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Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the NH Association of Fire Chiefs

Thursday, February 10, 2022 – Virtual via “Go To Meeting” platform

The meeting was called to order at 0901 hours by Chief Sitar.

After a salute to the flag, a moment of silence was requested for departed members.

Chief Sitar welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Member Introduction: Members’ attendance was polled by the Executive Director.

Special Guests:

Minutes of the December 9 and January 13 meetings are posted. MOTION (Best/Beattie) to accept the January minutes carried unanimously. A MOTION (Beattie/Thomas) to accept the December minutes, carried unanimously.

Financial Reports: The January financials have been submitted but not yet posted.

Communications: A letter was received from Kaycee Reagan thanking us for our support of her higher education with a scholarship.

Applications for membership: Chief Elliot Berman of Bow; Deputy Chief Mark Hebert of Concord and Commissioner John Steere of Nashua have joined the organization. Welcome! We have four other applications for approval at the March meeting.

Life Membership: N/A

Professor Dustin Stream of LRCC invited all members to a Job Fair. He wants to put together departments looking to hire with LRCC Seniors (22 of them). They will be graduating with FF 1 and II and EMT Basic. They are looking at early March for this event that is slated to be about 2 hours in length.

President’s Report: (Sitar) –

- He named a Nominating Committee for the upcoming Annual Meeting. They are Chief Jay Lyon of New London; Chief Rob Buxton of Hudson and Chief Michael McQuillen of Littleton.
- He and ED Lemire attended a meeting with the Southwestern chiefs in Keene with Commissioner Quinn, Director Cutting, Marshal Toomey and their staffs.
- They also attended a meeting with the North Country chiefs on that Friday. We received several suggestions on how to communicate better with our members.
- He reminded everyone that we are accepting applications for Chief Fire Officer designation. The reviews will be conducted sometime in March by Ty Gagne and Margarer

Executive Director's Report (Lemire) –

- The March meetings be virtual, and we will hope to return to in-person meetings for the Annual Meeting in April.
- I am working with Primex and the Mt. Washington Hotel on our cooperative May 12, 2022 meeting. The Primex room rate this year is \$199, which will be extended to our group also.
- The June meeting will be in Brookline, hosted by Chief Corey.
- I am also working with Nick at LRCC on a meeting, probably in the Fall. I am working with Chief Beattie for a venue for our Annual Meeting, possibly the Margate.
- I have been working with Paul to finalize the production of the ad book. I've provided him with pictures, letters, history information and Justin has sent him an up to date NH list of fire chiefs, so it is now going to press.

1st Vice President Report (Beattie) –

- They are working on HB 1681 and getting an amendment in the bill to list the Fire Code as included.
- He reported on HB 1508 which would prohibit employers from disciplining call and volunteer firefighters who miss work time while responding to emergencies. The association is supporting this bill.
- HB 1587 – Average Final Compensation. Chief Sitar provided written testimony in support of the bill. ED and A recommended passage 12-6.

2nd Vice President Report (Emanuel) –

The House will meet next Wednesday, (February 16) 1:00 pm at the Doubletree Hotel in Manchester. At this session, they will be voting on their initial batch of committee reports for the year.

The Senate will also meet on February 16 in the State House. The Senate has held session previously this year.

Both bodies will convene again the following day to receive a State of the State address from Governor Sununu in Manchester.

