



Southeastern Firefighters Association

Association des Pompier du Sud-est

Representing Albert, Kent and Westmorland Counties

Sunday, November 19, 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
- Daniel Dupuis – Dorchester
- Chief Marcel LeBlanc – Bouctouche
- Chief Danny Desroches – Cocagne
- Steven Goguen - Cocagne
- Adam Allain – Cocagne
- James Lyman – Alma
- Chief Peter Murphy – Riverside Albert
- Chief Allan Peters – Elsipogtog
- Platoon Chief Paul Bruens – Moncton
- Chief Glen Northrup – Hillsborough
- Conrad Leblanc - Memramcook
- 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 17 members in attendance representing 13 departments plus 1 member of the Fire Marshal’s office.

1. APPROVAL OF TREASURER’S REPORT FROM SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

The treasurer’s report at last meeting was incomplete and has been updated.

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

Motioned by: Denis Pleau
 Seconded by: Steven Goguen
 MOTION CARRIED

2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The minutes from the September 17, 2017 meeting were handed out.

Motioned by: Steven Goguen
 Seconded by: Tim Dryden
 MOTION CARRIED

3. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

President's Report – David Gallant

NBAFC BOD – Oct 27-28 in Moncton

- The Mobile Burn unit does not have any funding available for the Province. The NBAFC will work with the new Minister and push the issue.
- WSNB – Presumptive Insurance – the \$30M pot is full. They are dropping the price from \$690 to \$515 and the NBAFC want to add 3 cancers (Breast, melanoma, colon) for Presumptive insurance. This would have brought the price back up to \$605. WSNB did not add the cancers and went with the \$515. The NBAFC questioned them and they indicated that the municipalities did not get back to them so they made the decision not to add the 3 cancers.
- Prostate cancer is too expensive and may never be added.
- Met with DTI regarding road closures. They say they do not have the technology to notify fire department of road closures. It is up to the fire departments to check the websites daily.
- OFM suggested an app for cell phones for road closures. This is not yet being developed.
- Maritime Fire Chief conference held July 13-15, 2017.
- CAFC is still working on some initiatives:
 - National Volunteer Recruitment Program
 - Chief Officer's Program
 - National Fire Incident program that deals with Stats
 - Aging population in communities
 - Government relations week Nov 6-8 – the CAFC is working to maintain volunteer tax credit and R2MR program. They would like to have R2MR in every fire department across the country.
 - Bob Martin attended the meeting and discussed the seeding of TMR radios and options. A copy will be attached to these minutes.

- If you want to go on full TMR dispatching you have to wait for Regional Dispatching. If you want to proceed with purchasing radios in the meantime, it can be done.
- NBCC will register level 1 students as a student of NBCC so they will be in their registry and NBCC will keep the records.
- NBAFC met with Medical Director for 3 things:
 - To see if they would pay for NARCAN. They are not interested.
 - Set up protocols
 - Set up training and guidelines

They are not ready to go down this road. Are fire departments interested getting the information or a course regarding NARCAN? Dave to follow up and obtain more information.
- Kent Regional Service Commission (KRSC) – Attended a meeting on October 11. Discussed the Regionalization of the Fire Service in Kent County. They are not looking to micro-manage or take over fire departments but to see if they work together, what each fire department has, cost sharing, assets that can be loaned out in a disaster (i.e. ice storm) and possibly look at what administrative tasks could be done to help out the Chiefs.
- NBCC Firefighter ID cards – see attached documentation for details. There is a charge of \$5.00 per card and they will be printed and provided by NBCC.
- Elevator emergency evacuation training – e-mail sent to Dave. Company from Nova Scotia. Chief Pleau says it is expensive per student. Chief Paul Bruens says it is not hands on training which is what is needed, not just a PPT presentation. Chief Pleau agreed it was not an effective course.
- Carbon Monoxide training is still available for our Association. We will ask them for Nov 30 with alternate Dec 7. 90 minute course in one evening. It was agreed that a French course was not required. English was sufficient.
- NBAFC revenues have dropped 30%. Fenety Marketing is their main source of income. Looking to raise funds another way.
- NBAFC Conference will be May 25-26, 2018 in Fredericton.
- Miramichi training will be a “dry” camp going forward. No hospitality suite. There were some firefighters who showed up drunk to the Saturday morning training. NBCC is responsible for the firefighters who are participating in the training and it is up to the Fire Chief’s to do their due diligence.
- The Fall Fire Chief Conference takes place Nov 24-25 in Fredericton

Vice President, Westmorland County – Gary McCarthy

- No update available.

