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Minutes of a Meeting of the NH Association of Fire Chiefs

Thursday, July 14, 2022 – Atlantic Grill, Rye, NH

The meeting was called to order at 1836 hours by Chief Beattie.

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

Chief Mark Cotreau of Rye and Asst. Chief William McQuillen jointly welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Introduction of members.

Special Guests: NH Senator Sue Prentiss and Commissioner Robert Quinn. Senator Prentiss thanked everyone for allowing her to attend and say hi to everyone. She touched on her experience at the EMS Bureau at the Fire Academy and also spoke of important issues relating to the fire service.

Commissioner Quinn also thanked everyone for the invitation and shared information about: 1. The accidental alarm at Seabrook Station and the efforts of the fire service personnel to reassure the public. 2. The 2 vacancies at HSEM. Interviews are being held currently so that they can be filled expeditiously. 3. The line of duty death process and the fact that the Fire Marshal's office is doing a great job digesting the information. 4. Post-Uvalde shooting, he wants to ensure that the state is prepared properly. He will be looking at all of the plans and how to we get to a better place. He explained the changes that have been made so far.

Minutes of the June 9 meeting have been posted. A MOTION (Sitar/Best) to accept carried unanimously.

Financial Reports: May and June reports have been received and posted. A MOTION (Best/Emanuel) to accept them carried unanimously.

Communications: n/a

Applications for membership: Asst. Chief Craig Clough of Loudon; Chief Tyler Driscoll of Center Harbor and Dep. NH State Fire Marshal Stacey Dubois were accepted as new members.

Life Memberships: Chief Brian Rhodes of Nashua has been awarded Life Membership.

President's Report: (Beattie) –

- Director Harper's farewell gathering July 20, 1300, at NHFA
- Policy for contacting and/or responding to other fire departments during times of need continues to need to be discussed
- Non-profit status – working on it.
- I am sitting on the interview panel for replacing Director Harper as NHEM Director
 - 2 days' worth of interviews
 - Interviews conclude Friday
 - Recommendations to Commissioner Quinn upon conclusion
- Chiefs Beattie and Best went to the NH Fallen Troopers Memorial dedication on 6/20
- I attended the North Country Chief's Meeting 6/22 along with Commissioner Quinn, AC Bailey, Director Cutting, and FM Toomey
- I continue to meet with FM Toomey and others reference recovery housing
 - Included in the meetings is the Executive Director of the *New Hampshire* Coalition of Recovery Residences
 - Be on the lookout for upcoming training relative to this, for fire, and code officials
- Recruitment and Retention ad-hoc committee wrapped up late June. Recommendations being finalized for Commissioner Quinn

Executive Director's Report (Lemire) –

- Next board meeting will be Wednesday, August 3. (Litchfield)
- Our Golf Tournament will be held on Monday August 8 at Lochmere in Tilton.
- August meeting will be at the Town and Country Inn in Gorham on the 11th. There will be a golf opportunity and reduced room rates for those wishing to stay.
- We are looking at a breakfast meeting at LRCC on September 8th.

- We will be having a Candidates' Forum at the Institute of Politics on October 13. I am meeting with them this month to finalize.

1st Vice President Report (Best) –

- He served on the first Line of Duty Appeals committee for a case. He described the committee members and found it very interesting.

2nd Vice President Report (Emanuel) –

- Legislature is very quiet at this point but they are monitoring any activities.
- He described the current legislative activities and shared the dates for filing and submission of bills. 8 of the 24 Senators are not seeking re-election.
- Qualified immunity is coming back again this session.
- He thanked IAFC members who voted so that he could serve on the Health and Safety Committee.

Sgt. At Arms (Watkins) – No report

Committee Reports

Scholarship Committee – (Dep. Toomey) – There has been one application submitted and it will be reviewed this month.

