



MINUTES

Southeastern Firefighters Association

Association des Pompier du Sud-est

Representing Albert, Kent and Westmorland Counties

Sunday, November 18, 2018 at Riverview Fire Department

Attendees:

Platoon Chief Paul Bruens - Moncton
Colleen Gallant – Saint-Paul
Chief Dave Gallant – Saint-Paul
Tim Gaudet – Saint-Paul
Chief Denis Pleau – Riverview
James Lyman - Alma
Tim Dryden – Salisbury
Charles Agnew – Beersville-Harcourt
Rene Saulnier - Bouctouche
Chief Kent Steeves – Elgin
Chief Glen Northrup - Hillsborough
Daniel Dupuis – Dorchester
Chief Gerald Boudreau – Memramcook
Conrad Leblanc – Memramcook
Darrell Weir – Riverside-Albert
Derrick Fillmore - Petitcodiac
Raymond LeBlanc – Office of the Fire Marshal
Claude Hache – Office of the Fire Marshal

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

There were 16 members in attendance representing 13 departments plus 2 members of the Fire Marshal's office.

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

A copy of the minutes were distributed to members via e-mail, posted on the website and distributed to those in attendance at this meeting.

Motioned by: Chief David Gallant

Seconded by: Chief Kent Steeves

MOTION CARRIED

2. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

President's Report – Paul Bruens

October 17 – The Public Security Meeting, Moncton

- Moving forward with recommendations EMO initiatives:
 - Working with ECO 360 on adding pertinent EMO information to their app for public access, ie messaging, severe weather events alerts, and preparedness.
 - Mike Leblanc is no longer the contact for EMO. Roger Pitre is the interim contact for Albert, Westmorland and Kent Counties.
 - Kent RSC – sent out laminated cards to members in their community on 72 hrs preparedness, contact info and shelter locations
 - Roger Pitre and Kent RSC are working on door cards, which would be displayed, alert emergency responders that person or persons inside are ok.
 - Regional EMO coordinator Mike Leblanc has resigned from NB EMO and I snow working for NB Dept of Environment, Roger Pitre is currently assuming responsibilities in our region

26 / 27 Oct NBAFC – Board Meeting at Chateau Moncton

- Discussion on combing both the NBAFC and MFCA was discussed.
 - A motion was raised and passed to remain with separate conventions
- Discussion on funding and ways to tap into insurance levies, ongoing. i.e. if you go to a call they are looking at ways to bill insurance companies (Fire Marquee). It's for Municipalities and LSD's. Will bring to our next meeting to describe more.
- IFSAC – two emails previous to the meeting were sent prior to the Board. During the meeting a lengthy discussion on IFSAC certification and recognition of certification followed.
 - Moving forward the OFM will be meeting with the FCBNB committee to discuss future options on recognition of IFSAC certification
 - Discussions are ongoing. Expect something in the near future.
- LSD Areas – 2 Rescues are on order
- AWARDS – reminder for nomination the deadline is 31 Oct
- NBCC – personnel attending the SEFFA 1041 Fire Instructors course are in the process on becoming IFSAC certified
 - IFSAC Lv 1 and 2 the New Edition 7 is forthcoming - the biggest change is the adoption of NFPA 1581 PPE Decon
- Firefighters serving with more than one fire department
 - NB FF# - if a member is serving 2 Depts. or more they will continue use the same number
 - The primary FD pays the FF WSNB compensation premium, but the second FD must ensure they continue to pay the basic \$25 premium
- Presumptive Cancer Legislation – the Premium is \$505.00 and the committee is looking to add three additional cancers to the Legislation:
 - Melanoma

- Breast
- Prostate - unsure due to high cost / Colon
- Additional Cancer coverage will impact rates, and this is a hot topic with Mayors, Municipalities and CEO's
- Bringing WSNB to our January meeting to show how to complete documentation.
- OFM – No change to current programs being offered
 - OFM Job is expected to be posted in Nov
 - Ammonia Training ongoing - Dec 01
 - E- Manifest program is moving forward as NB is the pilot project for Canada and OFM has received Federal funding for this project
 - 2025 Capacity review – moving forward
 - 3 or 4 levels of services provided
 - Fire Chiefs should have more say in decisions regarding what is best for their department (i.e. type of truck required for the community)
 - Need more representation from LSD's at these meetings
 - A project manager will gather all the info from the meeting and distribute. This info should not to be shared.
 - Tender for Tankers and Pumpers closes Nov 13
- TMR – Ongoing
- Vol Chiefs – a concern was discussed on ANB request to respond.
- R2MR – any requests for training please pass it along to Nadine LeBlanc. SEFFA was interested in hosting one. VP's were asked to contact the departments in their counties and see who was interested. No responses received.

