



# MINUTES

**Southeastern Firefighters Association**

**Association des Pompier du Sud-est**

**Representing Albert, Kent and Westmorland Counties**

**Sunday, September 22, 2019 at Riverview Fire Department**

Attendees:

*Platoon Chief Paul Bruens - Moncton*  
*Colleen Gallant – Saint-Paul*  
*Tim Gaudet – Saint-Paul*  
*James Lyman – Alma*  
*Tim Dryden – Salisbury*  
*Charles Agnew – Beersville-Harcourt*  
*Chief Marcel Leblanc – Bouctouche*  
*Stephane Dallaire - Bouctouche*  
*Adam Allain – Cocagne*  
*Chief Greg Partridge – Dorchester*  
*Dennis Reid – Dorchester*  
*Chief Kent Steeves - Elgin*  
*Tammie Morrisey – Riverside-Albert*  
*Chief Denis Pleau - Riverview*  
*Chief Julien Boudreau - Dieppe*  
*Chief Glen Northrup - Hillsborough*  
*Trevor Thompson – Richibucto-Village*  
*Rebecca Berry - 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 18 members in attendance representing 15 departments plus 1 member of the Fire Marshal's office.

## **1. GUEST SPEAKERS**

Linda Patterson of Cumings Fire and Safety Equipment was on hand with some products for members to see. Her contact info is below.

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## 2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM JUNE 9, 2019

A copy of the June 9 meeting minutes were distributed to members via e-mail, posted on the website and distributed to those in attendance at this meeting.

Motioned by: Chief Kent Steeves  
Seconded by: Tammie Morrisey  
MOTION CARRIED

## 3. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

### President's Report – Paul Bruens

NBCC and NB Fire Marshal had a meeting on FF Certification June and July

- There is a bulletin on the Fire Marshal's website.
- Discussion with key stakeholders on moving forward with FF Certification
- Representatives from RFD, DFD, MFD, SJFD, FFD were present
  - Discussion resulted in a plan to move forward with NBCC Certification for FF's
  - FF's who hold Texas Training Division Certification will be required to write a certification exam with NBCC and have a logbook sign off
  - Texas Training Div will not be accepted
  - Chief Denis Pleau mentioned that in Riverview they will grandfather future hires who have Texas certification if they passed prior to April 18, 2019. This will apply to 3-4 current volunteers in Riverview.
  - Moncton will be recruiting in the near future.
  - MFD won't be accepting Texas Training Division certification, as per the Fire Marshal directive 18 April

E- Manifest Hazmat Exercise hosted at Moncton Fire Department 25 Sept, 2019

- The NB Fire Marshal with ESI are moving forward with a joint exercise this Sept as a validation for the program. This program 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.
- 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.

- This is being managed by both NB FMO and Emergency Solutions International

The City of Moncton is willing to support Media Training for Chief Officers/Public Information Officers (PIO). We would be looking at in fall or Jan, more information will follow.

Moncton Fire is offering ICS 200 Course – Looking to see if there is interest within SEFFA in supporting an ICS 200 Course. ICS 100 is a pre-requisite and it can be done online beforehand.

- 2 days or 14Hrs
- \$50 per student which includes textbook, certification.

A special thank you goes out to all SEFFA Instructors/firefighters who participated at the Miramichi Firefighters Workshop. Your professionalism, dedication and motivation towards improving and firefighter educating is appreciated.

**Vice President, Westmorland County – Derrick Fillmore (not in attendance)**

I am continuing to expand the contact list for the Westmorland region and looking to get the contact info for chief, deputy, training officer, and prevention officer.

Petitcodiac has a new Fire Chief, Craig Ramsey, and new Deputy Chief, Dean Paddock.

Also, Petitcodiac participated in the Fundy Royal truck pull, finishing 5th overall, but having the best two runs of the day in the round robin.

The organizer of the event would like to come to a meeting to present the idea of hosting a pull in the southeast.

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

No update.

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

Route 114 is still down to 1 lane and is expected to be opened up to 2 lanes Nov 15.

**Financial/Treasurer’s Report – Tim Dryden**

Transactions listed below and distributed via the meeting agenda:

Date	Chq #	Amount	Payable to	Purpose
		<b>\$29,969.60</b>		<b>OPENING BALANCE</b>
June 9	167	-769.40	Paul Bruens	NBAFC Meeting (hotel, meals)
June 9	168	-227.40	Colleen Gallant	Pizza for SEFFA lunch
June 17		-2.25		Service charge
June 22	169	-76.35	Daniel Dupuis	Food for spring training (not yet cashed)
July 29	170	-59.57	Jeff Pyke	Supplies for spring training

Aug 17		-2.25		Service Charge
credits		500.00		SEFFA dues for Sackville, Moncton, Saint-Louis de Kent, Hillsborough, Memramcook
		<b>\$29,332.38</b>		<b>CLOSING BALANCE</b>

Actual balance is \$29,408.73 – one cheque pending.

Received NBAFC cheque for \$2,000.

Motioned by: Chief Denis Pleau

Seconded by: Tim Gaudet

MOTION CARRIED

#### **4. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **ATC Report – Daniel Dupuis**

###### **Level 1**

A Firefighter Level 1 course has started in Petitcodiac with 22 students on the roster. Most courses will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays with the odd Saturday.... keep this in mind if you have students missing blocks or need Haz Mat Ops to complete Officer course.

We will be starting a level 1 course in Richibucto Village shortly, if you have any students interested in participating, please let Dan know.

###### **Level 2**

We have enough students for two level 2 courses. Saint-Paul would like to host for Kent County and Sackville would like to host for Westmorland County. Saint-Paul would like to start ASAP and Sackville can start in January. Let me know if you have any students interested in participating. All the credits are used up to do this course and we will request funding for both from SEFFA.

