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Minutes of a Meeting of the NH Association of Fire Chiefs

Virtual - Thursday, November 13, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Chief Watkins at 0903 hours.

After a salute to the flag, a moment of silence was requested for departed members

Welcome from Host: n/a

INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS. ED Lemire called the roll of members who had registered to attend.

Special Guests: Nick Brown from Congresswomen Goodlander's office shared her greetings. Steve Pecora from Governor Ayotte's office also expressed greetings from the Governor.

Mr. Brown offered the assistance of the office for those having issues

Minutes: A MOTION (Sitar/Jones) to approve the minutes of the October meeting carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: A MOTION (D. Chamberlain/Clough) to approve the October reports carried unanimously.

Communications: Commissioner Quinn sent a "Thank You" note for our letter support and congratulations on his 40 years of service.

Applications for membership: Chief Donald Waldron of Amherst, NH has been approved for membership.

Life Membership: n/a

President's Report: (Watkins) –

- He attended the NEAFC conference at Mohegan Sun last week and completed the Officer Development program. He highly recommends the program.

- He reported on his meeting with Nick Mecuri (LRCC) about establishing a partnership to offer more classes in fire programs that the NHFA offers. He suggested that he speak with Director Wholey and get back to him.
- CFSI. In 2026 it will be March 18 and 19 at the Marriott Marquis in Washington. \$6,500 has been appropriated in this year's budget. ED Lemire has started to research the details.
- He will be attending the North Country Public Safety Awards banquet on November 14 with Chiefs Lemire, Fraitzl, J. Chamberlain, D. Chamberlain and Thomas.
- He will be presenting (with Chief Emanuel) at the NHMA Conference next week.

Report of the Executive Director: (Lemire)

- The December 11 meeting will be a dinner meeting at the Nashua Country Club.
- The January 8, 2026 meeting will be virtual.
- The February 12 meeting will be at the NHFA for breakfast and seminar.
- The March 12 meeting will be hosted by the Barnstead Fire Department and feature a home-cooked corned beef and cabbage dinner.
- The April Annual Meeting will be at the Common Man in Plymouth.
- The Scholarship Committee met virtually Thursday, November 6 at 1330 hours.
- The letter to the federal delegation on issues with apparatus delivery and costs was co-signed by the Municipal Managers and sent to Washington early last week.
- A request and motion to sponsor the continental breakfast (\$800) at the January 14 session of the 2026 Mental Health and Resilience seminar carried unanimously with a majority of the eligible members voting.
- We have been approved for 5 gaming dates at the NASH Casino in Nashua January 23-27, 2026. I am meeting with them tomorrow to file the paperwork.
- I will also be filing paperwork to seek remedy from a Class Action Lawsuit from the Discover Card Merchant Settlement as we were notified that we were eligible.
- Board members will represent the Assn. at the North Country Public Safety Awards dinner tomorrow, November 14.
- I attended the NEAFC conference last week at Mohegan Sun.
- Ad book proceeds to date: Total: \$26,165.00; Vendor: \$18,315.00; Assn: \$7,849.00.

1st Vice President Report (LaRoche) –

Professional Development Committee - (Chief LaRoche/Director Wholey)

Government Relations – (Schmidt) – No report

2nd Vice President Report (D. Chamberlain) –

- (See below)

Sgt. At Arms (Fraitzl) –

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- He will be working on saleables with the wife of Chief Guarnera of Merrimack that will include an online port.

Committee Reports

Scholarship Committee – (Chief D. Chamberlain/Marshal Toomey)

- Chief Chamberlain, ED Lemire and Marshal Toomey met on November 6 and will continue work on revising and scholarship program.

Division Reports

Fire Marshal: (Marshal Toomey)

ADMINISTRATION:

Personnel:

We continue to be under a hiring freeze statewide. We currently have 13 open positions. We have been approved to proceed with a hiring process for two full-time Fire Protection Specialists and one Administrative Assistant.

Deputy Phil Biron and Investigator Marianne Heinrich have completed the Certified Fire Investigator program through the NH Fire Academy.

Legislation:

Bills for the 2026 session are still in the LSR phase. Our priorities for this session are an update to the state fire code to the 2024 editions of NFPA 1 & 101, some clean-up on investigation language, and clean-up on incident reporting to align with NERIS. We have provided some input on a few bills so far and we are continuing to review others that may impact the fire service. We will publish a list once bill text has been released.

State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)

With the retirement of Chief Donald DeAngelis, the State Emergency Response Commission is seeking a member from the NH Association of Fire Chiefs. Please contact Assistant Director Brian Allard with any questions brian.h.allard@dos.nh.gov.

Board of Fire Control:

The Board of Fire Control will hold a public hearing on Monday, November 10th at 9 am to address potential code amendments for the 2024 editions of NFPA 1 and NFPA 101.

BUREAU OF INVESTIGATIONS:

In October, we received 18 incident notifications resulting in 12 scene responses. The Bureau of Investigations currently has 9 open arson or suspected arson investigations.

New cases (synopsis of some of our cases are listed below):

- On *October 8, 2025*, investigators received a report from Nashua Fire regarding a 63-year-old male who sustained significant burn injuries from attempting to stomp a fire out. Patient status will be monitored, and Nashua Fire Marshals will investigate the origin and cause of the fire.
- On *October 8, 2025*, investigators received a report from Nashua Fire regarding a 12-year-old female who sustained significant burn injuries from an incident involving cooking. Patient status will be monitored.
- On *October 9, 2025*, investigators were notified and responded the following morning to Newton for a consultation regarding a structure fire in a vacant residential structure. The fire caused significant damage, leaving the structure unsafe for a scene examination. The fire was believed to have started in a rear corner of the structure, but the cause is undetermined.
- On *October 11, 2025*, investigators responded to Salem to assist with a structure fire where a 70-year-old male inside the home sustained significant injuries. While the circumstances surrounding this incident are still under investigation, the cause of the fire was classified as accidental. The New Hampshire State Fire Marshal's Office is leading this investigation with the assistance of the Salem Police and Fire Departments and New Hampshire State Police.
- On *October 17, 2025*, investigators responded to assist the Kensington Fire Department with the investigation of a structure fire. Additionally, a 50-year-old male and a 45-year-old female were transported to a nearby hospital with injuries from the fire. The cause of the fire is still under investigation; however, no criminal indicators have been identified to date.
- On *October 18, 2025*, investigators responded to Ashland to assist with an investigation into the origin and cause of a structure fire. While the investigation is still ongoing, investigators have identified criminal indicators that suggested this fire was intentionally set. The New Hampshire State Fire Marshal's Office is leading this investigation with the assistance of the Ashland Police and Fire Departments.
- On *October 19, 2025*, a K9 team responded to Nashua to assist with an investigation into the origin and cause of a motor vehicle fire. While the investigation is still ongoing by the Nashua Fire Marshal's Office and the Nashua Police Department, criminal indicators have been identified that suggested this fire was intentionally set.
- On *October 19, 2025*, an investigator responded to Hudson to assist with an investigation into the origin and cause of a structure fire. The fire appeared to have started on the exterior of the building. While the investigation is still ongoing, no criminal indicators have been identified.

