



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

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### **New Hampshire Association of Fire Chiefs**

Monthly meeting – May 12, 2011 – Exeter, NH

During the lunch, Greg Chaplin from the Office of Emergency Management\_ discussed the all hazards school planning and the importance. Greg went over RSA 189-64. He emphasized the importance of planning and standardization with communications and utilization of ICS.

Opening ceremonies and a call to order by Chief Landry at 1307 hours.

Quorum call, Sergeant in Arms Parenti confirmed the quorum.

Welcome by the host, Exeter Fire Chief Brian Comeau

Advocate members: **NFPA**

There were no minutes to be distributed since Chief Lemire was away, these minutes will be accepted at the meeting in Wolfeboro.

Financial report was read by Ret. Deputy Chief Marty Carrier

Reading of communications: There needs to be a representative for the NH State Firemen's memorial.

Reading of applications for membership:

Second reading for the Assistant Chief from Merrimack Richard W. Pierson. A MOTION (Comeau/Carrier) to accept, motion passed. The Association welcomes Chief Pierson as its newest member!

- **President's Remarks:**

Directors Mason's Retirement party will be held Saturday May 14, 2011 at the Grappone Center in Concord. Director Plummer added that if anyone was interested that there was a waiting list if people haven't signed up. The recognition bench was discussed to be located at the FF memorial at the NHFA.

The BOD approved \$1,000 to be spent on shirts, hats, lapel pins and stickers since the organization was running low. Chief Parenti will be soliciting ideas and gathering pricing.

Chief Klauber is gathering information and the required paperwork to file a PAC.

The BOD has moved to file for the 501 c (6). Marty and Chief Klauber will be working on filing the paperwork before July.

President Landy talked about the Public Relations Committee. He talked about public relations, education, and selling ourselves.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Presidents Report: Chief Burkush had a conflict and was not able to attend the meeting.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Presidents Report: Chief Lyon talked about the BOD meeting and the discussion of membership. It would be great if every Chief was able to bring a new member into the association but there has to be a draw for individuals and how to get them to attend the meetings. It would be great to get more involvement from the northern part of the state and President Landry talked about one of their recent meetings.

Reports of committees:

- President Landry discussed the ongoing issues with HB109 which deals with 1 and 2 family houses; SB 3, and the retirement system. It was noted that this has been a very difficult year legislatively and Corey continued to urge contacting ones local Rep. Marshal Degan also talked about HB355 and the expanding authority of the building official.
- Chief Seaman from the Kingston talked about the insurance issues that his department dealt with during a call around a year ago. Because of language in the State RSA the insurance company denied the clam. Chief LeClaire added that Primex wanted to assist but because they had the follow the letter of the law, they couldn't help.
- EMS – No report

Report of Liaisons:

- Fire Marshals Office – Marshal Degan advised that all was well at the FMO. The investigation in Colebrook is continuing with testing on the chemicals. He discussed the arson and shooting in Pittsburg. Several fires around the state started by lighting. They responded to a fatal fire in Fitzwilliam that was started by plumbing work that was done. Investigator Bill Clarke called in a fire at a garage when responding to investigate another fire. The Marshal talked about the issue with heat lamps; there have been eight fires throughout the state from individuals trying to keep chicken/live stock warm. He spoke about the improved results of the school inspections and bills that are attacking Amelia's Law.
- FST Director Plummer has been busy visiting Chief's throughout the state and has been getting great feedback about the Academy. He spoke about dedicated funding for the Academy and although is has not been brought up to diminish funds, the state is still looking for 10 million for the deficit. He may ask for assistance when the time comes. Director Plummer also discussed the EMT practical exam. He has meet with Clay O'Dell and they are leaning towards eliminating the exam. Director Plummer also talked about allowing First Responders to administer oxygen again. With the budget proposed there will be cuts to Fire Academy and the classed they are able to provide.

- Forest & Lands: Acting Chief Brad Simpkins spoke about the very slow April, which is statically their busiest month. So far 16 acres have burned. This doesn't help with competing for the decreasing federal funds that are available.
- Fire Code Review Board: A committee has been formed to look at the IFC.
- Fireworks: Deputy Fire Marshal Raymond talked about HB 291 would change the standards and require CPSC as the minimum requirement and does away with the oversight committee. He recommended not supporting this bill.

Next meeting will be June 9<sup>th</sup> hosted by the Wolfeboro FD. This meeting will start at 1600 w/ the dinner to follow on the boat.

A motion to adjourn carried at 1457 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Jason Lyon  
Acting Secretary