



Southeastern Firefighters Association

Association des Pompier du Sud-est

Representing Albert, Kent and Westmorland Counties

Sunday, April 15, 2018

At Riverview Fire Department

Attendees:

Chief Dave Gallant – Saint-Paul
Colleen Gallant – Saint-Paul
Tim Gaudet – Saint-Paul
Melissa Saucier – Saint-Paul
James Lyman - Alma
Chief Denis Pleau – Riverview
Platoon Chief Paul Bruens - Moncton
Tim Dryden – Salisbury
Gerald Boudreau - Memramcook
Charles Agnew – Beersville-Harcourt
Daniel Dupuis – Dorchester
Chief Marcel LeBlanc – Bouctouche
Assistant Chief Steven Goguen – Cocagne
Adam Allain – Cocagne
Ferdinand Vautour – Cap Pele
Ronald Cormier – Cap Pele
Yves LeBlanc – Cap Pele
Mathieu LeBlanc – Cap Pele
unknown – Cap Pele
Chief Peter Murphy – Riverside-Albert
Darrell Weir – Riverside-Albert
Chief Kent Steeves – Elgin
Josh Jones - Elgin
Ian McCormack – Hillsborough
Troy Collins – Hillsborough
Chief Alan Peters - Elsipogtog
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 26 members in attendance representing 14 departments plus 1 member of the Fire Marshal's office.

1. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

This was omitted and will be done at the June meeting.

2. GUEST PRESENTATIONS

David Candy – Platoon Captain from Riverview Fire spoke about a program he developed for hybrid vehicles. This was developed as a result of an accident that took place involving a hybrid electric vehicle. This information should be shared in the fire service.

In 2019 there will be 40 new hybrid electric and electric vehicles. 24 hybrid electric and 16 fully electric vehicles. Infrastructure in NB is being established. Currently over 70 Level 2 and Level 3 private charging stations in the province. Tesla has announced they will install 5 charging stations in New Brunswick by end of 2018. As of one month ago, the province will implement more charging stations. There are Tesla vehicles in Riverview. They are 100% electric, non-combustion motor. The Lithium Ion batteries are 400 volts in these vehicles. This is moving into Class 7 and 8 trucks now as well.

He has developed a two hour safety training presentation to responding to electric vehicle fires and accidents and is willing to go to associations or fire departments to show his presentation. See attached brochure.



Daniel Dupuis may be able to obtain a hybrid vehicle from Miramichi and coordinate this presentation on the SEFFA Spring Training day. There is an app available for ipads. The app is \$13.99 USD.

Approx. cost for David to go to a firehall and show his presentation and discuss is \$300.00

Gear Cleaning – Moncton Platoon Chief Paul Bruens invited Don Sage from Choisy to discuss the importance of gear cleaning.

NFPA 1851 is the Care, Maintenance and Selection of Protective Clothing (helmets, boots, gear). Back in the 80's and 90's we didn't wash gear. Gear contains carcinogens after a fire and is just as contaminated as the structure fire/scene itself.

NFPA has 3 levels of care in their new standards:

1. Routine Clean – easily can be done on scene or at the firehall. Take a hose and spray down gear. Remove contaminants at the scene.
2. Advanced Clean – washing gear properly.
3. Specialized Clean – done for blood born pathogens and exposure to asbestos and chemicals.



AED Donations

The following is a list of the responses/requests received for each language:

English	French
Alan Peters - Elsipogtog	Danny Desroches - Cocagne
Ron Cormier - Cap Pele	Dave Gallant - Saint-Paul
Dave Cail - Harcourt	
Kent Steeves - Elgin	
Peter Murphy - Riverside Albert	
Dave Bannister - Salisbury	
Dave Rossiter - Alma	

A draw took place and the following departments will receive AED's.

English: Riverside-Albert, Elsipogtog, Salisbury

French: Saint-Paul, Cocagne

The third French AED will be distributed at the June meeting for anyone who expresses interest. If more than one, a draw will take place.

