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Minutes of a Meeting of the NH Association of Fire Chiefs

Thursday, March 14 – Alan's of Boscawen.

The regular meeting was called to order by Chief Emanuel at 1858 hours.

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

Welcome from Host: Chief Emanuel welcomed everyone to the meeting.

INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS.

Special Guests: Commissioner of Safety Robert Quinn and former Commissioner of Safety John Barthelmes.

Commissioner Quinn thanked everyone for the invitation and for their support and friendship. He introduced the members of his team (Directors Buxton, Cutting, Doyle, and Brian Allard) and shared the efforts of the team in the several projects that will be upcoming. He mentioned a new E-911 center, Interoperability, North Country Academy improvements and upgrading of the building codes. He shared how grateful he is for the work that they are doing.

Minutes: A MOTION (Fraitzl/Thomas) to approve the minutes of the February meeting, carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: February report will be presented next meeting.

President's Report: (Emanuel) –

- He thanked the Commissioners for attending and also for their support.
- He appointed a Nominating Committee and they will be presenting their report at the Annual Meeting (Chiefs Lyon, Cloutier and Coutreau).
- He also appointed an Audit Committee (Thomas, DeAngelis and Coutreau)
- He mentioned the efforts ongoing with Recruitment and Retention.

Report of the Executive Director: (Lemire)

- Our next BOD meeting will be at Primex in Concord on April 3 in the Brookside Room. THE MAIN ENTRANCE IS NOW OPEN AGAIN.
- The April Annual Meeting will be at The Common Man Inn and Spa in Plymouth. They have the space needed for the seminar, vendor showcase, meeting and dinner on April 11. To date, we have 20 vendors signed up and enough sponsorship to almost pay for expenses. Former Boston Fire Commissioner Joe Finn (Leading Change) and Dr. Nicole Sawyer (Psychology of Change) will be our seminar presenters.
- Our May BOD meeting will have to be on the 8th and virtual as we'll be in DC on the 1st.
- For May, we will partner again with Primex for our meeting during their annual conference. Our meeting will be at 3:00 pm on May 16 in the Warner Room of the Sheraton Portsmouth Harborside Hotel.
- The June 13 meeting will be virtual and held at 4:00 as to accommodate some of our part-time members.
- The July 11 meeting will be a breakfast meeting at the NHFA. The vendor has lowered their prices so we're back to \$16.00.
- On August 8, we'll join our North Country brethren at the Town and Country in Gorham (Shelburne) where we'll have a seminar being developed by the Professional Development Committee entitled "How to Effectively Manage Fire Prevention and Inspections through Building Positive Relationships." Overnight guests will be offered a discounted rate.
- August 12 is the date for our annual Golf Tournament at Lochmere in Tilton.
- Ad book proceeds to date: Total: \$3700.00, Vendor: \$2590.00, Assn: \$1110.00.
- Finally, several of you have asked about another November Professional Enhancement Weekend. I have a proposal from the "Snowy Owl Inn" at Waterville Valley for November 15-17. We will be surveying the membership to determine if we can get the 25 couples needed to sponsor it. The Professional Development Committee has proposed a subject for the morning seminar on Saturday with the monthly NHAFC meeting being held at 1:00 that afternoon. Hoping we can get the numbers and bring back this popular event.

1st Vice President Report (Watkins) – no report

Government Relations – (Schmidt) – (submitted in writing)

- **Ambulance Billing Issues** – There are several bills dealing with ambulance reimbursement. Here is a breakdown of where each stand in the session:
 - **SB 409 (Medicaid Re-imburement for Treat/No Transport)** - the bill would require NH DHHS to file a Medicaid plan amendment which, under specific circumstances, would allow for re-imburement for instances where an individual was treated, but not transported, to a hospital. Chief Mike Sitar attended the hearing and testified in favor. The bill passed the Senate Health and Human Services Committee. It was then referred to the Senate Finance Committee where it received a 7-0 vote in favor. It will head to the Senate Floor next week.

- **HB 1568 (Medicaid Re-imbursement for Treat/No Transport)** – This bill would also require the state Medicaid program to reimburse for non-transport emergency medical service calls. The bill has been heard by the House Health and Human Services Committee. A Committee vote is scheduled for March 20.
 - **HB 1081 (Direct Pay)** - HB 1081 was heard by House Commerce and a subcommittee voted 5-0 to pass the bill. The bill would require carriers to pay providers directly. The entire Committee will vote on the bill this week and it should go to the House floor later this month.
 - **SB 407 (Direct Pay/Local Rate Approval)** – The bill was heard by the Senate Health and Human Services Committee. Chief Hunter testified in favor of the bill. The Committee recently passed the bill with an amendment, by a vote of 5-0. The amendment would do two things; require direct payment by carriers to providers and, in the absence of a contract, the carrier shall “...pay for such services at the rates set by local government or contract entity subject to a public process prior to adoption or readoption...” The Senate will vote on the bill and amendment later this month. It is not yet clear if it will be referred to Senate Finance for their review, should the amendment and bill pass.
- **HB 1647 (Group II Retirement Reforms)** - The bill is a result of the Retirement Benefits Commission which met last summer and fall. It would adjust the retirement annuity multipliers for members who started service before 7/1/11 that were not vested by 1/1/12, and those who were hired after 7/1/11, to 2.5% per year for service in excess of 10 years. The bill appropriates almost \$56 million to cover the majority of the costs with this change. NHAFC will be submitted testimony in support of the bill. The House passed the bill in late February. It was referred to the House Finance Committee. A subcommittee will be reviewing the legislation this week. A full vote of the House Finance Committee should happen before the end of March. The bill will go back to the House Floor once House Finance finishes its work.
 - **SB 352 (Retired and Full Time Firefighter Cancer Screening Program)** – The bill would create a \$5 million fund from which re-imbursements to retired and full-time fire fighters could seek re-imbursement, up to \$1,300, when specific documentation is provided. NHAFC, PPFNH, and Fire Standards and Training would be responsible for development of an initial plan to implement the screenings. The plan would be submitted to the Governor and Commissioner of the Department of Safety. NHAFC signed in as supporting the legislation. The bill passed the Senate Health and Human Services Committee, the Senate Finance Committee, and finally the entire Senate on a 24-0 vote in late February. It has been referred to the House Health and Human Service Committee.
 - **HB 1352 (PFAS in station wear/PPE)** – As introduced, the bill would require Fire Departments to “...give preference” to PPE which does not include PFAS, once those alternatives are made available. In the interim, Fire Departments shall have in place a policy that limits unnecessary exposure to PPE.

