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DOT Guidance for the Safe Transportation of Medical Oxygen for Personal Use on Buses and Trains

The Department of Transportation recommends that bus and train operators take the following precautions to assure that medical oxygen being transported for passengers' personal use is handled and transported safely:

For transportation in the passenger compartment

- Oxygen should be transported on a bus or train only when medically necessary.
- Oxygen should be transported in a cylinder maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. The manufacturer's instructions and precautions are usually printed on a label attached to the cylinder.
- Before boarding, inspect each cylinder to assure that it is free of cracks or leaks, including around the area valve and pressure relief device. Listen for leaks, do not load leaking cylinders on the bus or train. Visually inspect the cylinders for dents, gouges or pits. A cylinder that is dented, gouged, or pitted should not be transported.
- Limit the number of cylinders to be transported on board the vehicle to the extent practicable. If possible, transportation in the passenger compartment should be limited to one cylinder per person.
- Cylinders used for medical oxygen are susceptible to valve damage if dropped. Handle these cylinders with



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Upcoming Meetings/Events...

November 18th - 20th Waterville Valley Weekend

December 8th Crotched Mountain Christmas Party

Meeting Information...

NHAFC to Host November Meeting

The annual Professional Enhancement Weekend will be held November 18-20, 2005 at the Valley Inn in Waterville Valley.

The monthly meeting of the Association will be held on Saturday, November 19, 2005 at 1:00 PM in the conference room at the hotel. A buffet lunch will be served at 12:00 noon in main dining room in the hotel. The cost of the lunch is **\$13.50**.

Members interested in attending the lunch and meeting should sign up by sending \$13.50 with the application form to Chief Brent Lemire, 547 Charles Bancroft Hwy., Litchfield, NH 03052 prior to November 4. Please make checks payable to the *The Valley Inn*.

November Lunch Meeting

Name: _____

Department: _____

Guests: _____

Please make check payable to:

The Valley Inn for \$13.50/pp and mail by November 4th to Chief Brent Lemire, 547 Charles Bancroft Hwy., Litchfield, NH 03052

Crotched Mountain to Host December Meeting



The annual Crotched Mountain School Christmas Party will be held Thursday, December 8, 2005. The New Hampshire Association of Fire Chiefs (NHAFC) membership should meet at 5:00 PM for dinner, then we will form groups to take the gifts and holiday cheer to the group home to await the visit of Santa Claus.

After the visitation, the groups will reassemble at the main building for refreshments prior to departing.

The Crotched Mountain School is located in Greenfield, and is a resident facility for both physically and mentally handicapped people. The NHAFC has historically sponsored their Christmas Party. If you are planning to attend, please leave a message with Chief Thibeault at 536-1253 before December 1st to make reservations. Dress uniforms are suggested attire for this event.

Directions: from Manchester area, take Route 101 west to Wilton, then Route 31 to Greenfield, follow signs to Crotched Mountain Rehabilitation Center.

Crotched Mountain Christmas Party

Name _____

Additional Persons _____

Please respond by December 1st to:

Chief Buddy Thibeault

42 Highland Street, Plymouth NH 03264

DOT Guidance *(continued)*

care during loading and unloading operations. Never drag or roll a cylinder. Never carry a cylinder by the valve or regulator. Carry the cylinder carefully using both hands.

- Do not handle oxygen cylinders or apparatus with hands or gloves contaminated with oil or grease.
- Each cylinder should be secured to prevent movement and leakage. Each cylinder should be loaded and secured in an upright position. "Secured" means that the cylinder is not free to move when the vehicle or train is in motion.
- Oxygen cylinders or other medical support equipment should never be stored or secured in the aisle. Make sure that the seating of the passenger requiring oxygen does not restrict access to exits or use of the aisle.
- Since the release of oxygen from a cylinder could accelerate a fire, each cylinder should be secured away from sources of heat or potential sparks.
- Under no circumstances should smoking or open flames (cigarette lighter or matches) be permitted in the passenger compartment when medical oxygen is present.
- When you reach your destination, immediately remove all cylinders from the bus or train.

For transportation in the cargo compartment

- Each cylinder should be placed in a box or crate or loaded and transported in an upright position.
- Valves should be protected against damage.
- Each cylinder should be secured against movement.
- The total weight for oxygen cylinders permitted in a bus cargo compartment is 99 lbs (45 kg).

For further information;

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Condensed Minutes

Minutes of a Meeting of the New Hampshire Association of Fire Chiefs

September 8, 2005 – The Balsams, Dixville Notch, NH.

The meeting was called to order by President Carrier at 1955 hours.

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

Welcoming everyone was Chief Phil Ducret, who thanked everyone for coming.

Selectman Greg Placy of Colebrook was introduced and recognized, as was Advocate Member John Merrill.

Dep. Carrier noted that the minutes of the previous meetings were printed and a MOTION (Harbour/Allen) to approve them carried unanimously.

