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BEDFORD to host January

The afternoon begins with a Professional Development Workshop 1600-1700 hours. The fatal fire in Tilton this past winter has raised a number of questions in regards to what codes may be applied and the expectations of the fire service in providing fire prevention services and where we need to go in the future. This workshop will discuss the NH statute and DHHS rules that apply to the housing of 3 or fewer people in single or multiple family homes. State Fire Marshal Bill Degnan along with Mary Castelli, Esquire(DHHS attorney, confirmed) and Commissioner John Stephen(Invited) will be the presenters.

Chief Scott Wiggins and the Bedford Fire Department will be our host for the January 11, 2007 dinner meeting.

The evening will be at the Manchester Country Club and will begin with an "attitude adjustment hour" at 5 PM and will be followed by a great meal at 6 PM. The cost of the meal is \$25/pp.

As this is short notice please call the department secretary, Connie Holbert at 792-1379, as soon as possible, advising her of your intentions of attending or better yet, sending her a check (payable to NHAFC) to the Bedford Fire Department, 55 Constitution Drive, Bedford, NH 03110. Please make contact before January 8th. The Manchester Country Club is located at 180 South River Road in Bedford. Get off Route 293 as if you were going to Macy's and then proceed south on Route 3 (South River Rd). The Club is on the right (about 3/10 of a mile) and has a MCC on the granite wall.

Upcoming Meetings/Events...

- January 11 Bedford
- February 8 Hudson

Meeting Information...

HUDSON to host February meeting.

Chief Shawn Murray and the Hudson Fire Department will be our host for the February 8, 2007 dinner/meeting.

The evening will begin with a social hour at 5 PM which will be followed by a buffet meal at 6 PM. The cost of the meal is \$23/pp. Checks to be made payable to NHAFC and must be received by February 5th .

All activities are at Kings Court & Banquet Hall located at 222 Central Street (also Route 111) in Hudson.

All Reservation and money for the meal must be received by Monday February 5, 2007.



Clip and mail

FEBRUARY MEETING

Name: _____

Guest(s): _____

Department: _____

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Condensed Minutes

Minutes of a Meeting of the NH Association of Fire Chiefs

November 11, 2006 – Steele Hill Resort, Sanbornton, NH

Called to order at 1301 by President LeClaire.

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

Welcome by Interim Chief Scott Taylor of Sanbornton.

There were no Advocate Members present.

Minutes of previous meeting. MOTION (Mason/Allen) to accept as printed.

Deputy Chief Martin Carrier presented the financial report. A MOTION (Christopoulos/Farley) to accept it carried unanimously.

Applications: There was one application in first reading and none in 2nd reading.


Chief LeClaire stated that he had attended the IAFC Strategic Planning Session in Virginia.

Chief Murray, for the Legislative Committee, reported on their meeting last Wednesday. They talked about the change in the make-up of the Legislature after the election and the prospects for new members to work with. He also spoke of the DES intent to file legislation to regulate private water systems, asking for our support, and described the efforts to reform the upholstery rules. They also intend to look at the "Fire Chief's law" (RSA 154) relative to the protection

of the local fire chiefs, to mirror the Police Chiefs' one, and also the establishment of a firefighters' recognition day in New Hampshire. He also spoke of the meeting held with the PFFNH and NH State Firemen's Association on a proposal for a death benefit for all firefighters. The meeting ended with no agreement but an intention to pursue another avenue by the agreeing parties. Several other issues of importance were delineated for action this coming session. A MOTION (Burr/Lockwood) to move forward with coalition of the PFFNH and the NH Police Association, to pursue a public safety officers' death benefit of \$125,000, carried unanimously. Also, MOTIONS (Christopoulos/Klauber) to pursue changing the language of RSA 155 A: 10 to accommodate fire chief positions and also to clarify RSA 154 for protection of the Fire Chiefs, carried unanimously.

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Condensed Minutes (Continued)

Deputy Carrier spoke of the intent of the NVFC propose new LOSAP language at the Federal level and will be pursuing support when the bill is drafted.

Chief Carrier, for the Professional Development Committee, spoke of the upcoming seminar with Harry Carter. He also stated that he and Chief DeSilva will be meeting with

Director Richard Mason, for Fire Standards, Training and EMS spoke on:

- Several retirements and staff changes in his divisions.
- The Hundred Club of NH and their efforts in helping deceased public safety officers' families.

Deputy Fire Marshal Robert Farley reported on:

- Steady activity in the office.
- Visitors from Great Britain who were evaluating our Risk Watch® programs.
- Updating of rules by Heating Technician Advisory Committee. They are almost done with those for "Amelia's Law".
- Finalizing the transition to NFIRS 5.0.

Deputy Carrier reported on the NVFC meeting and the efforts that will be undertaken to support legislation at the federal level. He also stated that he had suggested supporting height and area restrictions clarification.

Under Good and Welfare, Director Bliss stated that former Durham Chief Robert Wood has taken the fire chief's position in Center Harbor. He also stated that Director Bruce Cheney has undergone more surgery and is on the mend.

December 14 is the Crotched Mountain Christmas Party.

A motion to adjourn as made and seconded at 2:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Brent T. Lemire, ret.
Secretary, NHAFC

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