

**RHODE ISLAND CITIZENS COMMISSION  
FOR THE SAFETY AND CARE OF THE ELDERLY  
MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 7, 2013**

Chairman Rick Susi called the Meeting to order at 10:05am at the Division of Elderly Affairs, 74 West Road, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Cranston. Mr. Susi circulated an Attendance Sheet.

Attendance: Chairman Susi, Stephen Dresner (Treasurer), Mary Ann Ciano (Secretary) Vincent Quintero, Tom Magill, Terry Haydt, Rita Murphy, Robert Rock, Carolyn Pellegrino, Marjorie Perry, Joan Plante, Martha Crippen, Corporal Michael Casey

Excused: Roger Demers, Cpl. Ann Assumpico, Helen Deines, Valerie Topp, Denise Owens

Absent: Jack Quigley, Gloria Heisler, Russ Enos

\*Chairman Susi discussed the passing of Commission member Norm Chapman and asked for Commission members to take a few moments to remember Norm Chapman.

**Old Business:**

**\*Annual Training:**

Mary Ann Ciano provided an overview of the Annual Training, which was held on Wednesday, October 24, 2012, at the West Valley Inn. The total number of participants registered for the Training was 107; 83 individuals participated. Ms. Ciano also forwarded a Survey, via e-mail, to approximately half (40) of the Training attendees. Twelve individuals responded to the Survey, which comprised of four questions to rate certain aspects of the Training. The overall Survey results identified the Training as average to good. Some specific survey comments were:

“Would have liked to hear all speakers in detail with their topics as opposed to picking two”.

“Could have been a little longer, possibly. Overall, informative and well-organized”.

“Enjoyed it. Interesting speakers”.

“It was very informative—Adds information to my work”.

“I really enjoyed Jennifer Etue”.

“I enjoyed the breakout groups. I also enjoyed all the resources and information that the speakers provided”.

“I think more investigative training for police would be beneficial”.

*Feedback on Training from today’s Meeting attendees:*

\*Presentations did not force attendees to interact

\*Room set-up was awkward; the process was more engaging with the breakout sessions.

\*Require more break-out sessions

\*Room set up was fine; it was a large room

\*Food was inadequate; buffet would have been better

\*Liked the format

\*Time constraint is an issue; may need to expand to all day training

\*Consider changing the title of the Training to Informational/Resource

\*Develop “cheat” sheets for law enforcement and fire advocates. Martha Crippen said she has some cheat sheets from a previous law enforcement training she coordinated in concert with Day One.

#### **\*Commission Membership and Appointees:**

Chairman Susi reported that Senator Paiva-Weed supported the Safety & Care Appointees. There are two vacancies to be appointed by Speaker Fox. Chairman Susi asked for Commission Members to provide him with names of individuals, 55 and over, who may have an interest in vacant Commission public appointments.

#### **New Business:**

#### **Initial Ideas for 2013 Police and Fire Advocate Training:**

\*Members suggest a better list of advocates to outreach

\*The title should be RESOURCES NOT TRAINING

\*Possible Topics: State Plan on Alzheimer’s Disease

Home Safety Check Sheet (Vincent Quintero)

#### **Legislative Update:**

\*Martha Crippen reported that the Dept. of Attorney General introduced a Bill, “Relating to Businesses and Professions—Confidentiality of Health Care Communications and Information Act (Section 5-37.3-4 of the General Laws in Chapter 5-37.3) Brief synopsis of the bill —A patient’s confidential health care shall not be released or transferred without the written consent of the patient or his/her authorized representative, on a consent form meeting

the requirements..... Members may refer to the above Act for more details.  
This Bill was introduced on January 29, 2013.

**Honor Flight – World War II Veterans:**

\*The first RIAFC Foundation Honor Flight to the World War II Memorial in Washington, DC that was held on November 3, 2012 was a success.

\*The next RIAFC Foundation Honor Flight will be held on March 23, 2013. Forty-three World War II Veterans, accompanied by 43 personal guardians, are taking part in this second Honor Flight, which is named Honor Flight Bravo.

\*To view the first Honor Flight video, go to YouTube and put in Honor Flight Alpha or go to [rifirechiefs.com](http://rifirechiefs.com) and click on Honor Flight.

The Meeting adjourned at 11:20am. The next Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 6, 2013, 10:00am at the East Providence Senior Center, 610 Waterman Avenue, East Providence. For directions to the East Providence Senior Center, you may contact 435-7800.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Ciano, Secretary