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NHAFC TO HOST NOVEMBER MEETING

The annual Professional Enhancement Weekend will be held November 14-16, 2008 at Valley Inn in Waterville Valley.

The sign-up sheet for the weekend activities appears in this newsletter or online at the NHAFC website.

The **monthly meeting** of the Association will be held on Saturday, November 15, 2008 at 1:00 PM in the hotel's VIP room on the 3rd floor. A buffet lunch will be served at 12:00 noon in the Valley Inn Dining Room. The cost of the lunch is **\$18.00**.

Members interested in attending the lunch and meeting should sign up by contacting Chief Brent Lemire at 424-4911 or btlemire@comcast.net.

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

Upcoming Meetings/Events...

- November 14-16 Valley Inn, Waterville Valley
- December 11 Crotched Mountain Christmas Party
- January 8, 2009 New London (with possible ski opportunity)
- February 12, 2009 Rindge
- March 12, 2009 Bedford
- April 9, 2009 NH Fire Academy

Note: This is a tentative list and subject to change

**New Hampshire
Association of Fire Chiefs
Welcomes its
Newest Members:**

Fire Chief Peter Angwin of Canterbury

Fire Chief Richard Butler of Fremont

Fire Chief Daniel Andrus of Concord

Fire Chief Casino Clogston
of Plymouth

Deputy Fire Chief Daniel Goonan
of Manchester

Asst. Fire Chief Dale Sylvia
of Newington

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of Bennington

Battalion Chief John Webb of Derry

**CONGRATULATIONS
AND WELCOME!**

FIRE CHIEF

The Town of Wellesley, Massachusetts (pop. 27,000) is seeking to fill the position of Fire Chief which is becoming vacant after the retirement of the incumbent after eight years of service as Chief of the Department. The Department consists of 57 fulltime uniformed employees and an operating budget of \$4.1 million. Appointed by a five member Board of Selectmen, the Fire Chief serves as the community's Emergency Manager. Minimum qualifications include: Bachelor's Degree in Fire Science, Business or Public Administration, Master's preferred; completion of the Massachusetts Chief Fire Officer Management Program, ten years of fire suppression experience as a fulltime uniformed member in an organized fire department and at least four years of experience in a supervisory capacity. Candidates must have demonstrated experience and skill within the following critical areas: budgeting, crafting collaborative interagency relationships, labor management relations in a unionized environment, pacing change, fireground management, incident command and emergency management. Graduates of the National Fire Academy Executive Fire Officer Program are encouraged to apply. Hiring range is \$105,000 -- \$115,000, depending upon qualifications. Full compensation package negotiable. Send cover letter and resume to Ms. Gail Schillinger, Administrative Assistant, Municipal Resources Incorporated, 120 Daniel Webster Highway, Meredith, NH 03253. Electronic submissions in PDF format sent to recruitment@municipalresources.com preferred. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

Visit the Municipal Resources Career website at <http://municipalresources.com/career.html> for a full job description.

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Condensed Minutes

Minutes of a Meeting of the NH Association of Fire Chiefs

September 11, 2008 – Lebanon, NH

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

Welcoming everyone was Chief Chris Christopulos who thanked everyone for coming and commended the staff of the meal.

Advocate Members present: Chris Chilton from New England Emergency Equipment.

Chief Christopulos indicated three new advocate members.

Safety Equipment
Marshall Rescue Supply
New England Emergency Equipment

Chief Christopulos noted that the minutes of the previous meeting were printed and available for distribution. A MOTION (Raymond/Landry) to accept the minutes as printed carried unanimously.

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

Chief Christopulos read three applications in the first reading, four in second reading. A MOTION (Farley/Fratizl) to accept those in second reading for membership carried unanimously.

