



## MINUTES

**Southeastern Firefighters Association**

**Association des Pompier du Sud-est**

**Representing Albert, Kent and Westmorland Counties**

**Sunday, April 14, 2019 at Riverview Fire Department**

### Attendees:

*Platoon Chief Paul Bruens - Moncton*  
*Colleen Gallant – Saint-Paul*  
*Chief Dave Gallant – Saint-Paul*  
*Tim Gaudet – Saint-Paul*  
*James Lyman – Alma*  
*David Rossiter – Alma*  
*Tim Dryden – Salisbury*  
*Charles Agnew – Beersville-Harcourt*  
*Chief Marcel Leblanc - Bouctouche*  
*Adam Allain - Cocagne*  
*Daniel Dupuis – Dorchester*  
*Dennis Reid - Dorchester*  
*Darrell Weir – Riverside-Albert*  
*Tammy Morrissey – Riverside-Albert*  
*Brian Dunfield – Petitcodiac*  
*Gilles Allard – Riverview*  
*Chief Denis Pleau - Riverview*  
*Chief Ronald Cormier – Cap Pelé*  
*Ferdinand Vautour – Cap Pelé*  
*Raymond LeBlanc – 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 19 members in attendance representing 12 departments plus 1 member of the Fire Marshal's office.

### **1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 10, 2019**

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

Motioned by: Chief Dave Gallant

Seconded by: Chief Darrell Weir

MOTION CARRIED

## **2. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS**

### **President's Report – Paul Bruens**

The Next NBAFC Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 26/27 April 2019 in Fredericton, NB

Moncton's Fire Safety, (Ronald McDonald) House was setup at the Riverview Fire Station for members to view before a commitment was made on taking over responsibilities and ownership from Moncton Fire.

FF Certification – NB OFM has released Bulletin 2019-02 on March 13, 2019 regarding IFSAC certification – please see quoted text from bulletin below. Copy of bulletin is attached.

- The OFM will continue to follow the lead of other AHJ across Canada and will not recognize Certificates (seals) in instances where training has been delivered through the Texas Training Division due to concerns on quality of curriculum.
- As the AHJ for your own Firefighters, you of course may decide to accept this seal for hiring/recruitment/promotion purposes within your own department.
- They will revisit this issue with neighboring authority having jurisdiction across Canada during the upcoming IFSAC Conference being held in April.

Fire Chief Dave Gallant was asked to represent the SEFFA at the Volunteer Chiefs meeting in Miramichi and will provide an update.

Riverview, Moncton and Dieppe Fire have been proceeding with Lv 1 Fire Officer Training through NBCC/NSFS.

June 22 – We have been moving towards our annual training day and we have received confirmation that Task Force Tips "TFT" will be joining us on our Training Day. Sponsorship is in conjunction with TFT and Micmac, and they will cover the cost of lunch for the day.

HAZMAT – Moncton is proceeding towards a heavy team as training in February, March and April continues.

### **Vice President, Westmorland County – Daniel Dupuis**

#### **Westmorland County Contact Information List**

We are working on getting contact information updated, please send me your contact information if there are any changes or you are not getting emails, we would like to get phone numbers of contact and emails for chief, deputy, training, fire prevention or captains. We sometimes have key information that can be passed along as well as getting a good communication within the association and the fire departments.

#### **Springtime Challenges**

Grass fire and forest fire season is starting very soon, with an early start in Salisbury. It would be a good practice to check and prepare your forestry and grass fire equipment.

Flooding has been very minimal in our region up to date, hopefully it continues.

Pot hole season is also upon us, drivers should use caution when responding as well as soft shoulders that can give way when parked on the side of the road in rural areas.

## Highlight of Westmorland County Fire Departments

### *Petitcodiac Fire Department*

Chief Peter Saunders

Deputy Chief Craig Ramsey

28 members

160-170 calls per year

Meet every Tuesday night

The department does off road rescue, medical and mva

For fundraising we do two boot drives and a sausage booth (the week of Westmorland County Agriculture Fair)

Special challenges include wilderness, remoteness, man power during the day.

