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Lakes Region Communications Center Hosts Communications-Centered Table-Top Training

The LRMFA Communications Center hosted an Interoperability Communications Specific table-top exercise on March 16, 2011. The purpose of the exercise was to test existing policies, procedures and capabilities in a multi-incident, multi-jurisdiction, multi-agency setting. The exercise was funded by NH Homeland Security & Emergency Management and was planned by a team consisting of Katya Brennan (NHHSEM), Chief Ken Erickson (LFD), Lt. Chris Adams (LPD), Chief John Beland (GFR), Deputy Charles Roffo (LFD), John Prickett (LRGH) and Deputy Jim Hayes (LRMFA).

The exercise was based on a primary event, which was a corporate jet crash into a residential neighborhood in Laconia. While this event was being managed several other incidents were occurring in other parts of Laconia, Belmont and Tilton.

These sub events involved police, fire, EMS and other response agencies. At one point during the exercise, all of the tactical channels available to LRMFA were assigned to an incident. The debrief after the exercise revealed some weaknesses in the multi-

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Upcoming Meetings/Events...

- May 12 Exeter (luncheon meeting)
- June 9 Wolfeboro (Dinner Cruise on Winnepesaukee Belle)
- July 7 FisherCats Outing - NE Delta Dental Stadium, Manchester
- August 11 Lebanon
- September 8 Belmont
- October 13 Local Government Center - Concord
- November OPEN (Possible Weekend Experience – stay tuned!)
- December 8 Crotched Mountain Christmas Party

Note: If you are interested in hosting a meeting, contact the Secretary, Brent Lemire, at btlemire@comast.net or by phone at (603) 424-4911 at your earliest convenience.

This is a tentative list and subject to change

Meeting Information...

EXETER TO HOST MAY LUNCHEON MEETING

Chief Brian Comeau will host the Association's next luncheon meeting on Thursday, May 12, 2011 at the Tavern at River's Edge, 163 Water Street, Exeter.

Networking will begin at 11:30 AM with luncheon and meeting to follow beginning at 12:00 PM.

Emergency Management's Gregg Champlin will present a program on *Natural Hazards and School Emergency Planning*. Since 2009 all K-12 public and nonpublic schools in New Hampshire must have all hazards Emergency Response Plans in place and as of 2008 all Child Care programs must also have Emergency Response Plans. In both cases these plans must utilize the Incident Command System and be coordinated with community emergency officials. Gregg will discuss the law and the rule covering the schools and the Child Care programs. He will also discuss the seven recommended response actions (six of these are mandatory for Child Care programs), their implementation, some of the potential issues, and training opportunities. This will be an open discussion and participation will be encouraged.

Luncheon will be feature Baked New England Haddock with rice and vegetable or Meatball Stroganoff with Pasta; or Chicken Oriental with stir-fry vegetables.

Communications-Centered Table-Top Training

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agency communications network, particularly with the Belknap County Sherriff's communication center. The was a need for additional channels to be assigned from the Interoperability Zone (H) to handle all of the tactical communications; however, communications from the incidents to LRMFA could be handled on the existing system.

Participating in the exercise were people from LRMFA, Laconia Police and Fire, Gilford Police and Fire, Belmont Police and Fire, Tilton-Northfield Fire, NH Fish & Game, Laconia Public Works, Belknap County Sherriff, Lakes Region CERT.

The Rural Hitch – Fourth Quarter, 2010



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May Meeting

Attending: _____

Department: _____

_____ Luncheon - \$26.00 per person
(including tax and gratuity)

Make check payable to: NHAFC. Reservations and payment *MUST* be received by May 6, 2011.

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Meeting Information...

WOLFEBORO TO HOST JUNE MEETING

(For members, spouses and guests)

Chief Philip "Butch" Morrill of Wolfeboro Fire-Rescue will host the June meeting of the NHAFC on Thursday, June 9, 2011.