Presidents Report by Chief Christopulos:

- Chief's Lemire and Carrier were attending the 100 Club Function.
- New contract with Doug Patch.
- Joint press release with Fire Marshal Degnan on Heating Equipment Safety.
- 75th Anniversary Celebration at the New Hampshire Fisher Cats Stadium was attended by 80 members and guests. Contact Chief Plummer for the purchase of shirts (\$30) and pins ((\$3).
- Mike Hoisington was elected as new president of New Hampshire State Firemen's Association. Chief Christopulos attended the convention and was pleased with the turnout in the event. He also indicated that talks between both associations will be scheduled in the future.
- Appointment of Chief Comeau to the hazmat study committee.

- Encourage people to attend the ICC Meeting September 20 and 21st to vote on residential sprinklers.
- Firefighter Memorial Service -October 12, 2008 at 2 p.m.- NHFA
- I AFC strategic planning and leadership form-October 31 and November 1 in Washington, DC.
- Reminder of the Professional Enhancement Weekend in Waterville Valley on November 14-16.

FST Commission report by Chief Fraitzl:

- The New Firefighter 1 program is now 212 hours compared to 200 hours.
- The New Firefighter 2 program is now 114 hours compared to 104 hours.
- Firefighter 1A and 1B will now be called Firefighter 1, broken down into individual modules.
- There will be a skills review period for the beginning of Firefighter 2.

State Fire Marshal report by Marshal Degnan:

- 18 candidates for the fireworks/investigators position should be online by the first of November.
- Arson Fires are up by 40%.
- New PSA'S by Marshals Office will use the theme "Get Alarmed New Hampshire"
- Spoke about the unapproved cardboard gas cans that need to be removed from shelves. Chief Klauber indicated 3 stores in Derry had them and they were removed.



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Condensed Minutes

Emergency Preparedness/Homeland Security report by Director Pope:

- A number of weather related incidents through out the state. Good working relationships with all types of agencies EMS, DPW, Fire, Law and other State Agencies. On 7/24/08 Tornado with 130+ Mph winds effecting 5 Counties and 11 Communities. Last week 5+ inches of rain having a major impact on the Manchester Fire and Police Departments.

NVFC report by Deputy Carrier:

- Fall Meeting September 25, 2008 in Grand Rapids, MI. There mission is to widen the exposure of there organization to include EMS Agencies.

NEAFC report by Chief Morrill:

- 1st Meeting will be next week.

NEDIAFC report by Chief Bradley:

- Financial belt tightening measures for the organization, looking at all levels of service, expect some delays in service.

Unfinished Business:

- Chief Klauber spoke about the 2-in 2-out legislative bill that currently exists and is not going forward with any legislative action at this time until PFFNH and NHAFC can draft agreeable language. The intent is to include all aspects of firefighter safety.

New Business:

- Chief Murray submitted a written request for the NHAFC buy a table of 10 for \$350 out of the Legislative Committee Line. This is for the NH Police Chiefs Awards Dinner on October 1st at the Radisson in Manchester. This was made into a MOTION (Klauber/Fraitzl) and it was voted on and accepted unanimously.
- Deputy Carrier reported that he attended a tour of the Ossippe Mt. area with Councilor Burton and Commissioner Bald. He also indicated that Director Phil Byrce would be stepping down and entering the private sector.

Comments for the good and welfare of the association:

- None

Next Meeting:

October 9, 2008 in Durham/UNH

Raffle

Meeting adjourned at 19:34hrs.

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1st Vice President

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NOVEMBER 14, 15 & 16, 2008

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Meeting Package: Saturday Buffet Lunch @ 12 Noon Followed by 1:00 PM Meeting \$18.00 Per Person

Additional Saturday Banquet Guests: \$30.00 inclusive

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Friday, 11/14/08: Hotel Check In(from 3:00 PM); 5:00 PM Innkeeper's Welcome Wine & Cheese Reception;
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Valley wide area restaurants' menus & hours of operation available at Inn's front desk.

Saturday, 11/15: 7:30 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

Sunday, 11/16: 7:30 AM - 9:00 AM Full Breakfast Buffet served - Dining Room
(Check Out by 11:00 AM - please settle any final accounts with the front desk)

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