Recruitment and Retention Committee – (Chief Beattie) – (above)

Division Reports

Fire Marshal – (District Chief Shana Clark)

ADMINISTRATION:

Personnel:

We currently have 8 full-time vacancies and 3 part-time vacancies. The following openings are those that we are actively recruiting for at this time:

- Full-time Fire Investigator
- Full-time State Building Inspector
- Full-time Hazmat Coordinator
- Part-time Education & Outreach Specialist
- Part time State Building Inspector
- Part-time Building Code Review Board Administrative Secretary

Investigator Anthony Harvey resigned his position as a Fire Investigator to pursue a civilian career in software engineering. We wish him well.

Brynn Dunne will be joining our team as a Fire Investigator on July 15th. Once she has completed her field training time she will be assigned the Seacoast area.

Investigator Steve Dennis completed the Firefighter I program.

School Safety:

The Fire Marshal's Office is working with several partners on school safety practices. We are also reviewing and updating school safety documents. Many school safety resources are available on the following website:

[NH School Safety Resources](https://schoolsafetyresources.nh.gov/) <https://schoolsafetyresources.nh.gov/>

Legislation:

HB 1681	Relative to the State Building & Fire Code Signed by the Governor, effective July 1, 2022
SB 223	Relative to Requirements for Recovery Houses Signed by the Governor, effective July 19, 2022
SB 398	Relative to Building Code and Fire Code Enforcement Signed by the Governor, effective June 17, 2022
SB 443	Relative to Municipal Authority Regarding the State Building Code Signed by the Governor, effective January 1, 2023

Governor Sununu signed HB 1681 into law on July 1, 2022 which updates the state building and fire codes. This bill is effective immediately. There is a six month grace period for building permits to allow projects in queue to follow the 2015 or 2018 code.

This means the State Fire Code as defined in RSA 153 will be the 2018 editions of NFPA 1 and NFPA 101 with amendments. The amendments are reflected in Saf-FMO 300.

Our office is working to get updated information on our website and we are working to develop and deliver some code update classes throughout the state.

BUREAU OF INVESTIGATIONS:

We continue to investigate six open arson cases from previous months in 2022. We added four new arson cases in June, making a total of ten active arson or suspected arson investigations. In addition to arson we are investigating the related crimes of insurance fraud and criminal threatening.

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

- On June 5, 2022, one of our Ignitable Liquid Detection (IGL) K9 teams responded to 27 Glen Avenue in Berlin to assist with what appeared to be a possible arson. A fire occurred in a kitchen and the owner reported the doors were open and should have been closed. At this time there is insufficient evidence to determine if the fire

- was set or accidental. Investigation is ongoing.
- On June 10, 2022, investigators responded to 766 Main Street, Claremont to conduct an origin and cause determination upon request of CFD. There was suspicion of arson. The fire appeared to be from an accidental cause. Investigation is closed.
 - On June 15, 2022, Investigators responded to a vacant house in Northfield with evidence of possible insurance fraud. Areas in the house appeared to have been staged to look like an electrical fire. Investigation is ongoing.
 - On June 18, 2022, an IGL K9 team responded to 25 Success Street in Berlin for a fire with criminal indicators. A subject with mental health issues had been arrested by BPD. Fire appears to have been caused by the subject, motive is unknown. Investigation is ongoing.
 - On June 20, 2022, Investigators responded to 49 Hackleboro Road in Canterbury for two motor-vehicle fires. They determined that these were set and investigated the incident as arson and criminal threatening. Derrick Poirier, 31, of New Hampton was arrested on June 22, 2022, for these fires. He will be arraigned on July 21, 2022.
 - On June 25, 2022, an Investigator responded to 315 Sawmill Road in Greenfield to assist with a fire investigation that destroyed a sawmill. The cause is undetermined but there are no criminal indicators. Investigation is closed.
 - On June 28, 2022, Investigators and two IGL K9 teams responded to 38 Watson Road in Dover. A fire had occurred at a garage apartment and spread to the house. The tenant of the apartment initially cooperated with the police but then left the scene during the investigation. He was apprehended by Dover PD and charged with crimes unrelated to the fire. He is suspected to have caused the fire. This is an ongoing criminal investigation and charges of arson will be brought forth if evidence supports probable cause.

