



The Chief's Trumpet



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DURHAM TO HOST JANUARY MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Association will be held on Thursday, January 8, 2004 in Durham at the Three Chimneys Inn. A professional development session on pre-incident planning software will commence at 4:30. Social hour is at 5:30 with a buffet dinner of hearty beef stew, grilled chicken, salad and mashed potatoes starting at 6:30.

Members interested in attending the meeting should sign up by sending the application and check for \$27.00 payable to NHAFC to Chief Ronald O'Keefe, C/O Durham Fire Department, 51 College Rd., Durham, NH 03824 prior to January 4.

The Three Chimneys Inn is located at 17 Newmarket Road/Rt 108 and is next to the Durham Town Offices.

JANUARY DINNER MEETING

Name _____

Additional Persons _____

Make check for \$27.00 payable to NHAFC and mail to Chief Ronald O'Keefe, c/o Durham Fire Department, 51 College Road, Durham, NH 03824.

Please respond by January 4th.

Concord to Host February Dinner Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Association will be held on Thursday, February 12, 2004 in Concord at Szechuan Gardens. A professional development session, beginning at 1700 hours, will be presented by Chief Plummer and Chief Pope on their department's initiatives for generating revenue including the latest in ambulance billing and fees for response to auto accidents, building fires, false alarms, system malfunctions, plug-ins/plug-outs. New areas for fees for service will also be presented. Dinner will begin at 1830 hours and will be buffet-style.

Members interested in attending the meeting should sign up by sending the application and check for \$18.00, payable to FDHQ, and mailed to FDHQ, Attn: Lynn LaBontee, 24 Horseshoe Pond Place, Concord, NH 03301 prior to January 12.

February Dinner Meeting

Name _____

Additional Persons _____

Make check for \$18.00 payable to FDHQ and mail to FDHQ, Attn: Lynn LaBontee, 24 Horseshoe Pond Place, Concord, NH 03301.

Please respond by January 12th.

Directions: I-93, Exit 15-West to Rt. 3 north (the restaurant is approximately 3-4 miles north of state prison on right). If you need further information on directions please call the Concord Fire Headquarters at 225-8650.

Condensed Minutes

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS

November 8, 2003 — Valley Inn, Waterville Valley, NH

The meeting was called to order by President Pauley at 1330 hours.

Following a salute to the flag and a moment of silence, a quorum call was taken.

Welcoming everyone was the Host, Chief Chris Hodges who thanked all for coming back to Waterville and offered his wishes for a great weekend.

Advocate Members in attendance: None

Chief Pauley noted that the minutes of the previous meetings were printed and available at the entrance. A **MOTION (Buxton/Mason)** to accept them as printed carried unanimously.

Deputy Chief Martin Carrier read the monthly financial report. A **MOTION (Hurley/Allen)** to accept the report carried unanimously.

Applications for Membership: Chief Lemire read three in second reading. A **MOTION (Hurley/Howard)** to accept the applications of Deputy Fire Chiefs Michael Williams of Hooksett; Matthew Conley of Amherst, and Richard Driscoll of Dover, carried unanimously. The association welcomes its newest members!

Chief Pauley reported on the following:

- There was no Board of Directors' meeting in October.
- He met with Commissioner Flynn on vacant positions and serves on a committee to review qualifications.
- Interoperability committee – may meet in January with Major Booth speaking.

Chief Hurley for the Legislative Committee, reported that they will be meeting soon to discuss bills. Chief Hall reported that there were three bills being introduced on certification. More info later. A discussion on the *Opticom*-like devices being sold prompted a **MOTION (Allen/Harbor)** to refer this problem to the Legislative Committee for research and options. It carried unanimously.

Fire Academy Director Richard Mason reported on the following:

- New membership on the Fire Standards and Training Commission.
- Governor & Council meeting at the Academy.

- FDNY had received the Paul Sypek Award this year and that a representative Battalion Chief had been here to accept it.
- Working on curriculum reviews at present.
- Academy Awards were presented last Thursday evening.

Deputy State Fire Marshal William Degnan reported on the following:

- He has been named Acting State Fire Marshal until a successor to Don is appointed.
- Number of fires lately. Several arson convictions by investigators since the beginning of the year.
- Somersworth fire.
- *Risk Watch*® program progress – 38 NH towns have been trained free of charge.
- Les Cartier is working with the HazMat teams on funding issues.

Division of Forests and Lands Chief Bud Nelson reported on the following:

- Regional ranger position to be filled.
- Two vacant ranger positions to be filled.
- They are pursuing grant money for prevention and outreach.
- Researching implementation of the *Fire Wise* program.


Chief Stephen Allen, for the NEDIAFC, reported on the following:

- Started their strategic planning process – second draft.
- FRI in New Orleans – NE hotel to be the Headquarters hotel.
- Springfield (New England Chiefs') will be June 25 to 27, 2004.

