm responses

Coordinators

- No Report

Membership

- First reading for Connor Mc Dowal Co2 Fire
- Karanbir Gill Co1 Rescue
- First reading for Omar Choudhey Co3 Fire

- Second Reading for Karanbir Gill
    - Motion to accept Karanbir Gill as a member into the Dix Hills FD
        - First: Lt T Vierling
        - Second: Tom Smith
        - All in favor, none opposed

Juniors:

- Training next Thursday
- Thank you to all members that help with training this year!

Blood Drive

- No report

Sports

- No report

Safety

- If you get hurt on fire property, always put your address as the Dept's address!

Bylaw

- Second Reading – Bylaw submitted by Ch Charles Fico (NEW)
  Referring to previous member's service after 1 year of separation

Driver Training

- No report

Fund Drive

- YTD - $137,312.00. Last year at this time $119,820.00
  - Co1 $2115 last year $323
  - Co2 4685. last year $3968
  - Co3 $9855. Last year $1825

Open House

- 10/19/25
- Assignments will be forthcoming

Correspondence

- Various items read off (Special letter from Park Shore for Ex Ch R Sorrentino)
- Motion to accept Willy Celestin Letter of Resignation
  - First: Capt. D DaCosta
  - Second: Lt M Fichtelberg
  - All in favor, none opposed
- Motion to accept Jennifer DiMaria Letter of Resignation
  - First: T Smith
  - Second:Lt T Vierling
  - All in favor, none opposed
- Deer Park Holiday Parade 12/6/25 @5:15
  - Motion to attend parade:
    - First: Marcus Magno
    - Second: Comm A Berkowitz
    - All in favor, none opposed

Benevolent

- John Brower is back
- Mr. Granahan and Mrs Pelligrene were transported to hospital
- Chris Steed mother in law passed away
- Ex Ch W Stio father in law passed away

Entertainment

- None

Military Committee

- No report.

Old Business

- Co3 Turkey Run Nov 27 from 9-11
- Holiday party 12/27 at HQ

New Business

- Motion to donate $200.00 to fundraiser "Fire Fighter Charlie"
    - First: Ex Ch R Sorrentino
    - Second : Comm Alan Berkowitz
    - All in favor, none opposed
- Nominations held for 2025 Elections:
    - Chief of Dept Thomas Napolitano
    - 1st Asst Ch Terrance Farrell
    - 2nd Asst Ch Charles Fico
    - 3rd Asst Ch Matthew Stio
    - Treasurer Simon Mo
    - Asst Treasurer Hillary Bogi
    - Secretary Hillary Bogi
    - Sergeant at Arms Christopher Steed
    - 1st Trustee Ronald Gatto
    - 2nd Trustee William Stio
    - 3rd Trustee David Critelli
- ***Ballot will be available through the finger reader 11/20 and close at 8pm on 12/4

Swearing in New Members

- Member Omar Choudhry and Sohini Alim

Call Critique

- Nothing discussed

Treasurer Report:

- Motion to accept the Treasurer's report as read:
    - First : Ex Ch J Williamson
    - Second : Comm A Berkowitz
      All in favor, none opposed.

- Motion to adjourn meeting:
    - First: Comm A Berkowitz
    - Second: Ex Ch R Sorrentino
    - All in favor, none opposed