2025 Capacity Review Meeting in Fredericton, 08 Nov 2018 – President Paul Bruens, Deputy Chief True attended

- An overview of the process was given by OFM Michael Lewis in developing a Provincial Standard for Fire Services
- Key topics – EQUIPMENT, SCBA, TRUCKS, TRAINING, WATER RESCUE, OFF ROAD RESCUE etc were placed on chart paper. Each representative from the Province wrote on a note and placed what they felt was a concern or important issue in moving forward with the 2025
- A discussion on the two examples by other Provinces BC, and NFLD and how they moved forward with their reviews
- On returning home, I contacted a LSD Chief and asked him also to attend the next meeting as I would equal representation from all FD's in SEFFA

Other

- Moncton Fire Chief Eric Arsenault retirement celebration was held on 09 Nov at Legends Lounge
 - A great turn out as there was representation from OFM, NBAFC and EMO and regional FD's, elected and municipal officials and employees
 - Eric Arsenault's last day is November 22. Conrad Landry will take over.

Vice President, Westmorland County – Daniel Dupuis

Working on an e-mail list from departments to obtain info on any issues. Nothing yet.
Level 1 course has started in Sackville.

Vice President, Kent County – Adam Allain

No update.

Chief Gallant thanked Moncton Fire. Hwy 126 was closed for a period of 3 weeks and Moncton fire was willing to accommodate Saint-Paul Fire in the event of an emergency.

Chief Gallant spoke about a posting on Facebook from Chief Brent Goodwin of Rexton. The post has been shared.

Chief Gallant also noted KRSC is developing a 72 hour program – residents would receive an information package containing a sign that would indicate assistance is required. If emergency personnel are going door to door and see the sign, they can stop. If you do not require assistance, you don't need to display the sign in your window or on your door.

Chief Pleau indicated that Red Cross working with EMO on a policy on when to open up a warming/charging centre. Rule should be not until after 24 hours. Residents expected the fire department to open up a warming/charging centre right away when the power went out.

Vice President, Albert County – James Lyman

Flood of 911 calls in recent wind storm. Mainly trees on power lines.
Elgin did not have power, LAN or cell service as well as no emergency line.
Roger Pitre asked that Chief's reach out to him as soon as possible if assistance is required.
There is a critical list for NB Power i.e. hospitals, fire departments, etc. Maybe Roger could put FD / EMO warming centres on critical list.

Financial/Treasurer's Report – Tim Dryden

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT FROM SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

Transactions listed below and distributed via the meeting agenda:

Date	Chq #	Amount	Payable to	Purpose
		\$28,838.52		OPENING BALANCE
May		-2.25		Service charge – omitted in error from previous report.
June 10	161	-385.37	Dave Gallant	NBAFC Board Meeting (hotel) and lunch for June SEFFA meeting
June 16		-2.25		Service charge
June 27	162	-699.24	Dan Dupuis	Food for Spring Training
July 9		900.00	Deposit	Dues received from Beaubassin Est, Memramcook, Moncton, Petitcodiac x2, Port Elgin x2, Salisbury, Shediac
July 9		2,000.00	Deposit	NBAFC

July 17		-2.25		Service charge
July 19		261.50	Deposit	Cash received for scrap metal from buses
August 17		-2.25		Service charge
		\$30,906.41		CLOSING BALANCE

Motioned by: Chief Denis Pleau
 Seconded by: Chief David Gallant
 MOTION CARRIED

There are transactions to report since last meeting September 16, 2018

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

ATC Report – Daniel Dupuis

Level 1

A Firefighter level 1 has started in Sackville with 18 students from Sackville, Dorchester, Shediac, Cap Pele and Riverview. Block 1 is well under way and going well.

We are also looking to centralize a course in Kent county, we are very close to the number of students needed, please advise me and confirm if you have any firefighters interested in this course (looking to host in Richibuctou Village).