Language is included that states it would remain a best practice from PPE to be used while operating in a dangerous environment. Regarding station wear, by January 1, 2025, Fire Departments shall not provide as an option any station wear that contains intentionally added PFAS or fire resistive chemicals (fluorine, chlorine, bromine, lead, or antimony). Manufacturers are required to provide safer alternatives, should they exist. The bill was requested by PFFNH. A subcommittee recently passed an amendment which would enable, but not mandate local fire departments to give preference to PPE which does not include PFAS. The amendment is consistent with prior conversations with PFFNH to ensure the bill could be enacted without confusion. The full House Executive Departments and Administration Committee should vote on the amendment and the bill soon.

- **Special Committee on Housing** – In 2023, the House created a committee to examine barriers to the creation of additional housing units. As housing became a critical issue for the state, the Committee spent a year receiving testimony from developers, regulators, municipal officials, and many other interested stakeholders.

The Committee held hearings on 7 bills that were developed by the special committee. **HB 1065** is intended to expand the existing sprinkler prohibition to include *existing* residential buildings with no more than 4 units, so long as the building is in compliance with the state fire code (including but not limited to fire barriers, dedicated ingress/egress, and monitored fire alarm systems).

Previously, the sponsor has highlighted the costs associated with sprinklers when converting an existing residential building into several smaller units, within the same building envelope. Fire Marshal Toomey has been attempting to work with the Committee to address the concepts in the bill via the code process. The bill will head to the House floor soon with a recommendation for passage. **HB 1215** proposes that codes that were applicable at the time of plat approval, site plan approval, and building permit issuance would be the codes that the project would be required to meet. There appears to be consensus on the committee that the language, which would include the fire and building codes, is too expansive.

There will likely be an attempt to narrow the bill and exclude the codes from the concept. The final amendments to some of the bills should be available later this week. Any of the bills that pass the House will have to be heard in the Senate.

2nd Vice President Report (Hunter) –

Sgt. At Arms (Chamberlain) –

Committee Reports

Scholarship Committee – (Marshal Toomey) – No report

Division Reports

Fire Marshal – (Marshal Toomey)

ADMINISTRATION:

Personnel:

We currently have 2 part-time vacancies that we are actively recruiting for at this time:

Part-time Building Code Review Board Administrative Secretary
Part-time Accreditation Manager

Legislation:

The following bills are the key bills that we are currently monitoring:

HB 1059 Relative to the state building code

Status: House ED&A, OTP-A

HB 1065 Relative to fire sprinkler requirements in residential buildings

Status: House Special Committee on Housing, OTP-A

HB 1215 Relative to subdivision regulations on the completion of improvements and the regulation of

building permits

Status: House Special Committee on Housing, OTP-A

HB 1332 Relative to prohibiting electric vehicles from parking in parking garages

Status: House Transportation, OTP

HB 1352 Relative to firefighting personal protective equipment

Status: House ED&A subcommittee work in progress

HB 1386 Relative to prohibiting the disposal of lithium-ion batteries in solid waste landfill facilities, composting facilities, or incinerators

Status: House Environmental & Agriculture, OTP-A

HB 1387 Relative to revisions to the state building code

Status: House ED&A, OTP-A

HB 1396 Relative to prohibiting municipal inspections of owner-occupied units of multi-unit housing

Status: ITL, request to reconsider

HB 1498 Establishing a state short term rental registry

Status: House Commerce and Consumer Affairs subcommittee work in progress

HB 1510 Establishing a commission to identify barriers to and solutions for electric vehicle sales and use

Status: House Public Works and Highways, ITL

HB 1635 Relative to the definition of short term rental

Status: House Commerce and Consumer Affairs subcommittee work in progress

SB 365 Relative to the sale or use of lithium-ion batteries for electric bicycles, scooters, or personal electric mobility devices

Status: Passed Senate

SB 373 Relative to the state building code
Status: Senate holding bill

SB 430 Relative to establishing a counsel to study the impacts of electric vehicles, lithium-ion batteries, and e-mobility devices on first responder response, the environment, building and fire codes, and life and safety property protection
Status: Passed Senate

SB 437 Relative to local authority to amend the state building code
Status: Passed with amendment in the Senate

SB 599 Relative to the state fire code
Status: Passed Senate

Board of Fire Control:

The next Board of Fire Control meeting is scheduled for June 19, 2024.

Foam Take-back Program:

The contract for the foam take-back program was approved by the Governor & Executive Council at the end of June 2023. DES has updated that they are now working on some facility disposal items with the vendor and anticipate the program remaining in a delayed status until late spring.

Strategic Planning Initiative:

Our office has worked over the past few months to develop an updated strategic plan which will be part of an overall Department of Safety plan. The high-level goals for the office include accreditation, development of a statewide community risk reduction program, employee development, development of a statewide hazmat strategic plan, and facility/office space enhancement.

BUREAU OF INVESTIGATIONS:

In the month of February, we received 9 incident notifications resulting in 3 scene responses. The Bureau of Investigations currently has 17 open arson or suspected arson investigations.

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

- On February 20, investigators responded to Goffstown to investigate a garage fire. The cause is suspected to be accidental due to careless disposal of smoking materials.

Fatal Fire/CO Incidents:

- On February 3, a male died in a structure fire in Littleton as a result of a fire believed to have been caused by smoking while on oxygen.
- On February 20, a female died in a structure fire in Litchfield. This investigation is ongoing and the cause is undetermined at this time.
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Court:

- In February, two Investigators testified in Coos County Superior Court in an arson trial for a 2022 fire in Berlin. The suspect, Messiah McMaster, was found guilty.

BUREAU OF BUILDING SAFETY & CONSTRUCTION:

State Building Permit System:

We processed the following permits in the month of February:

- Building: 10
- Electrical: 20
- Plumbing: 5
- Mechanical Fuel Gas: 4
- Mechanical Non-Fuel Gas: 3
- Fire Protection: 2
- Fire Alarm: 3

Technical Assistance, Educational & Healthcare Reviews:

We initiated 3 educational and 5 healthcare plan reviews, completed 234 inspections and 123 technical consults in the month of February.

Variance Requests:

We processed 4 variance requests in the month of February.