Contact person to obtain information on the donated AED's:

Michel Viau, Paramedic

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3. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

President's Report – David Gallant

TMR – Regional Dispatch – Two fire departments are currently online. 9 fire departments are having the equipment installed and training will begin. The third round will be 12 fire departments in the Capital District area but no date at this time. Murray Crouse encourages every fire department to take the 4 portables and 3 mobiles. There most likely will be recurring monthly charges if you decide to purchase radios outside of this agreement. Rumored to be coming to Codiac next and then Saint John but not confirmed.

Chief Denis Pleau confirmed Codiac is next and will not be for at least 18 months. Each department will have their own “talk group”. The talk group is to be used for the command staff only.

R2MR Course – Funding from federal government available now for first responders. SEFFA hasn't done any training yet. At the last meeting it was agreed to start with Officers first. 8 hour course. VP's will contact each department in their counties prior to next meeting. Still no update.

Fentanyl – Chief Gallant brought forward request for first responders to obtain training and ability to administer Narcan. Mike Walton, President of the NBAFC said they would look into this since the last request was more for the province to pay for training which they were not willing to do.

Leon Ross spoke to a Pharmacist regarding Narcan....he was told that you can buy over the counter but training is needed. Unsure of what type of training is required. Injection is cheaper than nasal. Chief Gallant to look further into this.

Road Closures – There was another meeting which was more positive. However, in the meantime they strongly urge that you build a rapport with your local supervisor. Use 511 however it can change at any time.

Dealing with Local Government and LSD – Many issues with the cost of projects and not knowing who is in charge, etc. NBAFC will have discussions with the Local Government. Chief Kent Steeves spoke of his experience with Elgin's expansion.

New EMO Position for Kent County - Roger (Junior) Pitre from Rogersville is now looking after Kent County. There will be 6 more reps added for various areas.

Roger Pitre

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Election for Executive Positions – will take place at June meeting. President, VP for each county (Westmorland, Kent, Albert), ATC Rep, NBAFPO Rep, Secretary, Treasurer. Looking for people with strong leadership skills to come forward to take part and lead this organization. President and Secretary positions are not re-offering.

Beersville-Harcourt Fire Department Fundraiser Dinner – Saturday, April 28, 2018 from 4:00 - 6:30 pm at the Beersville Firehall. This is their 26th year.

Vice President, Westmorland County – Gary McCarthy

- Tim Dryden noted that 7 departments took part in a training session on April 14. It was well attended and all worked well together. Burned a small church.
- Mutual aid working together more and realize that they are in need especially during daytime hours.

Vice President, Kent County – Danny DesRoches

- Level 2 is completed.
- Level 1 is being done in Bouctouche. Exam for Block 4 is Tuesday night.
- Block 5 to begin on Sunday April 22.
- Cocagne is looking to do an MFR course.

Vice President, Albert County – James Lyman

- DNR did a fire smart with three departments.
- Testing for level 1 is done in Hillsborough.
- Milt Cawley was talking about dangerous smoke.
- One member did the Level 2 course in Cap Pele.
- A few recent fire calls.

Dave asked for training photos if anyone wants to share them and we can put on the SEFFA website and Facebook.

Financial/Treasurer's Report – Tim Dryden

Transactions since February 18, 2018 meeting.

Date	Chq #	Amount	Payable to	Purpose
		\$28,209.45		OPENING BALANCE
Feb 18	155	148.35	Dave Gallant	Hotel for NBAFC BOD meeting in January.
Feb 18	156	505.12	Tim Dryden	Mileage for various NBAFPO meetings at Fredericton
Feb 18	158	150.00	NBAFPO	Sponsorship for Nutrition Breaks at NBAFPO Conference
March 6		2.25		Service charge
		\$27,403.73		CLOSING BALANCE

