



## **NEW HAMPSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS, INC.**

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### Minutes of a Virtual Meeting of the Board of Directors – March 3, 2021

Called to order by Chief Jones at 0834 hours

Present: Chiefs Jones, Sitar, Beattie, Christopoulos, Thomas, Rhodes, Toomey, Watkins, and Executive Director Lemire.

**Minutes of previous meeting:** Motion (Sitar/Thomas) to approve the minutes from the February 3 meeting carried unanimously.

**Financial Reports:** n/a

**Correspondence:** n/a

#### **President's Report: (Jones)**

- Bi-Weekly Covid -19 virtual meetings held this past Monday. Current numbers the trending down, to include First Responders. Announcement of Mass Vaccination at NH Motor Speedway
- Bi Weekly with Marshall Parisi, current covid-19 numbers, legislation Decision
- Called Commissioner Quinn immediately after the interviews for Assistant to encourage a Fire Representative for the position.
- Discussion with Jeff Phillips on advertising current available slots for the 1582 physicals to current FF's. Requested a last call notification to the FF's who were eligible for the physical but hadn't signed up prior to announcing the openings.
- Discussion with Justin Romanello on assisting with Home Bound Individuals w the vaccinations.
- Contacted Webster Fire Chief Bean and offered any assistance to his dept. or other Depts. that responded to their horrific fire.
- Received an e-mail from Chief Christopoulos identifying NHRS intentions to cover Pandemic assistance with vaccinations back to January 15<sup>th</sup> thru Sept 30<sup>th</sup>. Passed this on to Fallon at NHES for direction.
- Established Audit, Nomination & Budget Committees for the Annual Meeting.
- Requested to sit in on an information training pertaining to Methamphetamines, instructed by Mike Lercyer DEA

- Meth Labs in NH #1 amongst the New England States

### **Report of the Executive Director: (Lemire)**

- Regular meeting this month will be on March 11 at 0900.
- I have contacted the Omni Mt. Washington to hold our deposit for 2022.
- Adam and I have been working on the letter to legislators. It will be going out by the end of the week.
- The dues will be increasing in April. Reminder went out this morning.
- I still need help in soliciting vendors for Advocate Members. Any luck?
- Emailed Elliot Gault to maintain contact and congratulate him for being back in the Governor's Office.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President's Report (Sitar) –**

- He is meeting with PRIMEX on a combined Police/Fire officer training program for the fall.
- He's still accepting applications for the credentialing program.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President's Report (Beattie)**

- He spoke to the prime sponsor of the legislation allowing dispatchers into Group II. Kirk asked for more information before we offer an opinion.
- A task force at LRCC for the fire programs is working. Several areas of potential improvements are upcoming.
- He mentioned the article about the shortage of fire personnel recently published.

### **Sgt. At Arms Report (Emanuel) – n/r**

### **Scholarship Committee (Toomey) –**

- Applications will be sent out by the end of April.

### **New Business:**

- Chief Watkins expressed concerns about the increase in Air B & B's and the inspections needed. Chief Beattie will send him some info.

### **Old Business:**

- Fundraising – will be looking into the casino opportunities.
- Sitar and Carrier will be looking at a golf tournament.
- Chief Thomas asked for input relative to concerns on the E-911 system before his next meeting. He has brought some of the concerns to them already.

### **Good and Welfare:**

**Upcoming Events:** The monthly meeting will be held Thursday, March 11 at 0900 hours.

Chief Christopoulos stated that, as of now, FRI is still scheduled for late July but he will know by late April.

He also has received info on the dues issues from the IAFC. They are having issues with the new software and hope to have it corrected soon. Members are asked to keep an eye on their invoices and report any problems to him. There is a board meeting next Monday.

Chief Rhodes asked about the financial condition of the IAFC. Chris stated that they were positive by certainly not where they were before. Conference revenue is what helps the organization tremendously.

**Meeting adjourned at 0919 hours.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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Executive Director  
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