



Southeastern Firefighters Association

Association des Pompier du Sud-est

Representing Albert, Kent and Westmorland Counties

Sunday, September 17, 2017

At Riverview Fire Department

Attendees:

Chief Dave Gallant – Saint-Paul
Colleen Gallant – Saint-Paul
Tim Gaudet – Saint-Paul
Chief Denis Pleau – Riverview
Tim Dryden – Salisbury Fire
Charles Agnew – Beersville/Harcourt
Chief Kent Steeves – Elgin
Daniel Dupuis – Dorchester
Chief Marcel LeBlanc – Bouctouche
Marcel Allain – Bouctouche
Mathieu Caissie – Bouctouche
Chief Danny Desroches – Cocagne
Steven Goguen - Cocagne
Adam Allain – Cocagne
James Lyman – Alma
Raymond LeBlanc – Office of the Fire Marshal

This meeting was held at Riverview Fire Rescue. The meeting was called to order by President, David Gallant.

There were 15 members in attendance representing 9 departments plus 1 member of the Fire Marshal's office.

1. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The minutes from the June 11, 2017 meeting were handed out.

Motioned by: Steven Goguen

Seconded by: Marcel Leblanc

MOTION CARRIED

2. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

President's Report – David Gallant

There has not been anything to report recently. Upcoming meetings that Chief Gallant will be attending:

- Public Security – Sept 20
- Kent Regional Service Commission – Oct 11
- Volunteer Chiefs – Oct 14 in Oromocto
- NBAFC BOD – Oct 27-28 in Moncton
- Fall Fire Chief Conference – Nov 24-25 in Fredericton

Electric School Buses

- Reached out to the Anglophone East School District regarding the electric school buses. There are two now in service. Apparently they only have a blue sticker on them, not a blue bumper. Would like to arrange to see a bus and become familiar with it.

NBCC Fall workshop

- NBCC did the registrations online which worked well and as the courses filled up, they showed unavailable and could not be selected.
- Only comment was the firefighters did not receive confirmation. It went to the Chief only.

FOOLS training Nov 4-5

- Sponsorship would provide 2 free tickets for the association. Looking for ideas on how to distribute these free tickets fairly.
- Daniel Dupuis will follow up with Chris for more details and send an e-mail to the departments.
- Will draw from the list of departments who paid membership dues to the Southeastern Association.

TMR Information

- Trying to get Jody Price, Harry Farrell and Murray Crouse to come and discuss TMR but scheduling hasn't worked out.
- Chief Denis Pleau said he met with Bruce Grandy who is in charge of the TMR project. He assured Denis that TMR will go through the pagers.
- Also spoke with Diane Pelletier.
- Any questions we have could be sent to Denis and he will obtain information from Bruce. Under impression that Bruce will be contacting Chiefs within 60 days or so.
- Seeded radios and repairs to them will be free. If you buy them, you own it and are responsible for repairs.
- Chief Gallant noted one of the concerns was a lot of departments are switching over from pagers to portable radios.
- Ambulance and police have been switched over but fire departments cannot speak to anyone.
- Chief Kent Steeves noted that school buses have them but fire departments don't.

- Chief Pleau noted that a recently forest fire there were communications issues with DNR and mutual aid. Had to borrow radios from Moncton. DNR is under impression that fire departments could go on their channels but they cannot.
- They have a bank of radios on hand to distribute in the event of an emergency.
- Questions:
 - If it goes through radios/pagers, you need to use TMR to respond back.
 - for those who are on regional dispatching, do we have to carry two radios now?
 - Cost and repairs
 - A lot of departments who do self dispatching no longer have pagers, only radios. So now they cannot answer the calls.
- Seeded radios and repairs to them will be free. If one needs repair, return it and they will provide another one. If you buy them, you own it and are responsible for repairs.

Dave asked if anybody has gone to a forest fire under DNR mandate and had equipment damaged? i.e Peat Moss fire – mudflaps, back up beepers torn off, drains bent or broken. Denis is under the impression that DNR will pay for minor repairs but unsure of the limitations.

Kent noted that DNR has complained about the number of equipment and people who respond to the fires. Elgin automatically calls Petitcodiac for forest fires. Most departments bring all equipment and vehicles. For vehicles such as a support vehicle or Rescue, DNR is only paying mileage to/from the scene.

Denis noted that at a recent call DNR showed up with one person to manage a scene. We should be billing DNR for items such as food at a scene if DNR does not provide it.

Dave is attending the Kent Regional Service Commission meeting regarding how fire departments can work more together and cut costs.