Fatal Investigations:

No fatal fire, carbon monoxide or building collapse incidents occurred in June.

Ignitable Liquid Detection Canine Teams:

IGL K9 Units responded to four fires in June to search for evidence of ignitable liquids. IGL K9 Units performed K9 demonstrations in Warner, Conway and Ossipee in June.

Public Outreach:

Two new youth firesetter intakes and one youth firesetter assessment occurred in June.

Court Proceedings:

- Derrick Poirier, age 31, of New Hampton was arrested on June 22, 2022, for

arson and criminal threatening, both felonies, relating to the June 20, 2022 motor-vehicle fires in Canterbury. He was released on bail conditions and will be arraigned on July 21, 2022, in Merrimack Superior Court.

- Janet Wong, age 48, of Nashua, failed to appear for a trial on June 20, 2022, in Lebanon District Court for numerous fire code violations spanning several years. A bench warrant was issued for her arrest.

BUREAU OF BUILDING SAFETY & CONSTRUCTION:

State Building Permit System:

We processed 46 building permit applications in the month of June.

Technical Assistance, Educational & Healthcare Reviews:

We initiated 15 educational and 4 healthcare plan reviews, completed 138 inspections and 194 technical consults in the month of June.

Variance Requests:

We processed 10 variance request in the month of June.

BUREAU OF OUTREACH & EDUCATION:

Hazardous Materials:

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

Our Hazardous Materials Coordinator continues to interact with the regional Haz Mat Teams and the Haz Mat Collaborative to offer support and provide updates regarding statewide Haz Mat response. In June, he participated in a Wide Area Air Monitoring exercise at the Manchester-Boston Regional Airport. He also attended the IAFC Haz Mat Conference in Baltimore and First Responder Offensive Training hosted by the Southeast Team.

Efforts have been underway to reinstitute participation in the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) and a kick off meeting was held in June.

Swiftwater Rescue Working Group:

Further discussions and work is ongoing to evaluate the swiftwater problem and funding sources.

Regional Outreach/Chief's Roundtables:

We continue to partner with Director Cutting and staff and the NHAFC to conduct regional outreach/Chief's Roundtables. On June 22, 2022, FMO leadership visited the North Country Training Facility in Bethlehem to meet with the North Country Fire Chiefs. If you are interested in hosting, please reach out to schedule.

Incident Reporting:

Fire departments were asked to submit ALL of last year's NFIRS data (2021) by the end of June. If you have not yet done so, please make it a priority and submit as soon as possible. Our NHFIRS data team is currently working on year-end close out of the national database for 2021. NFIRS reporting is required by RSA:153 and NH Administrative Rule Saf-C 6000. As of April 15th, any outstanding 2021 data is past due.

If you have questions or you are having difficulties, please reach out to the NHFIRS 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. If you are interested in giving a presentation on the program or would like to request one, please email NHESR@dos.nh.gov.

Public Education:

Preparations are underway for our annual 3rd Grade Poster Contest. Stay tuned for more details!

As you may be aware, October 9-15, 2022 will mark 100 years of Fire Prevention Week. This year's theme is "Fire Won't Wait. Plan Your Escape," which draws attention to the fact that fire is faster and deadlier than ever, making the need for planning and practicing fire escape all the more critical. Find helpful information and tools for your department at firepreventionweek.org.





Community Outreach:

On June 4, 2022, members of the FMO participated in the New Hampton Public Safety Day. Our sprinkler trailer was on site for demonstrations and our educational focus for attendees was cooking and kitchen safety with the use of our portable Hazard Kitchen.

On June 26, 2022, members of the FMO participated in the Elliot’s Injury Prevention and Safety Fair held at the NH Sportsplex in Bedford. We provided educational materials, videos and activities for participants. Educational efforts emphasized having working smoke and CO alarms, and preparing and practicing home escape plans.

