

SouthEastern FireFighters' Association
Association des Sapeurs Pompier de Sudest
Representing Albert, Kent, Westmorland Counties
Thursday, March 21st, 2013

The meeting was held at Saint-Paul Fire Station. President Jody Pratt called the meeting to order, welcoming everyone and thanking Saint Paul Fire for hosting the meeting. Meeting agendas were passed out to members. This meeting was very well attended, standing room only for some members in attendance.

Adoption of previous meeting minutes (January 20th, 2013):

Jerry Robichaud motioned to accept the minutes.
Motion was seconded by Chief Dave Gallant.
Minutes accepted and will be posted to the website.

REPORTS

Old Business

Meeting time/day/venue

To continue with this momentum and to encourage more members to attend meetings, the next meeting will be held: **Thursday, May 16, 2013 at 1900 (7pm) Dieppe Fire Station**

Westmorland County Report-Captain Daniel Dupuis

- Quiet all around for the most part with no serious incidents to report
- Level 1 in Sackville continues into Block 4 on Tuesday. Anyone needing Hazmat (Block 5) is encouraged to submit names to Daniel to attend upcoming classes.
- Cap-Pele has voted for a new Fire Chief, Ronald Cormier
- Daniel resigns as VP to concentrate on ATC role

Kent County Report-Lieutenant Peter Sock

- No major incidents to report

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

- No major incidents to report
- Finishing Level 1 training, possible Level 2 to begin

ATC Report-Captain Daniel Dupuis

- Level 1 in Richibucto Village is complete, working on JPRs
- Level 1 in Sackville is going well
- Level 2 in Riverside-Albert has been requested as a paid course, waiting on registering minimum of 12 to start
- Departments interested in hosting a subsidized course should contact Daniel Dupuis
- Basic Remote Rescue being offered in Rexton, Saint Antoine, Cap-Pele
- Remote Rescue 2 offered in Beersville and Riverview
- Hazmat Team Demo of the Southeast trailer with scenarios to be planned or open for discussion
- Nova Scotia Burn Trailer is rumoured to be in the Moncton area in April

Financial Report – Chief Glen Northrup absent, no report submitted

No recorded changes since last documented report.

Bank branches have been changed and new signature cards were signed by executive members. Still not corrected are the membership dues not been collected and some still not even billed for yet. The election will bring in new Executive and a dedicated Treasurer to work on this issue.

Training Committee – D/C Milt Cawley

Unfortunately things have not been organized for this year's Spring Workshop and Milt will be retiring before the next spring session. It is sad that this opportunity has been passed up due to lack of interest and organization.

NBAFC – No report submitted

- Maritime Convention 2013 will be hosted in Summerside, PEI
- 2014 in Pictou County, NS

Volunteer Fire Chiefs – D/C John Magee / Chief Dave Gallant

- Fire Departments can shut down roadways for safety of its in members while responding to incidents
- Worksafe NB states everyone on scene must have bunker gear that is current; 10 years of service, 10 years on helmets
- Province-wide 911 civic address campaign is in discussion as there are many homes not addressed clearly in some regions of the Province
- Next meeting slated for March in Miramichi

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

Hosting and maintenance fees have yet to be paid. Once financing is under control, invoices will be paid. Meanwhile Jody continues to administer and host the site. Current affairs and events need to be submitted to be posted to the site.

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NBAFPO – Deputy Chief Milt Cawley reported

- Spring Seminar April 4-6 Woodstock Best Western
- Inspections meeting on the April 4th, registration forms are needed
- 2 full days of speakers are planned in what is expected to be another great seminar
- Some topics include how to interact with autistic individuals on scenes and critical incident stress.

OFM - RFM Paul Boudreau:

- Congratulations to SEFFA members for making changes to meeting time and venue
- New bulletin for schools, halls and churches to require fire inspection
- Youth Fire Setters: program being developed to handle the issue
- Smoke Alarm Campaign, submit any requests for needed supplies
- 2013 edition of NFPA 1981 on SCBAs has been released, NB still recognizing 1992 edition
- NBCC working on Fire Investigation training course
- Paul returned with a piece from an incident involving medical O2 tanks kept on premises that was involved in a fire. A note on pre-incident surveys to identify properties that may contain such cylinders. Flag with PSAP known locations.

Serge Gallant – NBCC Fire Service Training Coordinator

- Several changes in Miramichi, new secretary and department head
- Fall workshop is planned
- The site is being upgraded with a multi-story training unit
- Remote Rescue training kits have been assembled for department use at a cost of \$5,000 per kit includes all necessary equipment and accessories
- Flashover trailer will be available at low cost
- Level 1 training is going well across the Association and Province with few rewrites needed
- Make sure log books are completely signed before submitting and all requirements have been met (OH&S, WHMIS, First Aid and Skills)
- The Association Training Coordinator title is now Association Training Representative
- Remote Rescue 1 in Cap-Pele is being delivered soon by Jody Pratt with new training materials
- There will be an instructor update for new training binders
- In-house training must be registered through ATR
- NBCC website is being revamped

Guest Speaker – Retired Chief Doug Hamer:

Chief Hamer presented a great discussion “The Fire Service and the Media”. Many great tips and techniques were shared and discussed throughout the presentation on how to deal with and interact with media relations on or off scene. Everyone enjoyed the presentation.

New Business

EXECUTIVE MEMBER ELECTIONS

Current Executive:

President Raymond LeBlanc

VP Albert Peter Murphy

VP Kent Danny DesRoches

VP Westmorland Conrad Landry

Secretary??

Treasurer Tim Dryden

ATC Daniel Dupuis

Motion to destroy election ballots by Danny DesRoches, seconded by D/C Milt Cawley.

Adjournment

Motioned by T/O Jody Pratt.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting date:
May 16th, 2013 Dieppe Fire Department

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