- On *October 20, 2025*, investigators received a report from Concord Fire Department regarding a fire at a church. The fire was determined to have been an arson, at which time the SFMO contacted the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF) on behalf of Concord. Concord Fire and Concord Police are leading this investigation.
- On *October 21, 2025*, investigators and a K9 team responded to Henniker to assist with an investigation into the origin and cause of a camper fire. While the investigation is still ongoing, investigators have identified criminal indicators that suggested this fire was intentionally set. The New Hampshire State Fire Marshal's Office is leading this investigation with the assistance of the Henniker Police and Fire Departments.
- On *October 29, 2025*, investigators and inspectors from the Mechanical Safety Section responded to an assisted living facility in Hanover to assist with a propane-fueled boiler explosion, which caused injuries to a technician who was working on the system. Ultimately, the facility needed to be temporarily closed due to no heat, and approximately 60 residents had to be relocated to other facilities. The explosion appears to be accidental.
- On *October 30, 2025*, investigators and a K9 team responded to Stratford to assist with a suspicious fire involving a camper and a mobile home. During the course of this investigation, probable cause was gathered to identify a suspect who had set the fire. The suspect was arrested later that same day and was held overnight for an arraignment the following day. At his arraignment, the judge ordered the individual to be held on preventative detention until a probable cause hearing, which is scheduled in November.

Fatal Fire/CO Incidents:

- On *October 12, 2025*, an investigator responded to a fatal motor vehicle collision in Ashland that caught fire. A 21-year-old male was identified as the deceased, having been trapped in the vehicle. The cause of death was smoke inhalation and thermal injuries, and the manner was ruled accidental. The New Hampshire State Fire Marshal's Office, in conjunction with New Hampshire State Police, Ashland Fire Department, and the New Hampshire State Medical Examiner's Office, worked on this investigation.
- On *October 17, 2025*, investigators responded to a fatal motor vehicle collision in Fremont that caught fire. A 25-year-old male was identified as the deceased. The cause of death was from injuries sustained in the collision, not the fire, and the manner was ruled accidental. The New Hampshire State Fire Marshal's Office, in conjunction with the Fremont Police Department, the Fremont Fire Department, and the New Hampshire State Medical Examiner's Office, worked on this investigation.
- On *October 26, 2025*, investigators responded to Colebrook to assist with an investigation into the origin and cause of a structure fire. A 59-year-old

male was discovered in the apartment where the fire occurred and had sustained serious bodily injury. The occupant was subsequently removed from the apartment and rendered aid and eventually transferred to Massachusetts General Hospital, where he succumbed to his injuries on October 29, 2025. The investigation into the fire is still underway, and the cause and manner of death are pending. The New Hampshire State Fire Marshal's Office worked alongside the Colebrook Fire Department and Colebrook Police Department.

Arrests/Court:

- An investigator testified at the Candia District Court in a criminal trial stemming from an arson investigation in April 2025. New Hampshire State Fire Marshal's Office worked closely with the Raymond Police Department throughout this investigation.

*The New Hampshire State Fire Marshals' Office requests that **ANY** incidents of reported fires occurring on the property of churches or religious establishments be communicated to us and then we will notify the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF). This request is made in conjunction with our collaboration with the ATF for the purposes of data collection.*

*To report an incident during business hours, call the NH State Fire Marshal's Office at **603-223-4289**. For incidents after hours or on weekends, contact New Hampshire State Police Communications at **603-223-4381**; they will notify the duty supervisor, who will reach out to you directly.*

BUREAU OF BUILDING SAFETY & CONSTRUCTION:

State Building Permit System:

In October, a total of 71 permits were processed through the State Building Permit System:

- Building: 15
- Electrical: 7
- Plumbing: 9
- Fuel Gas: 10
- Mechanical: 12
- Fire Protection: 7
- Fire Alarm: 4

Technical Assistance, Educational & Healthcare Reviews:

During the month of October, the following activities were completed:

- Educational Plan Review: 5

- Healthcare Plan Review: 3
- Inspections Completed: 386
- Technical Consultations Provided: 231

Variance Requests:

A total of 9 variance requests were processed in October

Fireworks Safety and Enforcement Program

The Fireworks Safety and Enforcement Program conducted the following in the month of October:

- Proximate Licenses Issued: 6
- Display Certificate of Competency Issued: 0
- Consumer Fireworks Retail Store Licenses Issued: 0
- Explosive Magazine Inspections: 0
- Proximate Audience Inspections: 0
- Technical Assistance: 0

Modular Building Program

The Modular Building Program conducted the following in the month of October:

- Inspections: 21
- Audits of Manufacturers: 0
- Audits of Educational Facilities: 0
- Labels Issued to Manufacturers: 179
- Units Shipped to New Hampshire: 33

Tramway and Amusement Ride Safety

The Tramway and Amusement Ride Safety section conducted the following in the month of October:

- Amusement Registrations: 27
- Amusement Inspections: 54
- Amusement Incidents: 2
- Tramway Registrations: 18
- Tramway Inspections: 49
- Tramway Incidents: 2

BUREAU OF OUTREACH & EDUCATION:

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Hazardous Materials:

In the month of October, the hazardous materials section attended the Hazmat Collaborative meeting in Concord and presented training about PEAC software in Hampton. There were no incident responses or consultations. Contact us at: hazmat@dos.nh.gov.

Incident Reporting:

We continue to monitor the development of the U.S. Fire Administration's (USFA) new fire information and analytics platform, known as the National Emergency Response Information System (NERIS), for the American fire and emergency services. New Hampshire began on boarding fire departments on October 1st.

Onboarding is a two-step process. The first step registers the department and creates two primary contacts with the NERIS system. The second step is entering incident data which will come later. All fire departments should have received an e-mail from Underwriter's Laboratory, Fire Safety Research Institute, NERIS Office with the onboarding instructions. Once you have completed the first step you will then work with your software vendor to set up actual data entry. **It is very important to be sure that your department is verified by checking the appropriate box and saving the verification step. Do not worry about boundary issues or dispatch center ID's at this time. These known issues will be addressed later. You can verify your department regardless of these known issues.**

As we have mentioned before, NFIRS will end December 31, 2025. Please make sure that you have a plan for the transition to NERIS. If you are an e-NFIRS user, you should switch to the Image Trend Elite software now. Please contact the data analysis section at nhfirs@dos.nh.gov to get started. If you have a third-party vendor software package, please contact your vendor and work with them to switch your data collection method over from NFIRS to NERIS sometime between October and December.

Data reporting will not occur in both systems simultaneously. Once you switch over from NFIRS to NERIS, you will not be required to continue reporting in NFIRS. Once your vendor is ready to submit your data, please call the Data and Analysis section to let us know the date that you plan to switch to NERIS. Our goal is to eliminate the chance of gaps in data for the state. Please set your department up for success by preparing for NERIS now.