Fireworks Safety and Enforcement Program

The Fireworks and Enforcement Program has conducted the following in the month of February:

- Proximate Licenses Issued: 0
- Display Certificate of Competency Issued: 0
- Consumer Fireworks Retail Store Licenses Issued: 1
- Explosive Magazine Inspections: 1
- Proximate Audience Inspections: 2
- Technical Assistance: 0

Modular Building Program

The Modular Building Program has conducted the following in the month of February:

- Inspections: 5
- Audits of Manufacturers: 0
- Audits of Educational Facilities: 0
- Labels Issued to Manufacturers: 48
- Units Shipped to New Hampshire: 19

Tramway and Amusement Ride Safety

The Tramway and Amusement Ride Safety section conducted the following in the month of February:

- Amusement Registrations: 27
- Amusement Inspections: 23
- Amusement Incidents: 1
- Tramway Registrations: 3
- Tramway Inspections: 85
- Tramway Incidents: 9

BUREAU OF OUTREACH & EDUCATION:

Hazardous Materials:

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

Our Hazardous Materials Coordinators are available for PEAC Software training for fire departments. PEAC is used for documentation of Tier II facilities and chemical storage.

In the month of February, our Hazardous Materials Coordinators attended the Haz Mat Collaborative Meeting, the quarterly CAMEO training and an Introduction to ChemResponder training. They also provided PEAC training to the Seacoast Haz Mat Team, met with the Twin State Haz Mat Team Coordinator and attended the Twin State Mutual Aid meeting.

Also, in the month of February, we received 531 Tier II reports from NH facilities. We also responded to 53 questions from facilities regarding Tier II reporting.

Electric Vehicles and Lithium-Ion Batteries

We have held three meetings to discuss the challenges of electric vehicle fires and lithium-ion batteries. The meetings have included representatives from the State Fire Marshal's Office, Fire Academy, HSEM, State Police, DMV, DES, DOT, Tow Association, Auto Dealers Association, Clean Energy NH, NH Chiefs of Police and the NH Association of Fire Chiefs.

The International Code Council has established an ad-hoc group to evaluate building and fire code impacts from electric vehicles and lithium-ion batteries. The National Fire Protection Association Research Foundation is conducting a study. UL's Fire Safety Research Institute (FSRI) is also conducting a study. UL FSRI has additional information and resources for first responders here: [Safeguard the future of Lithium-Ion Battery Devices with FSRI \(batteryfiresafety.org\)](https://batteryfiresafety.org).

Regional Outreach/Chief's Roundtables:

We continue to partner with the Commissioner's Office, other Department of Safety Leadership and the NHAFC to conduct regional outreach/Chief's Roundtables. The next meeting is scheduled at the Burton Fire & EMS Training Facility in Bethlehem on April 11th at 10 am.

Incident Reporting:

Your commitment to ensuring we have great data to accurately show the fire problem in NH is greatly appreciated! Please remember to report any EV or lithium-ion battery fires to us.

Please reach out to our NHFIRS team for any incident reporting questions at nhfirs@dos.nh.gov

We continue to monitor the development of the U.S. Fire Administration's (USFA) new fire information and analytics platform, known as the National Emergency Response Information System (NERIS), for the American fire and emergency services.

Outreach Events:

In the month of February, members of the SFMO conducted a fire safety presentation for students at Saint Anselm College and gave a presentation on the scientific method for 7th grade students at Epping Middle School. Members presented a fire safety story time for preschoolers at the Chester Library and provided a K-9 demonstration at the Nashua Library. A K-9 team also provided a demonstration for students in the fire science program at Lakes Region Community College. We are looking forward to warmer weather, and have a busy March

planned. Please consider us as you plan your next community event! Send your request to us at fmopubliceducation@dos.nh.gov.



Public Education:

[Have you seen our Risk Reduction Quarterly Newsletter yet? The inaugural edition was recently released in February and is focused on fire prevention topics, training opportunities and seasonal fire safety themes to support your work in your communities. We hope you enjoy it, and we hope you share it widely!](#)

Are you familiar with the USFA's Fire and Life Safety Communicators Initiative? This initiative is a collaboration among the fire and emergency medical services to speak with "one voice" on fire and life safety. They believe in working together to present consistent messages. The theme for the month of March is smoke alarms. Make sure you have working smoke alarms inside and outside each sleeping area, on every level of the home. Test them at least 2 times a year and replace them according to the manufacturer's instructions. When choosing a smoke alarm, ensure it is certified by a national testing lab. Never disable your smoke alarms. If you can, make sure your smoke alarms are interconnected and speaking to each other. If one sounds, they all sound.

Spring forward! Test your smoke alarms.

Change replaceable batteries at least once a year.

Replace your alarms after 10 years.

Smoke alarms do not last forever. If your alarms are 10 years old or older, replace them with new alarms.

The infographic consists of two main sections. The top section has a light grey background and features an illustration of a woman and a man in a living room; the man is reaching up to test a smoke alarm on the ceiling while the woman holds a clock. Below the illustration are the logos for FEMA, U.S. Fire Administration, and the Fire Department's logo. The bottom section has a blue background and features a circular graphic with two arrows forming a loop around the text '10 years', with a smoke alarm icon above and below the text. Below this graphic are the logos for FEMA, U.S. Fire Administration, and the Fire Department's logo.

Find information to share with your communities here:

[Smoke Alarms \(fema.gov\)](https://www.fema.gov)

For more information on this initiative, or to find outreach materials on the monthly topics, please visit:

[Fire and Life Safety Communicators Initiative \(fema.gov\)](https://www.fema.gov)

[2023 Fatal Fire Statistics:](#)




In 2023, there were 10 total fatal fires and eleven victims. Two thirds of victims were male (64%). Most fatal fires started at night or in the early hours of the morning, and half occurred on a Thursday or Friday. Nearly three quarters occurred from January to April (70%) and a third started in the kitchen (37%). Working smoke alarms could only be verified in 3 of the 8 fatal home fires, and 3 of the 8 victims attempted to fight the fire. Nearly three quarters of victims were 65+.

In comparison to 2022, several similarities were noted. In both years, a third of fatal fires occurred on Thursday. A majority of victims were over the age of 65. Most fatal fires took place after 6:00PM and before 7:00AM. More than two thirds of the time, working smoke alarms were missing or couldn't be verified.

NEW HAMPSHIRE FATAL FIRE STATISTICS

2023



10 TOTAL FIRES

  8 Homes
 2 Vehicles

FATALITIES

 **11**

GENDER

64% MALE  36% FEMALE 

AREA OF ORIGIN

37% Kitchen 

AGES OF THE 11 VICTIMS*

under 18: 0
 18-40: 2
 41-64: 1
 65+: 8

VICTIMS ATTEMPTED TO FIGHT THE FIRE

3 out of 8 

GET OUT! STAY OUT!