The business meeting begins at 4pm at the Wolfeboro Community Center meeting room, which is located at 22 Lehner St. At 6pm, a dinner cruise aboard the Winnepesaukee Belle will leave from the Town Docks (**Spouses/Guests invited!**) The menu includes a fruit and cheese display, garden salad, sliced roast beef with a mushroom demi glaze, grilled marinated chicken breast, chef's choice of starch and vegetables, rolls and butter, and chef's choice of dessert. The cruise will return to the dock at approximately 8pm.

Golf is available at the Kingswood Golf Club for those interested. Reserve a tee time by calling the Kingswood Golf Club golf chairman, Lou Siracusa, at (603) 986-7045. The KGC is located at 24 Kingswood Rd in Wolfeboro.

Call 569-1400 with any questions.

Directions: From the South...take Route 28 North from the Epsom Circle. Follow Route 28 through the Alton Circle and into Wolfeboro. Pass Kingswood Regional High School on your right. Kingswood Road (golf) is to the left just past the High School. Continue about 1.1 miles, take right onto Union St. just past Town Office building. Follow to stop sign. Community Center is straight ahead.

From the Seacoast...take the Spaulding Turnpike to the Route 11 exit. Follow Route 11 to the Alton Traffic Circle. See above.

From the North...take Route 16 south to the intersection of Route 28 in Ossipee. Take Route 28 south into Wolfeboro. Continue to the intersection of South Main Street. Take a right onto South Main Street. Go about 2/10ths of a mile, a half mile, take right onto Union St. just past Town Office building. Follow to stop sign. Community Center is straight ahead.

From the West...Take Route 104 into Meredith. Left at the lights on Route 3. Follow into downtown. Take a right onto Route 25 east. Follow into Moultonborough and take a right onto Route 109. Follow Route 109 into Wolfeboro. Pass through downtown, take left onto Union St. just past gas station. Follow to stop sign. Community Center is straight ahead.



Clip and mail

June Meeting

Attending: _____

Department: _____

_____ Dinner - \$35.00 per person

Make check payable to: NHAFC. Reservations and payment *MUST* be received by Friday, June 3, 2011.

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NHAFC Members Attend CFSI - 2011 Dinner

By Brent Lemire

Members of the NHAFC and its Executive Board attended the Congressional Fire Service Caucus Dinner in Washington, DC on April 7. William C. Fugate, Director of FEMA was the keynote speaker for the event. NHAFC members attended the dinner through the courtesy of the IMSA Foundation and Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid Coordinator Douglas M. Aiken.

Earlier in the day, the delegation met to discuss pertinent fire service issues with Congressmen Charles Bass and Frank Guinta, as well as Senators Kelly Ayotte and Jeanne Shaheen and their staffs. The Senators and Congressmen received briefing books prepared for them by the NHAFC President.

Issues discussed and presented to the Congressional delegation included FIRE/SAFER Act Grant programs; funding

for the US Fire Administration and NFA; job protection for volunteer firefighters and EMS personnel; tax incentives for sprinkler system retrofits; federal taxation of volunteer incentives; the Volunteer Emergency Services Recruitment and Retention Act (VESRRA) and the Rural and Volunteer Fire Assistance programs.

The New Hampshire delegation included NHAFC President Shawn Murray, 1st Vice President Frank Fraitzl; 2nd Vice President Corey Landry and Secretary Brent Lemire. Representing the NEAFC was Chief Phil "Butch" Morrill (NEAFC Director), and representing the NE Division of the IAFC was Chief Stephen Carrier. Also attending was Fire Marshal William Degnan.



NHAFC members with Senator Jeanne Shaheen



NHAFC members with Senator Kelly Ayotte



NHAFC members with Congressman Frank Guinta



NHAFC members with Congressman Charles Bass

Meeting Minutes

Minutes of a Meeting of the NH Association of Fire Chiefs

March 10, 2011 – Manchester County Club, Bedford, NH

The meeting was called to order by Chief Sean Murray at 1915 hours.

Following a salute to the flag and a moment of silence for Chief Ralph Wiggin who passed away March 3, a quorum call was taken.