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Heroes Helping Heroes

A Real Holiday Story

By Hank Lipe

New Hampshire Fire Chiefs have a holiday story to share. In December, they journey from across the state to Crotched Mountain in Greenfield, NH. Crotched Mountain is a educational rehabilitation center providing programs and services to assist children and adults with disabilities to achieve optimal growth and independence. It offers a full range of clinical and rehabilitation services for children and adults with disabilities. Each year, they serve more than 2,000 people from throughout New Hampshire, New England, and New York. On the top of the “mount” is a very special place. It is home for courageous fighters, angels, and heroes.

Every year, members and guests of the New Hampshire Association of Fire Chiefs continue a tradition of over 30 years by visiting and participating in the most special day of the year for the Crotched Mountain children. It is their annual Christmas celebration, which is highlighted by a pageant, live music, carols, and a fully decorated auditorium

Minutes - November 8, 2003 (continued)

Chief Pauley addressed the following issues:

- Crotched Mt. Christmas Party will be December 11, 2003.
- NHAFC luncheon meeting to be held at Crotched Mt. but you need to sign-up ahead.
- March, 2004 (Manchester) – a luncheon meeting is being planned also.

He also asked if there were any comments or suggestions on the Strategic Plan. Hearing none, he asked for a vote of approval. A **MOTION (Allen/Hurley)** to approve the NHAFC Strategic Plan, carried unanimously. It was suggested that it be printed in the next newsletter.

Chief Lemire reported that the January meeting was to be held in Durham and that information would be forthcoming.

A motion to adjourn carried unanimously at 1419 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Brent T. Lemire, Retired
Secretary, NHAFC

filled to capacity with children, family, and staff. After dinner, a special appearance by the chiefs and their friends Sparky, Smokey the Bear, and Santa highlight the evening. Chief Brian “Buddy” Thibeault of Plymouth, NH coordinates the event. Buddy also serves as Second Vice President of the IAFC New England Division.

The evening provides a sense of purpose, compassion, love, and pride. These are the thoughts echoed by the chiefs as they share goodwill and gifts with the 125 special needs children. Conversely, the fire service leaders soon realize that they are not the ones giving this gift, however, they are indeed the recipients as they visit each and every house in which they enter. “They are indeed the real heroes tonight”, exemplified Chief and IAFC Director Roger Bradley of Hanover, NH. “It is certainly evident that when life seems to throw obstacles our way in the fire service, nothing can compare them to the obstacles that these kids face everyday throughout their lives.”

It is on this night that the Fire Chiefs from the “Granite State” know which heroes really have a will of stone. As the evening draws to a close, each chief seemingly conveys a common message over closing comments and coffee. “Go home and give your wife, kids, and loved ones a big hug. We are all very fortunate.”

Hank Lipe serves as the Fire Chief in Hampton, NH. He can be reached at hlipe@town.hampton.nh.us

NHAFC Welcomes its New Members!

Deputy Chief Michael Williams of Hooksett
Deputy Chief Richard Driscoll of Dover
Deputy Chief Matthew Conley of Amherst
NHFA Deputy Chief Carl Roediger of New Castle
NHFA Captain Jeffrey Phillips of Goffstown

**CONGRATULATIONS AND
WELCOME TO ALL OF YOU!**

Manchester to Host Annual "Corned Beef & Cabbage" Dinner Meeting



The March 2004 "Corned Beef & Cabbage" dinner meeting will again be hosted by Fire Chief Joseph Kane and the Manchester Fire Department on Thursday, March 11th.

Tickets can be purchased by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope and a check for \$20.00. Checks should be made payable to *Brent Lemire* and sent to Chief Joseph Kane, Manchester Fire Department, 100 Merrimack Street, Manchester, NH 03101.

Tickets will also be available at the January meeting in Durham.

TICKETS ARE FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED AND AVAILABLE NOW.

Sixty NH Fire Departments Receive Grant Money

Over \$4 million was awarded to 60 New Hampshire fire departments in round twenty-seven of the 2003 Assistance to Firefighter Grant (AFG) Program. The Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program is administered by the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), part of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and assists rural, urban and suburban fire departments throughout the United States. These funds are used by the nation's firefighters to increase the effectiveness of firefighting operations, firefighter health and safety programs, new fire apparatus, emergency medical service programs, and fire prevention and safety programs.

For the most current information regarding these grant awards, and any of the many other USFA projects, visit www.usfa.fema.gov or enroll in the USFA email distribution listserv for the most current news releases from the USFA.

New Hampshire Association of Fire Chiefs

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Date: _____

I, the undersigned, wish to become a member of the New Hampshire Association of Fire Chiefs, Inc., and do hereby present my name for your consideration.

