



MINUTES

Southeastern Firefighters Association

Association des Pompier du Sud-est

Representing Albert, Kent and Westmorland Counties

Sunday, February 10, 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
Tim Dryden – Salisbury
Charles Agnew – Beersville-Harcourt
Chief Marcel Leblanc - Bouctouche
Rene Saulnier – Bouctouche
Mathieu Caissie – Bouctouche
Jean-Yves LeBlanc - Bouctouche
Julien Boudreau – Dieppe
Chief Steven Goguen – Cocagne
Adam Allain - Cocagne
Chief Kent Steeves – Elgin
Chief Glen Northrup - Hillsborough
Daniel Dupuis – Dorchester
Dennis Reid - Dorchester
Darrell Weir – Riverside-Albert
Derrick Fillmore – Petitcodiac
Brian Dunfield – Petitcodiac
Craig Ramsey – Petitcodiac
Melissa Berry – Petitcodiac
Rebecca Berry – Petitcodiac
Robin True – Riverview
Conrad Leblanc – Memramcook
Chief Gerald Boudreau – Memramcook
Chief Allan Peters - Elsipogtog

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

There were 29 members in attendance representing 16 departments plus 0 members of the Fire Marshal's office.

1. GUEST SPEAKER(S)

- **EMO** - Roger Pitre of EMO introduced new EMO Officer Phil Fontaine – new EMO Coordinator. Contact info below.



- **WSNB** - Michel Cyr of WSNB spoke about completing Form 67. The image below is a card that was distributed at the meeting with info on the WSNB app.

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After the meeting, Michel sent a link (below) for more compensation info. The main page of this link has a link to Form 67 which can be completed online and printed. His contact is included below again for your convenience.

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Michel Cyr

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2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 18, 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 Dave Gallant

Seconded by: Chief Kent Steeves

MOTION CARRIED

3. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

President's Report – Paul Bruens

I attended the following workshops since our last meeting:

E- Manifest meeting in Moncton 16 January 2019

Hampton Inn and Suites

- The NB Fire Marshall is moving forward with a pilot project in NB which is funded by a Federal Grant on developing an App, similar to the Ask Rail App for the trucking industry.
- The e-manifest is project developing an App for First Responders which can be used to access weigh bill information in the event of an emergency.
- Representatives from the Association of NB Truckers, FM Office, NBAFC and various FD's were invited to participate in the one-day planning session. This is being managed by both NB FMO and Emergency Solutions International
- There is a 2 year commitment from a federal level for funding.

NBAFC Meeting Moncton 25 / 26 Jan 2019

Chateau Hotel Moncton

- MFCA has meet and they are looking at a possible change to their program not just focusing on Chiefs, more to follow.

- Next convention July 12-15, 2019 at Casino NB
- President Mike Walton – discussed the commitment on moving forward to increase the coverage under the Presumption Cancer Legislation for FF in NB.
 - Discussion and a presentation was made from Meductic Vol Fire on their increased call volume since the change to regional dispatch. Their former dispatch was done by Woodstock Fire and they felt an increase was due to the predetermined response protocols by PSAP which their new dispatch (459) are using. Ex MVCs airbags deployed all persons out. They wouldn't have responded previously but now are being dispatched. Concerns are being sent to Municipalities association.
 - NBAFC Convention for 2020, 2021, 2022 is being held at the Fredericton Inn
 - \$60 funding for the NBAFC to remain
 - MBU funding will remain
 - Establish minimum Training Standards in NB
 - NBAFC is trying to make it mandatory for CO detectors in all residences
 - NBAFC will be working with WSNB to establish priorities at NBAFC Level
 - NBAFC – Hazmat discussion capacity review and checked into the monies given out to establish DECON Unit for NB Power Point Lepreau
- NB EMO Exercise Bravo is scheduled **June the 12th – 0800 am to 2000 hrs (Date is now TBD)**
 - A new regional EMO rep is now appointed for our region - Phil Fontaine 506 377 3762
- FF Certification – Texas still remains a controversial hot topic. In the SEFFA presently it could impact over 35 FF from various FDs
 - I have asked for a written response or direction from the FMO on the way forward, as we have to wait for this clarification in writing before we can proceed.
 - They will be meeting in April so we do not expect anything until that time.
 - Question raised as to who is going to pay for these firefighters to obtain their IFSAC certification.
 - Chief Price said there will not be any grandfathering which is a concern that needs to be addressed when a response from the NBFMO is sent out.
- Ammonia Presentation – a great turn out to the two sessions held in the SEFFA at Shediac and Riverview.
- LSD / Truck Committee reported 12 apparatus have gone to tender, one being delivered to Cocagne Fire - 1500 gal, 2 door 450 pump
- NBCC – please ensure if you have a person interested in registering as an evaluator for sign offs that they complete the registration form which can be found online.
 - First Aid Certificates – ensure when submitting documentation for certification that the FA Certificate is from a recognized and authorized provider. Several certificates have been sent in that were not valid. As most cards issued today are from an online source RC/SJA.
 - Chief Kent Steeves asked if you have to be an instructor in order to do sign offs for Level 1.
ACTION: President Paul Bruens will look into it.

