



PINE BARRENS LAW ENFORCEMENT COUNCIL

Captain Michael Smith, Suffolk County Sheriff's Office, Chair
Deputy Director Arthur Pendzick, Suffolk County Park Rangers, Co Vice Chair
Captain Thomas Gadomski, NYS Environmental Conservation Police, Co Vice Chair



Final Approved Minutes of the January 18, 2023 Meeting at Southaven County Park, Yaphank 1:00 pm

Member attendance

Steve Laton, Arthur Pendzick, Ryan Chalmers, Tony Trotta, Jeffery Campo and John Dalen from Suffolk County Park Rangers; Joshua Parson from Suffolk County District Attorney's Office; Capt. Michael Smith, Marco Calise, Robyn Kuebler, William Weick and Brian Butler from Suffolk County Sheriff's Office; Scott Hicks, NYSDEC Division of Forest Protection; Timothy Day, Aric Boyes, April Small and Nicholas Vanderbos from NYSDEC Division of Law; Andrew Blodorn and Lewis Scos, Southampton Town Police; John Dolezal, NYS Police; Brook Salvatore, Suffolk County DA's Office; Patryk Loszewski from Riverhead Police Dept.; and Rick Stafford, Town of Riverhead

Robert Calarco
Chair

Yvette Aguiar
Member

Steven Bellone
Member

Edward P. Romaine
Member

Jay H. Schneiderman
Member

Commission Staff and Others present:

Judy Jakobsen, Executive Director, Frank Carbone, Chief Enforcement Officer and Gary Enright, Enforcement Officer from the Central Pine Barrens Commission, Dawn Macioli, homeowner

Minutes of meeting

A motion to approve the minutes from October 20, 2022 and December 15, 2022 was made by Deputy Sheriff Calise, Suffolk County Sheriff's Office, which was seconded by Officer Lozinski, Riverhead Police Dept. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Mike Smith proceeded to ask those present to introduce themselves since there were new attendees.

Committee Updates

Pine Barrens Commission

Judy Jakobsen reported that the Reconyx camera for the NYSDEC forest rangers was approved at the Commission meeting held yesterday and should be ordered soon. She circulated the Commission's annual report that covers 2021 and 2022 and mentioned it is also available on the Commission's website. The Commission will be celebrating 30 years this year since the Central Pine Barrens area was designated in 1993 and staff is working on this year's cooperator's meeting that will be held on June 2 at the Hyatt East in Riverhead. The violation fund is \$230,560 which includes the deduction for the camera purchase for the rangers. There is a card being passed around for Kathy Malangone for those interested in signing to wish her a speedy recovery. Ms. Jakobsen also mentioned that the Commission has purchased a Ford 550 truck chassis that has finally been received by the dealer and will soon going to another vendor to be upfitted into a fire truck for prescribed fire use. In addition, the Commission will be hiring a prescribed fire crew for the spring fire season.

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Recent Enforcement Activities

Artie discussed the two multi-agency ATV Task Force details that occurred on December 18th and December 30th. No ATVs were apprehended. On January 15th there were 22 officers that participated in the ATV detail from seven agencies that was performed in the Flanders and Manorville areas. A lot of ATV activity was occurring with two ATV drivers apprehended. Riverhead Town discussed a request for the purchase of an ATV and provided three quotes.

Compliance and Enforcement

Frank Carbone, Chief Enforcement Officer with the Commission, reported on current dumping incidents and that there are currently sixteen surveillance cameras at ten locations being used.

Enforcement Officer of the Year Awards

Artie Pendzick handed out applications for nominations for the environmental officer of the year awards and went over the process of selection. He noted that the nominations are due before April 1st.

Artie nominated John Dalen from the Suffolk County Park Rangers for an award at the last meeting. It was discussed that the final list would be needed by the February meeting since there is no meeting in March. John Dalen was asked to discuss the severe injuries he received while on an ATV detail and was hit directly by an ATV driver.

Round Table

Steve Laton mentioned the retired Parks Police Chief Bill Peters passed away.

Ms. Mascioli discussed the ATV issue in the Manorville area, impact to her property and how she continues to assist with information on ATV use in the area.