Key NERIS Resources:

- [User References](#)
- [NERIS Onboarding Checklist and Guide](#)
- Visit [our website](#) for more NERIS support and updates.
- NHFIRS Incident Reporting Newsletter (quarterly)

With NFIRS sunsetting, fire departments must be sure that they are able to maintain a system of record locally. For specifics on what is needed, please read NH RSA 33-A.

We would like to remind all fire departments that if you experience a fatal fire with civilian injuries in your community, you will need to complete the Civilian Casualty module for your incident report in addition to calling our office for investigative assistance.

Please reach out to our NHFIRS team for any incident reporting questions at nhfirs@dos.nh.gov and have your NFIRS/NERIS contact person sign-up for the NHFIRS Newsletter by sending an email to FMO@dos.nh.gov.

Community Risk Reduction (CRR):

We published the final 2025 edition of [Risk Reduction Quarterly](#). The newsletter also includes resources your departments can share for national campaigns between November-January, especially regarding Carbon Monoxide Awareness Month. We also highlight Henniker's collaborative approach to wildfire protection during our Community Risk Reduction in Action series.

Sign-up for our newsletter by sending us a note at fmo@dos.nh.gov or find newsletters on our website: <https://www.firemarshal.dos.nh.gov/news-events/newsletters>

2025 SFMO Outreach Survey

We invite fire departments to complete this 12-question survey.

Survey Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NHSFMO-BOE>

Your responses help the Bureau of Outreach and Education better support fire departments and communities across the state. This will inform us about the resources and trainings we create in 2026.

Outreach Events:

The New Hampshire State Fire Marshal's Office participated in 28 public outreach events and provided equipment for 3 events this October. This includes school visits to New Boston, Monroe, New Hampton, and Dublin. For Fire Prevention Week, we focused on educating students about why lithium-ion batteries can become a fire risk and how to store, charge, and recycle their devices responsibly. We brought an interactive activity for students to learn about devices with lithium-ion batteries and how thermal runaway can occur when they are damaged.

The Bureau of Outreach and Education was invited to co-speak at a [Community Wildfire Awareness Event](#) in Henniker where residents learned about reducing hazards around their homes and neighborhoods. Henniker is among the first towns in New Hampshire to begin developing a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). This project highlights effective local engagement and how it can strengthen wildfire preparedness.

We have continued to meet with the new network for fire & life safety educators. We have monthly virtual calls to discuss topics from our communities, share resources, and occasionally bring in guest speakers on key topics in community risk reduction and public safety education.

Interested in having the NH SFMO join an event in your community? Please reach out to us as early as possible so we can make every effort to attend your event. We also have [resources and equipment](#) for fire departments to borrow. Send your request to us at FMOpublicEducation@dos.nh.gov.

Fire & Life Safety Educator Network

Next meeting: Wednesday, December 10th

Time: 10:30AM EST

Location: Virtual (Teams – link provided upon RSVP)

If you're interested, please RSVP here: [NH Fire & Life Safety Network](#).

Public Education:

The [Fire and Life Safety Communicators Initiative](#) is a collaboration among the fire and the emergency medical services to speak with “one voice” on fire and life safety. We believe that by working together to present consistent messages, we can begin to teach the public the importance of safety and encourage them to take actions to make themselves, their loved ones and their communities safer from fire and other hazards. Through these actions, lives will be saved.

November's theme is lithium-Ion battery safety. Lithium-ion batteries and other types of batteries present fire dangers if community residents don't follow product instructions when using, storing or disposing of them. Share these safety tips to help increase awareness in your community about the fire dangers of lithium-ion and other types of batteries.

For more resources, see [Take CHARGE of Battery Safety](#) and [Battery Fire Safety](#).

Take **C.H.A.R.G.E.** of battery safety:

Choose certified products.

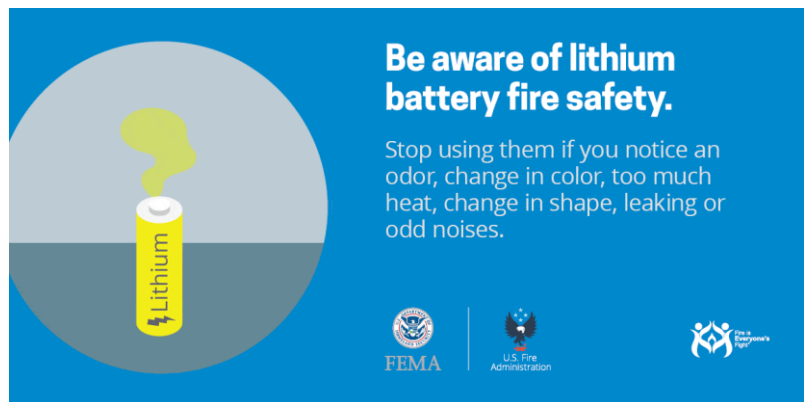
Handle with care.

Always stay alert.

Recycle properly.

Get out quickly.

Educate others.



Training Opportunities:

The FMO can present training courses to law enforcement officers, fire service professionals and building inspectors. These training courses are typically two to three hours in length.

Currently, one class is scheduled in North Hampton on December 9 from 0900-1200 hours at the North Hampton Fire Department. Chief Mechanical Inspector Marc Prindiville and Mechanical Inspector Aurelian Ricardo will present information about Heating and Fuel Gas Appliance Inspections. Seacoast area personnel have priority but there may be room for officers or inspectors from non-Seacoast towns to attend. Contact Deputy Fire Marshal Anthony Booth for questions or to register: anthony.m.booth@dos.nh.gov.

If you are interested in hosting a future session, or would like to suggest a future training topic, please reach out to us at FMOPublicEducation@dos.nh.gov.

Fire Standards/Training/EMS – (Director Wholey)

Personnel

- We continue to work within the hiring process under Governor Ayotte's Executive Order. While we have not had a waiver denied, we have to work within the strategic mission of the Department of Safety.
- We have extended an offer for the full-time fire Captain position, starting in January 2026.
- We have extended an offer for the full-time EMS Compliance Coordinator, starting November 17th.
- We are interviewing for a part-time Promotional Testing Program Coordinator
- We have one vacancy for a full-time Program Specialist III (Education Technologist), with interviews scheduled for November 17th.
- We have two vacancies for our full-time Fire Training Instructor.
- We have one vacancy for a full-time EMS Training Coordinator.
- We have one vacancy for our part-time EMS Ambulance Inspection Coordinator.
- We have vacancies for EMS Exam Coordinators.
- We have vacancies for EMS Vehicle Inspectors.

Grants

- We have received notification of the grant award for the 2025 National Fire Academy grant.
- We have received notification of the grant award for the 2025 Homeland Security Grant for additional technical rescue equipment.
- Bureau Personnel are in the process of gathering quotes for potential equipment purchases through the FEMA Grants.