Level 2

We have no requests for level 2 at this time. Please advise ATR if you have any firefighters interested in taking the course. It would also be possible to centralize a course if we have the numbers.

Basic Off-Road Rescue

We have had a request to do a basic off-road rescue course, possibly in Shediac. If you have any new firefighters who are interested in attending this course, please advise ATR so we could run this session.

Low Angle Rope Rescue

We have had a request for a low angle course. There are currently 5-6 students interested. The pre-requisite is off-road rescue training. If you have any firefighters interested in attending such a course, please advise ATR so we could centralize this training.

Auto Extrication

We have also had requests for an auto extrication course. Again, please advise ATR if you have any firefighters interested in this course, pre-requisites are firefighter level 1.

Would like to get Mike Nicholson certified.

Spring Training

We are open for ideas for 2019 spring training. We can do level 1 sign offs again if needed or go with another venue such as last year's bus extrication symposium. We can discuss this further at the next meeting.

Suggestion over winter to have Dave Candy come to speak about Electric Vehicles (a session in the am and the pm) Approx 3 hours in length. Will check if Dave is available to come in and do a session in the winter. Dan to look into this and bring details and info to the next meeting.

Denis suggested a course from Dan Michaud of DNR re: wildfires. One subject was on how to protect a home in the event of a forest fire. The EFF course is 3-4 hours. Need to get people certified prior to forest fire season. Dan will follow up with DNR to see if they will do a course for the association.

Mobile Burn Unit

The mobile burn unit is coming on November 24th and 25th in Riverview. This unit is a great training opportunity for sign offs (level 1) or advanced training. Saturday morning still has room for level 1 sign offs; Saturday afternoon is wide open for advanced training (16 firefighters); Sunday morning still has spots left and Sunday afternoon is full.

A waiver form will be distributed this week for Chiefs or officers to sign off for the member.

A department can book Saturday afternoon and take full advantage with your members on this free quality training.

Ammonia Training

Mike Lewis is conducting this session on December 1 in Shediac and Riverview.

LSD Fire Chief Conference

This is in Fredericton Nov 23-24. Dan is meeting with Fire Association reps. If you have any concerns or anything to be brought up please advise Dan.

Chief Gallant commented on the poor communication with NBCC/Serge Gallant.

Other

If you have any training ideas or have firefighters interested in attending mentioned training sessions, please advise me ASAP so we can start planning these sessions. Firefighter.dan@hotmail.com 506 875 3540

NBAFPO – Tim Dryden

Next meeting will be via conference call on Nov 19.
Planning 2019 seminar and by-law reviews.

OFM – Raymond Leblanc

New government. No longer called Dept of Justice and Public Safety now just Public Safety.
Carl Urquhart is the new minister of public safety.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

4. NEW BUSINESS

Contacts for all SEFFA departments in the association. Colleen to create a form for SEFFA VP's to distribute to the departments in each of their counties and return the information to Colleen to compile and build on the SEFFA website.

Nadine Leblanc from NBAFC has asked for Chiefs to pass on updated personnel or changes to members. This is to keep the license plate lists for registration updated.

It was agreed to add to our January meeting rather than a separate session for WSNB to come and speak about the forms.

EMO has EPI training - Emergency Public Information Officer training
Chief Bruens will work with Roger to create a course for the Chiefs. There is a cost of approx \$300 for the course.

Chief Dave Gallant mentioned a Report Writing course. The Fire Officer course includes Report Writing. Dan Dupuis suggested possibly having Don McCabe do an information session on Report Writing.

Chief Kent Steeves asked if anyone has a check list for FF competency for annual checks. Chief Denis Pleau and Raymond LeBlanc have lists. Raymond to forward.

Chief Kent Steeves noted there is no "handbook" for Chief's regarding what requirements are to be completed annually. Chief Denis Pleau to send list of NFPA standards. These are standards, not regulations.

Darrell Weir asked about setting up a flagging course. Dan Keys in Sussex is certified in NB to teach.

5. NEXT MEETING

The next SEFFA meeting will be on Sunday, January 20, 2019 at 10:00 am, Riverview Fire Dept.

Motion for Adjournment: Darrell Weir

Second by: Tim Gaudet