Committee Reports/Issues:

- **HB 1587 (Average Final Compensation)** – The House Executive Departments and Administration committee voted 12-6 to recommend passage of the bill. NHAFC sent a letter of support. The letter focused on the changes could help with recruitment and retention. The House will vote on the bill next week. If it passes, it will be sent to the House Finance Committee to review the costs associated with the change (appr. \$56 million).
- **Codes - HB 1681** (fire code update) – House Executive Departments and Administration added language to the bill to enact updates to the fire code. A drafting error led to the omission to the fire code when the bill was introduced. Marshal Toomey worked to the language added back in. Earlier this week, the committee passed the bill with the amendment 18-0. The Senate Executive Departments and Administration Committee voted 5-0 to pass **SB 398**. This is the bill which would enact a new process for code adoption moving forward. The proposal was developed by a study committee last year. Both bills will be voted on in their respective bodies next week.
- **SB 357 (PTSD Commission Extension/mental health training for firefighters)** – The bill would extend the existing PTSD Commission. NHAFC has a member on the commission. The bill would also create a requirement for firefighters to complete mental health training. NHAFC sent an email to Senators supporting the bill but suggested that maximum flexibility be allowed for implementation so that there would not be negative effects on call and volunteer departments.
- **HB 1508** (employment protections for call/volunteer firefighters). The bill will be heard on Thursday. NHAFC plans to sign in as supporting the bill. The sponsor indicated the bill is modeled on existing laws in neighboring states which helps protect call and volunteer firefighters from workplace retaliation if they need to respond to a call.
- **SB 249 (Short Term Rentals)** – the initial hearing on SB 249 was held in the Senate Commerce Committee last week. After a conversation with Marshal Toomey, language to allow for an inspection based on RSA 153:10-a, II (Automatic Fire Warning Devices and Carbon Monoxide Detection Devices in Dwellings) was included in an amendment that was introduced at the hearing. The Committee is expected to vote on the bill soon.

Sgt. At Arms (Best) – No report

Committee Reports

Scholarship Committee – (Dep. Toomey) – n/r

Recruitment and Retention Committee – (Chief Beattie) – (in his report)

Division Reports

Fire Marshal – (Adam Fanjoy, for Marshal Toomey)

ADMINISTRATION:

Personnel:

We currently have 6 full-time vacancies. The following openings are those that we are actively recruiting for at this time:

- 2 Fire Investigators
- Hazmat Coordinator
- Part-time Education & Outreach Specialist
- Part time State Building Inspector
- Part time Modular Building Program Administrator

We are pleased to announce the promotion of Erica Webb to the position of Administrative Supervisor in our Bureau of Building Safety and Construction.

Legislation:

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| HB 1068 | Relative to Building Codes for Tiny Houses
Hearing scheduled on 2/15 |
| HB 1191 | Relative to Electrical Work, Plumbing, and Fuel Gas Fitting in One or
Two Family Housing
Refer for Interim Study |
| HB 1555 | Repealing the Permit Required for Fire at Campgrounds
In Committee, last hearing 1/19 |
| HB 1595 | Relative to Establishing a Statewide Food Truck License
In Committee, last hearing 1/27 |
| HB 1681 | Relative to the State Building Code
In Committee, last hearing 1/31, amendment requested to address
state fire code |
| SB 223 | Relative to Requirements for Recovery Houses
Passed/Adopted in Senate |
| SB 227 | Relative to Death Benefits For First Responders Who Die From
Suicide
Laid on Table, last hearing 2/3 |
| SB 249 | Prohibiting Planning and Zoning Ordinances That Prohibit Short-term
Rentals
In Committee, last hearing 1/25 |
| SB 339 | Relative to Meetings of Boards and Commissions in the Department Of
Safety
In Committee, last hearing 1/25 |
| SB 398 | Relative to Building Code and Fire Code Enforcement |

SB 443 On Senate Consent Calendar-OTP 2/2
 Relative to Municipal Authority Regarding the State Building Code
 In Committee, last hearing 1/13

BUREAU OF INVESTIGATIONS:

New/Active cases (synopsis of some of our cases are listed below):

- Investigators continue to assist the Lebanon Fire Department with ongoing inspections at multiple apartment buildings. Previous charges for violations of the State Fire Code are still awaiting court action and additional charges are likely forthcoming.
- Investigators also assisted the New London Fire Department with obtaining an Administrative Inspection Warrant to conduct a fire and life safety inspection at an apartment building in New London.

