



MINUTES

Southeastern Firefighters Association

Association des Pompier du Sud-est

Representing Albert, Kent and Westmorland Counties

Sunday, April 10, 2022 at 10:00am Riverview Fire Hall

Attendees:

*Platoon Chief, Paul Bruens – Moncton
Chief Robin True – Riverview
Danny DesRoches – Cocagne
Adam Allain – Cocagne
Ferdinand Vautour – Cap Pele
Troy Collins – Hillsborough
Gilles Allard – Riverview
Craig Ramsay – Petitcodiac*

*Ronald Cormier – Cap Pele
Raymond LeBlanc – Fire Marshal
Dan Dupuis - Dorchester
Brad Doucette - Salisbury
Denis Richard – Saint Antoine
James Lyman – Alma
Darrell Weir – Riverside-Albert
Derrick Fillmore - Petitcodiac*

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

There were 16 members in attendance representing 10 departments.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Brian Brown – OFM
NB Firefighter's Peer Support Network

Brian brought two (2) service dogs with him. River is an 8-year-old poodle and is Brian's service dog and Napoleon is an 8 month old golden doodle and is new to the program. He let the two dogs roam the room. The service dog is prescribed to you to help de-escalate the situation of stress or PTSD before it gets out of hand. The network has 14 members on the team and can be reached at 1-833-535-3473, there is a fellow firefighter from across the province prepared to take the call French or English 24/7. It's anonymous, they are there to let you say what you need to say, what do you need, (example) someone to go for a coffee with you or accompanies you to a councilor if you don't feel comfortable going alone.

If you want to have a conversation about mental health or stress, Brian can go out to a Fire Department with Napoleon and have him work the room, just give him a call. The link is also on the NBAFC website just look under peer support network, the directory is free for your use. Brian left brochures with another agency called PSP Net - it is an online virtual help system which you can refer to yourself, fill out a questionnaire, chat to a psychologist online, this is free as well. There is another program called Prevail Solutions, you do an online survey, fill in questionnaire once a week, it is reviewed by a psychologist, they reach out and make a phone call to see how you are making out. He brought challenge coins and left a few on the table.

- **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 6, 2022**

A copy of the meeting minutes was distributed to members via e-mail, posted on the website.

Motioned by: Derrick Fillmore

Seconded by: Robin True

MOTION CARRIED

- **REPORTS FROM OFFICERS**

President's Report – Paul Bruens

Here are some important updates.

1 – The annual NBAFC meeting is a one-day event which was held at the Fredericton Inn on 28th May 2022, from 1000 -1600 hrs. Registration starts at 0900 am. Chief Dave Gallant attended on my behalf.

2 – I have reached out to the NB Fire Marshal to inquire regarding the Queens Platinum Jubilee Medal, it was decided at the Federal level to leave this responsibility from the GG to LG. NB has not yet decided on the medal.

3 – Reimbursement for stand by's for NB Power has been distributed. Please ensure you are familiar with the information.

4 - A Provincial Hazmat Exercise was held in Miramichi on 02 June. 12 HM Technicians from Moncton attended this one-day training exercise.

5 – I would like to personally thank Daniel Dupuis and his team of instructors for their hard work and dedication. Once again Dan and cadre of instructors put on an excellent training session for the SEFFA.

Vice President, Kent County – Dave Gallant

A few firefighters will finish level 1

Vice President, Westmorland – Derrick Fillmore

Attended Fire Life Safety Educator Course for Fire Prevention in Fredericton - 14 members from Southeastern attended with 8 of them from Westmorland, 50 people in total.

2 new Captains in Salisbury Brad Macleod, Leo O'Brien. Havelock has new Chiefs, Scott Hatt and Anthony Devon. Craig will send an email to us so we can include them in SEFFA emails. Brad Doucette will also contact these two departments as well. Joan has the contact information for Havelock and will send to Craig and Brad.

Vice President, Albert County – James Lyman

Hillsborough has a new Fire Chief, Troy Collins, and Deputy Chief Harry Ward. They just finished a hazmat course

Financial/Treasurer's Report – Tim Dryden

Tim was not in attendance but sent a written report:

As of December 31, 2021, bank balance was \$33,036.74.

Last transaction October 17th, cheque to Paul Bruens for Zoom fees and mileage \$447.69

Bank fees November 17th \$2.25

Deposited \$2,000 for NBAFC March 23rd, 2022

Bank Balance as of March 23, 2022, is \$35,036.74

The Zoom Account is for the use of any SEFFA member for SEFFA business. Contact Joan for log in information.

