



MINUTES

Southeastern Firefighters Association

Association des Pompier du Sud-est

Representing Albert, Kent and Westmorland Counties

Sunday, January 26, 2020 at Riverview Fire Department

Attendees:

Platoon Chief Paul Bruens - Moncton
Tim Gaudet – Saint-Paul
Charles Agnew – Beersville-Harcourt
Chief Marcel Leblanc – Bouctouche
Adam Allain – Cocagne
Chief Greg Partridge – Dorchester
Dennis Reid – Dorchester
Daniel Dupuis – Dorchester
Chief Kent Steeves - Elgin
Chief Denis Pleau – Riverview
Gilles Allard – Riverview
Chief Julien Boudreau – Dieppe
Denis Roberge – Dieppe
Luc Robichaud – Dieppe
Chief Glen Northrup – Hillsborough
Ian McCormack – Hillsborough
Gary Woodard – Hillsborough
Troy Collins – Hillsborough
Mike Green - Sackville
Shawn Phinney – Sackville
Craig Bowser – Sackville

Darrell Weir – Riverside-Albert
Brad Doucette – Salisbury
Ferdinand Vautour – Cap Pele
Gilles Cormier – Cap Pele
Ronald Cormier – Cap Pele
Mathieu LeBlanc – Memramcook
Gilles LeBlanc – Memramcook
Mike Nicholson – Moncton
Derrick Fillmore – Petitcodiac
Dean Paddock – Petitcodiac
Craig Ramsay – Petitcodiac
Brian Dunfield – Petitcodiac
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 31 members in attendance representing 16 departments plus 1 member of the Fire Marshal's office.

- **GUEST SPEAKERS**

Mike Lewis could not attend. Raymond LeBlanc, Regional Fire Marshal, filled in to discuss the 2025 FD Survey. The survey is to identify the lack of training or equipment departments have and to come up with a plan to help. Survey should take approximately 45 minutes to an hour to fill out.

It was suggested to offer the position to the Chief, Deputy Chief or Captain first before hiring someone from outside. Paul mentioned it would be a good idea if Kent Steeves and Craig Bowser reach out to the LSM seeing as their departments are in close proximity.

- **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 17, 2019**

A copy of the November 17 meeting minutes were distributed to members via e-mail, posted on the website and distributed to those in attendance at this meeting.

Motioned by: Derek Fillmore, Petitcodiac

Seconded by: Brad Doucette, Salisbury

MOTION CARRIED

- **REPORTS FROM OFFICERS**

President's Report – Paul Bruens

On December 10, 2019, a meeting was held in Moncton to review the E- Manifest Program. Similar to the Ask Rail App, but for the transportation side. Each truck will have a unique identifier number. In the event of an accident, the first on scene will input this number into the E-Manifest Program and it will show the cargo. It will be an up-to-date list. With Federal funding, they decided to launch it in New Brunswick first where we are a smaller province. We did a trial on it in Moncton and ran a couple of scenarios. It should be deliverable within a year. It has the support of the trucking association in the Maritimes and it will be a secure program so no one else can log into it.

The next scheduled NBAFC meeting is being held in Moncton on January 25 -26, 2020 at Chateau Moncton. Chief's Training for new Chiefs, new officers will be sometime in April or May during a weekend, coordinated through the Fire Marshal's office. Assistants to the Fire Chief for the LSD regional fire dispatch for Codiac and the southeast will be signed this week. Once the agreement is signed, it will be moving forward.

Worksafe NB claim, if a FF puts a claim in the first time and the claim goes to Worksafe NB, if it is a presumptive coverage and it's denied, he/she has to resubmit. NB Association of Fire Chiefs is looking at this with the Fire Marshal's office.

Martin Corbett, Director Local Government Support Services, submitted a tender for 16 apparatus , no time frame but being worked on in the final stages right now.

Two priorities that were on the docket are mental health and presumptive cancer legislation. The Mobile Burn Unit will be delivered sometime in April or May of this year. We are hoping to have it at the convention this year. It has not been decided yet on how it will move around the province.

NBCC has sent out a flow path to the fire chiefs for review and implementation for personnel who are members of a FD and have attended Texas Training Division. If they have the Texas Certification in the Province of NB, moving forward since April, it was decided by the Fire Marshal's office, that your certification would not be accepted. The individual(s) will still be required to write a Level 1, 2 Awareness and Ops exam with NBCC. The Chief is then responsible for sign offs.

Divisional Chief Louis Dupuis, Moncton Fire Department, passed away; his funeral was held on January 10, 2020. Our sincerest condolences go out to his family, colleagues both at MFD and ANB.