### **Equipment**

Engine 1 (2001 Freightliner pumper/tanker)

Engine 2 (2018 Freightliner m1 pumper/tanker)

Engine 3 (2006 Sterling pumper/tanker)

Rescue 4 (1999 International rear entry walk-around rescue)

Truck 5 (2017 chev ¾ ton)

Trailer

Off road 1 (2016 Kawasaki mule with med lite insert)





### **Vice President, Kent County – Adam Allain**

Pump course starting in the coming weeks.

### **Vice President, Albert County – James Lyman**

Restaurant in the village burned down recently.  
 3 people attended the recent NBAFPO conference  
 Rte 114 before Hopewell Hill (Shepody) is now down to 1 lane.

### **Financial/Treasurer's Report – Tim Dryden**

Transactions listed below and distributed via the meeting agenda:

Date	Chq #	Amount	Payable to	Purpose
		<b>\$30,863.92</b>		<b>OPENING BALANCE</b>
Feb 10	164	-39.82	Paul Bruens	Coffee and donuts for meeting
Feb 16		-2.25		Service charge
		<b>\$30,821.85</b>		<b>CLOSING BALANCE</b>

Invoices for 2019 dues have been sent out. If you did not receive your invoice, please advise Tim Dryden.  
 Invoice for NBCC Fire Officer training to be sent out.

Motioned by: Chief Dave Gallant  
 Seconded by: Chief Ron Cormier - Cap Pelé  
 MOTION CARRIED

## **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 Pelé and Riverview. Block 4 has started and the course is 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). Saint Louis also has a number of students and Elsipogtog has a few also.

David Cail from Beersville-Harcourt is working with Richibuctou Village on scheduling a course beginning in the fall, please advise if you have any firefighters interested in attending.

## **Level 2**

We have requests for level 2, possibly enough to make a course in Kent County. Please advise ATR if you have any firefighters interested in taking the course. We would centralize a course if we have the numbers (not enough students at this time).

We will possibly host a level 2 in Sackville in the fall or early next spring, please advise if you have any firefighters interested in attending.

## **Basic Off-Road Rescue**

We have had a request to do a basic off-road rescue course, possibly in Shediac and Bouctouche. If you have any new firefighters who are interested in attending this course, please advise ATR so we could run this session (not enough students at this time) we are working on getting the material here and get these courses going.

David Cail will be putting on a few sessions starting in Kent County.

## **Low Angle Rope Rescue**

We have had a request for a low angle course, there are currently 5-6 students interested, the pre-requisites are to have the off-road rescue training, if you have any firefighters interested in attending such a course, please advise ATR so we could centralize this training (not enough students at this time).

Kits are costly. David Cail is trained for Low Angle Rope Rescue.

Riverview is building an interior wall in their tower which can be used for bailout procedures.

## **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 (not enough students at this time).

## **Spring Training**

We will be putting on a session on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Planning is in the early stages however we will have Task Force Tips joining us for the training and bringing a truck full of products to try and demo.

Limit of 50 students. First come, first served.

We will be doing stations as in the past, some possible stations are fire streams, hose advance, hose packing, fire attack. We are having preliminary meetings this week to discuss the venue.

Will start with a safety meeting, followed by a 1 hour group sessions and then rotating stations.

Venue will be at the Moncton FD tower.

Looking for volunteers to help as well as instructors and safety officers. Would like 2 pumpers and pump operators.

TFT will talk about flow and low-level strainers, etc.

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](mailto:Firefighter.dan@hotmail.com) 506 875 3540

Chief Denis Pleau noted that Dan Michaud of DNR teaches a 2 hour course that explains about how to protect structures from a forest fire and has offered to come and teach the course. President Bruens suggested this be a separate course but not on the same day as the SEFFA training. Perhaps we could look at doing this in the fall or early summer. He will be in Riverview and Chief Pleau will send an e-mail if anybody else is interested in attending. Dan Dupuis to contact Dan Michaud about doing a session for SEFFA.

Charles Agnew asked if the spring training is open to new people and Dan said yes.

Sackville is currently doing Level 1 so there may be a skills day in Sackville for anyone who is interested in sending people for sign offs. Dan will find out more info and advise.

### **NBAFPO – Tim Dryden**

NBAFPO Seminar took place April 5-7 at the Ramada Hotel in Fredericton.