Fatal Fire:

- On January 12, 2022, investigators responded to a fatal fire at a single family home at 21 Mercury Lane in Nashua. The female victim, 79-year-old Lorraine Malignaggi, was positively identified at autopsy and died from smoke inhalation. The manner of her death was accidental. The investigation into the fire is open and ongoing, but does not appear criminal in nature.

Ignitable Liquid Detection Canine Teams:

Our two IGL Canine Teams were deployed two times in the month of January.

Public Outreach:

Investigators, in conjunction with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, provided an informational case study to Seacoast area fire investigators.

Several youth firesetter assessments were conducted throughout the state.

Arrests:

On January 10, 2022, Daniel Thibeault, age 25, was arrested on one felony level charge of Arson via a FMO warrant. The charge is the result of an arson fire that occurred at the Maplehurst Inn, located at 67 Main St. in Antrim on December 29, 2021. Thibeault was released on PR bail and his arraignment date is to be determined at the Hillsborough County Superior Court.

Training/Committees:

Some of our investigators attended the following trainings: *Incident Safety Officer* and *Health & Safety Program Manager*.

One of our fire investigators also began his Firefighter I certification class in the month of January.

BUREAU OF BUILDING SAFETY & CONSTRUCTION:

State Building Permit System:

We processed 33 building permit applications in the month of January.

Technical Assistance, Educational & Healthcare Reviews:

We initiated 7 educational and 4 healthcare plan reviews, completed 127 inspections and 90 technical consults in the month of January.

Variance Requests:

We processed 6 variance requests in the month of January.

BUREAU OF OUTREACH & EDUCATION:

We have renamed the Bureau of Planning and Support Services to the Bureau of Outreach & Education.

Hazardous Materials:

Hazardous Materials response, coordination and consultation is available through the on-call FMO supervisor.

We continue to work on Tier II reporting and associated follow-ups when deficiencies are identified.

Swiftwater Rescue Working Group:

Grant announcement released January 21, 2022. Working group meeting scheduled for March 9, 2022.

All-Hazards Fire Mobilization Plan:

The Federation of Mutual Aids and the State Fire Marshal's Office has completed the biannual review of the NH Statewide Fire Mobilization Implementation Master Plan. The updated plan will be made available shortly.

Regional Outreach/Chief's Roundtables:

We continue to partner with Director Cutting and staff and the NHAFC to conduct regional outreach/Chief's Roundtables. We were in Keene and the North Country in January. We look forward to additional meetings in the future.

Incident Reporting:

As we work to close-out the 2021 calendar year call data we request that Fire Departments submit their NFIRS data by February 15, 2022. If you have questions you can notify the data team using the following email: NHFIRS@dos.nh.gov

We continue to work with the team at the Fire Academy as departments implement the NHESR program available free of charge for incident reporting.

Training:

We will be delivering an Assembly & Tent Inspection class at the Sunapee FD on March 16th at 18:00 hrs and an investigation case study in Franconia on March 24th at 18:30 hrs.

Additional programs are in the works. Please reach out if you are interested in hosting a program.

NH Fire Standards, Training and EMS - (Dir. Cutting)

ADMINISTRATION

Personnel

- Christian Cole has been hired as a Captain in the Firefighter Training Bureau. Captain Cole comes to us with nearly 20 years of experience in fire and EMS. He will be joining us Friday February 11th.
- The Fire Officer part-time program coordinator position has been advertised for applicants.
- Three Specialty Services positions have been advertised for applicants.
- The position of Education Technologist has been advertised for applicants.
- Interviews for the Recruitment & Retention Coordinator position will take place in the next few weeks.
- Interviews for the Drill-yard and Technical Rescue part-time program coordinators will take in the next few weeks.

Grants

- We continue to work with our State and local partners to advance the Burton Fire and EMS Training Facility project, however no projected start timeframe has been established.