Community Risk Reduction:

Vision 20/20 will be offering two virtual pilots for a new *CRR for Chief Fire Officers* training course in mid to late July. Please take a look at the learning objectives below to gain a greater understanding of this training. They are looking for 40 Chief Fire Officers to take part in the training and provide short feedback on the content. If you are a CFO and would like to take part in one of these trainings please complete the **form!!** <https://forms.gle/AkdEYuujaRs4xXAe9>
Exact date/time to be determined.

Learning Objectives

- Describe what strategic CRR is and how to apply it across the organization.
- Demonstrate the principles and practices of CRR to advance the fire service of the 21st century.
- Recognize misinformation and myth around CRR.
- Evaluate why the chief fire officers’ role is critical to the success of CRR.
- Addressing the lack of commitment and resources and suggestions on how to overcome.



Training:

We delivered two *Inspection Essentials: Part I* classes in the month of June. The first was on June 9th at the Southwestern NH District Fire Mutual Aid in Keene and the second was on June 23rd at the Jaffrey Fire Department. We also delivered two *Educational & Healthcare Occupancies* classes in the month of June. The first was on June 15th at the North Country Training Facility in Bethlehem and the second was at the Sunapee Fire Department on June 22nd. Also on June 22nd, members delivered a *Fire Investigation for the First Responder* class at the West Ossipee Fire Department. On June 16th, we delivered a session titled *Breaking Down Barriers: Opening Lines of Communication with an AHJ* at the Mongoose Northeastern Generator Conference. On June 24th we delivered a session on *Breaking Down the Barriers Between AHJs and Facility Managers* for the New Hampshire Society of Healthcare Facility Managers.

We will be delivering three training opportunities in the month of July. We have two offerings of *Inspection Essentials Part II*, being held on July 14th at the Southwestern NH District Fire Mutual Aid in Keene from 1800-2030 hours and on July 21st at the Jaffrey Fire Department from 1830-2130 hours. This session is a continuation of Part I, as well as exploring frequently asked questions and common violations encountered in NFPA 101. We will also be offering a Bureau of Investigations case study, *Catching a Serial Arsonist*, on July 21st at the Sunapee Fire Department from 1800-2100 hours. This session discusses the essentials of holding the scene, expert witness testimony, not getting caught by the defense attorney with holes in your case, and how several weaker or less significant cases can accumulate to probable cause for later, larger cases. We also discuss how a joint investigation, with dedicated resources, can benefit your cases and your community. This session is open to both our fire service and law enforcement partners.

If you would like to register for any of these classes, please email stacey.l.dubois@dos.nh.gov. Additional programs are in the works. Please reach out if you are interested in hosting a program or would like to suggest a future training topic.

Fire Standards/Training/EMS – (Director Cutting)

ADMINISTRATION

Personnel

- The part-time MIH Program Coordinator position has been advertised for applicants.
- A conditional offer has been made for IFT Program Coordinator.
- A Program Assistant I position has been advertised for applicants.
- Our Division has an overall vacancy rate of 10%.

Grants

- We continue to work with the architectural firm on the design process for the Raymond S. Burton Fire and EMS Training Facility project.
 - Our estimated timeline to begin construction is the spring of 2023.

Fire Standards and Training Commission / Curriculum

- The next Fire Standards and Training Commission meeting will be September 1st at 0930 in Classrooms 5/6 in the dormitory building at the main campus. The final Commission of 2022 will be November 3rd.
 - The Visiting Committee's for the development of a Fire Officer III & IV program and the Technical Rescue Program – Rope Operations and Technician will begin this month.

Special Projects

- We have completed the realignment and restructuring of the geographical areas that our (field) Fire Captain's cover and communicated those through our email list this week.
- As we finish up the details for the [Spring 2023 semester](#), we would like your input on training programs for our fall 2023 semester. At this time we are seeking requests for training programs that would be scheduled between July 1, 2023 and December 31, 2023. We will be collecting requests for this time period through August 26, 2022. You can submit your request at <https://nhfa-ems.com/training-request/>. If you have any questions please feel free to contact us or your Training Captain.
- We are working with the police academy and other Department of Safety partners on an educational opportunity focused on school safety targeted at school and public safety leaders.
- We are working to finalize the report of the Fire and EMS Recruitment and Retention Workgroup that Commissioner Quinn established. Minutes and other materials can be found at <https://nhfa-ems.com/board-committee-documentation/>.
- We are working with our partners to plan for the annual Firefighter's Memorial that will be held at the main campus on September 24th.
- 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. Final implementation is expected mid-August.