Welcoming everyone was the Host, Chief Scott Wiggin, who thanked all for coming. He also thanked the staff department and of the MCC for the arrangements for the meeting.

Advocate Members in attendance: Tom Green of Green Insurance Associates, and Robert Duvall from the NFPA.

Guests Mary MacCaffrie from the NH State Fire Marshal's Office and Beverly Drouin of the NH Division of Public Health were introduced and thanked for their presentation on "Healthy Homes."

The minutes of the previous meetings were printed and made available at meeting. A MOTION (Christopoulos/Sullivan) to accept them carried unanimously.

Deputy Carrier read the financial report. A MOTION (O'Keefe/Parenti) to accept it carried unanimously.

Chiefs Simpkins, Hoisington and Marshal Degnan have been named to the **Audit Committee**.

Applications for Membership: There was one application for Second Reading. A MOTION (Mason/M. Carrier) to accept Chief Wilfred Tapley of Sandown, carried unanimously.

Chief Murray reported on the following:

- Meetings with Governor Lynch and Senator Bradley on retirement bills.
- A letter received to participate in the 2011 State Fire Chief's Forum sponsored by the NFPA October 27-30, 2011.
- IAFC hosting the sixth annual National Mutual Aid Stakeholders meeting in St. Charles, MO May 23-25.

Chief Fraitzl made a MOTION (seconded by Chief MacCaffrie) to accept the by-laws as revised over the past six months. The motion carried unanimously.

Chief Fraitzl reported a vacancy on the NH Board of Fire Control due to the retirement of Chief DeSilva. It will be a joint recommendation with the Forest and Lands Division.

Chief Corey Landry gave a lengthy review of all of the legislation being acted upon at the Legislature of importance to the organization. Marshal Degnan reported on the several bills of importance to Fire Safety. Chief Plummer reported on the CPR bill and the intent to put it in the Department of Education requirements. The Retirement bills are the focus of much of the efforts. There are several that are being watched. The Coalition is working on amendments to the bills and our members are meeting with Senator Bradley privately.

Chief Steve Carrier for Professional Development, reported on the seminars at the April, May and June meetings. Dep. Wescott will present at the Academy in April. Greg Champlin from Homeland Security at the May luncheon meeting in Exeter and the June meeting will be in Wolfeboro.

Chief Silver submitted his report in writing.

Chief Wiggin reported on the committee to assist the Lakes Region Community College. They met with the current president but have questioned the results. They will be concentrating on connecting with the new President this summer as the Fall programs are prepared.

Acting Director Phillips of the NHFA reported on the classes ongoing and various EMS projects ongoing. The Fire Standards & Training Commission will be meeting to discuss the nomination of Chief Perry Plummer as Director.

Chief Carrier (Fire Standards & Training) spoke of the subcommittee formed to deal with potential layoffs of firefighters relating to their certification expirations.

Chief Richard O'Brien reported on several issues being dealt with on the EMS Trauma Coordinating Board. He stressed that the accepted position on call determinants should be one of local option. He mentioned an upcoming survey of options offered by communities.

Deputy Carrier reported that a bill has been introduced in the US House on LOSAP with 10 sponsors.

Chief Christopoulos for the Advisory Council on Emergency Preparedness and Security, reported that the grant applications are coming in and will be reviewed in the coming month.

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Fire Marshal Degnan reported on their legislative activities and the testimony given on sprinklers and sprinklered buildings to maintain the word "existing" in the Fire Code. He also thanked Bob Duvall from NFPA for training opportunities offered throughout the state for building and fire officials on the potential updates to the codes.

Director Brad Simpkins for the Forest Protection Division had no report.

Chief Christopoulos, for the NEDIAFC, reported on a purchasing option group available through the IAFC (GPO). He suggested that Chiefs look at this option and will bring flyers to the next meeting. Chief Carrier reported that the NEAFC and Division have improved relations. He presented a check from the Fire Service Bookstore for \$16.82 for a rebate.