COMMITTEE REPORTS

NBAFPO – Tim Dryden

- Attended the NBAFPO Conference in Fredericton weekend of April 7. Well attended. Several guest speakers.
 - Roger Collet – Energy Resource and Development (formerly known as DNR)
 - Milt Cawley – Retired Deputy Chief of Riverview Fire Department
 - Brian McBain – Senior Regulatory Affairs Representative Codes and Advisory Services with the Underwriters Laboratories of Canada Inc.
 - Cpl/Cap Kevin Pung RCP – CLEAR Team & Synthetic Drug Program Coordinator
 - Laura King – Public Education Representative for the NFPA.
- Election:
 - Ricky Nicholson – President
 - Carol Gilmore – secretary/treasurer
 - Jim Brown – 1st vice

ATC Report – Daniel Dupuis

Level 1

Firefighter level 1 is on schedule in Bouctouche. They will be starting block 5 (Hazmat Ops) Sun April 22. The course is going well. Elsipogtog has a few members who need block 5. The Hazmat Ops course is a pre-requisite for the Officer's course.

Level 2

A firefighter level 2 course was completed in Cap Pele. The course was well attended. Taught by Dennis Metcalfe.

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 motor coach bus. We will discuss this further at the next training committee meeting.

Details:

- Will focus on bus extrication. Have a bus from Optimum Ride out of Sussex and a school bus.
- Will need some instructors
- Mike Nicholson will take lead on the training. Would like to do in Riverview.
- Looking for someone to talk about the importance of triage (Melissa Saucier (Paramedic) has offered)
- Could potentially do a real mock triage from the bus.
There is a person in Saint-Paul who does make-up for these scenarios.
- Robin True had coordinated a mock with mutual aid in the past and Daniel will reach out to him.
- Additional volunteers/helpers would be appreciated to help take some of the load from the instructors.
- Denis was approached by Air Cadets for casualties if needed for any upcoming training. They would have 10-20 kids. Denis will confirm with them.
- Chief Pleau has confirmed that we can use the Riverview yard.
- There is currently only one level 1 course and sign offs could be coordinated for a later date.
- Aaron Fields teaches “Nozzle Forward” and has coordinated training at the Moncton training grounds for June 9. We don’t want our training day to conflict with it.
- Will move the SEFFA training to Sat June 16. Will not be doing any level 1 sign offs.
- Will need to pay for bus towing, car towing, instructors, food, etc.
- Will need extra tools, rescue vehicles, etc.

FOOLS Training

Dave asked about the FOOLS training that we agreed to sponsor in Fall 2017. Daniel believes it is being pushed out to the Fall.

Propane Training

Irving Energy is looking to coordinate a propane emergency response course. Daniel read the e-mail he received. The cost is \$350 per person for 11 modules to be completed online then 2 days of training in the field. See attached brochure. Most feel that this is costly – especially for smaller rural fire departments. If there was any interest, Daniel would coordinate it. Dave said it would be nice to hear feedback from people who have taken this course before to see if it is worthwhile.

OFM – Raymond Leblanc

Tenders - Rescues have all been awarded to Metalfab (there are 6) – walk around and walk in rescue. Working on change orders. Fire truck tender has not yet been awarded. Hope to have an update for next meeting.

Local Assistant – Mandated to have at least one course per year per association. Raymond’s course may be in the Fall.

Fire Scene Security – See attached bulletin from the Office of the Fire Marshal. Has not yet been put to the test.

If you think it is suspicious, the RCMP will look after it. If not, if a scene needs to be secured, the OFM will contact a commissionaire and he will contact the Office In Charge to make arrangements.

If a volunteer firefighter wants to sit on scene himself, the OFM is putting money into the NBAFC - fire department would send a bill the Nadine and she will issue a cheque. You can put two firefighters on scene but will only be paid for one.

Chief Kent Steeves asked about insurance liability for having a single member sitting on a scene. Denis indicated that the member would require communication access while on a scene. Raymond will look into this.

This has been an issue for a long time. The OFM has found funding to be able to cover the cost of scene security by hiring commissionaires. This is effective April 1. The funding will be issued to the NBAFC and the invoicing will be handled through the NBAFC (Nadine).

The Fire Dept will call the Fire Marshal's office. They will determine if they will come to check the scene. Scene security will be coordinated if needed.

