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Fire Station Construction Grant Application Period Open -- Application Period Ends on July 10 --

Fairfax, Va., June 8, 2009... The U.S. Department of Homeland Security opened its Fire Station Construction (FSC) grant program today. The application and grant guidance for the new fire station construction (FSC) grants can be found on [FEMA's FSC Grants Home webpage](#). For more information about the program, go to the [Assistance to Firefighters Grants webpage](#).

The program was created as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 (P.L. 111-5) to provide an economic stimulus in the form of jobs and increase the safety of firefighters and the communities they serve. Applications must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m., EDT, on July 10, 2009.

The FSC grants will provide financial assistance directly to local fire departments to build new or modify existing fire stations. The program will use a peer review system similar to the one used for the FIRE and SAFER grant program, and a technical review to assess the technical feasibility of the applicants achieving the benefits claimed in their applications. The program does not require a cost share.

Congress appropriated \$210 million for the program. The ARRA limits the funding for any one grant to \$15 million. DHS imposed a \$5 million funding limitation on each project within an application. A fire department may apply for multiple projects within an application as long as the total request does not exceed \$15 million. Non-federal fire departments and state and local governments that fund and operate fire departments are eligible to apply for the grants.

Upcoming Meetings/Events...

- July 9.....North Hampton
- August 13.....Lebanon
- September 10.....The Balsams, Dixville Notch
- October 8.....Hooksett
- November 12.....Londonderry

Note: This is a tentative list and subject to change

Meeting Information...

North Hampton to Host July Meeting

Chief Thomas Lambert of North Hampton Fire-Rescue and the North Hampton Firemen's Association will host the July meeting of the NHAFC on Thursday, July 9, 2009.

Social hour begins at 5:30 pm. Dinner will include your choice of *lobster* (**\$32.00**) or *steak* (**\$28.00**), both with corn, baked potato and salad. Please send your check made out to the **North Hampton Firemen's Association** for the appropriate amount, with your choice of meal to: Chief Thomas Lambert, North Hampton Fire & Rescue, 235 Atlantic Avenue, North Hampton, NH 03862, no later than Friday, July 3, 2009.

The fire station is on Rt. 111, just east of Route 1 in North Hampton.

✂ ——— Clip and mail ———

July Meeting

Attendees: _____

Department: _____

_____ Lobster (\$32.00 per person)
_____ Steak (\$28.00 per person)

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and mail payment to:
Chief Thomas Lambert
North Hampton Fire & Rescue
235 Atlantic Avenue
North Hampton, NH 03862
Reservations and payment
MUST be received by July 3, 2009.

Lebanon to Host August Meeting

The City of Lebanon Fire Chief, Chris Christopoulos, will be our host. Dinner will be held at the Fireside Inn, West Lebanon.

Social half hour will begin at 5:30 p.m. (Cash Bar) and dinner at 6:00 p.m. The dinner will be a buffet style meal with Chicken and Beef, potato, vegetable, salad and dessert. Cost will be \$32/person.

Please make checks **payable to NHAFC** and **mail to** Chief Chris Christopoulos at 12 South Park Street, Lebanon, NH 03766 **by August 3, 2009.**

Chief Christopoulos will be working on a networking session on a local golf course. If you are interested in golf please contact Chief Christopoulos at 448-8810 or chris.christopoulos@lebcity.com.

Directions: I-89 North to Exit 20, go under the highway and turn Left onto Airport Road. Take your first left and then immediately turn right and follow the driveway to the Inn.

✂ ——— Clip and mail ———

August Meeting

Attendees: _____

Department: _____

_____ Dinner (\$32.00 per person)

Make check payable to: NHAFC
and mail payment to:
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12 South Park Street
Lebanon, NH 03766
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Meeting Minutes

Minutes of a Meeting of the NH Association of Fire Chiefs

May 14, 2009 – Coliseum Restaurant, Salem, NH

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The meeting was called to order by President Wiggin at 1845 hours.

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

Welcoming everyone was Chief Kevin Breen, who thanked everyone for coming.

Advocate Members – None present.

Guests were introduced. Chief Gaudet from Dracut was introduced.

A MOTION (Degnan/McCaffrie) to accept the minutes as printed, carried unanimously.

Deputy Chief Martin Carrier presented the financial report for April. A MOTION (LeClaire/Farley) carried unanimously.