Chief Morrill, for the NEAFC, reported on the June conference in Springfield and the links available for access for information and sign-up. It will be the 10th Anniversary of 9/11 and that is the theme of the presentations. Hotel registration opens April 15. He urged non-members to join and offered applications.

Chief Murray received a MOTION (Landry/Fraitzl) to endorse the nomination of Chief Perry Plummer for Director Fire Standards, Training and EMS. It carried unanimously.

A MOTION (O'Brien/Parenti) to allow the President to accept grants on behalf of the association carried unanimously.

A MOTION (Christopoulos/Fraitzl) to purchase an ad for the NEAFC Conference for \$160.00 carried unanimously.

Chief Murray reported that Marshal Degnan has been nominated for the Consumer Product Safety Commission Award.

Marshal Degnan recognized the efforts of the Critical Incident Stress Team and Deputy Klose of Bedford for their efforts in Sandown with the loss of their firefighter.

The raffle was held, and a motion to adjourn carried unanimously at 2045 hours.

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

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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the NH Association of Fire Chiefs

April 14, 2011 – New Hampshire Fire Academy, Concord, NH.

The meeting was called to order by President Murray at 1908 hours.

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

Welcoming everyone was Interim Director & Bureau Chief Jeff Phillips, who thanked everyone for coming. He introduced Safety Commissioner John Barthelmes who offered words of welcome and thanks for everyone's efforts. He also introduced Director-elect Perry Plummer, who offered welcome remarks and stressed that it was his intention to be accessible to all who may have comments and suggestions on fire and EMS issues as related to the Academy.

Douglas Patch, our lobbyist attended the meeting and offered comments on the status of the efforts to counter

several of this session's legislative efforts to change several important laws.

Advocate Members were thanked with an ovation for their participation in today's exposition. Dave Witham of PRIMEX attended the meeting.

Chief Murray noted that the minutes of the previous meetings were printed and distributed. A **MOTION** (Christopoulos/Sullivan) to accept the minutes as printed carried unanimously.

Deputy Chief Martin Carrier reported that the financial report would be presented at the May meeting.

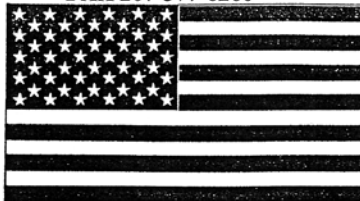
He also presented the budget (which shows a \$5,000 deficit). He stated that we would be applying part of the 2010 surplus



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- ★ Survivalink (*Defibrillators*)
- ★ Task Force Tips (*Nozzles & Hardware*)
- ★ Tempest (*Ventilation Fans*)

...and many more!

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to meet the upcoming deficit. He also suggested that we take action to firm up our membership numbers and also address a possible dues increase for the 2012-2013 budget. A MOTION (Wood/S. Carrier) to adopt the budget for the 2011-12 year carried unanimously after discussion ensued to explain the application of funds from 2010 surplus.

Chief Murray stated that the audit will be conducted May 6. The committee will include Marshal Degnan, Chiefs Hoisington, Gagnon (ret.), Director Simpkins and Deputy Marty Carrier (ret.).

Chief Lemire read one application in first reading and one in second. A MOTION (Christopoulos/O'Brien) to accept Chief Stephen Solomon of the Conway Fire Department, carried unanimously. The Association welcomes Chief Solomon as its newest member.

Chief Murray presented his report, which included:

- Information on the retirement party for Director Mason on May 14 at the Grappone Center
- Board of Directors has moved to present a gift to Director Mason in recognition of his service for an amount of up to \$500. They also approved Life Membership for him.
- Chief Brian Thibeault, ret. will represent the NHAFC at the National Stakeholders meeting sponsored by the IAFC. Chief Murray thanked him and Chief Tom Lambert for their work on updating the Statewide Mobilization Plan.
- He attended the Poison Control proclamation last week at Governor's office
- Chiefs Murray, Fraitzl, Landry and Lemire attended CFSI last week in Washington. He spoke of the meetings held with all four congressional representatives.
- Congratulations to Chief John DeSilva on his retirement from Sanbornton.
- The NHAFC has nominated Marshal J. William Degnan for the CPSC Chairman's Commendation Award
- Chief Fraitzl underwent surgery the other day and is recuperating.
- By-laws of the Association have been revised and adopted, and will be on the website soon.