Fire Service 2025 – See attached document from the Office of the Fire Marshal dated March 26, 2018. The Province will be looking to do an assessment/evaluation of the fire service in the Province to see where improvements can be made within each department. Will review training records, inventory, etc. Looking for feedback from each fire department. i.e. responsibilities.

This evaluation will show where departments are lacking (many do not have good record keeping), areas they are strong in and where improvements or changes can be made.

Doug Browne will be giving presentation at the NBAFC Conference in May and will provide more details.

Chief Kent Steeves asked for a list of all equipment testing that is required by LSD's on an annual basis. Raymond will provide. See list below.

- Ladders
- Hose, Nozzles, Wyes
- Pump Testing
- SCBA bench test
- SCBA Compressor (twice annually)
- Bunker Gear (annual inspection & cleaning)
- Flash Hood
- Boots
- Helmet
- Gloves

- Review of equipment, records, building, etc.
- M V I's
- Tires (for single axle trucks you should budget \$4,000, and \$5,000 for tandems).

4. NEW BUSINESS

SEFFA Website – The SEFFA web builder was up for renewal. The site is still active. The “new” site will be launched prior to our June meeting.

Downed Power Lines / NB Power - There have been discussions in the past about departments babysitting downed power lines for NB Power. Length of time will depend on the type of emergency.

NBCC and Certifications - NBAFC will follow up with NBCC regarding firefighters who do their courses online and through Texas and obtain their certification and seals is not being recognized by NBCC. Obtaining responses from NBCC is very timely. See attached e-mail regarding certifications. President Dave Gallant will bring this forward again at the next NBAFC BOD meeting.

Positive pressure ventilation training – the person who was doing it is now retired. Looking for find out if anyone else is now doing this training.

Motion:

Daniel Dupuis put forth a request for funding to cover the Spring training costs for cost of vehicles, towing of bus and cars, food, instructors.

Platoon Chief Paul Bruens put a motion on the floor to set aside \$3,000 to fund the costs of SEFFA Spring training.

Second by Denis Pleau

MOTION carried.

5. NEXT MEETING

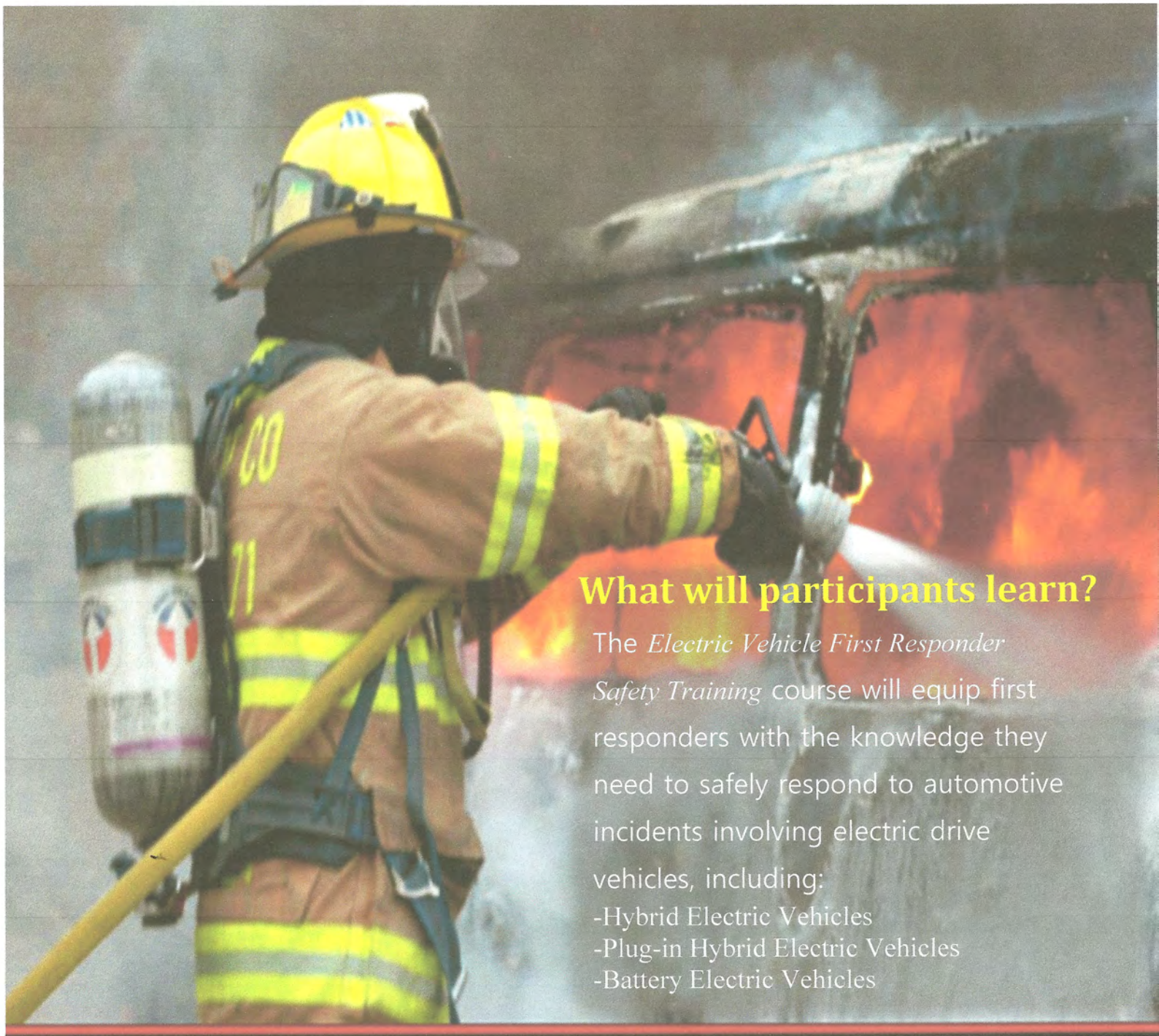
The June SEFFA meeting and election will be on Sunday June 10, 2018 at 10:00 am, Riverview Fire Dept. Lunch to be provided.