Special Projects

- The Division is currently working through the contract process for the early detection cancer screening pilot program.
 - The contracts for the vendors have been signed and will be set before the Governor and Executive Council for approval.
 - We are developing a website dedicated to this program where eligible individuals can find information about the program.
- The Raymond S. Burton Fire and EMS Training Facility infrastructure project continues to move forward with completion of the project expected by the end of November 2025.
- The *Law Enforcement Officers, Professional Firefighters, and Emergency Medical Technicians Career Development, Recruitment and Retention Program* established in New Hampshire RSA 188-F:70 remains active and available.
 - Emergency Service Dispatchers are also eligible for the program.
 - Details can be found at: <https://www.ccsnh.edu/law-enforcement-officers-professional-firefighters-and-emergency-medical-technicians-career-development-recruitment-and-retention-program/>

National Fire Academy

- *Supervising Emergency Medical Services* – Stratham – February 21 & 22
- *Incident Safety Officer* – Concord – February 23 & 24
- *Decision Making for Initial Company Operations* – Hudson – March 14 & 15

Legislative/Administrative Rules

- The 2026 Legislative Session is set to begin with over 1,073 Legislative Service Requests filed for the upcoming session. The Division is working with DOS Leadership to review and strategize for possible fire and EMS service impacts.
- The proposed Trauma Rules are working through the internal DOS process.

- Administrative Rules to make the full transition to ETA's and sunset the former process have been developed and are working through the internal DOS process for submission to JLCAR.

Outreach

- Director Wholey attended the Lakes Region Chiefs Meeting.
- Staff members continue to attend various stakeholder and mutual aid group meetings and make department visits.

Mental Health & Resiliency

- *Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training* – Moultonborough – November 3 - 7
- *Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training* – Epping – December 8 - 12
- *2026 Mental Health & Wellness Seminar: Leadership and Resiliency for the Future* – Concord – January 13th & 14th, 2026
- Efforts on creating a more comprehensive PTSD training program has been paused. As funding becomes available, we will continue our work in partnership with Police Standards and Training, Department of Corrections, and the Commissioner's Office.

Curriculum

Firefighter

- The visiting committee meeting for October was postponed.
- The next meeting will be on November 19th to review the Hose & Streams, Forestry, and Water Supply modules.

Fire Inspector

- The public comment period for the Fire Inspector programs has now closed. The curriculum was approved by the Fire Standards and Training Commission on November 6th.
- Test bank item validation is underway for the First Responder Inspector test bank.

Driver-Operator

- The Driver/Operator Visiting Committee met on October 8th to discuss the Driver/Operator: All Vehicles certification exam.
- The next meeting will be on November 12th to review the curriculum for Driver/Operator: All Vehicles and to discuss the Driver/Operator: Pumper certification exam.

Hazardous Materials

- The curriculum review and analysis reports have been completed for Hazmat Awareness and Hazmat Operations. These reports are required by Fire Standards and Training Commission policy and will be presented during the November meeting.

Interfacility Transfer (Bureau of EMS)

- Captain Robblee and Rachel Larry are overseeing an EMS Visiting Committee to revise the IFT and PIFT training programs. The development committee for this program met for an orientation to the curriculum development process and to establish the goal of the IFT and PIFT prerequisite protocol training appendices.
- The next meeting will be on November 17th to review the job task analysis for IFT.

Future Program Development

- *Fire Officer (I & II)*. The new NFPA standards for Fire Officer Professional Qualifications (NFPA 1020) were released at the beginning of the year. Program development will begin in 2026.
- *Fire and Emergency Services Instructor (I, II, & III)*. The new NFPA standards for Instructor professional qualifications (NFPA 1020) were released at the beginning of the year. Program development will begin in 2026.

Bureau of Firefighter Training

Courses/Programs

- Firefighter I & II
 - Rumney (FF I) – August 19 - November 22
 - Recruit School (FF I & II) – October 1 - December 12
 - Stratham (FF I & II) – September 3 - December 20
 - Lakes Region Community College (FF I & II) – Graduated October 24
 - Moultonborough (FF II) – Graduated October 25
- Technical Rescue
 - *Confined Space Technician* – Concord – December 15 - December 18
- Driver Operator
 - All inquiries for these programs should be directed to driveroperator@dos.nh.gov
- Hazardous Materials
 - Hazardous Materials Awareness is available:
<https://www.nhfaemslearning.org/login/index.php>
- Module Deliveries
 - *Firefighter I: Fire Behavior Skills* – Concord – November 22
- Airport Rescue Firefighting
 - Fall Live Fire Recertifications will run through mid-November:
<https://www.fstems.dos.nh.gov/training-education/aircraft-rescue-firefighter-program>
- “On My Time” Program
 - We continue to offer support and guidance to many departments participating in this program.
- Electric Vehicle Training Resources
 - US Department of Energy, Alternate Fuels Data Center, EV Safety Training Resources for First and Second Responders:
<https://afdc.energy.gov/vehicles/electric-responders>
 - NFPA training for Alternative Fuel Vehicles: <https://www.nfpa.org/for-professionals/training-for-me/buy-alternative-fuel-vehicles-training>

- NFPA FIRST Training Application: <https://info.vectorsolutions.com/vs-fr-nfpa-new-energy-systems-fire-simulator-training>
- Distributed Energy Resources (DER) Field Familiarization Guide: <https://derstfg.org/>

Testing

- Monthly Testing was completed in October for the NFPA 1001, 1002 and 1003 testing processes, which includes administering the written and practical exams.
 - Monthly testing is the 2nd Tuesday of every month, with Firefighter I physical exams on the following Saturday. Burton campus monthly testing is only in March, June, September and December on the Wednesday after the Flynn campus exam date. Submissions must be entered by the last day of the month prior to the month you wish to test.
- We have expanded our training to provide additional proctors for the new written exam testing that is now done on iPads.

Apparatus/Equipment

- All of our pumping apparatus, except Crash 5, underwent annual pump testing on October 9th. Engine Two failed this test, has subsequently been repaired, and is awaiting a follow-up test.
- All other apparatus and Fleet Vehicles are in service.

Facilities, Prop Usage and Projects

- The Concord Fire Department used the Basement Window and Floor Prop on October 6th.
- The Keene Fire Department used the “A” Building and the Flashover Prop on October 28th and 29th.
- Repairs are being made to the lighting in and around the “B” Building and the Northwest side of the Drillyard.
- Parts have been ordered for the repair of two hydrants that have been out of service.

Bureau of Certification and Support

Courses/Programs

- Instructor I/II/III Programs
 - *Instructor I* – Warner – November 5 - December 17
 - *Instructor I* – Concord – January 19 - February 16
 - *Instructor I* – Peterborough – March 3 - April 11
 - *Instructor I* – Bethlehem – April 6 - May 16
 - *Instructor II* – Virtual – October 6 - November 12
 - *Instructor II* – Virtual – March 24 - April 23
 - *Instructor III* – Virtual – May 4 - July 13
- Fire Officer I/II Programs
 - *Fire Officer I* – Milford – October 4 - November 29
 - *Fire Officer I* – Concord – February 2 - March 30
 - *Fire Officer I* – Hampstead – April 2 - May 21
 - *Fire Officer II* – Virtual – November 18 - January 27
 - *Fire Officer II* – Virtual – May 6 - June 24
- Fire Inspector Programs – Pilot offerings of Fire Responder Inspector in the Spring:
 - *First Responder Inspector* – Concord – March 26 - May 7
 - *First Responder Inspector* – Concord – June 4 - July 2
- National Fire Academy
 - *Supervising Emergency Medical Services* – Stratham – February 21 & 22
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Education Technology

- Progress continues on Firefighter I modules:

- Video content shoots and SME reviews of several have been scheduled or are in the postproduction phase, including Orientation/History, Fire Behavior and PPE/SCBA.
- Building Construction and Ropes and Knots are in early production.
- Hazardous Materials Awareness is under review.
- EMS in the Warm Zone program is progressing and nearly ready for SME review.
- The WordPress based Resource Center is functioning with limited ability to adjust certain components.
 - The Drupal-based State website is up and running.
 - Course catalog migration is on hold.
- Classrooms 5/6/7 are in limited service. New cabling and a media switch purchase are being considered.