13 people from SEFFA attended. 75 registered but 73 attended. It was a good conference.

Ricky Nicholson is still with Woodstock Fire (not as Chief) and remains the president of the NBAFPO.

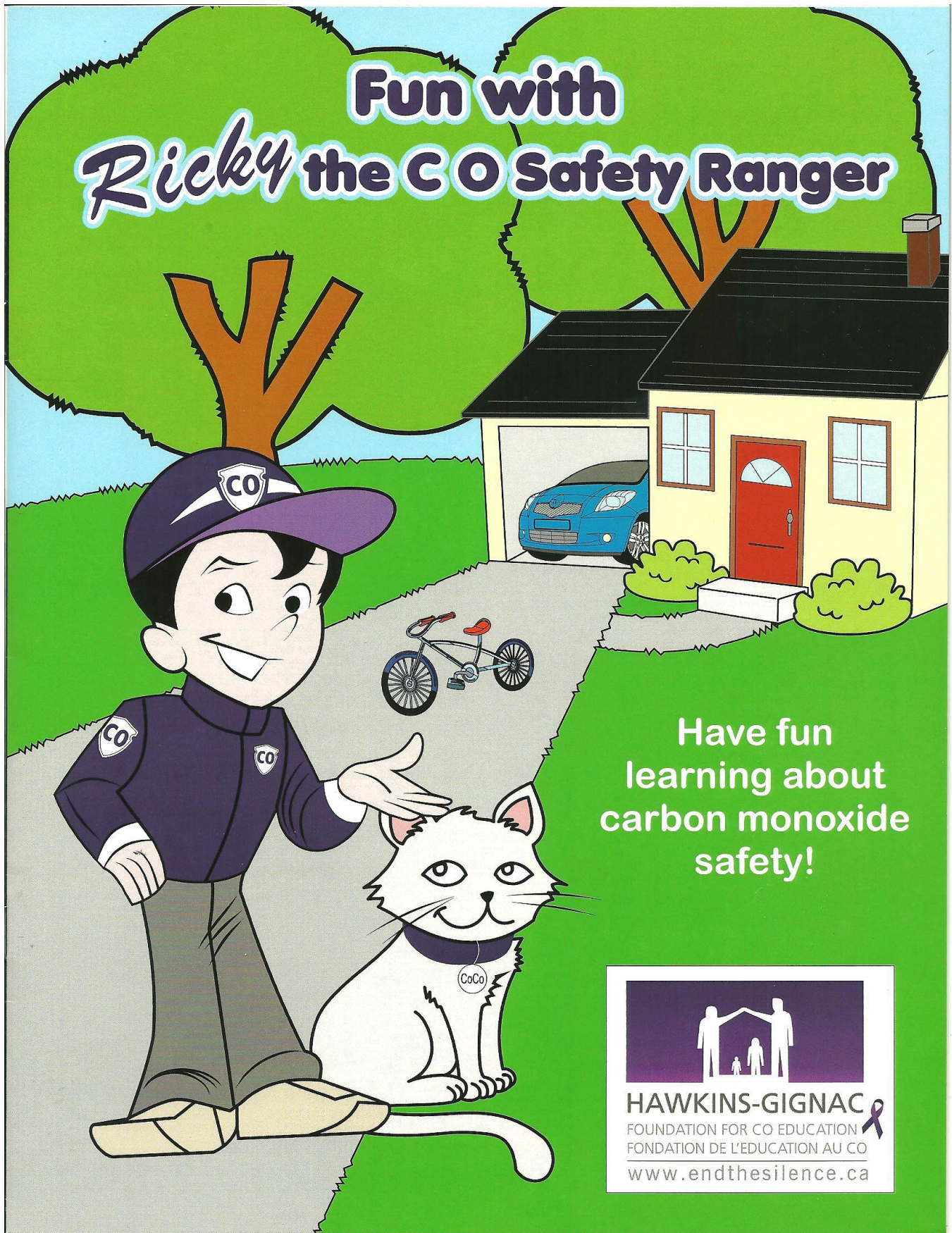
Speakers were:

1. Laura King, NFPA Public Education Representative, Canada
2. Miramichi Fire Department gave a presentation on **preplanning** and showed a video demonstration they conducted during Fire Prevention Week 2018 of a **sprinkler vs a non-sprinklered room**.
3. The Insurance Brokers of NB gave a presentation titled: **Who They Are and Their Role Within the Community**
4. The Office of the Fire Marshal gave an update as well as give a presentation on **Explosive Dust**.
5. Jeremy Stuart from NB Power gave a presentation on **How We Control Hot Works**.
6. Harry Farrell – **outdoor fire place and fire pits**
7. Chief Greg Leblanc of Keswick Ridge held a session on **hoarding and tactics in responding to those calls**.