Motion for Adjournment: President Dave Gallant

Second by: Chief Denis Pleau



Electric Vehicle Safety Training



What will participants learn?

The *Electric Vehicle First Responder Safety Training* course will equip first responders with the knowledge they need to safely respond to automotive incidents involving electric drive vehicles, including:

- Hybrid Electric Vehicles
- Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles
- Battery Electric Vehicles



For details about this NFPA Electric Vehicle Safety Training program, contact David Candy @ 506-378-0828 or email davidcandy911@hotmail.com



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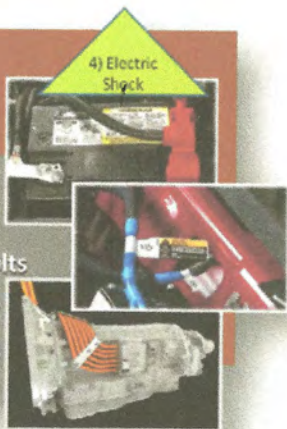
ELECTRIC VEHICLE
SAFETY TRAINING

A PROJECT OF THE NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION 

EV/ HEV Cabling

Color coded to SAE voltage levels

- Low Voltage: <30 Volts
Often **Red** or **Black**
- Intermediate: 30-60 Volts
Usually **Yellow** or **Blue**
- High Voltage: >60 Volts
Orange



Fire Service EV/Hybrid Safety Training Course

This instructor-led course is comprised of videos, animations, slides and activities. It will cover the following topics:

- Introduction to hybrid and electric vehicles
- Basic electrical concepts
- Vehicle systems and charging stations
- Initial response procedures
- Identification methods, Immobilization
- Disabling Emergency operations
- Unanticipated vehicle movement
- Electric shock hazards
- Toxic and flammable gas buildup
- Electrolyte skin contact
- Extrication
- Vehicle and battery fires
- Submersion
- High voltage battery damage
- Incidents involving charging stations
- Responding scenarios

NFPA's Electric Vehicle Safety Training provides firefighters and other first responders with the information necessary to respond to emergency situations involving all electric vehicles and hybrid vehicles on the road today.