Next Meeting: April 20, 2023 Attachments:

- 1.) Sign in sheet
- 2.) Multi- Task Force Newsletters



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Minutes of the February 16, 2023 Meeting At Southaven County Park, Yaphank 1:00 pm

Member Attendance

Steve Laton, Arthur Pendzick, Ryan Chalmers, Tony Trotta, Jeffery Campo and John Dalen from Suffolk County Park Rangers; Joshua Parson from Suffolk County District Attorney's Office; Marco Calise, Robyn Kuebler, William Weick and Brian Butler from Suffolk County Sheriff's Office; Scott Hicks, from NYSDEC Division of Forest Protection; Timothy Day, Aric Boyes, April Small and Nicholas Vanderbos from NYSDEC Division of Law; Andrew Blodorn and Lewis Scos from Southampton Town Police; John Dolezal from NYS Police; Brook Salvatore from Suffolk County DA's Office; Patryk Loszewski from Riverhead Police Dept.; Fabio Daino from NYS Police and Rick Stafford from Town of Riverhead

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Commission Staff and Others present

Judy Jakobsen, Executive Director, Frank Carbone, Chief Enforcement Officer and Gary Enright, Enforcement Officer from the Central Pine Barrens Commission; Tom Casey from the LI Greenbelt Trail Conference; Donna Mascioli, a resident from Manorville

Arthur Pendzick, LEC co-vice chair announced that Capt. Smith and Capt. Gadomski were unable to attend today's meeting, therefore he would be leading the meeting.

The pledge of allegiance was performed followed by a moment of silence. Mr. Pendzick proceeded to ask those present today to introduce themselves and state the agency they are representing.

Minutes of the January 18, 2023 Meeting

The motion to approve the January 18, 2023 minutes was made by Fabio Daino, from the NYS Police and seconded by Marco Calise, from the SC Sheriff's Department that was unanimously approved.

Committee Updates

Pine Barrens Commission

Ms. Jakobsen reported on recent staffing hires that includes an ecologist and enforcement officer. The Reconyx camera has been ordered for the NYSDEC rangers and she just received the quotes for ATVs that will be purchased for the NYS Police and Town of Riverhead Police. She mentioned that a seasonal prescribed fire crew was recently hired and that the fire season starts March 1st. This date is also when the Commission staff starts sending out the fire danger rating for the season. If anyone wants to be added to the email notification for the fire danger rating, they can provide their email to Ms. Jakobsen after the meeting.

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LEC Purchases and Equipment Fund

It was mentioned that the SC Sheriff's Office has put in a request for an ATV. Mr. Pendzick mentioned the other ATV purchases planned for NYS Police and Riverhead Police. It was discussed that they usually hold to an annual spending cap of \$15,000 and were concerned whether the Commission would allow the purchase of the three ATVs that would cost around \$24,000. It was noted that these would be the purchases requested by the LEC this year. Ms. Jakobsen did not feel it should be a problem since there was sufficient funds in the violation account. Mr. Pendzick asked for a show of hands by the members present to vote on the motion to approve the purchases of the three ATVS (for Riverhead Town Police, SC Sheriffs, and NYS Police). The motion was passed.

Compliance and Enforcement

Frank Carbone reported that he sent out an email yesterday with the updated camera list and that they are running eighteen cameras. There was a meeting held with enforcement partners today concerning ongoing dumping on Red Creek Road that went well. Mr. Pendzick mentioned there will be a meeting with Chief Laton, himself and Frank Carbone to further discuss information related to that meeting.

Recent Enforcement Activities

For field enforcement activities, there was only one detail on February 5th that was well attended by enforcement officers. There was not very much ATV activity on that day, however there were five off road vehicles apprehended. Fabio Daino mentioned the discovery of a taxi on a walking trail. The taxi driver informed him that he ended up lost, slept in the car overnight and then walked out to the street the next day. It was reported that a large meeting of car enthusiasts gathered at EPCAL where a few of them decided to drive on the runways where they were chased off by enforcement officers with one individual caught and given a warning.

ATV detail reports for January and February were made available. Another detail this coming Sunday.

Enforcement Officer of the Year Awards

Mr. Pendzick mentioned that the nomination forms are due today and that all but one has been received. The award ceremony is part of the Commission's annual cooperators meeting on June 2nd. He discussed John Dalen who he has nominated for LEC officer of the year who was seriously injured while pursuing an ATV. The members approved this nomination.

Roundtable

No items were discussed.

Next Meeting Thursday, April 20, 2023

The motion to dismiss was made by Deputy Sheriff Sgt. Marco Calise that was seconded by NYS Trooper Daino.