Motioned by: Roland Cormier

Seconded by: Troy Collins

MOTION CARRIED

NBAFPO – Tim Dryden

No Report Submitted

OFM – Raymond LeBlanc

April to March 31, investigated 153 fires, ice jams look good, new identity joining municipalities trying to amalgamate with municipality.

new investigation report forms should be done soon and will be distributed

- **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

ATC Report – Daniel Dupuis

Training

Training is moving forward with things opening, courses may be given face to face, as well as online or combination of both.

Level 1

We are looking to get a level 1 started in the Fall, Sackville has offered to host in class sessions and if others want to join either online or in person, (we must get at least 12-18 students)

Level 2

Looking to start a level 2 training, please send number of students willing to participate, as stated, maybe in class or online and possibly both depending on numbers.

Basic Off-Road Rescue

Please advise if you have any firefighters interested in doing the course

Low Angle Rope Rescue

Please advise if you have any students for a new course

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

Officer Course

Officer Course may be offered online if we have enough students, please advise if you have any students willing to participate

Instructor Course

We have had some requests for an instructor course, please advise if you have any firefighters interested. You need your Instructor Course before getting the Officer Course

The province has a Burn Unit Trailer and will be going through the province so departments can go through the trailer with scenarios. Once the instructors are trained, we can bring it to Moncton or Riverview for a week for training.

Spring Training

We are planning on doing our spring training this year, May 28th in Riverview, and St George Station

We will be looking to do sign offs for logbooks and or firefighters wanting to brush up on their skills

We will cap off numbers at 50 participants

Rotating stations as such

Forcible entry

Fire attack above and below

Advancing charged/uncharged hose up a ladder

Removing victims from ladder/conscious/unconscious

Advancing hose lines in structure
Ventilation/roof ops
Water supply/hydrant ops/
Live fire (container trailer burn)
And more...

If firefighters need a specific sign off, please advise on set skills needed and we can add to the venue.
We will need instructors and helpers to make this happen.
If anyone is willing to help, please advise me asap
Students can send name, department, email contact to firefighter.dan@hotmail.com
We are going to have a fun day!

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

Motion was made to give Dan \$2500 for Spring Training expenses for SEFFA

Motioned by: Dan Dupuis

Seconded by: Brad Doucette

MOTION CARRIED

Communications – Robin True

Now being used across province as an idea - online meeting with radcom put on by Justin Mcguigan, credit to Corey Gallant, he has been the support mechanism for the St Paul Dept., he has done an excellent job. There is a meeting coming up on April 25, working with PSAC, Dan Fougere for Regional Fire Dispatch.

There are many departments on the Regional Fire Dispatch. The next meeting will address any concerns for rollout, so far, no issues. Dan Fougere can let us know when others will get trained and discuss the frustration with chiefs over delays and promises. Paul will push for priority for tmr's at the next NBAFC and suggest a survey to go out to the Chiefs as well.

• UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Adam Allain would like a copy of the communications meeting; a copy will be sent out.

• NEW BUSINESS

You can go through Raymond or Melanie for rewrites. Rewrites can only be done at Block 3 or Block 6. If there are a quite a few members, we can set up a rewrite session on a certain date. The chiefs have received no record of who showed up, whether passed or not. Paul will bring up at his meeting. accountability service or fees?

For the June end of year meeting, Paul will reach out to NB Fire Marshal's Office, Mike Lewis, to discuss the municipality reforms to clarify the details with an information session.

Dan - training needs for the future - Chris Boulay from the Moncton Fire Dept. has a new company called Advanced Rescue Training - Dan read letter from Chris and it will be included with the minutes.

Motion was made that SEFFA will purchase up to 10 seats or \$2,000 for the Mentorship Through Brotherhood Conference being held on October 12 and 13, 2022. One seat per department and their dues must be paid to be eligible to put their department name in the draw. From the 36 departments, 10 departments will be drawn out of a hat. If that department has no one to send, it goes back into the draw and another department will be drawn. The department that has members who want to attend, the Chief will do another draw in their department to see who goes.

Motioned by: Dan Dupuis

Seconded by: Dan DesRoches

MOTION CARRIED

Further Training Needs with priority given to an auto extrication course in the Fall – either a large 27 hour course or a session. ICS Training – Paul with discuss with Conrad to teach an ICS 200 course, then an ICS 300 for senior officers that SEFFA will sponsor for the fall. The mobile burn unit training will be sent around to different locations. Discuss the regional fire dispatch concerns.

Adam Allain brought in a box of safety glasses from East Coast Cycle that they are donating to SEFFA, members could pick up what they need from a box in the back of the room.

NEXT MEETING – JUNE 12, 2022

TIM GAUDET TO REACH OUT TO ALL EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO SEE IF THEY WANT TO STAY OR FIND SOMEONE ELSE.

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT: Dan Dupuis

SECOND BY: Derrick Fillmore

MOTION CARRIED