Name in Full: _____

Rank, Title, or Occupation: _____

Street Address: _____

City/Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Mail Address (Include Zip): _____

Work Phone: (____) _____ Extension: ____ Fax Number: (____) _____

Alternate and/or Home Number: (____) _____

Home E-mail: _____

Work E-mail: _____

Note: *This application must be accompanied with a \$50.00 initiation fee.*

Recommended by _____

<p>REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS</p> <p>The above named applicant is eligible to become an <u>ACTIVE</u> or <u>ASSOCIATE</u> (<i>circle one</i>) member of the Association.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>First Reading: (Date) _____</p> <p>Location: _____</p> <p>Second Reading: (Date) _____</p> <p>Location: _____</p>

Return to: NH Association of Fire Chiefs
c/o Chief Brent Lemire
547 Charles Bancroft Highway
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New Hampshire Association of Fire Chiefs *Strategic Plan*

NHAFC ORGANIZATION ISSUES

Public Relations

1. The New Hampshire Association of Fire Chiefs (NHAFC) will form a Committee to investigate hiring a Public Relations Committee to represent the interests of the Association. This Committee will report back to the Board of Directors with recommendations.
2. The NHAFC will put together, on a biannual basis, a directory of Fire Chiefs for the State of New Hampshire and distribute the directory to all Fire Departments in the State of New Hampshire.
3. The NHAFC will put together a new recruitment brochure using the Municipal Association's resources. The new brochure will be sent to every Fire Department in the State of New Hampshire.
4. The NHAFC will conduct a feasibility study in hiring a part time Executive Director to coordinate the management of the organization.

Grant Writing/Procurement

1. The NHAFC will meet with the New Hampshire Office of Emergency Management to assess Grants that are available to New Hampshire Fire Departments. The Association then will advise its members and keep them updated as to what they need to do to obtain these Grants.
2. The NHAFC will make sure that there is a NHAFC member representing the Fire Service on all committees and boards that distribute monies to communities and State Agencies that affect the Fire Chiefs of New Hampshire.

COMMUNICATIONS

Internet/Welcome Page/Communications

1. The NHAFC will approach the Municipal Association to set up a New Hampshire Association of Fire Chiefs Web Site. This will be completed within six (6) months of the approval of the Strategic Plan.

Speaking With Unified Voice/Partnerships With Other Organizations

1. The President of the Association will appoint a committee to establish a Code of Ethics for the NHAFC.
2. The NHAFC, within the next year, will set up a meeting with all Fire Service Organizations to discuss common interests to include; Mutual Aid, Labor, Volunteers, Hazardous Materials, common political issues, etc.
3. The NHAFC, during the month of March and December, will hold luncheon meetings to be able to better communicate issues during the Legislative Session.

LEGISLATIVE/POLITICAL ACTION

Codes

1. The NHAFC will make the Code Committee a permanent subcommittee under the Legislative Committee. Members will be appointed by the President, their duties to encompass a review on codes issues, making recommendations to the Legislative Committee in regards to matters involving Building and Fire Codes.

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2. The NHAFC will create an E-mail Communications System. This should make an efficient system for the President, Board of Directors and Legislative Committee to expedite communications with all Association members on emerging issues.

Political Influence

3. The NHAFC will hold, once a year, a Political Forum before a regular monthly dinner meeting with State Political Leaders.
4. The NHAFC will educate its members the development of effective relationships with their Representatives to the New Hampshire General Court (Legislature). The intent is to have a positive working relationship with all Legislators before issues arise.

FIRE SERVICE LEADERSHIP

Statewide Mutual Aid

1. Statewide Mutual Aid System - The NHAFC will assign a member to join the Federation of Mutual Aid Association to act as the organization's liaison to help with the development of a Statewide Mutual Aid System.
2. Investigate a feasibility study into the formation of a Chief Officers Mutual Aid Plan relating to Chiefs assisting other Department outside of the involved emergency to be able to assist in day-to-day operations in that stricken community.

New Hampshire Municipal Association Relations

The NHAFC will establish a practice of having a staffed booth at the New Hampshire Municipal Association's Conference every year. At this booth the Association will focus on the benefits of membership for both volunteer and full-time fire service professionals.

PROFESSIONAL/EXECUTIVE SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

Professional Development

1. The NHAFC will solicit input via a survey of the membership to determine critical areas for Professional Development. The results of the survey will

be forwarded to the Professional Development Committee to develop a schedule to meet the organization's educational needs.

2. The NHAFC will develop a mentoring program, partnering up a new Fire Chief with an experienced Chief to answer questions and provide guidance.

Technology

1. Part of the Professional Development mission is to bring new technology forward to the membership for education and evaluation.

FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY

Firefighter Safety

1. The NHAFC will incorporate into the Mission Statement a clause embracing the need to reduce firefighter deaths and injuries as a primary goal of the organization. The NHAFC will partner with the PFFNH to support standards such as NFPA 1500, 1710 and 1720 and work to adopt these standards locally.
2. The NHAFC will conduct Professional Development Sessions to help members educate their communities on how to move these important standards forward and how to be creative in funding these programs.
3. The NHAFC should evaluate State and National Safety Trends with the goal, or making recommendations for, a reduction of firefighter deaths and injuries.

Adequate Personnel Staffing/Recruitment

1. The NHAFC will develop educational handouts and videos directed towards the average taxpayer and elected officials, educating them on the importance of adequate staffing for safety.

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