ALARM STATUS IN THE HOME 

3 out of the 8 homes had working smoke alarms**



CAUSE OF DEATH

8 Smoke Inhalation out of the 11 total Victims

WORKING SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE (CO) ALARMS SAVE LIVES!



Install one on every level, in every bedroom, and one outside sleeping areas.
 Replace the unit every ten years.
 Test smoke alarms every month.

SEASONS

70% January - April

 
 winter & spring

DAYS OF THE WEEK

30% on Thursday
 with 50% between both Thursday & Friday

FIRE IS FAST!
 YOU HAVE LESS THAN 3 MINUTES TO ESCAPE!

TIME OF DAY

6 AM - 6 PM  30% 6 PM - 6 AM  70%

70% happen in the evening & early hours of the morning

*Nine of the eleven victims were a result of unintentional fires. **Number and location may have been inadequate.

FIRE IS FAST! PLAN AHEAD TO SAVE LIVES!



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Training Opportunities:

Upcoming SFMO Led Classes:

Application of the NH State Fire Code: A Scenario-Based Training

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

6:00PM-9:00PM

Jaffrey Fire Department

This session is designed to assist the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) or his designee with the application of the state fire code to frequently asked questions and common violations encountered in the enforcement of NFPA 1 and NFPA 101. This class will include scenario-based instruction and allow participants to use their knowledge, and that of their peers, to discuss how they would approach certain situations.

Registration Link: <https://forms.office.com/g/BSXjQRb7mK>

Heating and Fuel Gas Appliance Inspections

Wednesday, April 3, 2024

6:00PM-9:00PM

Jaffrey Fire Department

A review of the State Fire Code relative to NFPA 54: National Fuel Gas Code, NFPA 58: Liquefied Petroleum Gas Code, and NFPA 31: Standard for the Installation of Oil-Burning Equipment. This session will give the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) or his designee a better understating of how to navigate these codes and standards.

Registration Link: <https://forms.office.com/g/BSXjQRb7mK>

Heating and Fuel Gas Appliance Inspections

Thursday, May 16, 2024

6:00PM-9:00PM

Wilton Fire Department

A review of the State Fire Code relative to NFPA 54: National Fuel Gas Code, NFPA 58: Liquefied Petroleum Gas Code, and NFPA 31: Standard for the Installation of Oil-Burning Equipment. This session will give the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) or his designee a better understating of how to navigate these codes and standards.

Registration Link: <https://forms.office.com/g/BSXjQRb7mK>

Additional locations and offerings will be announced soon.

Please reach out to Deputy Stacey Dubois at stacey.l.dubois@dos.nh.gov if you are interested in hosting one of these sessions, a past or future session, or would like to suggest a future training topic.

Fire Standards/Training/EMS – (Director Cutting) **ADMINISTRATION**

Personnel

- Two conditional offers have been made for the upcoming vacancies due to retirement for full-time EMS Captain's.
- The open Fire Service Instructor Supervisor position in the Bureau of Certification and Support remains open.
- We have one vacancy for Program Specialist III (Education Technologist) of the Educational Technology section.
- A candidate has been selected for the Program Assistant I position who will begin with us in March.
- We continue to advertise for our three new full-time Fire Training Instructors. One conditional offer has been made to a candidate. Additional applications are under evaluation and we expected to begin the next phase of the process in March.
- A conditional offer has been made for our part-time Compliance Specialist position.
- A conditional offer has been made for our part-time EMS Vehicle Inspector Coordinator position.
- Our part-time Program Coordinator position for Fire Officer is open and we are seeking applicants.
- Our part-time Program Coordinator position for CPAT is open and we are seeking candidates.

Grants

- We have submitted an application for the 2023 AFG program for over \$500k for new and updated equipment to support training programs.
- The Raymond S. Burton Fire and EMS Training Facility infrastructure project continues to move forward. The contract with the selected vendor is being completed with construction on phase I expected this Spring/Summer.
 - In February the Governor and Executive Council approved additional funding (\$3.2m) needed to complete phase II of this project.
- The Department of Health and Human Services Covid Disparities Funding program funds (over \$400K) from will allow us to expand Image Trend to add Continuum, additional IFT, MIH and simulation training and staff support.
 - The Governor and Executive Council approved this in February.
- The NH EMT Training Program remains active with grant funding for training new and existing EMS providers. Contact our Division or NH Employment Security for details and question.
- The *Law Enforcement Officers, Professional Firefighters and Emergency Medical Technicians Career Development, Recruitment and Retention Program* committee established in New

Hampshire RSA 188-F:70 announced the new program on December 18th. Details can be found on our website under the Recruitment and Retention link from the homepage.

Special Projects

- We are near completion on the Division strategic plan for FY 25-27.
- We are working on our website transition and improvements with NH DoIT. A staff lead has been identified and has begun work on this transition.
- Wi-Fi improvements to better support students and guests at our Concord campus in the Administration building, Dormitory, Fire Station and ARFF classroom have been completed.
- We are partnering with the International Society of Fire Instructors to bring their *Water Mapping* program to the Fire Academy. Part of this project will be constructing the prop, offering a train-the-trainer program and then a student offering of the class this July.
- We are working with our DOS partners to acquire fifty portable radios to be used in our programs. They will also be updating the frequencies in existing radios.

Facilities

- We are working to have an inspection done of the “A” building.
- We have begun updates to the entrance and main floor area of the Richard Flynn Fire Academy building.

Legislative/Administrative Rules

- The Fire Standards and Training Commission amended Fire rules relative to the Recruitment and Retention report and its recommendations are working through the internal legal process in preparation for submission to the Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules (JLCAR) which will include public input.
- The Educational Training Agency ruleset (Saf-C 5900 EMS) continues to be facilitated through the JLCAR process.
- The proposed Trauma Rules are working through the internal legal process.
- We have opened the sixty (60) day public comment period on the proposed State of New Hampshire Patient Care Protocols Version 9.0. Comments can be submitted to justin.s.romanello@dos.nh.gov until March 19, 2024.
 - Additionally, the Division held two public hearings.
 - Links to document: [State of New Hampshire Patient Care Protocols 9.0 – Public Comment](#)
- We are currently tracking fourteen Bills for the upcoming legislative session. A few of those include:
 - HB 1057 Relative to Provisional Licenses for New Applicants for State EMS Licensure
 - HB 1081 Relative to Insurance Payments to Ambulance Providers
 - HB 1328 Relative to Public Safety Providers Defined as Essential Services

- HB 1330 Relative Establishing an Emergency Medical Services Disciplinary Review Panel, and Relative to Procedures for Removal of Records of Discipline
- HB 1352 Relative to Firefighting Personal Protective Equipment
- HB 1568 Relative to Direct Pay for Ambulance Services
- SB 353 Establishing an Early Detection Cancer Screening Pilot Program for Active and Retired Firefighters
- SB 407 Relative to Direct Pay for Ambulance Services
- SB 409 Relative to Reimbursement for Ambulance Services Under the State Medicaid Plan

Outreach

- We are continuing our Leadership Roundtables with the Commissioner, Fire Marshal's Office, HSEM and Emergency Services and Communications with regional Fire Chief's and EMD's.
 - We are planning outreach meetings at Souhegan Mutual Aid this summer and in the north country in April.

