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## NEW LONDON TO HOST JANUARY MEETING

Chief Jason Lyon and the New London Fire Department will host the January 2009 meeting of the NHAFC on the 8<sup>th</sup>.

In addition, since golf season is over and one of the only sports available this time of year is skiing all of the members (**and guests**) of the New Hampshire Fire Chiefs Association that are interested are invited to enjoy a day of skiing at a reasonable rate!

On January 8<sup>th</sup> the Mt. Sunapee resort is offering \$30.00 lift tickets to all members of the NHAFC. Those members that are interested are in enjoying a day on the slopes before the meeting, please call Chief Jay Lyon at 526-6073 to be placed on the list. **YOU MUST CALL AHEAD TO BE VERIFIED FOR THE DISCOUNT!** Payment will be made directly to the ski area upon arrival.

At 4:00 PM, a Professional Development seminar will be presented by the NH Fire Marshal's Office. The subject will be an overview of the new School Inspection program, passed by the Legislature. The location will be the Flying Goose Restaurant, at Routes 11 and 114 in New London.

At 5:00 PM, a Networking Hour will be held at the restaurant with dinner to follow at 6:00 PM with the meeting to follow.

Dinner will be an authentic Southern Barbeque with all the fixins' and will cost **\$30.00** per person. Please make checks payable to: **NHAFC** and send with reservation form to Chief Jason Lyon, New London Fire Department, PO Box 375, New London, NH, 03257

*Directions to the Flying Goose Restaurant:*

I-93 to I-89 North. Head north, take Exit 11. Turn right onto King Hill Road and proceed just over 1 mile to the first flashing light at the 4-way intersection. The restaurant will be on the right hand side of the intersection of Andover Road (Rte. 11) and Sutton Road (Rte. 114).

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**January Meeting**

Attendees \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Dinner (\$30.00 per person)

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Chief Jason Lyon, New London Fire Department,  
PO Box 375, New London, NH 03257

# Meeting Information...

## RINDGE TO HOST FEBRUARY MEETING

Chief Rickard Donovan and the Rindge Fire Department will host the February 12<sup>th</sup> 2009 meeting of the NHAFC. This meeting will take place in the Edgewood Ballroom at the Woodbound Inn located 247 Woodbound Road in Rindge, NH.

At 4:00 PM, Director Rick Mason of the NH Department of Safety, Division of Fire Standards & Training will present an update on the Bartlett and Jones Firefighter I and II Curriculum and other 2009 Programs.

At 5:00 PM, a Social Hour will take place with International Cheese and Fruit Display, Cash Bar, followed by Dinner at 6:00 PM. The meeting will commence after dinner.

Dinner will consist of a Chicken and Prime Rib Buffet with all the fixings, salad and assorted pastries. The cost of dinner is \$32.00. Please make checks payable to: NHAFC and send with reservation form to Chief Rickard Donovan, Rindge Fire Department, PO Box 163, Rindge, NH 03461.

### Upcoming 2009 Meetings/Events...

- January 8 ..... New London  
(ski day at Sunapee)
- February 12 ..... Rindge
- March 12 ..... Bedford
- April 9 ..... NH Fire Academy

Note: This is a tentative list and subject to change

Snow-shoeing and Cross-Country Skiing are activities available at the Inn, weather permitting. The trails will be groomed, but you need to bring your own equipment if you are interested.

#### Directions to the Woodbound Inn:

US RT 202 to South Woodbound Road, second left onto Woodbound Road. Follow Woodbound Road approximately two miles. The Inn will be on the left. The Edgewood Ballroom which is located directly after the main inn. Parking is available in the Edgewood Ballroom parking lot.

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### February Meeting

Attendees \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Dinner (\$32.00 per person)

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# Condensed Minutes

## Minutes of a Meeting of the NH Association of Fire Chiefs

November 15, 2008 – Valley Inn, Waterville, NH

Called to order at 1300 hours by President Christopoulos.

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

There were no Advocate Members present.

Minutes of previous meeting. A MOTION (Vinal/Murray) to accept them as printed carried unanimously.

Chief Lemire presented the financial report for Deputy Carrier. A MOTION (Murray/Vinal) to accept it as printed, carried unanimously.

Applications: There were none.

Chief Christopoulos reported on:

- Upcoming meeting to be called for the Legislative Committee. Chief LeClaire stated that the SFMO ability to be final decision over State Building Code Review Board will be challenged by bills this session.
- Hazmat program funding issues. Proposals for funding seem to lack enough to sustain the fund and there is resistance from non-fire service sources. Meetings will be held to try to gain a consensus on solving the issue and the NHAFC may have to take a strong stance in the coming months to protect the integrity of the training resources for the teams. Chief Klauber clarified some of the issues and history.
- Firefighter Memorial Service went well. Governor Lynch spoke. The NHAFC President will be the speaker in 2009.
- Chris, Shawn and Scott presented a session on Fire Laws at the LGC Conference this past week.
- October 31 and November 1, Chris attended the IAFC Leadership Forum where the Strategic Plan was reviewed and updates recommended.
- NHAFC position on the HazMat Transportation Advisory Committee is vacant. Vacancy will be posted in the newsletter and on the website. If interested, call Chief Wiggin.

Chief Murray gave a report on the joint meeting held with the NH State Firemen's Assn. He reported that the meeting went very well and described the efforts to define their direction. It is the intention to have another meeting in the near future to discuss partnering efforts in some areas. Chief Lemire has the notes of the meeting and offered to email them to anyone interested.

Chief Carrier, for the Professional Development Committee, spoke of the upcoming Crotched Mt. Christmas Party on December 11 and invited all to attend. He will be reaching out to the state agencies for donations for the small packs that will be given to the children. He thanked everyone who attended the session this morning.

Chief Carrier, for the NEDIAFC, reported on their quarterly meeting. The Springfield Conference will be June 26 to 28, 2009, and they intend to keep the same format. He described the potential speakers and programs and stated that the Sheraton will be the headquarters hotel through 2012. He stated that the NEAFC is financially sound, as is the NE Division. On the other hand the IAFC is belt-tightening due to their economic stress, and have recommended a dues increase. The Division is planning a seminar for February, 2009. He described the contention on the "two hat" vote taken by the IAFC.

Chief Morrill, for the NEAFC, reiterated what Chief Carrier shared and offered that there will be an antique fire apparatus display this year.

Chief Klauber, for the Seatbelt Coalition reported on the bill that has been drafted. The coalition is researching the best place to initiate action (House or Senate).

Chief Christopoulos reported on the updates on the Constitution and By-Laws. Chief Carrier made a MOTION (seconded by Chief Morrill) to accept the by-law changes as printed. It carried unanimously.

Chief Klauber recommended that we review the November weekend and present proposed enhancements. Chief Klauber will work with Chief Gary Johnson and Asst. Chief Jeff Libby on this.

Under Good and Welfare, Chief Lemire reported that the upcoming meetings will be in New London in January (with skiing at Sunapee); Rindge in February; Bedford in March; NHFA in April and possibly Salem in April.

A motion to adjourn as made and seconded at 1335 hours.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chief Brent T. Lemire, ret.  
Secretary, NHAFC

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