HV Battery Breach

- Watch for unusual odors or eye, nose, throat, or skin irritation. If detected, limit exposure and evacuate.
- Monitor HV battery for leaks, sparks, smoke, flames or gurgling sounds. Notify all responders and the manufacturer.
- Follow local medical protocols in the event of exposure to electrolyte or fumes.



National Fire Protection Association
ELECTRIC VEHICLE SAFETY FOR EMERGENCY RESPONDERS

Collaboration: Auto Manufacturer Partnerships

- Alliance of Auto Manufacturers (AAM)
- Association of Intl Auto Manuf. (AIAM)
- 15 Auto Manufacturer Partnerships

General Motors	Honda
Ford	Mitsubishi
Toyota	Chrysler
Nissan	Volkswagen
Porsche	BMW
Hyundai	Kia
Tesla	Mercedes
Alt-e	



March 26, 2018

Le 26 mars 2018

Dear Chiefs:

New Brunswick's fire service is unified in their common pursuit of keeping the citizens of our communities and their property safe from the hazards of fire. It is this preservation of life and property that drives us to seek continuous improvement, and is the basis for a comprehensive review and series of recommendation.

The Office of the Fire Marshal is seeking to develop a comprehensive vision and long-term outlook for New Brunswick's Fire Service, entitled Fire Service 2025. With this, we hope to engage the fire service to identify key concerns, strengths, and future initiatives that you hope to see included in Fire Service 2025. The intention of Fire Service 2025 is to pause and reflect on the current state of New Brunswick's greater fire service, examine our stakeholders and clients, and identify our successes and future ambitions into the year 2025 and beyond. We have partnered with GNB's Alternative Service Delivery Unit to act as an unbiased third party.

We will be meeting with the NBAFC to establish several key themes (training, support, prevention, etc.) that will be the focus of our regional 'town-hall' meetings.

Mesdames et Messieurs,

Les services d'incendie du Nouveau-Brunswick ont tous à cœur de protéger les citoyens de nos collectivités et leurs biens contre les risques d'incendie. C'est ce souci de prévention de la perte de vies et de biens qui nous incite à continuellement nous améliorer et qui justifie une révision détaillée suivie de recommandations.

Le Bureau du prévôt des incendies désire élaborer une vision globale et des perspectives à long terme pour les services d'incendie du Nouveau-Brunswick, sous le titre Services d'incendie 2025. Nous souhaitons ainsi que les services d'incendie déterminent les principales préoccupations, les forces et les initiatives futures que vous espérez voir dans Services d'incendie 2025. L'initiative de Services d'incendie 2025 vise à faire le point et à réfléchir sur l'état actuel des services d'incendie du Nouveau-Brunswick, à prendre connaissance de l'avis des d'entendre les intervenants et les clients, à faire état de nos succès et à établir nos futures aspirations pour 2025 et au-delà. Nous avons fait appel à la Section de la diversification des modes de prestation de services du gouvernement du Nouveau-Brunswick pour agir à titre de tierce partie indépendante.

Nous rencontrerons l'ACPNB pour déterminer plusieurs thèmes clés (formation, soutien, prévention, etc.) qui seront au centre de nos assemblées publiques locales.

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To ensure your comments/thoughts are received, we are asking all chiefs to ensure your department is represented by;

1. Forwarding your comments, concerns, and feedback on the suggested themes of Fire Service 2025 **to the NBAFC before April 27, 2018.**
2. Attending one of the regional 'town-hall' meetings to be held in Spring and early summer.

Together, your input will help shape the future of the New Brunswick Fire Service.

Fire Service 2025

Stronger, Together.

Nous souhaitons recevoir vos commentaires et vos suggestions. Nous demandons donc à tous les chefs de veiller à ce que leur service soit représenté en :

1. faisant part de vos commentaires, de vos préoccupations et de vos suggestions au sujet des thèmes proposés de Services d'incendie 2025 **à l'ACPNB au plus tard le 27 avril 2018;**
2. participant à l'une des assemblées publiques locales qui se tiendront pendant le printemps et l'été 2018.