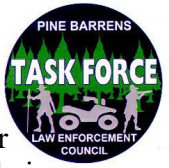
Attachments:

1. Sign in sheet
2. Multi-Task Force Newsletters



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Minutes of the July 20, 2023 Meeting -FINAL At Southaven County Park, Yaphank 1:00 pm

Member Attendance

Art Pendzick from the Suffolk County Park Rangers, Captain Thomas Gadomski, from NYS Environmental Conservation Police, Robyn Kuebler and Brian Butler from Suffolk County Sheriff's Office, Fabio Daino, John Dolezal and Gino O'Leary from the NYS Police Department, Brooke Salvatore and Walter Justincic from the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office, Donna Giordano from the Suffolk County Police Department, Stephen Laton from Suffolk County Park Rangers; Jonathan Deveraux from Riverhead Police Department, Joshua Parsons from Suffolk County Police Department.

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Commission Staff and Others present

Judy Jakobsen, Executive Director, Catherine Drew, Administrative Assistant, Frank Carbone, Chief Enforcement Officer and Gary Enright, Enforcement Officer from the Central Pine Barrens Commission.

The pledge of allegiance was performed followed by a moment of silence. Mr. Pendzick proceeded to ask those present today to introduce themselves and state the agency they are representing.

Minutes of the April 20, 2023 Meeting

The motion to approve the April 20, 2023 minutes was made by Fabio Daino, from the New York State Police and seconded by Josh Parsons, from the SC Police Department that was unanimously approved.

Committee Updates

Pine Barrens Commission

Ms. Jakobsen reported that there are a few staff changes that are happening. An ecologist is being hired and Melissa G. Parrot is leaving as Educator and is transitioning to Tim Motz as Educator and Education Outreach and Communications for the Pine Barrens.

The Pine Barrens will be offering NYWIMA courses this fall. This is a 10-day session, from October 19-29, 14 courses will be offered. The brochure will be posted, and registration will be open the week of July 24th. For more information, please see www.Nywima.com. Ms. Jacobson also added that two drone classes will be offered this fall. Intro to drones and a 107 prep course.

Judy reported that the violation fund has \$231,627. Judy reported that there is a \$15000 cap on purchases each year. Artie Pendzick reported that the Suffolk County Police Department is in need on an ATV and should be considered for the next round of purchases. Encon also

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is in need on one as well. The average cost is \$8,500. There was a discussion on raising the Cap on LEC purchases.

Compliance and Enforcement

Frank Carbone reported that the Central Pine Barrens has hired Martin Stieger as a law enforcement officer. Mr. Carbone has also reported that dumping cases have been picked up again. Some cameras have been replaced with license plate capture cameras and they have added cellular cameras. If any agency would like access to the cameras please let Frank Carbone know and he will coordinate. He mentioned that all footage of violations are kept in two places electronically.

Recent Enforcement Activities

Roundtable

No items were discussed.

Next Meeting Thursday, September 21, 2023

The motion to dismiss was made by Fabio Daino that was seconded by John Deveraux, from Riverhead Police Department.

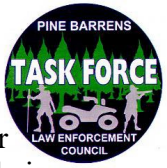
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Minutes of the July 20, 2023 Meeting At Southaven County Park, Yaphank 1:00 pm

Member Attendance

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Commission Staff and Others present

Judy Jakobsen, Executive Director, Catherine Drew, Administrative Assistant, Frank Carbone, Chief Enforcement Officer and Gary Enright, Enforcement Officer from the Central Pine Barrens Commission.

The pledge of allegiance was performed followed by a moment of silence. Mr. Pendzick proceeded to ask those present today to introduce themselves and state the agency they are representing.

Minutes of the April 20, 2023 Meeting

The motion to approve the April 20, 2023 minutes was made by Fabio Daino, from the New York State Police and seconded by Josh Parsons, from the SC Police Department that was unanimously approved.

Committee Updates

Pine Barrens Commission

Ms. Jakobsen reported that there are a few staff changes that are happening. An ecologist is being hired and Melissa Griffiths Parrot is leaving as Educator and Outreach Coordinator and she will be greatly missed. Tim Motz is transitioning as Educator and Education Outreach and Communications for the Pine Barrens. The Day in the Life Program will return this fall to local students to study the

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Compliance and Enforcement

Frank Carbone reported that the Central Pine Barrens has hired Martin Stieger as a law enforcement officer. Mr. Carbone has also reported that dumping cases have has picked up again. Some cameras have been replaced with license plate capture cameras and they have added cellular cameras. If any agency would like access to the cameras please let Frank Carbone know and he will coordinate. He mentioned that all footage of violations are kept in two places electronically.