- OFM – They have had great exposure from their video they posted. They are now looking at Volunteer recruitment as well.
 - FSTAB – FIRE SERVICE TRAINING ADVISORY COMMITTEE is seeking membership applications to reinstate their board. This email was sent out to all FC and thru Mario Durette at the NBAFC email list. They have had a good response, and personnel selected will be notified in Feb 2019.
 - 2025 – A finalized list for the audit is drafted. It will be mailed out to all Fire Chiefs for comment and second workshop is being planned for Feb to discuss the audit report, the way forward. It is my intentions to bring with me to the meeting a Composite Chief and Vol Chief (LSD) to represent SEFFA concerns.

- HAZMAT – Moncton Fire is proceeding towards a heavy team as training will be begin February 19th for 24 Techs

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.

Early Winter Challenges

We have had an early jump into the winter season with snow starting in November as well as flooding in January. Roads have also been bad due to ice build up causing many accidents keeping our first responders very busy.

Shooting Incidents

Shooting incidents were rare for the most part in this region. It is not the case anymore and we have to be alert as first responders. Dieppe Fire responded to a car accident with an active shooter recently as well as Moncton also having shootings or stand offs. Just a word of caution to be careful out there.

Highlighting Fire Departments

As part of my report in the next meeting, I would like to showcase a fire department in Westmorland, really simple things to share with other members of the association.

- Name of department
- Chief/deputy/training/fire prevention (officers) and or others
- How many members
- Call volume and training nights
- Special ops such as water rescue, off road etc...
- Fundraising (if any) also if fundraising for others...
- Special challenges to your region.... Water, high rises, wilderness, schools, mills, jails etc...
- Equipment (trucks, atv, boats ...)
- Others

Vice President, Kent County – Adam Allain

Many Kent County members would like a Pumping Course. Is this available? If so, it could be held at the Cocagne Fire Dept? I believe we are well equipped to host this i.e. CAFS, electronic governors, pressure relief system etc.

Looked into inflatables i.e. houses, slides, etc. they vary greatly in prices \$5,000 to \$50,000. Good quality ones like Shediac Fire has runs about \$35,000 to \$40,000.

What is required for safety vest? Do they need to be tear away?

Chief Bruens noted that safety vests must meet safety standards. The bunker gear does not. Safety vests should be worn over bunker gear. CSA standard is tear away.

ACTION: Platoon Chief/President Bruens will touch base with Michel Cyr to obtain a list of standards.

Vice President, Albert County – James Lyman

Darrell Weir noted that Peter Murphy of Riverside-Albert resigned December 10, 2018.

Everet Osmond took over as Chief of Riverside-Albert for a 5 year term as of December 18, 2018. They now have a Deputy Chief, Training officer and Fire Prevention officer.

Financial/Treasurer’s Report – Tim Dryden

Transactions listed below and distributed via the meeting agenda:

Date	Chq #	Amount	Payable to	Purpose
		\$30,906.41		OPENING BALANCE
Nov 18		-40.24	Colleen Gallant	Micro USB for SEFFA files
Dec 17		-2.25		Service charge
		\$30,863.92		CLOSING BALANCE

Motioned by: Daniel Dupuis

Seconded by: Darrell Weir

MOTION CARRIED

4. 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 2 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).

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). Approx. 27 hour course.

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 (not enough students at this time).

Low Angle Rope Rescue (Certified)

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). Pre-requisite is Off-Road Rescue 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 (not enough students at this time).

Spring Training

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

Burn Unit

The mobile burn unit was here on November 24th and 25th in Riverview. The training was well attended and firefighters took full advantage of this session.

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

Chief Gallant noted that it is important for departments to advise President Bruens and ATR Daniel Dupuis if they do any in-house level 1 courses.

NBAFPO – Tim Dryden

NBAFPO Seminar is scheduled for Fri Apr 5 to Sun Apr 7 at the Ramada Hotel in Fredericton. Ricky Nicholson is no longer with Woodstock Fire so unsure if he is still the president of the NBAFPO.