Dep. Carrier presented the financial report for the month. A MOTION (Clarenbach/Nelson) to accept the report carried unanimously.

Chief Lemire read two applications in second reading. A MOTION (Lambert/O'Keefe) to accept those applications in second reading for membership carried unanimously. The NHAFC welcomes as its newest members Wayne Whitford of Primex and Bernard Peabody, General Manager of Belltronics.

Chief Carrier reported on the following:

- The workings of the Legislative Committee and the recent meetings held.
- The appointment of Chief Michael Williams of Hooksett to both the Fire Standards and Training and Fireworks Committees.
- Announced advertisement for a representative to the Board of Fire Control and a Volunteer Chief for FST.
- Announced the Professional Development program for Waterville Valley will be at a private fire station owned by Jack Cullen.

Fire Standards & Training Director Richard Mason reported on the following:

- TEMSIS reporting (EMS) is well underway.

- Computer based EMS testing will happen soon.
- The receipt of the last 94 AED's under the rural program.
- CPAT testing ongoing, with a > 50% pass rate.
- Construction progress.
- NIMS status.

State Fire Marshal William Degnan reported on the following:

- Hurricane Katrina FEMA issues (bypassing state agencies).
- ± 30 NH firefighters volunteering and deploying to the Gulf.
- Emergency Management Center construction.

Chief O'Keefe, for the Fireworks Committee, stated that emails had been received from fireworks vendors expressing grave concern that the legislature may adopt Committee recommendations this year, and that a motion will be made to limit several devices.

Chief Allen, for the NEDIAFC, reported on the success of FRI in Denver. He also reported on an Interoperability Seminar to be held at the Sheraton in Springfield on October 26.

Chief Dick Wright spoke of the status of the statewide efforts on interoperability and also bidding process and evaluation of the portables.

The next meeting will be October 13 aboard the MV Thomas Leighton out of Portsmouth.

The next Executive Committee meeting will be October 5 at the NHFA.

The meeting was adjourned at 2039 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Brent T. Lemire, ret.
Secretary, NHAFC

Commission or Board Openings

Have you ever considered serving your Association in a formal capacity? Currently the Association is seeking candidates to serve for the following positions:

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| Board of Fire Control | Municipal Fire Chief |
| Fire Standards & Training Commission | Volunteer Fire Chief |

Anyone with interest in serving shall submit a letter of interest to Brent Lemire, NHAFC Secretary, 547 Charles Bancroft Hwy, Litchfield, NH 03052 as soon as possible.

Do we have your correct E-mail address?

On occasion an important, time sensitive group e-mail needs to be sent to the membership. We have noticed that quite a few come back as undeliverable. Please e-mail Amanda Walton at awalton@nhlgc.org with your preferred E-mail address so that we can make sure our information is accurate.

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This is what we hope to be a regular feature of the Trumpet. We will attempt to provide a forum for professional development opportunities and upcoming events of interest to our membership. Anyone wishing to post items should submit them to the editor, Chief Clarenbach at sclarenbach@franklinnh.org. Don't forget that this Trumpet is a bi-monthly publication that has a submission deadline of the 10th of every even numbered month so it would only really work for advance notice items.

Nov 2

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| Pipeline Community Awareness Project Workshop | 0830-1200 |
| <i>New Hampshire Fire Academy</i> | Contact: Michelle Marcoux 271-3294 |

Nov 15

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| Scott® Field Level Repair Course | 0830-1700 |
| <i>Merrimack Fire Department</i> | Contact: John Merrill (978)-657-4740 |

Nov 18-20

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| Task Force 1 Training Weekend | 16 hr classes |
| <i>Laconia, NH</i> | Contact: Deb Pendergast 524-6881 |

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Meeting Package: Saturday Buffet Lunch @ 12 Noon Followed by 1:00 PM Meeting **\$13.50 Per Person**
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- Friday, 11/18/05: Hotel Check In(from 2:00 PM); 5:00 PM Innkeeper's Welcome Wine & Cheese Reception; Dinner on own; Inn's Red Fox Tavern offers full range of menu and evening specials; Throughout the weekend, enjoy the Inn's heated indoor/outdoor pool, whirlpool, saunas.
- Saturday, 11/19: 7:00 AM Full Breakfast Buffet opens in Dining Room
 9:00 AM Professional Development Seminar for members, guests, spouses - VIP Room
 12:00 Noon Buffet Lunch - Valley Inn Dining Room
 1:00 PM-3:00 PM NHAFC Monthly Meeting - VIP Room
 5:30 PM Pre Dinner Cocktail Hour - Red Fox Tavern
 6:30 PM Dinner Banquet - Dining Room
 8:30 PM Hotel's Entertainer in the Red Fox Tavern for your listening pleasure
- Sunday, 11/20: 7:30 AM - 10:00 AM Expanded Continental Breakfast served - Dining Room
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