Daniel Dupuis will speak to Gary McCarthy – we do not have any contact info for him. E-mail keeps bouncing back.

Vice President, Westmorland County – Gary McCarthy

Not in attendance. No update available.

Vice President, Kent County – Danny DesRoches

No update available.

Beersville's chassis is now out for tender.

Beersville and Harcourt have now officially merged and will be called Beersville-Harcourt Fire Dept. President Gallant noted that Marcel Leblanc is the new Fire Chief for Bouctouche Fire Dept.

Vice President, Albert County – James Lyman

Hillsborough received their new truck this past week and their expansion is also completed.

Riverview is receiving their new medical truck this week and their old one will go to Riverside Albert.

Financial/Treasurer's Report – Tim Dryden

Transactions since June 11, 2017 meeting. At the time of this meeting, the financial details were incomplete and President Gallant requested an update and a motion would be put forward at the November meeting.

Date	Cheque #	Amount	Payable to	Purpose
		\$29,375.68		OPENING BALANCE
June 11	150	-409.11	Daniel Dupuis	Supplies for spring training
June 11	151	-138.00	Dave Gallant	Hotel expense for NBAFC BOD mtgs
June 11	152	-262.66	Denis Pleau	Food for June meeting
June 17		-2.25		Service Fee
July 17		-2.25		Service Fee
		\$28,561.41		CLOSING BALANCE

One outstanding invoice from the SEFFA Spring training day. Usually receive one for building materials and another for fire extinguishers. Did not receive the invoice for the fire extinguishers. Chief Pleau indicated that we likely will not receive an invoice for the fire extinguishers.

FOOLS sponsorship has not yet been paid for the upcoming training on Nov 4-5.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ATC Report – Daniel Dupuis

Level 1

We are asking fire departments to send names of those interested in getting into a level 1 next spring, we can regionalize as needed, however students need to commit to attending. We had problems with drop-outs for the most recent course before the courses even started. This will be monitored closely this year. Please send names and fire departments ASAP so we can start planning.

Level 2

Same as level 1, if you have any firefighters interested in getting in on a level 2, please advise ASAP.

Spring Training

Our Spring training took place on June 3rd with 55 firefighters (students and instructors) representing 12 fire departments from the Southeastern area. Our main focus was on logbook sign offs for level 1. The Riverview location had water supply, sprinklers, ventilation, fire extinguishers and hazmat training while the Moncton location had SCBA, interior attack, ladders, hoses and fire streams. A very special thank you to all the instructors who contributed to this year's event, the Moncton and Riverview fire

departments for hosting the training and all the firefighters who attended. Our Spring training would not be possible without you!

Officer Training

We are still planning on getting an officer training course in early spring, please send names of departments and those interested. Looking for 12-20 students.

The pre-requisites are Firefighter Level 1 and Level 2, 5th Edition. Also, for those seeking IFSAC certification hazmat awareness ops, Instructor 1 IFSAC, FF1 and FF2 are required.

The course spans over 2 full weekends and includes 40 hours of theory, homework assignments and JPR's. Current officers are strongly encouraged to sign-up for this course. The cost of the course will be divided amongst the departments based on their number of students. We can decide on a central location based on where students will be coming from.

Steven Goguen asked if the Officer Training includes a Safety Officer. Daniel said that would be separate. Officer's course would be for Chief, Deputy, Lieutenant and Captains. Daniel will check into a Safety Officer training.

Miramichi Workshop

The workshop in Miramichi was a success again this year. It was very well attended from firefighters across the province. Thanks to all who make it happen every year.

The Miramichi training site is available for our use if we wanted to coordinate some training.

Daniel noted that he is now a member of the Dorchester Fire Department.

Dave suggested there should still be a follow up training meeting so any ideas/suggestions can be implemented going forward. If there aren't many level 1 sign offs to do in the spring, may want to consider other training ideas.

NBAFPO – Tim Dryden

Next meeting is Sept 29. No update available at this time.

OFM – Raymond Leblanc

- Fire prevention week is coming up. If anyone is doing an open house, etc they should advise the OFM for media purposes.
- Mailout for Gazette was sent out last week to all the schools.
- Interviews upcoming for new Chief of Havelock.
- Leon has been out and is expected back in October.
- E-mail received regarding carbon monoxide testing. Handled through Michael Lewis of OFM
 - Will suggest Tues Nov 7 and Thurs Nov 9 at Riverview Firehall. 90 mins sessions.

