

**SouthEastern FireFighters' Association
Association des Sapeurs Pompier de Sudest
Representing Albert, Kent, Westmorland Counties
Sunday, September 23rd, 2012**

The meeting was held at Riverview Fire Station. **President Jody Pratt** called the meeting to order late and apologized for his tardiness, welcoming everyone and thanking Riverview Fire for hosting the meeting. Meeting agendas were passed out to members. Regrets from Chief Glen Northrup for not being able to attend.

Adoption of previous meeting minutes (June 10th, 2012):

Deputy Chief Darrell Weir motioned to accept the minutes

Motion was seconded by Chief Mark Perry.

Minutes accepted and will be posted to the website with revisions.

REPORTS

Westmorland County Report-Captain Daniel Dupuis

Quiet and uneventful summer throughout the County.

Kent County Report-Lieutenant Peter Sock

Harcourt Fire presented 15, 25 and 30 year service pins. President Jody Pratt was on hand to award the certificates and service pins to those members.

Beersville Fire visit Targettville Day Camp in August as part of their annual fire safety awareness with children at camp.

Elsipogtog First Nation Fire hosted the National Aboriginal Firefighter Competition.

Saint Antoine Fire Open House September 30th 1330 - 1600

Albert County Report-Chief Glen Northrup absent, no report submitted

Chief Peter Murphy asked for support from SEFFA for a proposal to seek assistance for the acquisition (estimated \$120,000 - \$150,000) of the recently decommissioned CBC radio tower on Caledonia Mountain that has served as the communications tower for the tri-community emergency response departments; Alma, Hillsborough and Riverside-Albert. Deputy Chief Milt Cawley motioned to have SEFFA support this cause. The members agreed that we show our support in a letter addressed to the local representatives of each level of government.

Financial Report – Chief Glen Northrup absent, no report submitted

No change. NBAFC cheque delivered from Chief Greg Partridge for deposit.

BBQ expenses from June and website fees from April have not been paid.

A new local bank will be selected by Chief Glen Northrup and Deputy Chief Milt Cawley to open a new association account to facilitate banking transactions.

A discussion on how bills are being paid and what recurring bills the association has with regard to email and or cell phone usage. Association communications was also addressed by means of email. It was discussed if the association could have its own administered email address (es).

Guest Speaker/Supplier

Allstate Insurance representative Brian DesRoches proposed a group discount to SEFFA members. Chief Mark Perry motioned to accept the insurance policy group discount. Motion was seconded by Deputy Chief Darrell Weir. Motion carried and letter of intent to offer the insurance premium discount to any SEFFA member was signed. Promotional brochures and web content will be supplied by Allstate to inform members of the deal.

ATC Report-Captain Daniel Dupuis

Courses offered:

Beersville – Off-Road September 10 & 17

Shediac – Auto X Completed

St. Louis – Auto X October

Beersville – Auto X TBA

Upcoming course offerings:

FF1 – Richibouctou Village/Saint-Louis starts in October.

Cory Gallant, Marc Henri and John LeBlanc of St. Paul and Daniel Bourque and Danny DesRoches from Cocagne will be instructing this program.

FF1 – Bayfield-Cape Tormentine/Sackville numbers are short. The program will start as soon as numbers are sufficient. It is hoped that it could start as early as November or be put off until early spring.

FF2 – Riverside-Albert has requested to host a course.

OFM has requested that student numbers in each course be maintained throughout the duration of the course schedule, otherwise the course will be shut down. Please ensure that if you have students attending that they are diligent in attendance.

New policies state each association will be granted 2x FF1 courses or 1x FF1 + 2x FF2 courses per year as is needed. FF1 courses will be priority.

For those not familiar with course prerequisites they should ask either the ATC or one of the Training Committee Members.

August 27, NSFS Mobile Burn Unit was at Dieppe Fire and catered to some 27 firefighters from our region that required live-fire experience. Great learning experience!

98 firefighters attended this year's Miramichi Workshop hosted retired Toledo, Ohio Fire Chief John "Skip" Coleman.

September 22, PEIFFA hosted Phoenix, AZ Retired Fire Chief Alan Brunacini on leadership.

October 10, Moncton Fire and RCMP host DEA Special Agent to discuss Clandestine and Meth Labs at U de M. Contact Louis Dupuis at Moncton Fire if interest in attending.

Training Committee – President Jody Pratt

ATC – NBCC guidelines were read aloud by Captain Daniel Dupuis to reassure that the current methods are being adhered to within our association when course offerings are requested, venue selected, and course schedules set.

Chief Raymond LeBlanc – NBAFC, Announcement of new NBCC Fire Services Training Coordinator selection will be made soon. Interviews to be conducted with 4 candidates September 25. New FSTC will meet with all ATCs on November 24.

NBAFC – Chief Greg Partridge

Fenety Marketing cheque presented.

Red light issue is considered a dead issue.

Next meeting will be held October 20 in Moncton.

NBAFPO Seminar will be held April 4-7 in Woodstock

NBAFC Conference 2013 will be held in Grand-Falls

Volunteer Fire Chiefs – Chief John Magee

Next meeting will be held at the end of November in Oromocto.

Web Site – Chief Glen Northrup absent, President Jody Pratt reported

Hosting and maintenance fees have yet to be paid.

Current affairs and events need to be submitted to be posted to the sites.

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NBAFPO –

FPW launch October 6 at St. Martin's Fire Department.

Open House across the region:

Saint Antoine September 30

Riverview and Dieppe October 13

Cap Pele October 21

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Chief Michael Dean reported that Michael Gaultois is visiting the region and is slated to make appearances in various communities in the southeastern area in cooperation and support of some of our member fire departments; Bayfield-Cape Tormentine, Port Elgin, Dorchester and Sackville.

OFM - RFM Paul Boudreau:

Congratulated the departments that were involved in bringing Michael Gaultois into the region.

FPW launch October 6 at St. Martin's Fire Department.

Surplus FP materials were brought in for anyone needing supplies for their efforts.

Marcia Wall will be assuming the role of Fire Reporting Officer.

RFM Boudreau asked that any participating fire departments in recent Fire Alarm campaigns send him a short report on their efforts.

New Business

November 23-24 Fall Fire Conference in Fredericton. Members spoke highly of last year's event and how productive and useful the sessions were.

Fire Safety Journals are here for delivery!

Daniel Dupuis brought up the Constitution and was urged by members to question President Jody Pratt on the validity of his position on the Executive if he was not a part of a fire department. Statements were made that sparked new interest in rewriting the Constitution to be clearer on such subjects. Chief Peter Murphy defended the position and inquired what the main concern actually is. President Jody Pratt commented that the Association Constitution must be revamped to prevent future issues and complications. It was suggested that the current Constitution be reviewed by a sub-committee and changes recommended to the members to vote and implement. He brought up valid points about everyone's eligibility to actively participate within the association. The matter was quickly resolved when President Jody Pratt announced his membership with the Elsipogtog First Nation Fire Department as their new Training Officer.

A motion to form a committee of 3 or 4 members was put on the floor by Chief Raymond LeBlanc, seconded by Chief Michael Dean. Motion carried to form the Constitution Review Committee.

Suppliers

Chief Michael Dean was on-hand to represent EDM Fire & Safety. He is selling equipment and fire department supplies. He also mentioned training sessions that can prove helpful to association members. www.edmfiresafety.com

Adjournment

Motioned by Chief Mark Perry and seconded by James Lyman.
Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting date: November 18th, 2012

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