Vice President, Kent County – Danny DesRoches

- Shediac has 5 guys looking for level 1. Cocagne has 2 and is willing to host it.
- Bouctouche Fire’s jaws were stolen and they have not been recovered.

Vice President, Albert County – James Lyman

- James did not have any updates.

- Chief Glen Northrup of Hillsborough noted his expansion is complete. Classified as a garage so was able to avoid the regulations required such as post disaster.
- Hillsborough is hosting an in-house Level 1 course.
- Hillsborough also received a new truck and another pending.
- Dave asked that anyone who is hosting in-house courses to advise him or the association. This way when he meets with the NBAFC Board of Directors he's got information to back up the need for more funding. For example, if there are multiple in-house courses being done, obviously funding for 2 is not enough each year.

Financial/Treasurer's Report – Tim Dryden

Transactions since September 17, 2017 meeting.

Date	Cheque #	Amount	Payable to	Purpose
		\$28,561.41		OPENING BALANCE
Nov 15, 2017	153	-209.46	Town of Riverview	Supplies associated with spring training
		\$28,351.95		CLOSING BALANCE

Motioned to accept by: Steven Goguen

Seconded by: Denis Pleau

MOTION CARRIED

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 course this spring. We can regionalize as needed, however students need to commit to attending. We have had problems last year with drop outs before the courses even started, this will be monitored closely this year. Please send names and fire departments ASAP so we can start planning.

Some departments have indicated they have firefighters who need level 1. Daniel asks that you send a list of names of firefighters who WILL attend, not just who need it.

Dave noted we need to set a commitment – Fire Chiefs to speak with firefighters first. i.e 10 may need it but only 5 will actually be able to commit to attend.

Need to confirm 12-18. There are always drop outs. We don't want to waste credits that are available to us.

December 1 cut off in order to have enough time to plan.

Last call for level 1, possible course in Shediac if any are interested. December 1 cut off date to register, we need more students.

Level 2

If you have any firefighters interested in getting in on a level 2, please advise ASAP. There will be a level 2 in Cap Pele in early spring, dates to be determined. Cap Pele is forcing their members to have Level 2 in order to remain on the department.

Officer Training

We are still planning on having an officer training course in early spring. Please send names of departments and those interested. Possible dates will be the weekend of January 13-14 and January 20-21. We are currently working with NBCC on setting up the instructors. Location will likely be in Moncton area.

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.

Looking for a commitment from 12-18 firefighters.

Spring Training

Our annual spring training will be coming up in June. We will be having a training committee meeting to discuss venue and options. If you have any ideas or suggestions please pass them along. There have been discussions of a possible auto ex workshop including a motor coach bus. We will discuss this further at the next training committee meeting (possibly in December).

Daniel has located a motor coach bus to be used for training. Going to take a look at it to see what condition it is in.

Last year we focused more on Level 1 signoffs due to the number of courses that had taken place over the winter.

Electric School Bus Seminar

There was an electric school bus seminar hosted by Moncton Fire on November 16. Special thanks to Platoon Chief Paul Bruens (Moncton Fire) and instructor Mike Nicholson (Moncton Fire) along with SEFFA president Chief Dave Gallant and Secretary Colleen Gallant for organizing this event. The event was well attended.

Chief Bruens mentioned that Mike is hoping to organize and set up an auto extrication competition in our area. Moncton would host it. He is an excellent facilitator with a lot of knowledge in extrication.

FOOLS Training

This was postponed due to low attendance and sponsorship. There was insufficient time/notice to coordinate.

They are hoping to reschedule in the spring. If they do, our sponsorship will still stand.

There were issues with the venue. Tried to move to Riverview school when they realized they were not going to have the attendance needed for the original venue.