Mental Health & Resiliency

- We continue our work in partnership with the Police Academy to develop a more comprehensive program for PTSD training utilizing experts from this field in development of the curriculum and delivery. The Governor and Executive Council approved the funding this month.
 - We have a project team initial meeting scheduled in March.

Fire Standards and Training Commission

- The next Fire Standards and Training Commission meeting will be May 2nd at 0930 in Classrooms 5/6 in the dormitory building at the main campus.
- The NH Fire Standards and Training Commission (FSTC) is seeking volunteers for a curriculum development Visiting Committee for the new NFPA 1030 Fire Inspector (previously Fire Inspector II) and First Responder Inspector (previously Fire Inspector I) standards. Members of the Visiting Committee (VC) will be responsible for determining what students should know and be able to do, what the structure of the courses should look like, and how student skill and understanding should be measured.
 - Volunteers selected for the VC are considered subject-matter experts and will guide the Division in creating the curriculum and instructional materials. The VC will meet about once per month for several hours to review work done by Division curriculum developers and instructional designers. This process will finish when the curriculum is ready to be presented to the FSTC for approval and public comment.

- If you are interested in helping to define what the next generation of Fire Inspectors in New Hampshire know and do, you can submit your application to join the visiting committee.
 - o Application form: <https://nhfa-ems.com/visiting-committee-membership-request-form/> (approx. 3 minutes to complete)
- NFPA 1030 Standard for Professional Qualifications for Fire Prevention Program Positions (2024) <https://www.nfpa.org/1030>
- Fire Department Notification of Employment (Fire 601.01)
 - All full-time hires, to include lateral transfers, are required to have a Form A submitted within 15 days of employment. The form can be located at: <https://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/fstems/documents/forma2017updated.pdf>
- Requests, Determination and Duration of Waivers (Fire 704)
 - These rules outline the procedure for request a waiver of training standards for full-time career fire service personnel, how the determination is made to grant or deny a waiver, and the duration of a waiver if granted, which is only valid while the employee granted a waiver is employed in that position.

Curriculum

- Hazardous Materials (NFPA 470) Visiting Committee is working on the Operations level curriculum.
- Rope Rescue (NFPA 1006) test bank validation is underway. This is the final step before Pro Board accreditation.
- Investigator (NFPA 1033) test bank validation is set to begin within the month.
- Fire Officer I and II (NFPA 1021) programs are being reviewed to improve the delivery and student experience.
- The new electronic testing software was used for the first time this month. We will expand testing to all of our programs over the remainder of 2024.

BUREAU OF FIRE TRAINING

Courses/Programs

- Firefighter I
 - LRCC Spring Class – began on December 6th (FF I & II)
 - Spofford – January 16th
 - Burton campus (FF I & II) – January 17th
 - Epping – Epping January 27th
 - Spring Recruit School – March 6th
 - Sunapee – August 13th (FF I & II)
 - Madison – August 12th
 - LRCC Fall class – August 26th (FF I & II)

- Fall Recruit School – dates being finalized
- Firefighter II
 - Concord campus September 8th
- Technical Rescue
 - Ice Rescue Technician – Tuftonboro March 16th
 - Ice Rescue Technician – held in Center Harbor February 24th
 - Trench Rescue – Concord campus May 11th
 - Trench Rescue – Concord Campus July 8th
 - Confined Space Rescue Technician – Concord campus June 1st
 - Confined Space Rescue Technician – Concord campus July 15th
 - Swiftwater Rescue I – Goffstown June 4th
- Driver Operator
 - Driver/Operator – All Vehicles
 - Driver Operator – Aerial Apparatus
- Hazardous Materials
 - We are partnering with the International Association of Firefighters to host a Pro Board Hazardous Materials Technician program at the Concord campus from April 15th – April 26th, application for this program opened January 4th.
 - We have applied for a second offering to be held here later this fall.
- IAFF Fireground Survival
- Airport Rescue Firefighting
 - Airport Firefighter – Concord Campus May 6th
- Prop Usage
 - The forcible entry prop was utilized by Concord and Plymouth FD's.
- “On My Time” Program
 - To date, 1,265 students have completed individual online modules.
- Special Programs
 - The Pipeline Emergency 3rd Edition Train-the-Trainer program will be held at the Concord campus May 14th. This will enable departments to deliver the training within their departments and mutual aid associations.
- Electric Vehicle Resources
 - We are partnering with the states of Maine and Vermont on a federal grant for funding EV training throughout all three states. The combined initial concept paper has been developed and if accepted, the grant application will be completed this spring.
 - NFPA:
 - [Alternative Fuel Vehicles Training program for Emergency Responders Online Training](#)
 - Fire Safety Research Institute (FSRI) programs:
 - [Know the Hazards Generated by Electric Vehicle Battery Fires](#)

- [\(fsri.org\)](https://www.fsri.org)
 - [Uncover the Impact of Lithium-Ion batteries on Fire \(fsri.org\)](https://www.fsri.org)
 - [Examine the fire safety hazards of Lithium-Ion Batteries \(fsri.org\)](https://www.fsri.org)
 - [On Line Course: Fire Service Considerations with Lithium-Ion Battery ESS](https://www.fsri.org)
 - [On line course: Science of Fire and Explosion Hazards from Lithium-Ion Batteries](https://www.fsri.org)
- Ongoing maintenance and repairs are being done in the “J” building, on drill yard hydrants and roof props. Work has also begun on the construction of a prototype metal doll house for our fire behavior classes.
- The original Engine 1 has been retired in anticipation of receiving the new Engine this month.
- We are continue to implement our own utilization of NHESR to enter and manage our equipment inventory.
- The Campton Fire Department donated numerous nozzles, ground monitors, hooks, tools, a 35’ Ground Ladder, Attic Ladder, and 16’ Roof Ladder to be used at the Burton Facility.
- We are working on obtaining a contract for repairs and ongoing preventative maintenance of the ARFF site fuel delivery system.
- All of the curricula for programs may be found at <https://nhfa-ems.com/curricula/>.
- For all current course listings, you can go to <https://nhfa-ems.com/scheduled-courses/>

Apparatus/Equipment

- The new ARFF truck is in production at E-One in Ocala, Fl. and is expected in summer of 2024.
- The new Engine is expected to be delivered in the next month. This Engine will replace the original 1997 Engine 1.