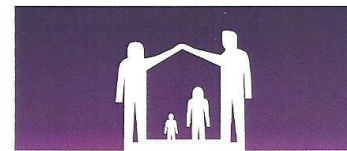
There are CO activity books that were distributed at the conference – departments who would like some books could work with the NBAFPO to get them printed. They are available in French and English.



# Fun with *Ricky* the CO Safety Ranger



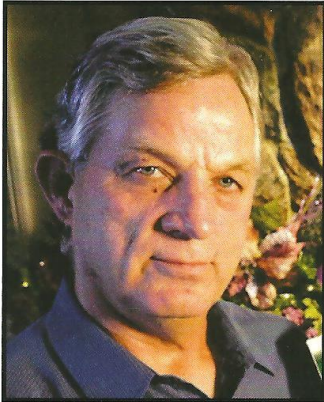
Have fun  
learning about  
carbon monoxide  
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**A message from John Gignac, Executive Director  
of the Hawkins-Gignac Foundation for  
C O Education and Ricky's Creator**



**I'm happy to introduce you to Ricky the C O Safety Ranger and to the first edition of his carbon monoxide safety activity book.**

**As a firefighter for 34 years, fire and carbon monoxide safety have always been my life's mission. My dream is that Ricky will help kids and adults everywhere understand that the only safe way to protect ourselves from fire and carbon monoxide is with smoke and C O alarms.**

**Please protect your family by installing smoke and C O alarms, test them regularly to ensure they are in good working condition, and replace them every 10 years.**

**I hope you enjoy Ricky's activity book and that you've learned how to keep your family safe from carbon monoxide. Remember: Safety starts with you!**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Gignac'.

**John Gignac,  
Executive Director**



**Visit [www.endthesilence.ca](http://www.endthesilence.ca) or [www.safeathome.ca](http://www.safeathome.ca) for more safety tips or to download a copy of this booklet.**



## **OFM – Raymond Leblanc**

Fire Service 2025 is ongoing.

Competition for new Provincial Fire Marshal. Starting interviews and hope to have an announcement soon.

Hazmat training in Moncton is ongoing.

Recall on Honda Generators was sent out.

Public Safety day May 25 in Saint-Louis de Kent. Same weekend as NBAFC Conf but only weekend that Saint-Louis FD available.

Investigator Professional Development training June 4-5 in Saint John.

Adam Allain also reminded of the recall on garage heaters.

## **4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **Safety Trailer**

We currently have an adhoc committee set up regarding the trailer.

Members indicated the preference would be to continue to look at obtaining this trailer.

President Bruens noted that we will have to dedicate some money toward this trailer to make some changes.

Bouctouche would be willing to store it in their secure compound, however they would not be responsible to ensure it is signed out and returned. Perhaps the bookings should be done by one person and President Bruens suggested possibly the Fire Prevention Officer Tim Dryden. There should also be advanced booking notice and a timeline set for how long a department can keep/use the vehicle.

President Paul Bruens will move forward and speak with Moncton Chief Conrad Landry to see how we transfer the registration etc. of the trailer to SEFFA as well as the taxes.

The trailer should fall under the coverage of the vehicle hauling it and under the insurance of the department holding it. But, does it require insurance for fire and theft? May require a waiver to be signed for liability purposes. Chief Marcel LeBlanc will check with insurance.

Would like to table this until all the questions are answered and will bring it to the June meeting to finalize.

Tim Dryden to check into sponsorship of the trailer. He asked if Ronald McDonald house had contributed anything toward it.