Fire Standards and Training Commission / Curriculum

- The next Fire Standards and Training Commission meeting will be April 7th at 0930 in Classrooms 5/6 in the dormitory building at the main campus. The Commission also approved meeting dates for June 2nd, September 1st and November 3rd.
- The Hazardous Materials Technician program and Fire Officer I/II program updates were approved by the full Commission at their February meeting.

- The public comment period is open February 3rd – April 4th. Information on these changes can be found on our website.
- The NFPA 1001, FF I/II Curriculum Review Report was submitted to the Commission in February for initial review and was referred back to the Curriculum committee. The final presentation is expected at the April Commission meeting.

Special Projects

- In an effort to better serve you, the Division is implementing a new initiative to develop a 9 to 12 month training calendar so departments and prospective students can better plan their future training opportunities. The Academy has established two semesters of training moving forward, a spring and fall training semester. Twice a year we will actively solicit training requests which will be taken into consideration during the future course planning process. Additionally, you may submit training request at any time throughout the year which will be considered during the next planning period.
 - At this time we are seeking requests for training programs that would be scheduled between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023. Our goal is to announce all scheduled training programs for this timeframe by May 1, 2022. We will be collecting requests for this time period through February 28, 2022. You can submit your request at <https://nhfa-ems.com/training-request/>.
- Three additional PFAS monitoring wells were installed throughout the Concord campus and sampling will be scheduled for the spring.
- We are nearing completion of realigning and restructuring the geographical areas of the state that our (field) Fire Captain's cover and will communicate those when the final (open) Captain is on board.
- We are working with the Department of Safety Division of Administration (Human Resources) on implementation of a new Work Time Management system. Analysis continues on the application of this system to our Staff Instructors as well.

- We are working through an issue where firefighters hired prior to 1997 that received payment for a NFPA 1582 physical were issued a 1099. We will provide more information as it becomes available.
- We have reestablished the Instructor Cabinet meetings. This group was initially formed many years ago to improve communications between the Division's instructional and full-time staff. This collaboration provides a method for an exchange of ideas and concerns with the mutual goal of improving program delivery.

Legislative/Administrative Rules

- We are monitoring a number of bills in the legislature. A few that we want to highlight are:
 - SB 357, relative to Mental Health Training for First Responders. - passed the Senate.
 - SB 339, relative to Meetings of Boards and Commissions in the Department of Safety. –in committee.
 - SB 337, relative to Emergency Medical and Trauma Services Data sharing for the purposes of analysis. – passed, refer to Finance.
- The “Letter of Concern” option for EMS licensure actions that was passed in 2021 legislation is being worked on through the administrative rules process.

Outreach

- We are continuing our Leadership Roundtables with the Fire Marshal's Office and regional Fire Chief's with dates being planned.
 - We met with the Keene area Chief's on January 19th and participated in the Seacoast Chief's Mutual Aid District meeting on February 3rd
 - Monadnock area Chief's – TBD

Mental Health & Resiliency

- We are still waiting for notification on whether our American Rescue Plan Act grant request through the Health Resources and Services Administration officials has been approved or not to address suicide, burnout and behavioral health conditions - including substance abuse among public safety officials.

- We continue our meetings with mental health professionals to develop a spring 2022 seminar with Fire Chief's, Police Chief's, labor leaders and clinicians to provide professional development, continuing education and a networking opportunity.
 - We are aiming at an early June date.
- We continue to work with the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation to host train-the-trainer programs here in NH for some of their firefighter behavioral health courses, including stress management and mental health for responders.