###### **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 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).

## **Auto Extrication**

We have also had requests for an auto extrication course. Please advise ATR if you have any firefighters interested in this course, pre-requisites are firefighter level 1 (not enough students at this time).

Officer and instructor courses are also available, if we can get enough students for a course

## **Spring Training - Attack Line Operations**

This year's spring training concentrated on moving while flowing water. Our instructors put on some great sessions and we have received a lot of positive feedback from this session. We were asked to bring this training to the Miramichi workshop which was also well attended.

Thanks to instructors, students and sponsors in making it a great training 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.

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President Paul Bruens would like to recognize Dan and the people who put on and attend the Spring training session. A lot of work goes into planning this and they took time out of their day to set up and put on the course in both Moncton and the Miramichi workshops.

Kudos to Dan and his crew.

## **NBAFPO – Tim Dryden**

Meeting re-scheduled to Oct 5 during fire prevention week so expect it to be cancelled/postponed again. Laura King is doing a "Remembering When" seminar on Nov 16 at Fredericton Motor Inn. Geared towards seniors. Tim will share on the SEFFA FB page.

## **OFM – Raymond Leblanc**

Not much in the way of calls.

FS 2025 – met with LSM's and had a practice session in Fredericton on how the audit should take place. Should be able to begin sending the audit sheets to fire chiefs and goal is to complete audits by spring.

Fall workshop is coming up November 22-23 in Fredericton.

FM Office – had a house on 126 near Miramichi and set up scenarios. Went well and will burn down prior to Halloween. Looking to do more with Rogersville and Miramichi.

Public safety day planned in Saint-Antoine will be on October 5.

Posters available for Fire Prevention is anyone would like them.

Chief Kent Steeves asked if LSM's be present when the audits are done. TIS Technical Inspection Services will be on hand. Raymond indicated he would assume the LSM's would attend the LSD departments.

President Paul Bruens asked if Chiefs would have advanced notice on what is being looked for. Raymond indicated that information will be sent 2 months prior to visit. Visits will be planned, not unexpected.

President Paul Bruens asked if the Fire Marshal would send out something to fire chiefs in our association on where they are at with 2025.

## **5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

We had made a motion to change constitution to add NBAFPO and ATR positions as part of the executive positions.

The following positions were nominated and accepted at the June 9 SEFFA meeting but a motion was omitted.

President – Chief Paul Bruens  
Vice President, Albert County – James Lyman  
Vice President, Kent County – Adam Allain  
Vice President, Westmorland County – Derrick Fillmore  
Treasurer – Tim Dryden  
Secretary – Colleen Gallant  
ATR – Daniel Dupuis  
NBAFPO – Tim Dryden

MOTION BY: Tammie Morrisey  
SECOND BY: Chief Denis Pleau  
MOTION CARRIED

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

Chief Denis Pleau motioned that SEFFA fund the Level 2 courses in both Saint-Paul and Sackville if there are not enough credits through NBCC for the course.

SECOND BY: Chief Julien Boudreau  
MOTION CARRIED

Chief Denis Pleau noted that NFPA is promoting a Senior Fall Protection course. Mitch Short has been teaching it to seniors. The course is free from NFPA.

ASIST Course

- Chief Pleau mentioned the upcoming ASIST Course has 17 names and still positions available for 7 more people. This is a very good course.

- Anyone who is attending are asked NOT to wear uniforms. Keep neutral.
- Cost will not exceed \$175.00. This course is 2 full days on Sept 28-29. Attendees must commit to full two days. This course is not just for Fire Chiefs. People on peer support teams should attend. Course will take place at Riverview FD.

#### TMR / RFD information sessions

- Two sessions taking place - Bouctouche Sept 25 and Dieppe Sept 26. 6:30 – 8:30 pm each night. Information was distributed and invites have been sent out to some departments. Colleen read an e-mail/agenda received with details and will add to the SEFFA calendar on the website and on the SEFFA FB page.
- RFD timeline is end of 2019.

If you are hosting an event for Fire Prevention Week, please feel free to post it and advise Tim Gaudet.

#### Mutual aid agreements

- President Paul Bruens noted that Moncton is re-looking at Mutual Aid Agreements.
- Looking at creating a District agreement with the Southeast similar to what the Capital District currently has.
- Moncton, Riverview and Dieppe have created a new Emergency Mutual Aid agreement which is currently in review with city council.
- Changed wording from fire services to emergency resources.

#### Route 126 closure at Magnetic Hill

- The affected civic numbers that DTI provided were not accurate and they were not providing actual civic number but rather just the distance ie. 1.5 km.
- President Paul Bruens reached out to Roger Pitre who provided the correct civic numbers.
- It was noted that there have been issues for years to have a working relationship with DTI and we are always told to use 511 for updates.
- Min of Transportation and Min of Safety should be communicating and putting the information out.
- Chief Kent Steeves says that this should be addressed with NBAFC. Paul will bring this up at the next BOD meeting.

The City of Moncton is willing to support Media Training for Chief Officers/Public Information Officers (PIO). Paul will work with City to schedule media training on Saturday November 30.

Moncton Fire/ICS 200 Course – tentative date January 18 and 19, 2020. President Paul Bruens will confirm.

Colleen will be stepping down as the SEFFA Secretary. President Paul Bruens asked Tim Gaudet to look for a replacement and bring to next meeting to be voted.

## 7. NEXT MEETING

The next SEFFA meeting will be on Sunday, November 17, 2019 at 10:00 am, Riverview Fire Dept.

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT: Chief Julien Boudreau

SECOND BY: Tim Dryden

MOTION CARRIED