Vice President, Kent County – Adam Allain

Nothing to report

Vice President, Westmorland – Derrick Fillmore

Nothing to report

Vice President, Albert County – James Lyman

No report as per Glen Northrup

Financial/Treasurer’s Report – Tim Dryden

Transactions listed below and distributed via the meeting agenda:

Date	Chq #	Amount	Payable to	Purpose
		\$31,330,13		OPENING BALANCE
Nov 17		-771.43	Paul Bruens	
Dec 17		-2.25		Service Charge
		\$30,556.45		CLOSING BALANCE

Motioned by: Glen Northrup, Hillsborough

Seconded by: Derek Fillmore, Petitcodiac

MOTION CARRIED

NBAFPO – Tim Dryden

No Report

OFM – Raymond Leblanc

The new Plan Review Officer to join our team is Josh Bradley. He is an active ff out of Millville. Leona is gone now. The competition will be filled in February. Paul Boudreau has stepped in to the role for now and the competition will move to the Grand Falls area instead of Miramichi. We will continue to work with the improved FIRS system. Several depts are on trial with the Fire Q and it has been going well.

FMO is finalizing the process for the Auxillary Award Medal, awards for individuals who are not eligible for current awards.

The gov’t announced the licence plates for volunteers will be free.

We are planning on having a Fire Chief Workshop in April or May in Fredericton. It will consist of modules in finance, equipment, health, etc. It is intended for new chiefs or current chiefs, senior officers on how to manage your fire department. This will be repeated every year with different topics.

- **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

ATC Report – Daniel Dupuis

Level 1

A Firefighter Level 1 has started in Petitcodiac with 22 students on the roster. They will be starting Block 5 (HazMat Awareness/Ops).... keep this in mind if you have students missing blocks or need HazMat Ops to complete their Officer Course or Level 2.

Block 6 rewrite no date yet – Dan to send email to Joan with the date for the rewrite on any test block 3 and 6. Make sure your test is put in 5 days before or give to Fire Marshal when he goes around to your dept. A Level 1 course has also started in Richibucto Village.

Level 2

Saint Paul has completed a Level 2 and Sackville will host the first one on Friday, February 21,22,23 and March 28-29 for the second weekend. If any are interested in joining, please advise.

Basic Off-Road Rescue

Cocagne is hosting a 5 hour off-road rescue course. If any other departments who have never taken this and want to participate, please advise. Second half in a few weeks for 12 hours.

Low Angle Rope Rescue

Cocagne will be hosting a low level rescue, they may take extra students, you can check with Chief Goguen, if any are interested. This will be held on the same weekend. Check with Adam to see if there is room.

Auto Extrication

We have also had requests for an auto extrication course. Please advise the ATR if you have any firefighters interested in this course, pre-requisites are Firefighter Level 1 (not enough students at this time). Not enough to do a course.

Officer and Instructor Courses are also available, if we can get enough students for a course.

ICS-200

Moncton Fire will be hosting an ICS-200 Course on January 18-19 from 0830-1630hrs at 800 St George Blvd., Training Division at a cost of 50\$ for registration. Pre-requisite ICS Canada 100 (can be taken online) There are still a few spots left. Register with ATR well attended.

ICS300 coming up if interested, let Dan know. Also might have officer training in the future. Possible ICS200 in the Fall as well. Ensure you bring your certificate for completion of your ICS100, and ensure you scan and email it to EMO.

Media Training

We will be hosting a media training course for fire departments; target audience would be chief officers /officers who would be dealing with the media on scenes or in general.

Saturday, February 8th from 0900-1100hrs Moncton will be hosting - Isabelle LeBlanc, Director of Corporate Communications for the City of Moncton. It will be held at the St. George Fire Station Training Classroom. 16 now registered send to Dan to register.

Spring Training

We will be starting our planning for spring training, possible auto extrication. If you have any ideas or proposals, please advise.

Auto extrication on June 13th - Jason Defossy, Mike Nicholson. If interested let Dan or Mike know. It will be held at the Dieppe facility - Gauvin location. 25-30 cars to work on like an advanced auto course with Jason Defossy. Let Dan know which part of the extrication you would like to see and they can see if they can add to agenda .

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.

Send names for Level 1 to Dan and will add to list for next time.

- **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Meeting in November, it was voted that we purchase a laptop for Joan to use in the Association. It will show up on the next Treasurer's Report.

- **NEW BUSINESS**

Dan - Chief Landry, who instructed the ICS200 Course will invoice a few depts. 2 from Memramcook Fire and 3 from Shediac Fire. The treasurer will send the bill out to those depts. SEFFA will pay and get reimbursed.

Denis Roberge from Dieppe - Would be a good idea to pool together each department's resources for contacts, equipment, etc. and find a way to get the results into a format for print and distributed. Perhaps also include pertinent information so we could learn from each other's experiences. It is hard to find resources and this would be good way to tap into whom has resources to share. Please email your information to Joan.

Mike Nicholson - If anyone has a mechanic in your dept., we would like to have this person as a resource for our auto extrication course.

- **NEXT MEETING**

The next SEFFA meeting will be on Sunday, March 22, 2020 at 10:00 am, Riverview Fire Dept. Guest Speakers will be NBAFC President, Chief Kavanaugh and Ian McVicar from FireQ

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT: Denis Pleau, Riverview

SECOND BY: Darrell Weir, Riverside-Albert

MOTION CARRIED