BUREAU OF CERTIFICATION AND SUPPORT

Courses/Programs

- Instructor I/II/III Programs
 - Instructor I – Concord campus February 27th
 - Instructor I – Keene April 6th
 - Instructor I – Concord campus May 14th
 - Instructor I – Rye September 11th
 - Instructor I – Concord campus October 15th
 - Instructor II - Virtual February 20th
 - Instructor II – Virtual October 21st
 - Instructor III – Virtual March 4th

- Instructor Professional Development
 - UDL Workshop: Planning Lessons for Engagement – Concord campus March 14th and March 19th
 - Engaging the Affective Domain – Concord campus May 9th and Virtual May 14th
 - Meaningful Measurements: Test Item Writing – Concord campus July 11th and Virtual July 16th
 - Measure the Measurement: Test Item Evaluation – Concord campus September 19th and Virtual September 24th
 - Designing Simulation Based Education – Concord campus November 14th and Virtual November 19th
- Fire Officer I/II Programs
 - Fire Officer I – Concord campus September 3rd
 - Fire Officer I – Concord campus December 4th
 - Fire Officer II – Virtual October 15th
- Fire Inspector Programs
 - Fire Inspector I – Concord campus September 12th
 - Fire Inspector II – Manchester March 28th
- Fire Investigator - Concord campus August 22nd
- Warrants and Citations – Concord campus November 13th
- National Fire Academy
 - New Fire Chief: Challenging Issues – April 6th (cancelled due to low enrollment)
 - National Fire Academy Three State Weekend June 22 & 23rd
 - Command and Control of Incident Operations – Concord campus – June 12th
 - Incident Safety Officer – Concord campus June 15-16
 - Shaping the Future – Concord campus June 15th
- Your Workplace has Changed: Fire Dynamics for Structural Firefighting
 - Concord campus – March 26th (additional seats have been added)
- For all current course listings, you can go to <https://nhfa-ems.com/scheduled-courses/>

Recruitment and Retention

- Upcoming Recruitment and Retention events:
 - Outside Funding for Fire and EMS Training – Virtual March 12th
 - How and Where to Begin a Firefighter Live-In Program – LRCC March 20th
 - Get the Scoop on Work Invest NH EMT Incentive Program – Virtual April 10th
 - CPAT Introduction & Practice – Laconia April 21st
 - Extended Learning Opportunities Networking – Concord campus May 14th
 - How to Stand Out in an Oral Board: Helping Candidates Succeed – Concord campus May 23rd
- We are partnering with the International Association of Fire Chief's to host a two-day course called *Developing Inclusive Teams Workshop* April 13-14 at the Concord campus.

- This workshop equips members of the fire service with knowledge and skills to support diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) in the workforce. The course is interactive, placing the participant in thought-provoking situations through role play, group and individual exercises, and class discussion. It includes several scenarios that are constructed to mimic real world situations, allowing participants to simulate how they would handle issues effectively as they emerge in the real world.
- Registration can be completed at <https://www.iafc.org/events/event/2024/04/13/default-calendar/developing-inclusive-teams-workshop-concord>
- The January edition of the Recruitment and Retention Newsletter is available at <https://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/fstems/RecruitmentandRetention.html>

Education Technology

- Work is being done to develop content for the new protocol rollout later this quarter in addition to updated Scope of Practice programs. Updates to the Hazardous Materials programs, EMS documentation course, and NH Trauma System Review course continue. We are also supporting ongoing programs within Moodle.

Instructors

- We are developing a program of professional development for Instructors.
- We are working to develop a comprehensive on-boarding and preceptor program for all new instructors to better integrate them into the Division ensuring their success and improving the overall student experience.
- We have created a monthly Instructor Newsletter to improve overall communications and ensure they are kept up to date with information and news directly related to their positions. The second installment was shared this month.
- The Division is always looking for highly motivated team members to become instructors. If you are interested in becoming an instructor, please contact Assistant Director Jeffrey Phillips at Jeffrey.r.phillips@dos.nh.gov or 603-223-4213

CPAT

- There are (6) CPAT dates in 2024. We have restructured the schedule of these exams to better span the entire year to make this test more aligned with department hiring needs. Remaining 2024 exams are:
 - April 22nd at Laconia Ice Rink (retest April 23rd)
 - June 10th at Laconia Ice Rink (retest June 11th)
 - August 12th at NHFA (retest August 13th)
 - October 21st at NHFA (retest October 22nd)

- November 18th at NHFA (retest November 19th)
- 2024 CPAT
 - Department member assistance is needed for CPAT on testing days. Please confirm available personnel to assist with Bureau Chief Scott Doherty prior to the test date to assist in planning.

Testing

- Monthly Testing was completed this month (in addition to end of course testing for each program):

BUREAU OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Boards and Commissions

- The NH Medical Control Board meeting will meet at 0930 on March 21st in classrooms 5 & 6 in the dormitory building.
- The NH Emergency Medical and Trauma Services Coordinating Board meeting will meet on March 21st at 1300 and January 18th at 1300 in classrooms 5 & 6 in the dormitory building.
- The NH Trauma Medical Review Committee (TMRC) will meet at 0930 on April 17th.
- The Privacy Committee will meet April 24th at 1300.

Operations

- The EMS Simulation Training Program is active with ongoing open enrollment courses in 2024.