La contribution de chacun d'entre vous aidera à façonner l'avenir des services d'incendie du Nouveau-Brunswick.

Services d'incendie 2025

Plus forts ensemble.



Douglas Browne
Fire Marshal / Prévôt des incendies

c.c. : NBAFC / ACPNB – Michael Walton, President/Président



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FIRE SCENE SECURITY PROCEDURE

In the event where a Volunteer Fire Department has a need to have a fire investigated as per the Fire Prevention Act, this procedure sets out the process to be taken when a scene is required to be secured prior to the arrival of a Provincial Fire Investigator from the Office of the Fire Marshal.

Securing fire scenes is necessary when an investigation to determine the cause of fire is required. The demand on the time of volunteer firefighters is recognized, and requiring them to secure scenes, sometimes long after fire suppression activities have ended can be tasking. With the assistance of the Fire Marshal the NBAFC has entered a contract with the Corps of Commissionaires to provide scene security. The contract will come into effect as of April 1st 2018.

There are three options available for providing scene security and it will be the responsibility of the requesting Fire Chief to determine which method of security is used. The three options are 1) RCMP or local police can be requested to secure the scene, 2) a member of the fire department can secure the scene on behalf of the Fire Chief, or 3) the Provincial Fire Investigator will contact the Corps of Commissionaires and request one of their members to attend the scene for security.

Option #1 the Fire Chief shall make the arrangements with the local police and advise the Provincial Fire Investigator of such arrangements. Should you believe the fire to be incendiary in nature or there is a fatality, this is the preferred method for scene security, considering the potential criminal investigation which needs to occur. This option is the first recommended method of security to be used before option 2 or 3.

Options 2 or 3 the NBAFC will cover the costs associated, by the Fire Department or the Corps of Commissionaires. The following are the steps to be followed when requesting a scene to be secured using these two options. The rates established to compensate the department are the same rates established in the Corps of Commissionaires contract.

Steps to be followed when requesting a scene be secured.

1. The Fire Chief or designate will determine the need to have the fire scene investigated.
2. If a Provincial Fire Investigator is required, the Fire Chief or designate shall make the request through their established process, i.e. through PMCC or their dispatch.
3. The Provincial Fire Investigator shall determine whether the scene is required to be secured based upon the information received from the Fire Chief or designate. Should the scene need to be secured the Fire Chief shall advise the Provincial Investigator the method of security to be used.
4. Should the Fire Department provide a member to secure the scene, the department shall send an invoice to the Executive Director of the NBAFC for reimbursement of costs to secure the scene. The rates established are fixed as per the contract with the Corps of Commissionaires, and are as follows;
 - a. Hourly rate - \$21.00/hour, minimum call out of 3 hours.
 - b. Statutory holiday rate - \$31.18/hour
 - c. Cell Phone expenses – pertaining to usage during scene security
 - d. Shelter in Place (use of vehicle)
 - i. \$3.00/hour April 1st – Sept 30th
 - ii. \$4.00/hour Oct 1st – Mar 31st.
5. The required information on the invoice from the Fire Department shall include; the location of the incident, date and time of the incident, the amount of time spent securing the scene and expense costs as listed above.
6. Should it be determined that the Corps of Commissionaires shall secure the scene the Provincial Fire Investigator shall engage those services. Until the Corps of Commissionaires arrive to secure the scene, the Fire Chief will be responsible to secure the scene. The following steps will be taken with this option;
 - a. The Provincial Fire Investigator contacts the Corps of Commissionaires, the Corps of Commissionaires shall contact the requesting Fire Chief and provide a response time of their member. It is recognized and must be accepted that remote areas of the province shall have a longer response time; possibly up to 3 hours.
 - b. There also may be a 3 hour response to areas such as Campbellton, and the Acadian Peninsula.
 - c. The Corps of Commissionaires shall call the requesting Chief and advise of their members response time. The Fire Chief shall have a fire department member to cover the scene until the Corps of Commissionaire member arrives.
 - d. The Corps of Commissionaires will direct bill to the NBAFC for their services provided.