Legislative/Administrative Rules

- SB 357 was signed by Governor Sununu last week. This bill is relative to mental health training for first responders and states no person shall assume their role as fire service personnel, fire service dispatcher or emergency medical services personnel unless such

person has satisfactorily completed mental health training focusing on post-traumatic stress from a program developed and delivered by the division of fire standards and training and emergency medical services. Subsequent to initial training, all fire service, fire service dispatcher, or emergency medical services personnel shall successfully complete annual online training. No current personnel shall be required to attend in person training at the academy. Additionally, mental health training focusing on post-traumatic stress disorder shall be made available annually to all fire service or emergency medical services personnel after their retirement.

- HB 91 was also signed by Governor Sununu last week. This bill is relative death benefits of first responders who die from suicide. This bill includes suicide under the definition of “killed in the line of duty” when considering eligibility for death benefits of first responders, specifically “death by suicide shall be considered a work related cause of death”.

Outreach

- We are continuing our Leadership Roundtables with the Commissioner, Fire Marshal’s Office and regional Fire Chief’s with additional dates being planned.

Mental Health & Resiliency

- Dr. Nicole Sawyer, PsyD, presented her trauma resiliency and wellness program for emergency responders on June 16th at the Concord campus at 0900 and on June 22nd at the Burton Training Facility in Bethlehem at 1800.
- The *2022 Mental Health Leadership Seminar* was held at the NH Fire and EMS Academy on June 8th.
 - The program was full at 160 with an extensive waitlist. The planning group will continue to work on developing additional educational opportunities.
- We continue our work on a project with the International Association of Firefighters to host a two-day Mental Health Clinician Training seminar here at the Fire Academy this fall that will include one day of classroom and one day of practical fire ops on the drill yard. This will be the first delivery of this program in the country.

BUREAU OF FIRE TRAINING

Courses/Programs

- Firefighter I
 - Plaistow, Henniker and Bethlehem classes have all tested.
 - The Jaffrey class begins August 15th.
 - The contracted Bristol Firefighter I class has begun.
 - The Lakes Region Community college Firefighter I and II begins in August.
- Firefighter II
 - The Bethlehem class begins August 22nd.
 - The Plaistow class begins September 6th.

- The Henniker class begins October 13th.
- ARFF
 - Certification and recertification courses are underway.
- Technical Rescue
 - Trench Rescue will begin in Center Ossipee on August 1st and at the Burton facility this fall.
 - Swift water Level I is scheduled to begin in Littleton this fall.
 - Swift water Level II will begin in Conway this fall.
 - Confined Space Technician will be held in Center Ossipee on July 25th and at the Burton facility this fall.
 - Rope Rescue Operations will be held at the main campus in Concord on August 22nd.
- Driver Operator
 - All future Driver Operator All Vehicle programs will include the necessary content for eligibility for CDL licensing.
- Online Training Courses
 - “Fire Mobilization” is a free 1 hour program that supports the NH Federation of Mutual Aid “Fire (& EMS) Mobilization Plan”
 - “Fire Service Communications” is a free 1 hour program.
- The 2022 Recruit School will start beginning in August. All preparations are being completed for their 9.5 week program.
- During this brief period between our spring and fall semester’s staff are completing repairs and performing maintenance on our props and related equipment.
- The IAFF is on our Drill yard providing a Train-the-Trainer for their Fire ground Safety and Survival program. They are also donating a new prop to our cache of obstacles that will be used on both of our Campuses.
- For all current course listings you can go to <https://nhfa-ems.com/events/>

Facilities

- We are working with NH Public Works on getting the design and engineering complete to repair the roadway washout on the south side of the drill yard at the Concord campus.