Instructors

- New State Fire Instructor applications are available on RespondNH.
- The Fire Training Captains have been actively training and endorsing Instructors and Program Assistants in numerous classes and prop operations.
 - Many instructors are working through their endorsement process for the new tablet-based Questionmark testing platform.

CPAT

- There are six CPAT dates in 2025. We restructured the schedule of these exams to better span the entire year to make this test more aligned with department hiring needs. Our final test of the year is as follows:
 - November 24 – Nashua – NH National Guard Recruiting Office
- Staff are beginning to develop electronic scoring of CPAT exams using RespondNH.
- Department member assistance is needed for CPAT on testing days. Please confirm available personnel to assist with PC Nick Poulin at Nicholas.a.poulin@dos.nh.gov prior to the test date to assist in planning.

Bureau of Emergency Medical Services

Boards and Commissions

- The Medical Control Board will meet on November 20th at 0930.
- The Emergency Medical and Trauma Services Coordinating Board will meet on November 20th at 1300.
- The Trauma Medical Review Committee will meet on December 16th at 0930.
- The Privacy Committee will meet on December 23rd at 1300.

Operations

- New annual training for information security regarding criminal record checks has been rolled out to applicable staff with CRU portal access.
- Ongoing communication with NREMT regarding challenges with the website update
 - Licensing has not been interrupted. However, verifications of education and psychomotor completion have been delayed due to errors on the NREMT website. NREMT fixes are ongoing but no clear time to resolution.
- With final adoption of the Educational Training Agency (ETA) ruleset as of April 30, 2024, the Administrative Packet for application can be found on the Division website and Resource Center.
 - There are currently 24 licensed ETAs.
- There are currently 313 licensed EMS Units and 6,635 EMS Providers.
- 31 ground ambulance and 4 helicopter inspections were conducted in October.
- Background checks are currently averaging approximately 3 days for new applicants for licensure.
 - In an effort to streamline the initial licensure process, CHRI errors will now be directly communicated to the applicant by CRU, not mailed to the Division for follow up.
- The EMS Simulation Training Program held 7 programs in October.
- EMS Psychomotor Exams: 1 ALS and 2 BLS exams were held in October.

- With the passage of HB2, wheelchair van inspections are no longer in the purview of the Division. This responsibility has been moved to the Department of Health and Human Services.

Courses/Programs

- Emergency Medical Responder (EMR): Fall 2025 course in Wentworth finished on November 1. The Winter 2026 course in Newbury (January 3 – February 28) is open for registration.
- EMS Continuing Education and Simulation Education
 - *We're All In this Together: EMS & Law Enforcement Field Operations* – Concord, November 5th, and Virtual, November 20th
 - *Pediatric and Adult Respiratory Emergencies (Simulation)* – Concord, November 12th
 - *Prehospital Obstetric and Neonatal Care (Simulation)* – Glen, November 15th
 - *Manmade Disasters: Planning, Response and Recovery* – Concord, December 3rd, and Virtual, December 18th
 - *Pediatric and Adult Respiratory Emergencies (Simulation)* – Littleton, December 13th
- EMS in the Warm Zone Awareness, Operations and Rescue Task Force Concepts
 - The Awareness and Operations courses are available free to students through our online training platform:
<https://www.nhfaemslearning.org/login/index.php>
 - The RTF Concepts class is a half-day in-person training that is also available. Grant funding opportunities are available.
 - *Rescue Task Force Concepts* – Concord – January 7
 - If anyone is looking for this program, please contact Shawn Croteau at Shawn.A.Croteau@dos.nh.gov

Clinical Systems

- EMS Protocols Version 9.3 Mid-Cycle Rollout has modifications to protocol 1.4 from 60 days to 90 days and non-substantive changes to multiple protocols. Rollout is anticipated in the month of November.
- EMS Protocols Version 10.0 development has been postponed, pending the 9.3 adoption.

Data Management

- NHESR
 - 114 fire departments are utilizing the system for incident reporting. If you would like to start using the New Hampshire Emergency Services Reporting System (NHESR), please fill out the form available at <https://nhfa-ems.com/nhesronboard/>.
 - Anyone interested in the system can contact nhesr@dos.nh.gov by email, submit a ticket at <https://nhfa-ems.com/support/>, or call 603-223-4200 and ask for a member of the data team to reach us.
- RespondNH
 - The Division continues to expand the capabilities of the RespondNH system. As we utilize this system and analyze more data, it is important to have department roster information updated and current. Each department has the full capability to manage their own roster by adding new staff and removing those that may have left and may be done at any time. For State level reporting information, fill out your roster information to include their status (career, call, or volunteer) and the duties they provide, such as EMS care and/or fire suppression.
- EMS Instructor Initial/Reinstatement and Instructor Renewal applications are available online for licensing.
- The monthly EMS and Fire Reporting Users groups have restarted.
- We are working with EMS agencies using 3rd party ePCR software to improve their reporting completeness and overall data quality.

Compliance

- There are currently 9 active investigations and ongoing cases.
- All compliance related inquiries should be directed to Bureau Chief Romanello.
- The Division has transitioned to a new public look-up page in RespondNH. This will allow anyone to search an individual and find out if they have any license sanctions against them.

Preparedness and Special Projects

- Staff conducted 11 outreach events for AED consultations and preparedness last month.
- Staff continue to support MIH and IFT programs and outreach. There are 15 current MIH programs in the state.
 - All MIH programs are integrated with the ImageTrend – CP Module.

Laconia Fire has proposed a program known as the Community Paramedicine Program by the Partnership for Public Health, Inc. to enhance healthcare delivery and accessibility in Laconia, NH, and surrounding towns. The program is designed to reduce unnecessary hospital admissions and emergency department visits.

Fire Standards and Training Commission – (Chiefs Clark/Miller) –

- At the last meeting curricula was approved on several classes.
- The Burton Academy work is continuing and will be a significant upgrade.