Recent Enforcement Activities

Roundtable

No items were discussed.

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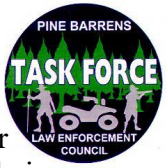
Attachments:

1. Sign in sheet
2. Multi-Task Force Newsletters
3. ATV Task Force Annual Report



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Captain Thomas Gadomski, NYS Environmental Conservation Police, Co-vice Chair



Minutes of the October 19, 2023 Meeting At Southaven County Park, Yaphank 1:00 pm

Member Attendance

Art Pendzick from the Suffolk County Park Rangers, Captain Thomas Gadomski, from NYS Environmental Conservation Police, Brian Butler from Suffolk County Sheriffs Office, Fabio Daino, John Dolezal and Gino O'Leary from the NYS Police Department, Jed Painter, Adriana Noyola and Robert Kerr from the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office, Josh Parsons and Thomas Smith from the Suffolk County Police Department, Ed Frost from Riverhead Police Department.

Robert Calarco
Chair

Yvette Aguiar
Member

Steven Bellone
Member

Edward P. Romaine
Member

Jay H. Schneiderman
Member

Commission Staff and Others present

Frank Carbone, Chief Enforcement Officer from the Central Pine Barrens Commission.

The pledge of allegiance was performed followed by a moment of silence. Mr. Pendzick proceeded to ask those present today to introduce themselves and state the agency they are representing.

Committee Updates

Pine Barrens Commission

Frank Carbone reported that the Day in the Life Estuary Program is continuing through November. School teachers and students work on various bodies of water with experts from DEC, USGS and other agencies that collect water quality data. This program has been in 15 different locations all over Long Island and includes 36 schools with nearly 2000 students participating.

NYWIMA is being set up today at Brookhaven National Laboratory. There are 200 students registered for 13 courses. 22 instructors from all over the country come to train these students. Frank Carbone and John Dolezal will be teaching 2 UAS – Drone classes at the Academy. Sam Acampora and Chris Steigerwald from the Central Barrens will be assisting these classes as well.

Michael Whittmore has been hired as an Ecologist for the Central Pine Barrens Science and Stewardship.

The Annual LEC Luncheon is scheduled for the next meeting, December 14th.

Artie was unable to report on the balance in the fund and an update will be given at the December meeting. Purchases will not be approved until after January 1st. Artie Pendzick requested that any LEC purchase needs be brought up at the next meeting.

Compliance and Enforcement

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There is a vacancy for an Enforcement Officer with the Central Pine Barrens. The job description can be found at www.scwa.com. This position is 3 days a week working 22 ½ hours a week total.

Recent Enforcement Activities

Mr. Pendzick reported on recent Field Enforcement details. The September 24th detail in Warbler woods, did not result in any impounds. A Deputy's ATV overturned and injured his wrist as a result. The October 1st detail at the Edgewood State Preserve resulted in 2 impounds and 10 summons issued for ATV's. A motorcycle was issued 6 summons for his behavior. More details are scheduled over the next two weekends.

Captain Gadomski informed the LEC that that hunting season started October 1st. Water Fowl season starts the second week of November, and fall fishing season is going on currently. Investigators just finished processing applicants for a Spring Academy and can now continue to pursue investigations. The Academy will start in the Spring 2024.

Mr. Pendzick stated that there has been a report of a hunter in the Yaphank with an ATV.

Jed Painter from the District Attorney's Office reported that in addition to hunting violations and summons issued, that technically NYS owns all wildlife, and a violation can be given for destroying state property.

Mr. Pendzick relayed the statistics from a 2022 Report of Death and Injuries Involving Off-Highway Vehicles (more than 2 wheels) from the Consumer Product Safety Commission. There have been 2178 deaths associated with OHV during a 3-year period (2017-2019). Most fatalities were from overturned vehicles and vehicles vs. trees. A copy of the report was distributed and additional copies are available.

Frank Carbone added that they are going ahead with the FLOC Program. CPB will have one camera initially and this will assist in their investigations.

Roundtable

No items were discussed.

Next Meeting to be determined.

The motion to dismiss was made by John Dolezal from NYSP and was seconded by Tom Smith, from SCPD.

