

**RHODE ISLAND CITIZENS COMMISSION  
FOR THE SAFETY AND CARE OF THE ELDERLY  
MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 12, 2013**

Chairman Susi called the Meeting to order at 10:04am at the Leon Mathieu Senior Center, Garden Room, 420 Main Street, Pawtucket. Mr. Susi circulated an Attendance Sheet.

Attendance: Chairman Susi; Vice-Chair, Jack Quigley; Treasurer, Stephen Dresner, Secretary, Mary Ann Ciano; Vincent Quintero; Tom Magill; Rita Murphy; Carolyn Pellegrino; Marjorie Perry; Valerie Topp; Denise Owens; Guest, Mary Lou Moran

Excused: Roger Demers, Chief John Desmarais, Cpl. Ann Assumpico; Terry Haydt; Helen Deines; Robert Rock; Martha Crippen

Absent: Gloria Heisler; Lou Brennan; Joan Plante

\*Chairman Susi had participants review the June 6, 2013 Meeting Minutes. The Minutes were approved by Denise Owens and seconded by Carolyn Pellegrino.

**Old Business:**

**\*Final Planning – Senior Police & Fire Information & Resource Conference**

\*Chairman Susi reported that he and Secretary Ciano completed a site visit to the Sheraton/Providence/Airport/Warwick on September 4, 2013. Chairman Susi and Secretary Ciano met with the Sheraton Liaison and reviewed the registration table, resource table, continental breakfast, seating arrangements, and IT needs.

\*A rough draft of the Conference Flyer was circulated for review.

\*The DEA Logo will be updated by Mary Ann Ciano.

\*The Roger Williams University Logo will be updated by Denise Owens.

\*The Conference Agenda/Format was decided as follows: The Keynote Speakers will have one hour (8:30am-9:30am). There will be a 15 minute break after the keynote presentation. The remaining presenters will have 30 minutes each to present. The Conference will end at approximately 11:45am. Participants will receive a Certificate of Attendance and will be asked to complete a brief Survey, which will be developed by Mary Ann Ciano. Denise Owens recommended the Survey contain questions to the Advocates on suggestions for future Conference topics, to determine what problems the Advocates encounter or would like addressed, and to identify/update the Senior Police/Fire Advocate on the Survey.

\*Secretary Ciano will also develop an Agenda to be provided to participants upon Registration.

\*Vin Quintero offered to assist with any IT needs. Secretary Ciano advised of Terry Haydt's availability and willingness to coordinate the Conference IT needs. Vin and Terry will be asked to coordinate the IT needs, as the Conference draws closer.

\*Vin Quintero also asked about awarding CEU's at the Conference. Secretary Ciano indicated that obtaining CEU's is a lengthy, fee-based process. Vin offered to research CEU awards for future Conferences.

\*Scott Avedisian, Mayor of the City of Warwick, will be asked to give opening remarks, since the Conference is being held in his City. Denise Owens will reach out to Mayor Avedisian, as well as Governor Chafee's Office to determine if the Governor would also like to provide opening remarks.

\*Chairman Susi indicated that the Conference Flyer should be ready for distribution by September 26<sup>th</sup>.

\*Vice-Chair Jack Quigley recommended recognizing Norm Chapman at the Conference.

**New Business:**

\*Vin Quintero indicated that part of his role as a member of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)- the Association will be addressing the needs of RI communities, namely, mass evacuations.

\*Chairman Susi reported that the next Honor Flights are scheduled for September 28, 2013 and November 2, 2013. For the September 28<sup>th</sup> Honor Flight, 63 Veterans will be attending; for the November 2<sup>nd</sup> Honor Flight, between 22-23 Veterans will be attending. Each Veteran will have a guardian. There is a doctor and a physician's assistant on the September 28<sup>th</sup> Honor Flight.

\*Chairman Susi noted that the RI Hospice Veterans Partnership is providing an Honor Flight movie at the Veteran's Home on September 12<sup>th</sup>.

The next meeting of the Commission will be the October 30, 2013 Senior Police & Fire Advocate Information and Resource Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Ciano, Secretary