Homeland Security and Emergency Management – (Director Buxton) –

Updates on Division Priorities:

- Public Assistance
 - We continue to work with FEMA on existing Disaster Relief efforts.
 - i. Thank you to everyone that has assisted staff with the COVID-19 closeout process.
 - ii. FEMA is working to have the closeout process completed by September 30th. This has been impacted by the Federal shutdown.
- Mitigation
 - We continue to work to support the following programs:
 - i. Hazard Mitigation Planning
 - 1. Plan review and approval remain on pause with the Federal Government. New guidance surrounding mitigation planning has been issued.
 - ii. BRIC Program
 - 1. We continue to monitor the BRIC program. It appears that recalled funding may become available.
- EMPG
 - If you have a potential EMPG project, please reach out to your Stakeholder Liaison for assistance.
 - The FY25 EMPG award is currently in the award process. We anticipate this to finish up once the Federal Government is reopened.
- Federal Grant Programs
 - The DOS has submitted applications for both the FFY25 Homeland and EMPG programs.
 - i. We would like to make you aware that currently the period of performance for both grant programs are one year. If you should need support moving through this accelerated schedule, please reach

out for assistance. We are reviewing the impact to the state programs and will follow up once the impacts are understood.

- Active Shooter Incident Management
 - Working groups continue to meet regarding Incident Management initiatives for Law Enforcement.
 - We are working to develop a one-day seminar for early 2026, surrounding the Active Shooter initiative. More information to follow as this is developed.
 - We have posted several Active Shooter Incident Management offerings across the state. This opportunity also includes a train the trainer program. This will further enhance our capability to continue offering this program across the state.
- REP
 - The FY25 assessment process has started for NextEra Energy.
- ACEPS
 - The next ACEPS meeting is scheduled for December 12th at 0900.
- Division Updates
 - SEOC
 - i. Update is now complete. We look forward to the increased impact they will have on our ability to support you.
 - Bridge Working Group
 - i. The mental health subcommittee has created a one-page document for leaders who will be speaking to the press following an incident. We anticipate distribution of the document next week.
 - WebEOC
 - i. Thank you to everyone who has participated in training utilizing the new platform. There are currently several training offerings posted. Please, if you do not see something that will work for your team, reach out so we can find something that does.

Division of Emergency Services and Communications – (Director Doyle)

(Report submitted by Director Doyle)

- Laconia facility update: Construction fully underway – Steel framing is up, roofing is on and S/B completed by the end of the month; non-critical building has been framed in – progress continues with work to begin on the interior;
- Genasys Emergency notification platform ([NH Alerts](#)) is up and running, If you are interested in becoming a POC for your community to use the ENS for local messaging, please let me know. The statewide ENS system is offered to local communities at no cost;
- Community Events / school visits reminder – connect with our Public Outreach / Education Team for more info: Patrick Cavanaugh (603-271-6911), DESCPIO@dos.nh.gov;
- SECC (Statewide Emergency Communications Committee) Meeting held at the IPOC in October – Discussed EAS updates / equipment & software upgrades / NH EAS plan review & submission to the FCC, and adding the new code for vulnerable/missing adults;
- SIEC (Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee) meeting last Friday at Fire Standards and Training; FirstNet provided an overview of the meeting we had with them at the IPOC to the membership;
- HSEM is holding a News Conference at the IPOC this Thursday (13th) at 1300 hrs. re: unveiling State Emergency Operations Center upgrades. More info can be obtained through the HSEM PIO at: HSEMPIO@dos.nh.gov
- Met with John Surette of Boston PD re: Integration of the BAPERN Radio network / Interop Matrix into the Statewide Radio Network and DOS Radios...several New Hampshire Departments are already members along the NH/Mass border;
- DESC and HSEM met with FirstNet RAN Team to discuss issues with connectivity and reliability at Loudon/Pease and Highland games. They acknowledged that issues existed with their network and that their communication to us could have been better. They will be pulling together their pre-planning team to meet with our Radio Section in the Spring to conduct site tours and make recommendations as they relate to our deployable capabilities as well;

- I met with Congresswoman Goodlander who toured the PSAP and spoke with staff on challenges and issues associated with 911 Telecommunicators and Public Safety Dispatchers – She has since signed on to co-sponsor the NexGen 9-1-1 Act and has asked to be a co-sponsor of the 9-1-1 SAVES Act.
- I Participated in the Sequential Intercept Model planning session at the DOJ – a 2 day event to create the statewide plan to identify individuals with behavioral health issues entering the CJ System and provide appropriate resources;
- North Country Public Safety Foundation Dinner/Awards night this coming Friday at the Mt. Washington Hotel;
- Recruiting next class of TC's now – 9 trainees to start in December;
- Radio Communications currently deploying NHICNET Radio equipment at 48 sites and will continue into the fall, winter and spring of 2026;
- REMINDER of the Tuition Reimbursement Program which was extended to Dispatchers and Telecommunicators. Beginning with the Fall 2025 semester, public safety telecommunicators and dispatchers will be eligible to participate in the CCSNH Career Development, Recruitment, and Retention Program. This program supports first responders by providing reimbursement for tuition and required fees. For more information, see <https://www.ccsnh.edu/law-enforcement-officers-professional-firefighters-and-emergency-medical-technicians-career-development-recruitment-and-retention-program> Please pass this information along to your Dispatchers;
- Social Media / Public Education Updates:
 In October, the Division used its social media channels (Facebook, Instagram, and X) to focus on seasonal messaging, sharing fall activity reminders and Halloween-themed safety tips to help residents stay safe and prepared. Recruitment efforts continued with posts promoting the rewarding career of a 911 Telecommunicator. We also showcased the Division's public outreach and education initiatives, highlighting community presentations and engagement across the state. Employee milestones were celebrated through anniversary recognitions, and we joined partners statewide in honoring our telecommunicators and public safety professionals on National First Responders Day. Additionally, the Division shared highlights from Congresswoman Maggie Goodlander's

visit to the Incident Planning and Operations Center, where she learned more about the vital work of our telecommunicators and support staff. Social media remains a valuable platform for connecting with the public and sharing the mission and people behind New Hampshire 911.

- Media events:



- Interoperability Roundtable discussion in Hillsborough County on November 21st at 10:00 A.M. at the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office – 329 Mast Rd., Goffstown. RSVP or questions can be sent to Asst. Director Tim Scott at timothy.c.scott@desc.nh.gov
- The next New Hampshire Enhanced 9-1-1 Commission meeting is scheduled for December 5, 2025, at 11:00 am located at the IPOC Second Floor - Situation Room, Concord, NH 03305;
- Any questions, comments, concerns, please reach out...

E 911 Commission – (Chief Thomas) – No report

Forests and Lands – (Chief Sherman) –

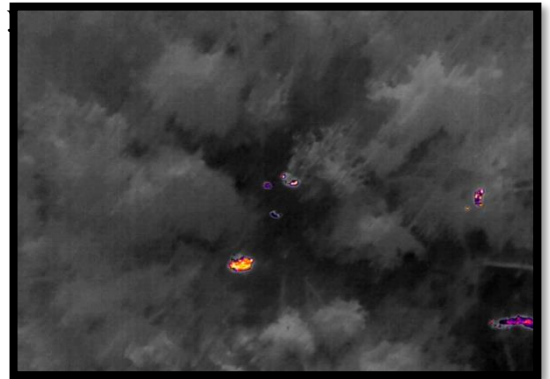
FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT

We just received a new UTV which will be capable of carrying a 50-gallon skid unit. This was purchased with federal grant funds and will be housed out of our Bear Brook facility

in Allenstown. This UTV is identical to the one we purchased last year with similar funds and is housed at our Lancaster facility. We are in the process of finishing a new Command Trailer which will replace the 20 year old command trailer. The new trailer is smaller and easier to tow and will provide some office space and a mobile radio.