Chief Landry (2nd Vice President) reported on all of the legislative activities being followed and acted upon this session. Fire Marshal Rick Wood of Nashua and State Fire Marshal Degnan offered comments on related bills being voted on.

Doug Patch, our lobbyist, stated that Senate Bill 91 will be heard next Tuesday and we are all urged to contact

our representatives to defeat. He mentioned the retirement bills that make significant changes to the retirement system. He reiterated the importance of personal contact with the legislators.

Deputy Chief Stephen Carrier stated that Gregg Champlin will be speaking at the luncheon meeting in Exeter. June's meeting will be in Wolfeboro with a dinner cruise.

Chief Chris Silver of Hampton reported on an Ad Hoc committee appointed by the Commissioner to come up with recommendations to deal with fraudulent EMS certification activities. They found that the Bureau of EMS had done an admirable job of routing this out and stopping it. He described several other recommendations made to the Commissioner and suggested that all members reach out to their Coordinating Board members. Commissioner Barthelmes thanked the committee and pledged to support the recommendations forwarded.

State Fire Marshal William Degnan reported on the recent fatal fires in Deering and Londonderry, losing 3 people in total. He mentioned how important that sprinklers were in saving lives if installed properly. He also described the new technical bulletins on the website, especially about cooking at fairs, etc. He thanked Bob Duvall of NFPA for all of the support received while dealing with the sprinkler issues. He also spoke on HB 137 on removing the Fire Code from the rulemaking process.

Chief Murray thanked the Fire Marshal for all his help in educating the chiefs who were going up to testify on various bills.

Bureau Chief Phillips, for FST, reported on the many improvements ongoing at the NHFA (carpet, tiles, etc.) He mentioned the award received by the NHFA recently and stated that Recruit School had started with 24 students. Fire I is nearing completion and he described the partnerships with local high schools coming to the academy. Chief Sullivan suggested that the explorers in the past have gone to NE Fire Chiefs Conference, and he hopes that continues.

Chief Jason Lyon, for the Fire Standards and Training Commission spoke on the budget concerns that have been ongoing. He mentioned that other items at their meeting included the selection of a new Director and addressing concerns of recertification of laid-off firefighters.

Chief Richard O'Brien for the EMS Coordinating Board reiterated Chief Silver's report on the Ad Hoc committee and the several issues being dealt with on the board, including intra-facility protocols.

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Dep. Carrier reported that LOSAP legislation is stalled at this point, waiting for Senate sponsors.

The NVFC meeting was held just prior to CFSI and a report will be forthcoming.

Director Pope for Homeland Security, reported on the upcoming conference on Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness upcoming next month.

Brad Simpkins, Forest Protection Chief, reported on:

- Brush fire season has just barely started.
- Patrols have started in the southern region and northern will start soon.
- Towers will only be operating on a part-time basis this year due to budget cuts.
- He wants to begin the pilot program on on-line fire permits, and has contacted 14 towns to serve as beta sites.

Director Bruce Cheney, for Bureau of EMS, stated that bids were opened for the statewide notification system. They will be checking the bids this week. They are working on the next generation of 9-1-1 and will be rolling out new features. He reminded all that language line interpreters are available to all for non-emergency situations. Simply dial 9-1-1 for the service.

Chief Morrill, for the NEAFC, shared the brochure for the upcoming conference in Springfield and described some of the events/seminars that will be presented. He described some of the speakers and encouraged those that want to stay in the host hotel to reserve rooms starting tomorrow. He assured Chief Sullivan that the Explorers would indeed be welcome at the June conference.