BUREAU OF FIRE TRAINING

Courses/Programs

- Firefighter I classes
 - The Bartlett class was completed in January.
 - Plaistow and Henniker classes are ongoing.
 - The Burton Facility, Bethlehem class, begins this month.
- Firefighter II classes
 - The LRCC class began this month.
 - The Tilton class began this month.
- The 2022 Recruit School is in the final stages of our planning process with a tentative orientation on June 7th and start date beginning in August.
- On February 7th, to be eligible to take the required skills or knowledge tests, commercial driver's license applicants must have completed applicable entry-level driver training from a registered training provider. This is a federal requirement.
 - Legislation is being promulgated to exempt state and local agencies that provide this training from certain requirements in the RSA's.
 - Our staff has completed an analysis of the requirements and our current Driver Operator All Vehicle program and are working on a plan to implement the additional required components.

Facilities

- We are awaiting work to begin on the roadway washout on the south side of the drill yard at the Concord campus.

Apparatus/Equipment

- Committees for construction of the new ARFF truck and Engine continue to make progress.
- Completion of the new aerial is still expected in May.

BUREAU OF CERTIFICATION AND SUPPORT

Courses/Programs

- Instructor I/II/III Programs
 - Instructor I began January 10th.
 - There will be a Saturday offering of Instructor I at the Burton Training Facility beginning March 12th.
 - There will be an evening offering of Instructor I at the Hanover Fire Department beginning May 3rd.
 - There will be two daytime offerings of Instructor I at the Concord campus beginning on August 23rd and October 4th.
 - The first Instructor II/III course in 2022 will begin February 20th.
- Fire Officer I/II Programs
 - The next Fire Officer I course began in January.
 - The next Fire Officer II course begins March 24th.
- Fire Inspector Programs
 - The Warrants and Citations course will be held December 8th & 9th.
 - Fire Inspector I class began January 11th.
 - The next Fire Inspector II class begins April 5th.
- Fire Investigator
 - The next offering will begin August 25, 2022.
- For all current course listings you can go to <https://nhfa-ems.com/events/>

Instructors

- We continue to work the Instructor Recruitment Plan. Recruiting more new instructors remains a top priority for our Division.
 - There are currently 43 individuals in the mentoring process to become instructors.

CPAT

- The 2022 CPAT dates are planned for April 18th & 19th, May 23rd, June 6th & 7th and September is TBD.
 - As of October 2021 there were 414 candidates on the eligibility list.

Testing

- With the award of the AFG grant we continue to work with the DOS IT group to develop the RFP to replace the current certification testing software.

BUREAU OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Boards and Commissions

- The NH Medical Control Board and the NH Emergency Medical and Trauma Services Coordinating Board meetings will take place at 0900 and 1300, respectively, on March 17th in classrooms 5 & 6 in the dormitory building.
- The NH Trauma Medical Review Committee (TMRC) will meet at 0930 on February 16th in classroom 2 in the administration building.

Operations

- EMS provider license renewals will be available in RespondNH for the upcoming recertification cycle.
- The EMR class that began January 19th is ongoing.
- Our EMS Education Coordinator continues the monthly continuing education courses at the Concord campus and regionally around the State.
 - For all current course listings you can go to <https://nhfa-ems.com/events/>

Clinical Systems

- Patient Care Protocol updates and corrections (8.1 Mid Cycle Roll-out) were approved by the Medical Control Board on November 18th.
 - Public comment period on these changes ends February 16th.

Data Management

- EMS Reporting
 - Nothing new to report
- NFIRS/Respond NH

- Work continues on the New Hampshire Emergency Services Reporting System (NHESR), which is an extension of the TEMSIS system. If you would like to start using the system, please fill out the form available at <https://nhfa-ems.com/nhesronboard/>.
- We have scheduled a demonstration for the Fire Incident Reporting system at the Burton Training facility on February 16th at 1800.
- There are currently 40 departments using the software and 4 on the onboarding list.
- Coordination continues with the Fire Marshal's Office for further education and guidance for reporting.
- Anyone interested in the system can contact Joseph Cartier at 603-223-3403 or joseph.w.cartier@dos.nh.gov.
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NH Fire Standards and Training Commission – (Chiefs Clark/Buxton)