We have built up our UAS program over the past couple of years and now have 2 forest ranger pilots. Our drones are small and are housed with the drone pilots so they are in the field and quicker to deploy. We currently have: 2 Thermal Anzu Raptors and 3 DJI Mini. Below are 3 examples of how we have deployed them this

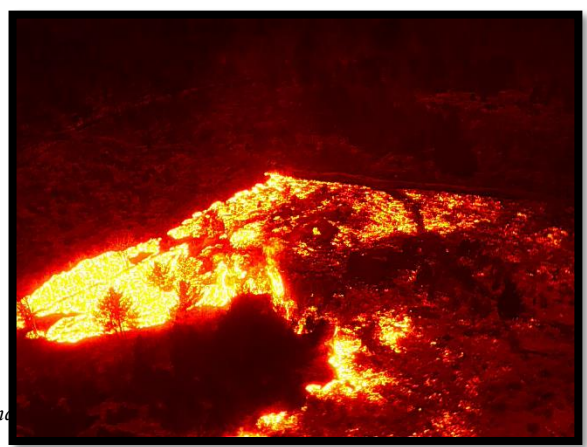
-North Hampton – Thermal imagery detected fifteen different underground hotspots that were invisible to the naked eye. This allowed us to quickly and fully extinguish the fire under drought conditions and prevent a rekindle.



-North Conway – “Sized up” the brush fire to obtain situational awareness. Determined location, size, structures damaged/threatened, direction of travel, and fire behavior by observing



-Blue Job Prescribed Fire (Farmington)– Utilized the drone to monitor fire behavior during a prescribed burn. “Patrolled” with the drone to ensure no fire passed over our control line.



community response

VFA GRANT FUNDS

We continue to offer VFA Grant Funds to fire departments. To better serve communities and allow time for processing, we have a new timeline for the Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) grants to fire suppression organizations in communities of less than 10,000 in population. Due to some changes in the state process for approving and processing pass-through grants to your communities, we are adjusting the timeline to allow for a more streamlined approach.

The Division of Forests and Lands (F&L) will have funding available from the United States Forest Service for the 2026 VFA Grant Program. We anticipate keeping the award amount for the 50/50 grant at up to \$2,000 (grant funds) per community. Reminder - the new timeline is as follows:

VFA Grants to Communities - Timeline	
11/1/24	Pre-Applications to be mailed out to Communities
2/1/25	Pre-Applications due back to F&L. Must include community UEID number to receive federal funds
2/14/25	Around this date, the VFA Committee will meet to award grant funds
3/1/25	By this date, F&L will send the approval packet to the community with G1 contract to be signed
4/15/25	Grant packet and G1 due back to F&L from the community. F&L processing and approval of completed packets will be completed as packets are received from the community
12/31/25	Deadline for the community to have the project completed and to have all close out paperwork submitted to F&L. F&L will process reimbursements as completed close out packets are received and approved.

TRAINING

We will be developing our Spring Warden Training content over the winter. If you have something from this past 2025 season that you feel we could incorporate into our training sessions, please let your local forest ranger know. It is always good to have content that is based off of lessons learned.

FIRE SEASON

The fall fire season was not as busy as expected due to the statewide fire prohibition and the work local fire departments and forest fire wardens to educate the public. We worked with the Governor's office in mid-October to amend the original proclamation to allow small outdoor fires at planned public events. This required further planning at the local level, including a wildfire response plan which we provided a template for. This was very successful where it was used and allowed some Halloween events to have small fires.

NH Division of Forests and Lands Comparison of Wildfire Occurrence and Acres Burned		
Year	Number of Wildfires	Acres Burned
2025 – Year to Date (as of 10/31/25)	156	146
2024 – Year Totals	123	125
2023 – Year Totals	99	65
2022 – Year Totals	59	203
2021 – Year Totals	66	86
2020 – Year Totals	113	89
Comparison of Wildfire Occurrence and Acres Burned August through October		
2025 – August – October	92	61.29
2024 – August - October	23	9.93
2023 – August - October	9	0.36
2022 – August - October	25	17.20
2021 – August - October	2	0.20
2020 – August - October	33	9.45

NH Information Analysis Center – (James Heinz-liaison) –

(U) The 2024 New Hampshire Statewide Threat Assessment is complete and available to NH Fire Chiefs and their designees. It is **NOT** approved for public or media release. Please contact Intelligence Liaison Officer Jim Heinz at James.B.Heinz@dos.nh.gov if you are interested in receiving a copy. **(Source: NHIAC)**

(U) **Arson Attacks/Fire as a Weapon:** The United States faces increasingly complex threats from terrorism and targeted violence. Incidents of fire used as a weapon have increased recently as threat actors choose the readily available means for an attack. Assailants have used fire as a weapon to target public gathering events and individuals directly. Historically, criminal actors used fire as a weapon to target critical infrastructure. Among others incidents, the September 2025 Michigan attack where a vehicle was used to ram a church, occupants were subsequently shot at, and the facility was set on fire, highlight our concern. Additional explosives were found in the suspects' vehicle. **(Source: DHS CISA, CNN, National Fire Service Intelligence Exchange)**

(U) **Unhoused Populations:** The NHIAC reminds all first responders to use caution when responding to encampments etc. An individual's homelessness should not be taken as a diminished risk to responding personnel. In fact, circumstances may often require a higher need for vigilance. **(Source: National Fire Service Intelligence Exchange)**

(U) **Operation Flashpoint:** A memo has been sent out in a few editions of the NHIAC monthly Fire/EMS Bulletin regarding Operation Flashpoint. The awareness campaign was developed in partnership by FBI and DHS. See this link to review the program overview and objectives – [Operation Flashpoint Program | CISA](#). Members of the NHIAC continue to be out in NH communities working with businesses on bomb making materials awareness. As we all know, some of the materials used in the Boston Marathon bombing were purchased locally. An

educational and informational program has been developed and is being presented which includes visual aids and informational sessions by members of the NHIAC.

(U) **Large Public Gatherings:** The NHIAC reminds you that large gatherings remain a vulnerable target for attacks, including vehicle ramming, particularly with the upcoming holiday season.