Courses/Programs

- Emergency Medical Responder (EMR)
 - The Spring class begins March 30th in Bethlehem, Peterborough and Concord.
 - The Summer class begins June 1st in Concord, Lempster and Tuftonboro.
 - The Fall class begins September 21st in Keene, Bartlett and Concord.
- EMS Continuing Education and Simulation Education
 - Endocrine Emergencies – Burton campus February 21st and April 17th and Concord campus March 13th
 - Fundamental Critical Care Support – Concord campus March 11th, Keene March 18th, Bethlehem April 8th,
 - Investigative Pharmacology – Concord campus March 6th and Virtual March 21st
 - Rules, Laws and Investigations in EMS: Compliance Section – Virtual March 13th
 - Recognizing and Reporting Elder Abuse for First Responders – Concord campus April 3rd and Virtual April 18th

- EMS Grand Rounds: Respiratory Emergencies – Concord campus – April 3rd
 - Unpacking the EMS Education Standards – Concord campus April 11th and Virtual April 16th
 - Pediatric Fundamental Critical Care – Concord campus April 15th, Keene May 6th
 - Fundamental Critical Care Support: Obstetrics – Concord campus May 20th
 - Asthma Care for EMS – Concord campus May 1st and Virtually May 16th
 - Cardiology Adult Cardiac Arrest – Concord campus May 15th and Burton campus June 12th
 - Creepy Crawlies & Things With Wings – Concord campus June 5th and Virtual June 20th
 - Medical Neurological Emergencies – Concord campus July 17th and Bethlehem campus August 14th
 - Cardiology Pediatric Cardiac Arrest – Concord campus September 18th and Bethlehem campus October 16th
 - Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) – Bethlehem campus September 21st
 - EMS Grand Rounds: Altered Mental Status – Concord campus October 3rd
 - Obstetrics Child Birth – Concord campus November 13th and Bethlehem December 11th
 - For all current course listings, you can go to <https://nhfa-ems.com/scheduled-courses/>
- EMS in the Warm Zone Awareness, Operations and Rescue Task Force Concepts
- Bethlehem campus – April 17th
 - The Awareness and Operations courses are available free to students on our online training platform. The RTF Concepts class is a half-day in-person training that is also available. Grant funding opportunities are available for those that have not done so already.
 - If anyone is looking for this program, please contact Shawn Croteau at Shawn.A.Croteau@DOS.NH.GOV

Clinical Systems

- Work continues on EMS Protocols Ver. 9.0 with a projected release in the second quarter of 2024.
- We are working with the Trauma Medical Review Committee on the ACS Migration Plan for Trauma Hospital designations.
- We continue our outreach and support to agencies for inter-facility transfers and mobile integrated health programs.

Data Management

- NFIRS/Respond NH

- If you would like to start using the New Hampshire Emergency Services Reporting System (NHESR), please fill out the form available at <https://nhfa-ems.com/nhesronboard/>.
- Fire User Group meetings occur remotely on the second Wednesday at 1300 hours each month. Contact Joseph Cartier for the link.
- EMS User Group meetings occur remotely on the fourth Wednesday at 0930 hours each month.
- 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.

➤ RespondNH

- The Division continues to expand the capabilities of the RespondNH system. As we are able to utilize this system and analyze more data it is important to have department roster information updated and current. Each department has the full capability to manage their own roster by adding new staff and removing those that may have left. Departments are able to do this at any time. For State level reporting information please fill out your roster information to include their status (career, call, or volunteer) as well as the duties they provide such as EMS care and/or fire suppression.

➤ New Hampshire Emergency Services Reporting (NHESR)

- The New Hampshire Emergency Services Reporting (NHESR) system will be updated to the NEMESIS 3.5 standard beginning on February 27th, 2024, and being fully transitioned for all services on April 1st, 2024. Services can choose to switch over as early as 2/27, and at their own pace until April 1st, when all services not already transitioned will be changed to the 3.5 standard.
 - For more on this update, the changes, impact and informational sessions go to:
 - https://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/fstems/documents/NHESR_NEMESIS_35.pdf
 - To request a transition date or for questions or comments, email nhesr@dos.nh.gov.
- 19,480 EMS incidents were entered into the system for February.

Compliance

- There are currently over 38 active investigations and ongoing cases.

Preparedness and Special Projects

- Outreach continues on both AED and CPR programs.

Professional Development Committee _ (Director Cutting)

Fire Standards and Training Commission – (Chiefs Clark/DeAngelis) – No report

NH Emergency Medical and Trauma Services Coord. Board – (Dep. Chief Paquette) – No report

National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) – (Chief Corey) – No report

EMS Trauma Medical Review Committee (Dep. Chief Clough) –

- Meeting opened at 0930
- **Welcome/Membership**
- **Approval of the minutes**
- Vote: A motion was made Marcotte/Sweeney to approve the December 20, 2023 minutes. All in favor. None opposed.
- **BUREAU REPORTS – Chief Romanello**
 - Protocols 9.0 – Protocols are in public comment period with minor revisions being fixed. Rollout expected beginning of April.
 - NEMSIS 3.5 update and rollout is ongoing through the end of the month. There are changes to NHESR (aka TEMSIS) that will look different to users as well as updates to reports that are run through Image Trend. All info related to changes, etc. is on the NHESR login page.

- **SUBCOMMITTEE & TOPIC REPORTS**

Item 1: Trauma Registry Sub-committee-Walter Trachim

- 2024 Data Dictionary was completed, reviewed and approved. This can be requested by emailing the State if you are interested in reading it.
- Statewide Trauma Plan was sent out to stakeholders for review. Final vote on Trauma Plan will be on 4/17. Let me know if you would like to see a copy of it.

Item 2. Education Subcommittee- Vacant

- Nothing to report.

Item 3. Pre-Hospital Subcommittee- Joel Coelho

- Nothing to report.

Item 4. Coordinating Board Report- Craig Clough

- Protocols approved. Rollout coming.

Item 5. Medical Control Board Report- Tom Trimarco

- Same as above.

Item 6. Injury Prevention Report- Jim Esdon

- Nothing to report.

Item 7. Rehabilitation Report- Matthew Petrin

- Nothing to report.

Item 8. Medical Examiner Report- Vacant

- Nothing to report. Looking for new member to committee from their office.

Item 9. Hospital Designation Subcommittee- Walter Trachim

- No meeting was held.