- The Director reported to the commission that they have several positions open. If anyone has an interest in working at the academy please check the website.
- The Commission has sent two programs to public hearing for curriculum updates; Haz-Mat Technician and Fire Officer
- Dates are available on the website
- Commission voted to establish a visiting committee for Fire Officer III & IV
- Commission received feedback on the FF I & II program
- Commission voted to refer the feedback to the Curriculum committee for review
- Commission has some new members Neil Irvine (NHMA) and Frank Fraztil (State FF Association)

NH Emergency Medical and Trauma Services Coord. Board – (Chief) n/r

National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) – (Chief Corey) –

They have raised membership fee to \$21.00 a person. If you would like see about membership you can go to NVFC.ORG or 888-ASK-NVFC for more information and the benefits.

ACEPS Committee – (Chief Christopoulos/Thomas)

Homeland Security and Emergency Management – (Director Harper) n/r

EMS Trauma Medical Review Board – (Chief Beaudoin) – n/r

Division of Forests and Lands – (Chief Sherman)

- Legislation – HB 1555, AN ACT repealing the permit required for fires at campgrounds.

I offered testimony to the House Resources, Recreation and Development Committee in January. The bills sponsor offered testimony explaining that the intent of this bill is to repeal the requirement for all campfire permits and to remove the need for the Government to enter onto private property. There was very little discussion on campgrounds as the bill is titled, because the intent is to eliminate all campfire permit requirements. I explained how the fire permit system offers a means at the local level to provide fire education before a person burns and also allows for decisions at the local level to limit burning during periods of High Fire Danger. Chief Lord offered testimony in opposition for the bill on behalf of the NH Federation of Forest Fire Warden Associations.

HB 1555 is still in with the House Resources, Recreation and Development Committee. The complete text of HB 1555 is included at the end of this report.

- The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation’s will be hosting one of three regional *Everyone Goes Home*® in the Wildland Introduction Sessions right here in New Hampshire. These events will be relevant to personnel that we traditionally think of as wildland firefighters as well as members of volunteer, combination, and career structural departments with wildland and wildland – urban interface fire responsibilities. The session will be open to up to 25 participants, and we especially encourage company officer level personnel to attend. These sessions are meant to be interactive, highly participatory, and engaging. The intent is to “build bridges” as well as building understanding. Participants should expect to spend significant time interacting with other attendees. There is no charge to attend, and some funding is available to provide travel support. The session information and registration are:

New Hampshire

March 7, 2022—March 9, 2022

Hilton Garden Inn Manchester Downtown

101 South Commercial Street

Manchester, NH 03101

<https://cvent.me/71L1BW> (Click the “Register Now” button in the upper right of the page)

HB 1555-FN - AS INTRODUCED

2022 SESSION

22-2354
04/11

HOUSE BILL **1555-FN**

AN ACT repealing the permit required for fires at campgrounds.

SPONSORS: Rep. Burt, Hills. 39; Rep. Steven Smith, Sull. 11; Rep. Notter, Hills. 21; Rep. Leishman, Hills. 24; Rep. Pearl, Merr. 26; Rep. Avellani, Carr. 5; Rep. Hill, Merr. 3; Rep. Nunez, Hills. 37; Rep. Groen, Straf. 23; Rep. Piemonte, Rock. 4; Sen. Avard, Dist 12; Sen. Gannon, Dist 23; Sen. Reagan, Dist 17

COMMITTEE: Resources, Recreation and Development

ANALYSIS

This bill removes the permit requirement for camp fires.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in **bold italics**.
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Two

AN ACT repealing the permit required for fires at campgrounds.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 Woodland Fire Control; Permits; Damages; Penalties. Amend RSA 227-L:17, IV to read as follows:

