

# INTERIM MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS & CHIEFS SEAFORD FIRE DISTRICT: Monday, September 8, 2025

Present: Chairman Silvio Bellissimo  
Fire Commissioner Robert Podesta  
Fire Commissioner Stephen Feil  
Fire Commissioner George V. Kern  
1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief Scott Diehl  
2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief Peter J. Lochner  
Paul Lochner, District Manager  
Michael R. Foran, District Secretary / Deputy Treasurer

Chairman Silvio Bellissimo called the Interim meeting to order at 21:20 hours.

On a motion by Commissioner Robert Podesta, second by Commissioner George V. Kern and unanimously carried, applicants Justin Discala, Jake Masters and Daniel Sauer were approved for membership. Commissioner George V. Kern administered the Department oath to the members.

Chiefs entered the meeting at 21:40 hours.

Chief's Report: 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief Scott Diehl read through the August 2025 Chief's Report in its entirety.

- Attachments
  - Department Monthly Credit & Percentage Report – August 1, 2025 to August 31, 2025.
  - Seaford Fire Dept. Change of Status – W. Nickdow.
  - Seaford Fire Dept. Change of Status – J. Bongiovi.
  - Seaford Fire Dept. Change of Status – J. Findeisen.
  - Seaford Fire Dept. Change of Status (x2) – T. Wisor.
  - Seaford Fire Dept. Change of Status – A. Gerhard.
  - MERV – Water Rescue Training.
  - Seaford Fire Dept. Junior Firefighters 680 Roster.
  - South Shore Fire & Safety – Quotation RIT Pak III & RIT Pak Fast Attack w/ 15 minute pack.
  - NYS AFC Regional Hands-On Training Info.
  - 2025 Lt. Joseph P. DiBernardo Memorial Training Seminar Info.

## Chiefs' Comments

- 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief Scott Diehl
  - No further comments.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief Peter J. Lochner
  - Inquired if CDT certification is required for GVO certification. Commissioner Robert Podesta advised it is not required.

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- Inquired if the Board made any decisions on CDT certified Driver Training Instructors. District Manager Paul Lochner advised he has been playing phone tag with CDT. Commissioners advised it should be a limited number of instructors; four to five.

### Commissioner / District Manager Comments

- Chairman Silvio Bellissimo
  - Discussed cancelation of the band for the Sixth Battalion parade on September 6<sup>th</sup>.
  - Discussed stand-by crew shortage during part of the tour.
- Commissioner Robert Podesta
  - Advised Chiefs loaner ambulance will arrive on 09/09/25.
  - Advised 2<sup>nd</sup> Asst. Chief PJ Lochner that he is to leave his vehicle at the conclusion of the meeting to have maintenance performed.
- Commissioner Stephen Feil
  - Discussed required physical examination for all members. All examinations must be completed by end of February 2026, no exceptions. Asst. Chief Diehl is contact in the Chiefs office. Asst. Scott Diehl inquired if flu shots will be administered and if appointments can be made during this time. Commissioner Feil advised both will be available at the November Company meeting.
- Commissioner George V. Kern
  - Discussed the roster for the Junior Firefighters. Moving forward, Junior members must reside within the boundaries of the Department.
- District Manager Paul Lochner
  - Nothing further.

Chiefs left the meeting at 22:30 hours.

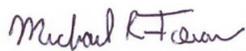
- Motion by Commissioner Stephen Feil, second by Commissioner George V. Kern to accept the minutes of the August 25, 2025 Board of Fire Commissioner meeting as written. Unanimously carried.
- Motion by Commissioner Stephen Feil, second by Commissioner George V. Kern and unanimously carried to approve the attendance of Capt. Joseph Bongiovi, Capt. Tyler Gerhard, FF Caitlin Welsh, FF Timothy Russell, FF Jack Golden, FF Marc Abrams and FF Peter Zabawski at 2025 Lt. Joseph P. DiBernardo Memorial Training Seminar at the Suffolk County Fire Service Academy, Yaphank, NY from November 7, 2025 to November 9, 2025 in the amount of \$1,600.00. See Resolution #1 attached.
- Request for FF Jack Golden to attend NYS AFC Regional Hands on Training at State Hill Fire Department, NY from October 25, 2025 to October 26, 2025 at a cost of \$245.00 was tabled pending further details from Chief's office.

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- Department Equipment Requests / MERVs
  - Request for Forcible Entry Training Simulator (Door) tabled until the 2026 budget.
  - Request for RIT PAK III and RIT PACK Fast Attack w/ 15 minute cylinder (approximate cost \$8,525.00) tabled pending budget review with District Treasurer.
  - Motion by Commissioner Robert Podesta, second by Chairman Silvio Bellissimo to purchase fire prevention supplies as listed in Chief's report in the amount of \$3,298.99. Unanimously carried.
  - On a motion by Commissioner Stephen Feil, second by Commissioner George V. Kern and unanimously carried to approve MERV – Water Rescue Training on August 24, 2025 in the amount of \$120.85 payable to the Chief's account. Unanimously carried.

Being no further business to be conducted at this time, the meeting adjourned at 22:47 hours, September 8, 2025, on a motion by Commissioner Robert Podesta, second by Chairman Silvio Bellissimo. Unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael R. Foran  
Secretary  
Seaford Fire District

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**SEAFORD FIRE DISTRICT**

**RESOLUTION No. 1: APPROVE ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCE, CONVENTION OR TRAINING CLASS**

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Fire Commissioners, in accordance with Section 72-g of the General Municipal Law, has considered the needs of the fire district and has approved attendance by the following members of the Fire Department at 2025 Lt. Joseph P. DiBernardo Memorial Training Seminar.

Approved personnel list:

- Capt. Joseph Bongiovi
- Capt. Tyler Gerhard
- FF Caitlin Welsh
- FF Timothy Russell
- FF Jack Golden
- FF Marc Abrams
- FF Peter Zabawski

Approved conference, convention or training class:

- 2025 Lt. Joseph P. DiBernardo Memorial Training Seminar at the Suffolk County Fire Service Academy, Yaphank, NY from November 7, 2025 to November 9, 2025

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Fire Commissioners finds such attendance of the listed personnel to relate to official business and be in the public interest and directs that such travel be undertaken by such personnel at district expense in accordance with the travel expense policy of the district, and that district staff is directed to make arrangements for travel and lodging utilizing a cost-effective and reasonable method of travel, and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that such personnel furnish proof to the Board of Fire Commissioners of attendance at such conference, convention, or training class in accordance with such proofs as provided by the organization sponsoring and conducting the conference, convention or training class and comply with the district travel policy in submitting requests for reimbursement of expenses.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote and upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Chairman Silvio Bellissimo	) Aye
Vice Chairman Michael Bellissimo	) Not Present
Commissioner Robert Podesta	) Aye
Commissioner Stephen Feil	) Aye
Commissioner George V. Kern	) Aye

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The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Dated: Seaford, New York  
September 8, 2025

ATTEST:MICHAEL R. FORAN  
Secretary