(U) **UAS/Drone Activity:** The NHIAC is interested in drone activity conflicting with Fire/EMS operations. Please report any incidents of drones flying or hovering around your emergency operations or fire stations to Law Enforcement, particularly in reconnaissance type of behavior. Please also inform your Fire Service Intelligence Liaison Jim Heinz at James.B.Heinz@dos.nh.gov. Please see the following link for more information. [Drone Response Playbook for Public Safety](#)

(U) **Cyber Security:** If you have not yet moved over to a “.gov” domain, it is important to do so. The NHIAC can be used to assist in getting resources. Please contact Intelligence Liaison Officer Jim Heinz at James.B.Heinz@dos.nh.gov or you can contact the Overwatch Foundation directly at www.overwatch.org

(U) The NHIAC is an integrated, all crimes/all hazards information sharing network that analyzes and disseminates information to engaged stakeholders from a variety of sources. If you are interested in receiving items from the NHIAC, contact ILO Jim Heinz at James.B.Heinz@dos.nh.gov for an Information Sharing Agreement (ISA).

Commission to study the Incidence of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder in

First Responders – (Chief Watkins) – No report

Board of Fire Control – (Chiefs Clark/Emanuel) –

- The board met Monday to approve NFPA 101.

NH Emergency Medical and Trauma Services Coord. Board – (Dep. Chief Paquette) – (Report submitted for the minutes)

Please find my report from the NH EMS /Trauma Coordinating Board meeting from September 18, 2025. Our next meeting is November 20, 2025.

NH FST/EMS Compliance Division continuing to work through prior backlog of cases/investigations. Currently 6 active investigations.

16 current ETA (Education Training Agencies), 8 additional in process (I tried to find a listing on the website but was unable)

NH HB 2 I believe discussed making changes to the rules and moving ambulance and wheelchair van inspections to DHHS (?)

There was a presentation and discussion from the Alzheimer's Association regarding SB 202, which adds an EMS member to the legislative subcommittee on Alzheimer's and other related dementia, seeking volunteers for said subcommittee from the board.

Reviewed and approved protocols for the Midcycle 9.3 rollout.

- Protocols reviewed were:
- Modification/emergency protocols

- Obstetrical Emergencies
- Burns/electrocution/lightning (adult and pediatric)
- Traumatic Brain Injury (adult/pediatric)
- Restraints
- Interfacility Transfer

Discussion of fund allocation possibilities from the Rural Healthcare Transformation program.

National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) – (Chiefs E. Thomas/Cathy) – No report

EMS Trauma Medical Review Committee (Dep. Chief Clough) –

Meeting opened at 0930

1) Welcome/Membership

Item 1. – The TMRC thanked Dr. Eric Martin for his service to the TMRC as Chairperson. The new Chairperson (Craig Clough) was introduced and began the meeting in this role.

Item 2. – Still vacancies on TMRC for a neurosurgeon and Medical Examiner's Office. Hospital Association has a nominee for their spot and will be coming to the December meeting. Tony Maggio resigned his spot on the Committee (EMT Association – Retiring to Florida).

2) Approval of the minutes

A motion was made (Martin/Choelho) to approve the June 18, 2025 minutes as presented. All in favor, none opposed.

3) Bureau Reports

- a) HB 2 moved wheelchair van oversight to DHHS.
- b) Waivers have been submitted for key positions in the Division due to the State hiring freeze.
- c) Rural Health Transformation (RHT) Grant-\$100 million dollars each year for 5 years and an additional 50 million depending on State presentation.
 - i) The Division reviewed proposals for what the funds should be used for.
 - ii) The State submitted four “buckets” the funding should go towards:
 - (a) MIH (Mobile Integrated Healthcare) program support.
 - (b) Workforce development and education funding- EMR-Paramedic.
 - (c) Bariatric equipment replacement/expansion.
 - (d) Resource and patient tracking software for large events.
- (d) A discussion was held on the lack of consultation with the TMRC, and the committee felt that trauma system priorities were not represented. The

committee will develop proactive strategic plans referencing ACS recommendations. Chair Clough instructed all seated members and public members to consider some strategic goals for the TMRC and submit to him, and will discuss at the next meeting in December.

e) OB/Neonatal simulation expanding statewide, with maternal health funds from HRSA/ARPA ongoing.

4) Subcommittee and Topic Reports

Item 1: Trauma Registry Sub-committee-Walter Trachim

- No report

Item 2. Coordinating Board Report- Joel Coelho

- No report

Item 3. Medical Control Board Report- Tom Trimarco

- MCB met in July and clarified dosing on various medications and the burn protocol updates.
- Reviewed EMS-initiated DNR pilot protocol (Supported, waiting for final State approval).

Item 4. Injury Prevention Report- Jim Esdon

- CO Poisoning Prevention Conference is November 14, 2025
- Fall prevention programs are expanding Statewide
- Stop the Bleed kits have been placed in all State buildings, discussed training gaps. The committee recognizes the need for support outreach and/or legislative training recommendations.

Item 5. Hospital Designation Subcommittee- Eric Martin

- Final Level III Trauma designations are nearing completion.
- ACS is re-establishing Level IV criteria, which will be adopted by the State once completed, reviewed and approved.

6.) OLD BUSINESS

- RMOC collaboration with Baystate Medical Center (Springfield, MA) to help develop plans in New Hampshire to become a RMOC State.

7.) NEW BUSINESS

- Members are reminded to confirm attendance on Friday the week before the scheduled meeting.
- TMRC revisions to the new State website discussion.

Building Code Review Board – (Asst. Chief Pouliot/Chief Reinert) – No report

Manufactured Housing Installation Standards Board: (Chief Blanchette) – No report

NH Drug Overdose Commission – (Chief Thomas) – No report

New England Fire Chiefs – a Division of the IAFC – (Chief Jones) –

- Chief Jones thanked everyone for their support and attendance at the conference.
- Chief Murray will retire in December but stay on as NH Director until the next annual meeting. We will have to present a name for director at that time.
- Next year's conference will again be at Mohegan Sun but during the last week of August.
- The Officer Development program will be offered throughout the NE states through a grant received by the NEAFC.
- IAFC apparel is available through the NEAFC website.

Old Business –

New Business –

- Chief Cloutier asked if there were any updates/paperwork on the balance billing issue. Chief Sitar stated that the paperwork should be available online shortly.

Good and Welfare –

- Chief Emanuel described the presentations to be made at the NHMA Conference.
- Thank you, President Jay Watkins for attending Randall Trull's retirement program and presentation of his life membership to the NHAFC.
- Kudos to Chiefs Jones and Murray on the New England Division conference planning, the officer development was well attended, great show and I am grateful for the opportunity to kick off the ODP program with session one.
- Emanuel attended Science to the Station - Women in Fire Conference in Loveland Colorado November 3-4, 2025. Education sessions reported out on federal research projects related to:
- Health-minded fire station design, importance of exercise, sleep, culture, bias, kindness and reflection on health, safety, and decision making, suicide prevention and innovative treatments to reprogram first responder brains
- Note: Amherst, MA fire experienced a catastrophic fire this past weekend that displaced 230 UMASS students due to a new construction fire adjacent to their off-campus housing building.
- <https://gazettenet.com/2025/11/09/amherst-fire-displaces-up-to-230-people-spreads-to-multiple-buildings/>
- Deb Pendergast thanked the membership for sponsoring portion of the Mental Health conference.

The meeting was adjourned at 1004 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,
Chief Brent T. Lemire, ret.
Executive Director, NHAFC

November 13, 2025