

**SouthEastern FireFighters' Association**  
**Association des Sapeurs Pompier de Sudest**  
**Representing Albert, Kent, Westmorland Counties**  
**Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012**

The meeting was held at Riverview Fire Station.  
Regrets were sent by Maria Northrup.  
VP-Westmorland County Chris Connors not in attendance.

**President Jody Pratt** called the meeting to order, welcoming everyone and thanking Riverview Fire for hosting the meeting. Meeting agendas were passed out to members and Jody apologized for the late notice for a meeting reminder

**Adoption of previous meeting minutes (November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011):**

Chief Raymond LeBlanc motioned to accept the minutes  
Motion was seconded by Capt Gilles Allard.  
Minutes accepted and will be posted to the website.

**REPORTS**

**Albert County Report-Chief Glen Northrup**

Hillsborough Fire is hosting a Firefighter 2 course that will be completed in February.  
Riverside-Albert Fire is hosting a Firefighter 1 course that will be completed in February.  
There have been a few fires and accidents throughout the area. The largest incident involved a lightning strike to a church.

**Kent County Report-Peter Sock**

Elsipogtog Fire recently completed an Auto Extrication course.  
Best wishes to Rogersville Fire to rebuild.

**Westmorland County Report-Chris Connors Absent**

Sackville Fire had a large factory fire.

**Financial Report- Chief Glen Northrup for Maria Northrup (Absent)**

There were no changes in the account since the last report. The current balance is \$5,593.51. Another reminder that invoices for annual dues will be sent out soon and they will reflect the \$100 that was voted on earlier this year.

**ATC Report-Chief Glen Northrup for Maria Northrup (Absent)**

The Training Committee will meet immediately after the January meeting to decide on best venue to host FF1 courses throughout the Association. A compilation of departments and training requirements has been submitted to the Training Committee at this meeting.

**Training Committee**

Jody was asked why courses have not started yet. The response was based on NBCC policies that place the onus on the Association Training Committee to coordinate. Jody pointed out that the additional protocols had delayed the process in commencing courses. Lots of hearsay and conjecture was implied as to why these courses have not yet started. The Training Committee will convene immediately following this meeting to address this matter and move forward.

## **NBAFC-Chief David Gallant and Chief John Magee**

Chief Gallant

- Red Light issue is still being discussed. A formula approach has been suggested.
- P25 compatible radio system
- Dispatch recorded times discrepancies.

## **SEFFA Website-Chief Glen Northrup:**

Chief Northrup reported Department news and events will be posted on the website upon any department's request. Events should be submitted early enough to advise members. Jody encouraged departments to share their news with photos and write-ups after your events as well. Glen stated the site is owned by the Association and needs to be filled with information related to us all.

## **NBAFPO-Maria Northrup:**

This year's theme is: "PROTECT YOUR FAMILY FROM FIRE".

The 2012 Spring Seminar will be hosted at the Fairmont Algonquin Hotel in St. Andrews on April 12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>. ROOMS BOOKING QUICK, LIMITED RESERVATIONS \$99 per night. The seminar promises to be an awesome event, everyone is encouraged to attend. Email [nbafpo@nb.aibn.com](mailto:nbafpo@nb.aibn.com) or call 734-2918 for more information.

## **OFM - RFM Paul Boudreau:**

- The new RFM for Saint John is former Saint Andrews Fire Chief Jeff Cross. Jeff will be a great asset to the OFM and we wish him success in his new position. He will be taking the Fire Prevention portfolio for the OFM.
- Alarmed & Ready Campaign is launching in our area on February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Memos will be sent out to departments to make requests for material.
- Fire Gazette winners were announced. Presentations will be made in the area. Fire Chief of the Day is from Rogersville.
- Paul attended a workshop on Anhydrous Ammonia seminar with some valuable information to share with the Association.
- Commented on training for departments to determine how they would respond if they were dispatched to their own department as Rogersville Fire had. Fire department business continuity plans are available via EMO.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Elections 2012**

Before Tim Gaudet, Nomination Committee Chair was asked to take the floor Chief Glen Northrup was asked to read aloud a note from Maria Northrup announcing her intentions to step down from the Secretary-Treasurer and ATC positions. Maria was a huge asset to the Association and has helped us grow over the years. She will be greatly missed and impossible to replace.

Tim did not receive any nominations prior to the meeting.

### **VP – Westmorland**

Since Chris Connors moved out West for a new job, an election was held for this position. Daniel Dupuis was nominated and accepted the position and responsibilities. As he was the sole nominee, he was congratulated on filling the position.

### **Secretary-Treasurer**

As there were no one nominated for this position, it was decided to push this election off until the next meeting in hopes someone would accept the position. A possibility of separating this position into two separate titles while we address the Association Constitution will be discussed.

## **OPEN FLOOR**

### **Supplier's Presentations**

President Jody Pratt had asked the suppliers to deliver a short presentation on their products or services.

- Brad Doucette, owner of Atlantic Sani Sport spoke about his company's sanitizing services for equipment such as first aid equipment, firefighting PPE and sporting equipment to eliminate bacteria, carcinogens and bloodborne pathogens by using ozone and steam up to 120C. Members asked questions relating to pricing and turnaround time.
- Justin Neate from MicMac Fire & Safety Source had a great product discussion about the change in NFPA standards that will affect firefighter PPE and SCBA. Stored energy and compression burns were discussed in a concise manner. Differences in bunker gear that is already prepared for proposed standards changes were demonstrated.
- Both reps were thanked for taking the time to educate our members about their products and services. We hope to see more suppliers that are willing to share more of their expertise with the membership.

### **Letter Submission**

Chief Denis Pleau submitted a letter to the SEFFA Executive to voice his opinion and concerns about the Province's Training Standards Advisory Committee and the importance of its re-instatement. This letter was submitted directly to NBAFC President Chief Raymond LeBlanc who was in attendance to take the matter to the next NBAFC meeting. President Jody Pratt thanked Chief Denis Pleau for his time and effort in addressing the issue.

### **Firefighter Workshop**

Plans will be presented to facilitate a learning weekend for all members and will include live-burn trailer that will be in use at Riverview Fire & Rescue.

### **Off-Road Rescue**

This topic continues to prevail most LSD department Chief's list of concerns.

### **Adjournment**

Motioned by Chief Raymond LeBlanc and seconded by Chief Denis Pleau.  
Meeting adjourned.

**Next meeting date: March 18, 2012**  
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