OFM – Raymond Leblanc

Not in attendance.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Daniel Dupuis noted that Serge Gallant indicated that the province is short of instructors. Many are qualified. If you are an IFSAC 1041 Level 1 instructor and you would like to teach, contact your Fire Chief, Serge Gallant or Daniel Dupuis.

Daniel maintains a list of instructors for SEFFA but if you're interested, let him know.

Mike Nicholson (Auto Extrication) is certified with the Province. In the process of getting Mike Neilson certified (Rope Rescue).

SEFFA house

- Usually used for Fire Prevention week and open houses - needs to be replaced.
- Moncton has a Ronald McDonald house and they are looking to get rid of it. SEFFA could take ownership of the unit to share for other departments to use.
- Moncton Chief Conrad Landry is willing to sell this house to SEFFA.
- Suggested that we develop an ad hoc committee to investigate procurement /access of the trailer for the SEFFA. (2 people).
- We would need to register and do upkeep/repairs.
- Unit is currently plated and safety inspected. Built like a shed, weatherproof and can be stored outdoors. Truck required to haul it. Would need too be centrally located
- Will need to have a person coordinate the rentals/use of the unit.
- Letter to be prepared - Expression of interest to acquire the Ronald McDonald house for the cost of \$1.00

Daniel Dupuis motioned that we send a letter from the SEFFA Association to Moncton Fire Chief Conrad Landry to express interest in the McDonald house. If we could take possession of it for an agreed amount this would benefit the departments of the SEFFA and we'd establish an ad hoc committee in moving forward with the procurement of the trailer.

MOTION BY: Daniel Dupuis

SECOND BY: Tim Dryden

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to establish an Ad hoc committee. Daniel Dupuis, Tim Dryden, Derrick Fillmore have agreed to sit on the committee.

MOTION BY: Chief Kent Steeves

SECOND BY: Deputy Chief Robin True

MOTION CARRIED

Chief Glen Northrup of Hillsborough noted that he has a mini fire truck (similar to what Riverview has) that is no longer being used. No cost to the association if interested. Sits on a 21 ft tandem trailer. Registration of trailer would need to be transferred. Maintenance would involve oil change and tires as needed. Truck itself would need to be stored indoors.

Chief Dave Gallant noted that if SEFFA is going to borrow the unit then maybe the association should be responsible for any maintenance and repairs. This will be brought forward at the next SEFFA meeting. For now, the unit will be kept at Hillsborough.

Motion to have a Pump Operator course in the Spring for SEFFA members. Cocagne Fire will host the facility and trucks for the course. The SEFFA will cover the cost of the instructor.

MOTION BY: Adam Allain

SECOND BY: Chief Steven Goguen

MOTION CARRIED

Robin True noted we will have a FERNO Rep available following our next meeting – Brent Fairweather is willing to bring an instructor up from Scene Safety to do a demo.

ACTION: Robin True will coordinate.

Chief Kent Steeves had a PTSD issue come forward and does not have resources on hand available to provide.

ACTION: Platoon Chief/President Bruens will obtain some info and distribute to the association. This will be added to the agenda for next meeting to discuss.

Tim Gaudet noted an organization in Moncton called Wings of Change and will send to President/Chief Bruens.

Daniel Dupuis noted there is a Hazmat Awareness and Ops course is being planned and is looking for an instructor.

Dave Candy has a course for Electric Vehicle presentation.

Cost is approx. \$400 for first 20 people. \$20 per person after 20.

Motion put forward that SEFFA approach Dave Candy to host an Electric Vehicle presentation with up to two members per department attending.

MOTIONED BY: Daniel Dupuis

SECOND BY: Craig Ramsay

MOTION CARRIED

Daniel Dupuis – Spring training – this year we only have the one level 1 course. Thinking of doing fire streams and hose management for spring training on June 22. Task Force Tips is willing to come in. Would combine with other training such as ground monitors and hose laying practices.

Motion to bring in Task Force Tips to conduct a training session for fire streams and hose management at the SEFFA Spring Training on June 22.

MOTION BY: Craig Ramsey

SECOND BY: Derrick Fillmore

MOTION CARRIED

Chief Kent Steeves asked about a Level 1 course for his end of the territory. He has about 10 members. Would be nice if we could get a few more from the area – looking for 12-18 students per course.

7. NEXT MEETING

The next SEFFA meeting will be on Sunday, April 14, 2019 at 10:00 am, Riverview Fire Dept.

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT: Chief Dave Gallant

SECOND BY: Julien Boudreau

MOTION CARRIED.