NBAFPO – Tim Dryden

- Meeting took place on Sept 29.
- Missed prior meeting and changes had taken place he was not aware of.
- Treasurer stopped being involved and issues came up regarding the conference.
- They had financial issues but part of the problem was that invoices were not being sent out.
- Carol Gilmore is the new Treasurer.
- Jeff Cross spoke about the Gazette that was sent out to all of the schools. Should encourage schools to participate.
- Issues with NFPA for obtaining books and literature.
- Discussion regarding full francophone conference vs anglophone conference. Weighing the pros and cons.
- Drafted letters for CO legislation for the province.
- Association now meets monthly. Next one is on Nov 24.
- Fire Marshal would like to see more media coverage for Fire Prevention week.

OFM – Raymond Leblanc

- OFM does not believe that the NBAFPO has the budget for translation.
- Apparatus Spec Committee meeting coming up on Nov 24.
- A few LSD trucks may go out for tender in January.
- Chief Gallant said he heard they were going to hire someone to review the specs and not use Saint John Fire.
- Dave asked what the process is. The Apparatus Spec Committee draws up the specs and Saint John Fire reviews it.
- Gazette winners were chosen and the winner is not yet announced.
- Nov 30 is confirmed for Carbon Monoxide training. Time is 7:00 – 8:30 PM at Riverview Fire Dept.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- Danny mentioned NFPA standard for bunker gear cleaning due to the cancer risks.
- Paul Bruens noted Standard is asking for advanced cleaning. NFPA wanted twice a year but have gone with yearly. Municipal FD are required to wash their gear after each fire.

- First step to cleaning gear is at the scene – brush or wash/spray off gear. Moncton uses a garden hose and one truck will have it set up at a scene. Need to remove carcinogens ASAP.
- Moncton uses Sani Gear out of Ontario. Significant price difference to use Sani Gear rather than Atlantic Bunker Gear.
- 48 hour turnaround time with Sani Gear from the time they receive it. They are ISO certified. The owner sits on NFPA committee for bunker gear. They are an authorized repair facility and do warranty work.
- Clean Heroes is a mobile unit. They do not do repairs. Repairs are sent to Sani Gear.
- Platoon Chief Bruens offered to invite Don Sage conduct a demonstration for our next meeting and would confirm.
- R2MR training – SEFFA hasn't done any yet. Is there any interest? Instructor is Chris Jackson from Moncton Fire Dept. We have to go through the NBAFC in order to organize the course. One for Officers and another for Firefighters. No cost. It was agreed to start with Officers first. 8 hours course. VP's will contact each of their counties.

5. NEXT MEETING

The next SEFFA meeting will be on Sunday February 18, 2018 at 10:00 am, Riverview Fire Dept.

Motion for Adjournment: Dave Gallant

Second by: Daniel Dupuis

**NEXT MEETING, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2018 @ 10:00 AM
Riverview Fire Rescue, 650 Pinewood Road, Riverview, NB**

Firefighter ID Cards

New Brunswick Firefighter Identification Cards

Cost: \$5.00 per card

Expires: 5 years

How to order:

Download and complete the Request Form and follow the instructions.

Send to:

NBCC Fire Services

80 University Avenue

Miramichi, NB E1N 0C6

Important Notes:

- Incomplete forms will be sent back to the Department to be properly completed before issuing any cards.
- Once these cards have been issued, they become the property of the Department.
- Replacement cards or lost/stolen cards will be subjected to the same process above and payment must be issued for each individual.

New Brunswick Firefighter Identification Cards

Request Form

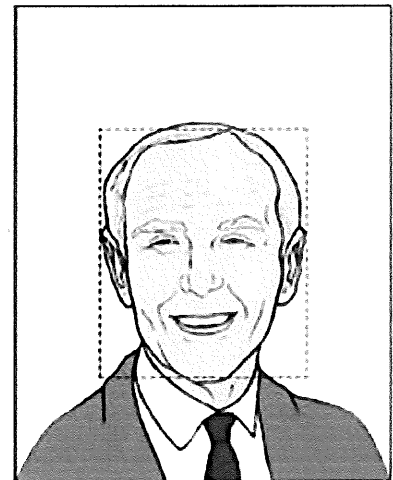
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Dress or Station Uniform recommended.
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- Do not wear a hat or sunglasses. Your eyes should be clearly visible and should not appear to be red.
- The photo must be taken within the last twelve (12) months.
- The photo must be original, not taken from an existing photo.
- Save photos on a USB stick or CD, identify each photo with the members name and matching number on the form.
For example: 1- John Doe, 2- John Smith...
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