Apparatus/Equipment

- Progress has started on the new ARFF truck.
- The new Engine bid has been awarded.
- The new aerial is expected this month. We are planning staff training for soon after its arrival.

BUREAU OF CERTIFICATION AND SUPPORT

Courses/Programs

- Instructor I/II/III Programs
 - There will be an Instructor I at the Concord campus beginning on August 23rd and in Portsmouth October 4th.
 - The second Instructor II/III course began June 7th.
- Fire Officer I/II Programs
 - The Fire Officer I class at the Concord campus began June 9th.
 - The Campton class will begin October 27th.
- Fire Inspector Programs
 - The Fire Inspector I class in Portsmouth begins September 21st.
 - The Warrants and Citations course will be held December 8th & 9th.
- Fire Investigator
 - The next offering will begin August 25, 2022.
- National Fire Academy
 - Leadership in Supervision: Perspectives in Thinking will begin July 11th.
 - Leadership in Supervision: Framework to Success will begin July 14th.
 - Incident Safety Officer will begin August 17th
- Incident Command
 - ICS 300 and 400 are in person courses that are offered at no cost to students and funded through grants. These are delivered in conjunction with Homeland Security and Emergency Management.
- For all current course listings you can go to <https://nhfa-ems.com/events/>

Instructors

- We continue to work the Instructor Recruitment Plan and analyzing the onboarding process.

CPAT

- The last 2022 CPAT is planned for September 19th & 20th.
 - There will be tables set up for departments that want to meet with candidates after they complete testing.

Testing

- We continue to work with the Department of Information and Technology to obtain new testing software for the Division.

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 July 21st in classrooms 5 & 6 in the dormitory building.
- The NH Trauma Medical Review Committee (TMRC) will meet at 0930 on August 17th in classroom 2 in the administration building.

Operations

- Administrative rules for Educational Training Agencies have been drafted and are under review by the Department of Safety legal unit.
- The process of licensing wheelchair vans for hire and out of state rotary wing ambulance licensing is ongoing and we continue to make progress.

Courses/Programs

- The next EMR program will begin on August 3rd and will be held in Concord, Brookline and Lancaster. These are fully funded for in-state providers with no cost to students.
- EMS in the Warm Zone 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.
- 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

- The Public Health Incident declared by Commissioner Shabinette of NH Department of Health and Human Services has been extended to September 30, 2022. The extension of the Public Health Incident allows for the continuation of all Emergency Protocols and any modifications to ambulance staffing requirements. These include:
 - Emergency Protocol - COVID-19, Emergency Protocol - COVID-19 Testing, Emergency Protocol - COVID-19 Immunization, Emergency Protocol - Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), Emergency Protocol - COVID-19 Temporary Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH), Emergency Protocol - COVID-19 Destination Determination and staffing modifications under Saf-C 5902.06 (m), as it relates to a public health or safety incident.
 - We are continually reviewing these Emergency Protocols for their effectiveness on the delivery of patient care as well as their necessity in day to day operations within this evolving environment.

Data Management

- 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/>.
 - There are currently 81 departments using the software.

- 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.

Compliance

- There are currently fourteen active investigations and seven preliminary cases being worked on.

Preparedness and Special Projects

- Our Division has a Preparedness and Special Projects Coordinator who is available to assist communities with planning efforts for multiple and mass casualty incidents.
 - The Division has a number of resources that are currently available including "Guidelines for Development of a Community Mass Casualty Plan", a Sample "Mutual Aid Agreement", a Sample "Run Card MCI Response", "A Community Based EMS Preparedness Planning Guide" and "NH Patient Care Protocols Version 8.1: "9.1 Mass/Multiple Casualty Triage"

Fire Standards and Training Commission – Chiefs Clark/Buxton – n/r

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

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

The NVFC just distributed 400,000 packets of water nationally to fire departments.