Chief Lemire read two applications for membership in second reading. A MOTION (Hoisington/Farley) to approve those in second reading carried unanimously. The NHAFC welcomes Chief Ken Jones of Meredith and Asst. Chief Cliff Plourde of New Boston as its newest members!

1st Vice President Murray reported on the following:

- Committee vacancies.

- NH Police Foundation – he represents our group on the board. He listed upcoming fundraising activities.

2nd Vice President Fraitzl reported that he had attended the statewide operability meeting last week and reported on the activities.

Chief LeClaire, for the Legislative Committee reported on:

- Senate bill with new retirement provisions. He reported on the changes that have been adopted, the 25 year rule being the most visible.
- Other legislation being considered.

A MOTION (LeClaire/Pratte) to study the effect of severing our relationship with the NHMA and report back at the July meeting, carried unanimously.

He also reported on upcoming fireworks legislation.

Fire Marshal William Degnan reported several bills affecting the fire service. He also mentioned the several fires occurring in Berlin and the large fire in Alton Bay. He also mentioned the investigation of the CO death in Milton and stated that report will be forthcoming. He mentioned the school inspection program training classes and the HMEP application process. He mentioned the NFPA classes for gas fitters ongoing and the different grants available.

Chief Dennis Rosolen of FST reported that the last day of Recruit School is tomorrow. He also stated that there was a division wide meeting yesterday to discuss budget proposals, and also the Government Officials Day has been re-scheduled to October 3.

Chief Michael Williams, for the Fire Standards and Training Commission, reported on the public hearing on C2F2 and



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Meeting Minutes (continued)

the fact that the sentiment is there for keeping it. He has documentation from the hearing and stated that the association vote may have been premature and he feels that it is a beneficial program to keep. He asked that if the vote at the last meeting was valid and asked that we asked if it would be beneficial to study it instead of eliminating it. He stated that he believes the voted taken at the last meeting was premature and should not have been taken. Chief Fraitzl read the numbers from the public hearing to back-up Chief William's statement. Chief Rosolen clarified the process of the standard making and cautioned the membership on elimination. Discussion ensued on the issues and the potential problems. It was asked if the Fire Standards and Training Commission would extend the date of the vote on the issue from the June meeting but no definitive answer was forthcoming.

Forest Protection Chief Brad Simpkins reported on SB 132 to study state agencies and efficiencies was voted inexpedient to legislate.

Chief Hoisington, for the Fire Code Review Board reported on the adoption of the newest codes.

Chief Carrier, for NEDIAFC submitted his report in writing,

summarizing the upcoming conferences in Springfield and in Dallas (IAFC).

Under New Business, Chief Wiggin reported that he had attended a meeting with the Homebuilders on the adoption of sprinkler legislation and a possible compromise. He also met with various safety groups on the Newport incident where police used fire gear to disguise themselves to gain entry for an arrest. A joint statement will be forthcoming. Chief LeClaire clarified the issue that Fire Chiefs have the right to refuse to allow this at any time.

The next meeting will be June 11at in Wolfeboro.

Following the raffle, the meeting was adjourned at 2134 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Brent T. Lemire, ret.
Secretary, NHAFC

Fire Protection Engineering Consulting Services

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Fireworks lead to thousands of injuries requiring emergency room treatment, according to NFPA. These dazzling, but dangerous devices can burn up to 1800° F and can cause burns, lacerations, amputations and blindness. "The safest way to enjoy fireworks is by attending a public fireworks display," said Bill Degnan, New Hampshire State Fire Marshal. If you plan to use consumer fireworks, the Office of State Fire Marshal is advising the public to follow the following safety tips to help reduce the chances of a destructive fire and/or injury:

- Read and follow the directions on fireworks packages.
- Make sure adults supervise all use of fireworks. Young children should not play with fireworks. Even sparklers can cause a serious burn injury.
- Do not point or throw fireworks at people.
- Use fireworks in an open area away from dry grass and other flammable materials. Keep a bucket of water nearby for emergencies.
- Light fireworks one at a time. Do not try to re-ignite fireworks. Soak fireworks that did not ignite with water. Do not attempt to repair broken fireworks.
- Be sure other people are out of range before lighting fireworks.
- Store fireworks in a cool, dry place. Keep fireworks out of your pockets.