- Focus on Carbon Monoxide Awareness
- Brochures were printed and distributed by Riverview Fire Dept (copy attached)
- Brochure is not bilingual. NFPA version is not available in French.
- Awareness of carbon monoxide risks. Working with Kent Building Supplies and Home Hardware. Anybody who buys a generator will receive a carbon monoxide detector.
- Riverview ordered pucks. Once opened it is only good for 90 days. Shelf life is 2-3 years.
- Instructions for pucks are only in English at the moment.
- Chief Steeves asked Raymond about interpretation. The OFM got theirs back but have not yet heard from the NBAFC.
- Raymond noted there is a meeting coming up regarding the regionalization of the fire service and Chief Gallant will be attending it. Chief Pleau to send the Regionalization Service Report to Chief Gallant.

3. NEW BUSINESS

Chief Denis Pleau mentioned at the Southern Valley training committee is looking for a guest speaker. Denis suggested if we are interested we each bring in a guest speaker (joint FDIC) for a one day session. Idea would be high quality speakers. Denis will work with Rob and Kent to obtain more info. Southern Valley consists of Riverview, Salisbury, Petitcodiac, Penobsquis, Havelock

4. NEXT MEETING

The next SEFFA meeting will be on Sunday November 19, 2017 at 10:00 am, Riverview Fire Dept.

Motion for Adjournment: Dave Gallant

Second by: Danny Desroches

**NEXT MEETING, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2017 @ 10:00 AM
Riverview Fire Rescue, 650 Pinewood Road, Riverview, NB**

GENERATOR SAFETY

Downed utility lines, power company blackouts, heavy snow falls or summer storms can all lead to power outages. Many people turn to a portable generator for a temporary solution without knowing the risks of Carbon Monoxide.

- 1 Generators should be used in well ventilated locations outside at least 5 feet away from all doors, windows, and vent openings. Measure the 5-foot distance from the generator exhaust system to the building.
- 2 Never use a generator in an attached garage, even with the door open.
- 3 Place generators so that exhaust fumes can't enter the home through windows, doors or other openings in the building. The exhaust must be directed away from the building.
- 4 Make sure to install carbon monoxide (CO) alarms in your home. Follow manufacturer's instructions for correct placement and mounting height.
- 5 Turn off generators and let them cool down before refueling. Never refuel a generator while it is hot.
- 6 Store fuel for the generator in a container that is intended for the purpose and is correctly labeled as such. Store the containers outside of living areas.

JUST REMEMBER

- When plugging in appliances, make sure they are plugged directly into the generator or a heavy duty outdoor-rated extension cord. The cords should be checked for cuts, tears and that the plug has all three prongs, especially a grounding pin.
- If you must connect the generator to the house wiring to power appliances, have a qualified electrician install a properly rated transfer switch in accordance with the Canadian Electrical Code and all applicable provincial and local electrical codes.

FACT

CO deaths associated with generators have spiked in recent years as generator sales have risen.

Reference: National Fire Protection Association

For more fire safety information, go to
www.townofriverview.ca



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CARBON MONOXIDE Safety





CARBON MONOXIDE SAFETY

Often called the invisible killer, carbon monoxide is an invisible, odorless, colorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil, and methane) burn incompletely. In the home, heating and cooking equipment which burn fuel can be sources of carbon monoxide.

- 1 CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home and in other locations where required by applicable laws, codes or standards. For the best protection, interconnect all CO alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for placement and mounting height.
- 2 Choose a CO alarm that has the label of a recognized testing laboratory.
- 3 Test CO alarms at least once a month; replace them according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- 4 If the audible trouble signal sounds, check for low batteries. If the battery is low, replace it. If it still sounds, call the fire department.
- 5 If the CO alarm sounds, immediately move to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door. Make sure everyone inside the home is accounted for. Call 911 for help from a fresh air location and stay there until emergency personnel declare that it is safe to re-enter the home.
- 6 If you need to warm a vehicle, remove it from the garage immediately after starting it. Do not run a vehicle or other fueled engine or motor indoors, even if garage doors are open. Make sure the exhaust pipe of a running vehicle is not covered with snow.
- 7 During and after a snowstorm, make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove, and fireplace are clear of snow build-up.
- 8 A generator should be used in a well-ventilated location outdoors away from windows, doors and vent openings.
- 9 Gas or charcoal grills can produce CO – only use outside

HOME HEATING EQUIPMENT

Have fuel-burning heating equipment and chimneys inspected by a professional every year before cold weather sets in. When using a fireplace, open the flue for adequate ventilation. Never use your oven to heat your home.



FACT

A person can be poisoned by a small amount of CO over a longer period of time or by a large amount of CO over a shorter amount of time.