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Campton-Thornton to host September 7th meeting

DATE CHANGE!!!! (First Thursday due to FRI in Dallas)

Chief David Tobine will be our host for September 7th dinner/meeting at Owl's Nest Golf Club where the entire day's activities take place.

Anyone interesting in playing golf it will begin around 10AM at a cost of \$45/pp which can be paid at the course on that day. Please contact Chief Tobine by 9/5 to reserve a spot.

There will be a professional development seminar at 4PM in which Director Mason has assembled a very knowledgeable panel of federal and state officials on the topic of Commercial Driver's License. This panel will discuss the requirements, recommended practices, and risk management for fire departments. This looks like an opportunity to get the CDL information from those that are in the know.

The buffet meal is being graciously sponsored by Local Government Center and will begin at 6 PM. In order to be fair those picking up the tab you must notify Chief Tobine by 9/5 that you are attending. All those that make reservations and don't show (without a **very valid** excuse) will be severely dealt with!!

To make reservations Chief Tobine may be reached at CTFS@adelphia.net or 603-726-3300 by **September 5th**.

Upcoming Meetings/Events...

September 7Campton-Thornton

October 12..... Hampton Beach

November 10 – 12 Steele Hill Resort – Sanbornton

December 14 Crotched Mountain Christmas Party

Note: This is a tentative list and subject to change

Meeting Information...

Hampton to host October 12th Meeting

Chief Hank Lipe will be our host for the October 12th dinner/meeting. You are always welcome to come early and check out beach but at 4:30 PM a number of seacoast area departments will be showcasing new innovative fire apparatus outside of the hotel. A buffet dinner will be served at 6:30 PM at a cost of \$25/pp. The showcase, dinner and meeting are all at the Ashworth by the Sea Hotel. Please make checks payable to NHAFC and mail to Chief Hank Lipe, Hampton Fire Dept, 64 Ashworth Ave, Hampton, NH 03842 by October 6th.

NHAFC to Host November Meeting

The annual Professional Enhancement Weekend will be held November 10-12, 2006 at the Steele Hill Resort in Sanbornton. This venue change has been made due to condo conversion at the Valley Inn and also in response to member suggestions.

The monthly meeting of the Association will be held on Saturday, November 11, 2006 at 1:00 PM in the Hilltop Dining Room. A buffet lunch will be served at 12:00 noon in main dining room in the hotel. The cost of the lunch is **\$16.50**.

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OCTOBER LUNCH/MEETING

Attendee(s) _____

Department: _____

Buffet Dinner (\$25.00)

Make check payable to: NHAFC and mail payment to Chief Hank Lipe, Hampton Fire Dept., 64 Ashworth Ave., Hampton, NH 03842.

Members interested in attending the lunch and meeting should sign up by sending \$16.50 with the application form to Chief Brent Lemire, 547 Charles Bancroft Hwy., Litchfield, NH 03052 prior to November 3. Please make checks payable to the *Steele Hill Resorts*.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A GREAT WEEKEND... SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE ORGANIZATION AND THE CONTINUATION OF THIS ACTIVITY.

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NOVEMBER LUNCH/MEETING

Attendee(s) _____

Department: _____

Buffet Lunch (\$16.50)

Make check payable to: Steele Hill Resorts and mail payment to Chief Brent Lemire, 547 Charles Bancroft Hwy., Litchfield, NH 03052.

Condensed Minutes

Minutes of a Meeting of the NH Association of Fire Chiefs

August 10, 2006 – Tilton, NH

The meeting was called to order by President LeClaire at 1912 hours.

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

Chief Stephen Carrier welcomed the members and guests to Tilton and introduced members of his department.

Advocate member Skip Sullivan was recognized.

Chief LeClaire introduced Chief Chris Pope as the new Homeland Security Director for the State of New Hampshire. He thanked everyone for their support and invited all members to the swearing in on Tuesday, August 15. He indicated that he was ready to go to work and intended to give the position his best efforts.

The minutes of the July meeting were printed and available. A MOTION (Mason/Christopoulos) to accept them as printed carried unanimously.

Treasurer Martin Carrier presented the financial report for July. A MOTION (Clarenbach/Farley) to accept his report, carried unanimously.

Chief LeClaire reported that:

- The contract for the lobbyist has been renewed.
- The contract for services from the Local Government Center has been renewed.
- The Legislative Committee has new membership and he listed the names.
- The HazMat funding committee meeting was poorly attended and has been rescheduled. Chief LeClaire has been invited to sit on the rules committee for Homeland Security grants.
- The grants this year will be risked based.

Chief Carrier, for the Professional Development Committee deferred to Director Mason, who informed the group that the September meeting will feature a session on CDL licensing for firefighters. The plan is for the session to last approximately two hours.

He also reported on the following:

- Academy Awards nominees (November).
- Fire Service Award of Excellence nominees.

- Firefighter Memorial. Preliminary work has been done. Final construction will take place during a volunteer weekend August 25 through 27.
- Dedication will be Sunday, September 10 at 1100 hours.
- C2F2 program starts next Monday.

Deputy John Raymond of the State Fire Marshal's Office reported that:

- Marshal Degnan at National Association of State Fire Marshal's meeting in Washington.
- ICC will be meeting in Syracuse, NY, one of the subjects will be the height and area limitation requirements.
- Fires in Alton, New Durham, & Wolfeboro are being investigated.
- Progress in North Country fires investigations.

Chief Doug Aiken, for the Bureau of Emergency Communications, reported no changes since last meeting.

Deputy Martin Carrier, for the NVFC, reported that HB 6027 has finally been introduced, allowing for qualified financial programs for firefighters, and described the provisions.

Chief Allen, for the NEDIAFC, reported on suggested arrangements for the conference in Dallas. The NE Division breakfast has been changed to a luncheon. The Hilton Anatole is the headquarters for the division. Reminder for everyone to visit the vendors while you're there.

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Condensed Minutes (Continued)

Chief Tobine (Campton) reported that the meeting will be at the Owl's Nest Country Club on September 7.

Chief LeClaire reported on an issue that has surfaced on the portable radios and chargers being distributed by Emergency Management. Chargers being received with portables are 110 volt only and will not work on 12V for vehicles without modification.

He also reported that the Directors have expressed a desire to reinstate the name badges and the fines for not wearing one at a meeting.

Following the raffle, the meeting was adjourned at 2002 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Brent T. Lemire, retired,
Secretary, NHAFC

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