Homeland Security and Emergency Management – (Director Buxton) –

Updates on Division Priorities:

- Hiring opportunities part-time and full-time.
- HSEM has implemented the following programs in January 2024
 - Stakeholder Liaison Program
 - Critical Operations Resiliency Exercises (CORE) training programs
- Seabrook Exercise Cycle
 - Graded Full Scale Exercise is April 3rd.
 - i. Thank you to all communities that participated.
 - HSEM sent a letter to Nuclear Regulatory Commission regarding proposed licensing changes.
 - i. Staffing levels
 - ii. Response Times
 - iii. Technology
- Public Assistance
 - We continue to work with FEMA on existing Disaster Relief effort.
 - State of New Hampshire was granted a Disaster Declaration for the December Flooding.
 - Damage assessments are underway for the January flooding.
 - Over the last month we have obligated approximately (\$8,566,003).
 - i. Currently we have 88 COVID-19 project still in process (\$309,568,980/433 projects).
- EMPG
 - We continue to update and process project applications.
 - The team continues to identify and implement process improvement to reduce the amount of time from application to award.
- Homeland Security Grant

- Competitive Grants Applications have been scored and Committee voted to recommend 9 projects to the Commissioner of Safety (\$1,405,178.00).
- Reminder that final funding allocation will not be sent to the State until March 2024, with project funding coming in September/October timeframe.

Federal Government:

- FEMA Region 1/HSEM is meeting regarding a Mitigation reset on Friday, March 15, 2024.
- FEMA PDA Subcommittee has started to meet working to improve the damage assessment process.

Other Items of Importance:

- Internally we have started to plan for the following upcoming events:
 - Border
 - Solar Eclipse
 - NASCAR
 - Presidential Election
- COVID 19 AAR is underway.
- Monthly EMD call will be held on March 28, 2024, at 12:00.

Commission to study the Incidence of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder in First Responders – (Chief Watkins) – No report

Forests and Lands – (Chief Sherman) – No report

Board of Fire Control – (Chiefs Hunter/Clark) – No report

Building Code Review Board – (Marshal Lennon/Chief Conley) – No report

Manufactured Housing Installation Standards Board: (Chief Blanchette) – No report

Division of Emergency Services and Communications – (Director Doyle)

- Laconia Facility Update: Design concept is being finalized, space needs study is complete, process continues to move qquickly. Estimates for building/constrcution costs should be coming shortly;
- Genasys Emergency notification platform is up and running, CodeRed is transitioning out. If you are interested in becoming a POC for your community to use the ENS for local messaging, please let me know. The statewide ENS system is offerred to local communities at no cost;

- The quarterly 911 Commission meeting is scheduled for tomorrow, March 15th at 1100 at the Fire Academy;
- Eclipse planning is underway – the SWIC is coordinating with local entities in Pittsburg and surrounding communities to establish interoperable comms for the event and the final organizational meeting is 3/20 at Pittsburg Fire – questions should be directed to the SWIC (nhswic@dos.nh.gov);
- Social Media:

The Division of Emergency Services and Communications utilized its platforms (Facebook, X, and Instagram) to spread cardiac-related message for Heart Month, continued our #TuesdayTip series, which serves as an educational touchpoint with members of our New Hampshire communities, and showcased the numerous career fairs and community events our public outreach team attended. We also provided reminders on topics like ice safety and celebrated the 56th birthday of the national 3-digit dial emergency number, 911. In addition, we recognized Division-wide employee achievements and put out special messaging to announce some personnel changes: Tim Scott, our former IT Manager has been promoted to Assistant Director, and Chris Boivin, one of cartographers, has moved on to a different state agency after starting with DESC in the 1990s!



- Strategic Plan for the Division is complete and being compiled in final form;

- Legislation front: I will be representing the Division on the study Commission on Behavioral Health Crisis Services (RSA 135-C:68) for their organizational meeting on March 25 at the State House.
- Attended the quarterly School Safety Task Force meeting held by HSEM to brief the Governor on progress;
- The quarterly meeting of the SIEC took place on Feb. 16th at the Fire Academy;
- NASCAR Planning has begun, kick-off meeting yesterday with HSEM and stakeholders;
- NHEDA Conference / Awards Banquet announcement for April 15-16 in Bartlett;
- Following up on the Amber Alert issue with the Telecomms and Broadcasters. Contacted FEMA and the FCC. Will be collecting the data and briefing out to the SECC;
- AT&T outage was monitored, service to FirstNet customers was restored relatively early on - we received no reports of callers not being able to reach 911;
- Annual Homeland Grant Review Committee meeting held this morning;
- KPI's (YTD through February 2024):
 - 99.72% of all calls answered w/i 15 seconds (exceeding NENA standard of 90% w/i 15 seconds)
 - Avg. Police/fire Transfer time = 51.60 seconds (exceeding NFPA Std. of 60 Sec.)
 - Avg. EMD Transfer time = 120.40 seconds – stable relative to last year.
 - Running @ 20% below last year's call volume
 - 388 Transfers to 988 / RRAP (since July 2022 - reflects @ 12.5% drop compared to last year's YTD);
- Any questions, comments, concerns, please reach out...

E 911 Commission – (Chief Thomas) – No report

NH Drug Overdose Commission – (Chief Thomas) – No report

NH Information Analysis Center – (James Heinz-liaison) –

- They are receiving information on election interference issues.
- They also have received information on drone issues and cybersecurity issues.

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

NED-IAFC Conf/Expo

The annual Conf Expo is scheduled for October 16th – 18th, 2024 at Mohegan Sun in Uncasville, CT. Currently scheduling Professional Development, expo spaces, program layout and most importantly working on a new registration format.

IAFC 2nd VP Candidates

As most of you I am sure are aware that there is now 2 candidates for the office of 2nd Vice President for the IAFC.

We have our own, Chief Steve Locke and Chief Dan Munsey from San Bernardino California.

Chief Munsey is well known in IAFC Technology area, so we as a division are really going to have to push our states to get the vote out and support Steve in word and financial help if possible.

It would be amazing to have an IAFC President in 2 years from the State of Vermont.

Membership

To be eligible to vote, you must be a member of the IAFC NEW England Division. Which would include up to date happenings, contacts, professional development etc. Get involve, please join.

Old Business -

New Business – Chief Thomas presented a motion for the next haz mat training program. It reads: *“Move that the New Hampshire Association of Fire Chiefs accept the Terms of the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant as presented in the amount of \$23500.00 for Hazmat Training. The NHAFC acknowledges the total cost of \$29375.00 in which the NHAFC is responsible for \$5875.00 a 20% match. Also to authorize President David Emanuel, Treasurer Stephen Carrier, and BOD Member Henry Thomas Jr to sign all documents concerning the Grant.”*

MOTION: (Thomas/Hunter) to accept, carried unanimously.

Good and Welfare –

Raffle – The raffle collected a total of \$220.00. \$110.00 was given for prizes Counted by Chiefs Hunter and Chamberlain.

The meeting was adjourned at 1959 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,
Chief Brent T. Lemire, ret.
Executive Director, NHAFC

March 14, 2024