IV. Camp or cooking fires may be kindled only with written permission of the landowner or the landowner's agent [~~and written permission of the forest fire warden of the town in which the fire is to be kindled~~] and only at suitable times and in suitable places when the fire will not endanger woodlands; except in such towns as have adopted bylaws or regulations equally as stringent as provided in this paragraph. Camp or cooking fires may be built without written permission on public camp or picnic grounds when such areas are open for public use or private camp and picnic places where suitable fireplaces approved by the forest fire warden are provided for such fires. As used in this paragraph,

a camp or cooking fire shall be a small fire suitable for cooking purposes used in connection with camp, picnic or lunch purposes and does not include the burning of household rubbish, or large amounts of brush or other flammable material. Whoever shall kindle or cause to be kindled any such fire or use an abandoned fire in or near woodlands shall totally extinguish the same before leaving it and, upon failure to do so, such person or persons shall be subject to the same liabilities and penalties as prescribed in this section.

2 Repeal. RSA 216-I:9, V, requiring recreational campground or camping park owners to obtain a fire permit, is repealed.

3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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**HB 1555-FN- FISCAL NOTE
AS INTRODUCED**

AN ACT repealing the permit required for fires at campgrounds.

FISCAL IMPACT: **State** **County**
Local **None**

STATE:	Estimated Increase / (Decrease)			
	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
Appropriation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Expenditures	\$11,100	\$0	\$0	\$0
Funding Source:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Education <input type="checkbox"/> Highway <input type="checkbox"/> Other			

METHODOLOGY:

The Department of Natural and Cultural Resources states this bill would eliminate the requirement of a permit for all camping and cooking fires, which would require the reprinting of fire permits, brochures, posters, and other materials to reflect the law change. The Department estimates this would cost approximately \$11,100. It is assumed since this bill is effective 60 days after passage, expenditures would be incurred in FY 2022. There will be no impact on county and local revenue or expenditures.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Department of Natural and Cultural Resources and New Hampshire Municipal Association

Board of Fire Control – (Chief Clark)

Building Code Review Board – (Marshal Lennon) –

- Their next meeting is tomorrow and they are starting to review the 2018 Fire Codes.

Manufactured Housing Installation Standards Board: (Chief) n/r

Division of Emergency Services and Communications – (Director Doyle) –

E-911 Commission – (Chief Thomas) – n/r

Opioid Fatality Study Committee – (Chief Thomas) – n/r

IAFC Director – (Chief Christopoulos) – n/r

New England Fire Chiefs – a Division of the IAFC – (Chief Jones) –

Old Business –

New Business –

A nozzle display session will be held in Manchester in May. Chief Thomas will get more information

Chief Cotreau (Rye) is the volunteer NH Coordinator for Transcaer. This voluntary position basically assists NH agencies schedule training with Transcaer.

Transcaer is a Hazmat training group supported by a coalition of industrial manufacturers. Our website is worth perusing: www.transcaer.com

There is a wide range of training available from this group. I will be reaching out to groups who obviously would benefit from this training such as the Hazmat Collaborative etc. I am available for any questions/inquiries etc. mcotreau@town.rye.nh.us 978-580-6453.

Tom Green, President of the NH State Firemen's Association reported that the LODD Memorial Fund's charitable gaming license for upcoming gaming dates of March 28 - 31 and October 26 - 31, 2022 at the Lucky Moose Casino & Tavern has been issued by the NH Lottery Commission. This funds the NH Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Concord.

The NHSFA is running a phone solicitation campaign to fund the NHSFA. Calls are being made by a company in Merrimack NH that has been highly vetted. The same company calls for the NH Troopers Assoc. The NHSFA has been the funding unit for the memorial since the inception. Repairs are now in order to the memorial to repair the steps and other areas including the eternal flame bowl and granite around the memorial.

The next meeting of the NHAFC will be held on Thursday, March 10, 2022 starting at 1600 hours virtually.

A MOTION to adjourn the meeting carried at 0957 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Chief Brent T. Lemire, Ret.
Executive Director/Secretary, NHAFC

February 10, 2022