

Fire Island Law Enforcement and Safety Council

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The Fire Island Law Enforcement and Safety Council was formed to deal with the special problems that face the various agencies that provide Public Safety on Fire Island.

Although its primary focus is Law Enforcement, the council spends a significant amount of time dealing with the unique task of providing EMS on Fire Island. This is due in part to the fact that the majority of patients are transported off of the island by the Suffolk County Police Department by either the Marine or Aviation divisions. Also, although there are 3 certified ambulances, (Saltaire, Fair Harbor and Ocean Beach Fire Departments), operating on the West End; the Suffolk County Police Dept. and the Fire Island National Seashore are the only EMS providers on the East End.

Fire Island is a barrier beach off the Southern shore of Long Island. It is a National Park, approximately 32 miles long and ½ mile wide, stretching from Robert Moses State Park to Smith Point State Park. It contains 17 small communities that are seasonal in nature with a year-round population of approximately 350 people expanding to well over 40,000 in the summer. There are no roads and vehicle use is restricted to 4 wheel drive emergency vehicles during the summer season.