**Chief Denis Pleau motioned that we set aside \$1,000 for a contingency fund to be allocated toward the trailer in order to make changes/updates.**

MOTION BY: Chief Denis Pleau  
SECOND BY: Daniel Dupuis  
MOTION CARRIED

**Chief Denis Pleau motioned to submit an expression of interest to Moncton Fire department requesting the sale of the trailer to SEFFA.**

MOTION BY: Chief Denis Pleau  
SECOND BY: Tim Gaudet  
MOTION CARRIED

**Motion from Chief Denis Pleau motioned that we dispose of the old SEFFA inflatable house excluding the smoke machine.**

MOTION BY: Chief Denis Pleau  
SECOND BY: Tammy Morrissey  
MOTION CARRIED

Deputy Chief Robin True of Riverview was unable to attend this meeting and had planned to bring in a rep. This will be deferred to another meeting.

President Bruens mentioned we would like to bring someone in regarding R2MR but because of the trailer, it will be deferred to the June meeting.

## **5. NEW BUSINESS**

### **Code of Practice for WSNB**

Riverview Fire has a committee that has developed a Code of Practice document for respiratory protection and Chief Denis Pleau will provide the word version that can be posted for other departments to download and revise accordingly for their own department use. Once WSNB has approved the document, it will be posted on the SEFFA webpage under Downloads.

### **Safety Plan**

In the event something goes wrong every department should have a safety plan. Forming a committee with swift water rescue instructors. Will develop a plan and Chief Denis Pleau will share with SEFFA for other departments to use for their own policies.

### **R2MR**

When is SEFFA going to run a course for R2MR? President Paul Bruens will follow up to see if this could be arranged to bring in for our next meeting. Bring her in to set up and give a 30 minute presentation and set up a course at a later date.

### **Assist Course**

Peer Support Team requested an assist course. It is identified if you have a member of your department who has mental challenges and may be contemplating suicide. This is a two day course (Sat & Sun) and will be running it in Riverview for career firefighters in June. It will be offered to RFD Volunteer officers but also to SEFFA if Chiefs think there is a good person to have attend. RFD will cost share with SEFFA. Max cost is \$200 per student which includes study materials and lunch for both days. Trying to get the instructors for free which would reduce the cost.

Chief Denis Pleau will send out to SEFFA for interest to see who would be interested in a May 31 and June 1 course or wait until the fall.

President Paul Bruens suggested that Chiefs have a contact for the Fire Service Chaplain's association in the event of a critical incident event as well as the CISM and R2MR program. If you need contact info, you may reach out to Nadine LeBlanc of the NBAFC or Raymond LeBlanc of the Fire Marshal's office.

### **Electric Vehicle Presentation**

Daniel Dupuis will reach out to Dave Candy regarding the Electric Vehicle presentation in the fall 2019.

### **Mutual Aid Agreement**

President Bruens would like to have a standalone mutual aid agreement signed amongst all SEFFA departments. The agreement will not specify the resources. It will be for available resources only.

Capital District association has their own and President Paul Bruens would like to use Capital District's as a template and have a couple of people help him develop an agreement for SEFFA.

ACTION: President Bruens will make copies of the Capital District's agreement and bring to the next meeting.

### **Fire Service Advisory Committee**

Provincial Fire Service Training Advisory Committee announcement is forthcoming.

### **Vol Chiefs meeting April 6 – Chief Dave Gallant represented SEFFA**

TMR – end of 2019/2020 should have TMR in Moncton area. Took about 10 months to get Fredericton up and running.

Discussions re Traffic Control – a FD called just to do traffic control, not to respond to an emergency. DTI didn't want to send anyone because they don't have the manpower. This is not our mandate. If we are at a call then we do so to keep our firefighters safe.

Babysitting a down power line until NB Power arrives – if it is a public safety hazard such as a line across the road, we should go. But if it is not a public safety issue we don't need to attend.

Questions to find out how many people have motorcycle and would like a firefighter plate. Asking each association to find out how many have motorcycles and would like to have firefighter plates.

Mobile Burn Unit – A PO has been sent to Micmac to purchase the unit and the goal is to have it in Miramichi by September.



Looking at developing an app for phones for road/bridge closures. Timeline is unknown.