Chief Christopoulos for the NEDIAFC reported that they have been working closely with the NEAFC on the June

conference, and that Deputy Steve Carrier will be incoming President of the Division. He spoke of the FRI in Atlanta will be held this year and he urged members to attend.

Under New Business, Chief Murray asked for the report of the Nominating Committee and Chief Christopoulos presented it for the Committee, which include Chiefs Christopoulos, Wiggin and S. Carrier.

The report of the Nominating Committee was as follows:

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| President: | Chief Corey Landry |
| 1 st Vice: | Chief James Burkush |
| 2 nd Vice: | Chief Jason Lyon |
| Sgt./Arms: | Chief David Parenti |
| Secretary: | Chief Brent Lemire, ret. |
| Treasurer: | Deputy Chief Martin Carrier, ret. |
| Directors: | (2 year positions this year) Chiefs Jeff Burr; Phillip Morrill; George Klauber; John Beland and Richard O'Brien. |

A **MOTION** (Wood/Bradley) to close nominations; to accept the report of the committee and to authorize the Secretary to cast one ballot for the slate of officers carried unanimously.

Chief Murray spoke of the accomplishments of the organization over the past year and also the controversial issues that took center stage during his tenure. He mentioned the legislative efforts that have taken an inordinate amount of time this year. He thanked all of the members of the board and also the organization as a whole. He mentioned the increasing status of the organization as we deal with the many issues that present themselves on a day to day basis. He described the different areas that we have influence and listed the challenges that we will be facing as we move forward. He asked that we all work together as a team and continue to work to improve the condition of our profession.



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Incoming President Corey Landry was introduced. He presented Chief Murray with a plaque of appreciation for his efforts as President throughout the year.

Chief Murray asked for a motion (M. Carrier/Parenti) to authorize the new President to sign documents on behalf of the Association.

Chief Landry thanked all for the privilege of service and listed his intentions for the year. He mentioned the work that has been accomplished and hopes to move forward.

Chief Christopoulos mentioned that the Nominating Committee also addressed the issue of the finances. He put forth a **MOTION** (seconded by Chief S. Carrier) that reads:

"In an effort to have the membership better informed on the financial assets and liabilities of the NHAFC, the following deliverables are brought forth for the Treasurer's position for the fiscal year 2011-2012. The Treasurer shall:

- Meet with the proposed successor to review all association financial information to include: full financial disclosure of all association banking and investment accounts, applicable credit cards and establish secondary signatory for alternate access to all association accounts. Timeline: no greater than 60 days from April 14, 2011
- Brief the Association Board of Directors on all of the above information. Timeline: no greater than 90 days from April 14, 2011.
- Provide monthly financial reports (electronically) to the President of the Association prior to the monthly Association meeting for distribution to the membership.

The motion carried unanimously.

Following the raffle, a MOTION (S. Carrier/Bradley) to adjourn, carried unanimously.

The time was 2042 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Brent T. Lemire, ret.
Secretary, NHAFC

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More info at www.newenglandfirechiefs.org

Supporting Those Who Serve

The NVFC booth features:

- Cholesterol and glucose screenings
- Information on NVFC programs
- Guides and tools for retention and recruitment, health and safety, and more!
- Find us in the vendor area Fri. from 9am-5pm, Sat. 9am-3pm & Sun. 9am-2pm



FREE NVFC Health and Wellness Advocate Workshop

Friday-Saturday, 8am-5pm

The Workshop is taught by ACE-certified instructors from L&T Health and Fitness, an award-winning fitness and health management company. The workshop mixes classroom components with hands-on learning to equip participants with the tools and knowledge they need to succeed as a health and wellness advocate.

Participants receive 1.2 ACE continuing education credits.

Limit 30 per class—
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FREE NVFC Behavioral Health Advocate Workshop

Sunday 9am-12pm

The three-hour Workshop equips participants with the knowledge to be advocates for behavioral health and wellness in their department. Issues covered include alcohol abuse, stress, depression, and more.

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