Advisory Council on Emergency Preparedness and Security – (Chief Christopoulos) – n/r

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

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

Forests and Lands – (Chief Sherman) – n/r

Board of Fire Control – (Chiefs Clark/Hunter) – n/r

Building Code Review Board – (Marshal Lennon) – n/r

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

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

- Laconia Facility Update: A rendering (50%) has been completed. Meeting set for next week (tentative) to review the plan and answer questions.
- June 6, 2022 – School Safety Discussion and presentation with Department of Safety Partners.
- NH 911 supports Text-to-911. “Call if you can – Text if you can’t” – campaign has begun.
- NH 988 Funding and Sustainability Sub-Committee meeting.
- Attended NASNA/NENA conference in Louisville, Kentucky.
- E9-1-1 Commission meeting at the Fire Academy.
- July 16th – Go Live date for 988. Our 9-1-1 transfer Protocol has been shared which was developed from much collaboration – Thank you!.
- Attended the NH Troopers Memorial Dedication at Hazen Drive.
- I spoke at the NHASP Principal’s Conference to promote Text-to-911 & school safety.
- Interviewed with NHPR – RE: 988 & 9-1-1 collaboration action for call transfers.
- Finalizing plans for the NASCAR “Expereince” this weekend with HSEM.
- After-action discussion with HSEM and NHSP related to the Seabrook accidental alert along the coast.

E-911 Commission – (Chief Thomas) –

- PSAP reports the call volume was down in the second quarter.
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- If any Departments are planning an Active Shooter training contact E 9-1-1 ,they would like to be included in the training.

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- Let E-9-1-1 know when a department has survivors of Heart Attack (CPR) calls. The Dispatchers are the first emergency responders involved.
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- E 9-1-1 Data Operations continue to work on mapping snowmobile and hiking trails, school floorplans, and AED locations.
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- E 9-1-1 has a testing device to check cell phone signals in school buildings.
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- John Stevens had a meeting with Capitol Police concerning radio interoperability at the January 6 demonstration.
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- E 9-1-1 is reaching out to Fire Departments to educate the public in TEXT 9-1-1.
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- The Nurse Triage Program is moving ahead. There was a recent meeting with the Insurance Commission.
- Reminder the 988 system will be up and running on July 16,2022.
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- The Laconia PSAP and Lakes Region Fire District is moving ahead in the planning stages.
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- The Sheriff Association is looking to bring up Group II benefits for Dispatchers in next Legislative Session. Sheriff William Wright is the contact person. They are looking for more Associations to Support.

IAFC Director – (Chief Christopoulos) – n/r

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

The Association held a successful conference in Worcester on June 22nd thru June 25th. During the annual meeting, the following took place;

- Steve Locke IAFC Treasurer, reported that after two years in the red, the International Association of Fire Chiefs would finish this fiscal year in the black. He thanked the Association for their patience and support. He discussed the hard decisions that were made the last two years including the downsizing of staff to make this possible. He relayed that a new strategic plan was in the final stages. This will set up an updated direction for the association.
- The following elections were recorded;

○ President	Darrell White	Presque Isle, Maine
○ 1 st Vice President	Robert Bradley	Manville, RI
○ 2nd Vice President	Ken Jones	Meredith, NH
○ Secretary/Treasurer	Robert Gowans	Montpelier, VT.

- **International Director Chris Christopoulos** **Lebanon, NH**
- **NH Director** **Robert Buxton** **Hudson, NH**

- On Monday, July 11th the new Board of Directors met to start the process of looking at the direction for next year's conference and begin the review process of the close out report for 2022.
 - The Board is in the process of filling the Event Coordinators position for the 2023 Conference and reviewing the location, size and education platform that will be offered.
- The Board of Directors will be meeting September 1, 2022 in Portland Maine.

Reminder, the IAFC Convention FRI in San Antonio is August 24 – 27, 2022. The division hotel will be the Marriott Rivercenter.

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Old Business – Chief Carrier spoke of the golf tournament and solicited players and assistance.
 Chief Sitar mentioned the Certified Fire Officer Program

New Business –

Good and Welfare –

Raffle – Proceeds were counted by Chiefs Carrier and Watkins. \$145 was held by the Assn. and \$140 was distributed.

The meeting was adjourned at 1946 hours.

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

July 14, 2022