Grass fire season – starts third Monday of April and ends October 31. Saint-Paul sends a notice out to the community each year and it has reduced the number of grass fires we respond to. There is a link on the DNR site with all the necessary information. The link is:

[https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/news/public\\_alerts/forest\\_fire\\_watch.html](https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/news/public_alerts/forest_fire_watch.html)

Chief Gallant mentioned a recent Via rail train derailment off Hwy 126 – luckily there were no injuries.

It was mentioned that the fire department contact information received so far is on the SEFFA website. If any are missing, it is because we haven't received anything. It was also noted that only primary contacts will be included i.e. Chief, Deputy, Training Officer. Please take a look, if there is anything to be added or changed let us know.

### **Annual Election**

The annual election will take place at our next meeting in June.

President Paul Bruens motioned that we appoint Tim Gaudet to chair the nominations for the June 2019 election.

MOTION BY: Chief Dave Gallant

SECOND BY: Darrell Weir

MOTION CARRIED

## **6. NEXT MEETING**

The next SEFFA meeting will be on Sunday, June 9, 2019 at 10:00 am, Riverview Fire Dept.

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT: Daniel Dupuis

SECOND BY: Ron Cormier

MOTION CARRIED

Public Safety – Sécurité publique  
Office of the Fire Marshal – Bureau du prévôt des incendies

## BULLETIN N° 2019-02

<b>TO:</b>	New Brunswick Fire Chiefs	<b>DEST. :</b>	Chefs des services d'incendie du N-B
<b>FROM:</b>	Michael Lewis, Acting Fire Marshal	<b>EXP. :</b>	Michael Lewis, Prévôt des incendies par Intérim
<b>COPIES :</b>	Susan Gamble, Certification Manager; Chief Jody Price, Chair FCBNB; NB Fire Services	<b>COPIES:</b>	Susan Gamble, directrice de la certification; Chef Jody Price, président de la Commission de Certification; des pompiers du N-B
<b>DATE:</b>	March 13, 2019	<b>DATE:</b>	Le 13 mars 2019
<b>RE:</b>	<b>IFSAC/ProBoard Certification</b>	<b>RE:</b>	<b>Certifications de l'International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) et du ProBoard</b>

Several questions been brought to our attention regarding IFSAC Certification seals issued out of the Texas Fire Commission for training delivered through the Texas Training Division. We would like to take this opportunity to clarify this issue.

At this time, the Office of the Fire Marshal / Firefighter Certification Program, in conjunction with the Firefighter Certification Board of NB, will continue to follow the lead of other authorities having jurisdiction (AHJ) across Canada and will not recognize Certificates (seals) in instances where training has been delivered through the Texas Training Division due to concerns on quality of curriculum.

As the AHJ for your own firefighters, you of course may decide to accept this seal for hiring/recruitment/promotion purposes within your own department.

However, IFSAC certificate for training completed by the Texas Training Division will not be accepted as prerequisites for future IFSAC/ProBoard seals within the Province of NB.

We will revisit this issue with our neighboring AHJ's across Canada during the upcoming IFSAC Conference being held in April 2019.

Plusieurs questions ont été portées à notre attention au sujet des sceaux de la certification IFSAC remis par la Texas Fire Commission à la suite de formations dispensées par la Texas Training Division. Nous aimerions fournir des précisions à ce sujet.

Pour l'instant, le programme de certification des pompiers du Bureau du prévôt des incendies, de concert avec la Commission de certification des pompiers du Nouveau-Brunswick, continuera à suivre l'exemple d'autres autorités compétentes au pays et ne reconnaîtra pas les certifications (sceaux) des formations dispensées par l'entremise de la Texas Training Division en raison de questions soulevées sur la qualité du programme.

À titre d'autorité compétente à l'égard de vos propres pompiers, vous pouvez bien sûr décider d'accepter ce sceau à des fins d'embauche, de recrutement ou de promotion au sein de votre service.

Cependant, les certificats IFSAC relatifs à une formation suivie auprès de la Texas Training Division ne seront pas acceptés à l'avenir comme prérequis pour les certifications IFSAC/ProBoard au Nouveau-Brunswick.

Nous aborderons cette question avec nos confrères et consœurs des autorités compétentes du pays lors du prochain congrès de l'IFSAC qui se tiendra en avril 2019.

