



## **NEW HAMPSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS, INC.**

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## Minutes of a Meeting of the NH Association of Fire Chiefs

Thursday, August 11, 2022 – Town & Country Inn in Shelburne, NH

The meeting was called to order at 1910 hours by Chief Beattie.

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

Chief Phil Cloutier of Gorham welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Introduction of members.

### **Special Guests:**

**Minutes** of the July 14 meeting have been posted. A MOTION (R. Buxton/S. Buxton) to accept carried unanimously.

**Financial Reports:** July reports have been received and posted. A MOTION (R. Buxton/Thomas) to accept them carried unanimously.

**Communications:** n/a

**Applications for membership:** Dep. Chief Joseph Lombardo of Epping was accepted as a new member.

### **Life Memberships:**

### **President's Report: (Beattie) –**

- He attended the Golf Tournament Monday and thanked Chief Carrier and everyone else who helped to make it a success.
- The Board has sent letters of support for Chief Rob Buxton's nomination for Director of Homeland Security.
- He attended the reception for outgoing Director Jen Harper at the Academy.
- He and Chief Best met with the Governor last Monday. It was a productive meeting at which he was able to bring up several issues important to us.

- SB 357 passed and Chief Watkins will represent us on the mental health committee.
- He intends to talk to Dir. Cutting about more driver/operator courses.
- He sat on a committee to look at school shooting preparedness.
- He will be retiring at the end of September to take the job as Laconia City Mgr.

**Executive Director's Report (Lemire) –**

- Next board meeting will be Wednesday, September 7 and will be virtual.
- Our Golf Tournament will be held on Monday August 8 at Lochmere in Tilton.
- September will be a breakfast meeting at LRCC on the 8<sup>th</sup> at 0900.
- We will be having a Candidates' Forum at the Institute of Politics on October 13. I am meeting with them this month to finalize.
- He described he cooperative with the NVFC that will realize an \$8600 donation to the NHAFC.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Report (Best) – n/r**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Report (Emanuel) – n/r**

**Sgt. At Arms (Watkins) – No report**

**Committee Reports**

**Scholarship Committee – (Dep. Toomey) –** There has been one application submitted and it will be award to the applicant this month.

**Recruitment and Retention Committee – (Chief Beattie) – (above)**

**Division Reports**

**Fire Marshal – ( ) (Report submitted in writing)**

**ADMINISTRATION:**

**Personnel:**

We currently have 7 full-time vacancies and 3 part-time vacancies. The following openings are those that we are actively recruiting for at this time:

- Full-time Fire Investigator (2 positions)
- Full-time State Building Inspector
- Full-time Hazmat Coordinator
- Part-time Education & Outreach Specialist
- Part time State Building Inspector
- Part-time Building Code Review Board Administrative Secretary

Marshal Toomey was elected to the National Association of State Fire Marshals Executive Board.

**School Safety:**

The Fire Marshal's Office is working with several partners on school safety practices. We are also reviewing and updating school safety documents. Many school safety resources are available on the following website:

[NH School Safety Resources https://schoolsafetyresources.nh.gov/](https://schoolsafetyresources.nh.gov/)

**State Fire Code:**

Governor Sununu signed HB 1681 into law on July 1, 2022 which updates the state building and fire codes. This bill is effective immediately. There is a six month grace period for building permits to allow projects in queue to follow the 2015 or 2018 code. This means the State Fire Code as defined in RSA 153 will be the 2018 editions of NFPA 1 and NFPA 101 with amendments. The amendments are reflected in Saf-FMO 300. Our office is working to develop and deliver code update classes throughout the state.

**BUREAU OF INVESTIGATIONS:**

We continue to investigate ten arson or suspected arson cases from previous months in 2022. In addition to arson, we are investigating the related crimes of insurance fraud and criminal threatening.