New Hampshire law only allows persons 21 and older to purchase and discharge permissible fireworks (consumer). The people have to be on their own property or have written permission from the property owner. These two items are the most common violations. Communities that have ordinances limiting the use of these consumer fireworks are asked to send the State Fire Marshal's office a copy of the ordinance for us to publish on the list that the stores are required to have available on the premises. If you need a sample ordinance to enact in your town please call the office.

Have a Happy and Safe Fourth of July

NHAFC Name Badges Have Come In

If you're name is below, you will be able to pick up your badge at any monthly meeting, or contact the Secretary to make arrangements to pick yours up.

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- ★ Survivalink (*Defibrillators*)
- ★ Task Force Tips (*Nozzles & Hardware*)
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...and many more!

Fire Corps Tips for Home Safety Month: Week Two

June is Home Safety Month, providing a perfect opportunity for Fire Corps teams to reach out to the public and work to reduce instances of unintentional home injury in the U.S. The campaign's theme this year is "Hands on Home Safety," which asks the public to take some simple, hands-on steps to create a safer home environment from the five leading causes of home injury – falls, poisonings, fires and burns, choking/suffocation, and drowning.

Each week this month, Fire Corps is sending out home safety tips that Fire Corps teams can use to educate their communities. Disseminate these tips to your contacts and community members. You can also find the tips online at www.firecorps.org/prevention. For more information on Home Safety Month, including additional resources, visit the Home Safety Council Web site at www.homesafetycouncil.org.

Week Two: Electrical Safety

Electrical fires are responsible for one in seven of all home fires in the United States every year. According to the National Fire Protection Association, an average of 53,000 home electrical fires are reported each year resulting in approximately 500 deaths, 1,400 injuries, and \$1.5 billion in

property damage. Most electrical fires and injuries can be prevented by taking simple steps around the home:

- Cover all unused outlets with safety plugs.
- Check used outlets to make sure they are not being overloaded.
- Check cords for frays and warmth.
- Be sure lighting fixtures and bulbs are placed away from flammable objects such as curtains, clothes, bedding, and other fabrics.

Fire Corps programs can assist communities in taking preventative measures to avoid home fires. Fire Corps teams routinely educate their communities about home safety practices, and home safety checks are conducted by many programs across the country to reduce the risk of fire or injury.

Fire Corps has released a Home Safety Checklist to assist Fire Corps programs in ensuring safe homes and communities. Additionally, Fire Corps provides other resources to promote safety such as the All-Ways Fire Safe at Home module and the Getting Started With Firewise toolkit. Find these resources and more at www.firecorps.org/prevention, or send questions to info@firecorps.org.

N.H. Department of Safety Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

The N.H. Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management is a branch of the Department of Safety responsible for emergency planning and response to any major manmade or natural disaster that might occur in the state.

Headquartered at the state Incident Planning and Operations Center on the grounds of the state Fire Academy in Concord, HSEM becomes the central point for command and control, communications, resource management and continuity of state government during extreme emergencies. HSEM is a small agency, with about 50 employees. It cannot carry out its mission alone. Rather, it serves to coordinate the resources of a wide variety of state agencies and private-sector organizations in response to emergencies. This coordination is put into practice when the state Emergency Operations Center is activated. Upon activation, liaisons from other agencies and organizations are called to the EOC to work together on the state's emergency response.

Agencies typically represented in the EOC are National Guard, State Police, Public Utilities Commission, the departments of Agriculture, Education, Health and Human Services, Environmental Services, Resources and Economic Development, Fish and Game and Transportation and the American Red Cross.

Other organizations may be called as needed. Attached to the EOC is the Communications Room, which furnishes two-way radio communications with federal, state and local public safety agencies on HF, VHF and UHF frequencies, utilizing a Voice over IP system. The communications room also provides console space for amateur radio operators and is a warning point for the NAWAS telephone system.

If a disaster is serious enough to warrant a Presidential Disaster Declaration, HSEM provides administrative support to the governor's office to ensure that the request is filed promptly. The agency also coordinates assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and other federal agencies that provide emergency aid. HSEM also provides a wide variety of services outside of immediate disaster response. These services include training, emergency planning and hazard mitigation, aimed at preparing for or working to lessen the effect of future disasters. Each city or town in the state is assigned a Field Representative, who is that municipality's primary contact at HSEM for assistance with grants or emergency planning.

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