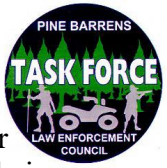
Attachments:

1. Sign in sheet
2. Multi-Task Force Newsletters
3. Consumer Product Safety Commission Report



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Minutes of the December 14th Meeting At Southaven County Park, Yaphank 1:00 pm

Member Attendance

Thomas Gadomski and Chris Amato from NYS DEC DLE; Fabio Daino, Gino O'Leary, Thomas Sharkey, John Dolezal from NYS Police; Adriana Noyola, Robert Kerr and Jed Painter from the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office; Arthur Pendzick, Jeffrey Campo, Stephen Laton, Dominick Messina, Edward King from the Suffolk County Park Rangers; Joshua Parsons from the Suffolk County Police Department; Robyn Kuebler, Dustin DeFilippo, Richard Tedesco, William Weick, Patrice Silvestri, Michael Smith from the Suffolk County Sheriff's Office

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Member

Commission Staff and Others present

Frank Carbone and Martin Steiger, Enforcement Officers from the Central Pine Barrens Commission. Polly Weigand, Judy Jakobsen and Catherine Drew from the Central Pine Barrens Commission; Mike Cain from Colonial Woods Condominium, and Lawrence Hynes.

The pledge of allegiance was performed followed by a moment of silence. Mr. Pendzick proceeded to ask those present today to introduce themselves and state the agency they are representing.

Committee Updates

Pine Barrens Commission

Judy Jakobsen expressed her gratitude for all the LEC officers and agencies that have assisted in protecting the Pine Barrens this year.

The Central Pine Barrens Commission Prescribed Fire Program has acquired a brush truck to assist the prescribed fire operations. It will be ready to go this Spring.

The staff is helping the DEC burn debris piles currently, this will help reduce the down fuels that aid in the spread of a wildfire. The NYWIMA Academy was a success this October. Over 200 students attended the 17 classes offered. Local fire departments and agencies participated in the S130-190 class (Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior) and two drone classes that were taught by Frank Carbone. The Pine Barrens Commission and NWIMA are looking to expand the course offerings. Ms. Jakobsen requested if any members of the Law Enforcement Council are looking for any specific training classes to add to the next Academy to please reach out to her.

Michael Whittemore was hired as an Ecologist. He comes from Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts and has an extensive background in grasslands.

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With the elections this fall, there will be a large number of new members to the Commission Board. New Commission members will be from the Town of Southampton – Maria Moore, Riverhead Supervisor – Tim Hubbard, Brookhaven Town – Dan Panico. Ed Romaine will be moving to the County Executive spot and Robert Calarco will stay on as the Representative for NY State.

This Spring the Central Pine Barrens Commission will be celebrating 30 years of the Law Enforcement Council at the Cooperators Meeting on June 7th. Award nomination forms will be distributed in January or February.

Recent Enforcement Activities

Mr. Pendzick reported on recent Field Enforcement details. There have been 5 Multi Agency LEC Details since the last meeting. The October 21st detail resulted in 3 impounds and 10 summons. A motorcycle was also apprehended and issued 16 summons, 2 misdemeanors. October 29th detail resulted in 2 ATV impounds and 3 summons issued. The November 12th detail resulted in 3 ATV impounds and 7 summons issued and an ORV apprehended. On November 25th, the detail resulted in 2 off road vehicles impounded and 2 summons issued. At the December 10th detail, there were 2 impounds and 2 tickets issued to 2 ORV's. The details resulted in 9 ATV impounds, 7 ORV impounds, and 22 tickets issued, 20 miscellaneous tickets.

If any member of the LEC would like to receive copies of the LEC reports, please let Mr. Pendzick know and he will add you to the email list.

Captain Gadomski noted that this is the busiest time of the year for his department. There is a lot of fishing activity and poachers in the area. Deer season is open right now. He also stated that if there are any hunting or fishing related calls, to please reach out to their department, call the dispatch and they will respond.

Mr. Pendzick stated that Suffolk County Police is requesting an ATV. Three quotes were collected and submitted. This will be completed in the new year.

The Robin Kuebler from the Sheriff's office has pursued 27 dumping cases this year. They stated that the cameras are working and leading to successful results.

Compliance and Enforcement

Frank Carbone reported that the Pine Barrens has opened 120 cases this year. Most of these cases are dumping and with the help of the LEC most can be prosecuted.

Roundtable

No items were discussed.

Next Meeting January 18th

The motion to dismiss was made by Fabio Danio from NYSP and was seconded by Tom Gadomski, from NYS ENCON.

Attachments:

1. Sign in sheet

2. Multi-Task Force Newsletters
3. LEC Meeting Calendar 2024