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

- On July 1, 2022, an investigator responded to 34 Saint Moritz Rd. in New Durham to assist with an origin and cause investigation of a residential house. The cause is undetermined but not suspected to be criminal.
- On July 6, 2022, investigators responded to 155 Lady Slipper Ln. in Woodstock to conduct an origin and cause determination upon request of WFD. The fire appeared to be from an accidental cause.
- On July 12, 2022, investigators responded to 280 Mammoth Rd. in Londonderry to consult with a fire investigation LFD was conducting. It appears the fire cause was accidental and was contributed to a lithium ion battery failure.
- On July 23, 2022, investigators responded to 37 Grove St. in Farmington to assist the FFD with a third alarm building fire where a firefighter and a civilian sustained minor injuries. During the origin and cause investigation, it is believed the fire started from careless disposal of smoking materials.
- On July 23, 2022, an investigator responded to 47 Winter Hill Rd. in Goffstown to assist with a fire investigation where a firefighter sustained minor injuries. The cause is undetermined but there are no criminal indicators.

**Fatal Investigations:**

On July 25, 2022, the Bedford Fire Department responded to 10 Perry Rd. for a report of a vehicle that had backed out of a driveway and down an embankment. The victim was trapped inside and the vehicle caught the vegetation on fire. The victim sustained significant burn injuries and was transported to Mass. General Hospital in Boston. The victim passed away the following day. The FMO was contacted by Bedford FD and we are assisting in the investigation.

**Ignitable Liquid Detection Canine Teams:**

IGL K9 Units performed K9 demonstrations in Stratham, Whitefield and Concord in July.

**Public Outreach:**

One new youth firesetter case was opened in collaboration with Juvenile Probation and Parole. One youth firesetter assessment was attempted in July, but was unsuccessful.

**Court Proceedings:**

- An investigator testified in a civil divorce proceeding pertaining to the authenticity of FMO records in the Littleton District Court on July 19, 2022.
- Derrick Poirier failed to appear for arraignment on July 21, 2022, at Merrimack Superior Court. He will be arraigned on arson and criminal threatening charges at a later date.

**BUREAU OF BUILDING SAFETY & CONSTRUCTION:**

**State Building Permit System:**

We processed 24 building permit applications in the month of July.

**Technical Assistance, Educational & Healthcare Reviews:**

We initiated 15 educational and 6 healthcare plan reviews, completed 203 inspections and 152 technical consults in the month of July.

Inspectors conducted multiple inspections at retail firework stores and display sites over the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. No major issues were identified.

Several representatives from the office assisted the Loudon Fire Department with inspections and support during the NHMS race weekend.

**Variance Requests:**

We processed 4 variance request in the month of July.

## **BUREAU OF OUTREACH & EDUCATION:**

### **Hazardous Materials:**

Hazardous Materials response, coordination and consultation is available through the on-call FMO supervisor.

### **Swiftwater Rescue Working Group:**

Further discussions and work is ongoing to evaluate the swiftwater problem and funding sources. A grant funding opportunity was released to the swiftwater teams in the month of July.

### **Regional Outreach/Chief's Roundtables:**

We continue to partner with Director Cutting and staff and the NHAFC to conduct regional outreach/Chief's Roundtables.

### **Incident Reporting:**

We would like to express our gratitude to fire departments that submitted NFIRS data for the year-end closeout of 2021 submissions to the national database. Your efforts do not go unnoticed, and we appreciate you working with us! We look forward to using this valuable information to share NH trends with you in the near future. For those on track with 2022 data submissions, sincere thanks for those efforts as well!

If you have questions or you are having difficulties, please reach out to the NHFIRS data team using the following email: [NHFIRS@dos.nh.gov](mailto:NHFIRS@dos.nh.gov).

We continue to work with the team at the Fire Academy as departments implement the NHESR program, available free of charge, for incident reporting. If you are interested in giving a presentation on the program or would like to request one, please email [NHESR@dos.nh.gov](mailto:NHESR@dos.nh.gov).

### **Public Education:**

As you may be aware, October 9-15, 2022 will mark 100 years of Fire Prevention Week. This year's theme is "Fire Won't Wait. Plan Your Escape," which draws attention to the fact that fire is faster and deadlier than ever, making the need for planning and practicing fire escape all the more critical. Find helpful information and tools for your department at [firepreventionweek.org](http://firepreventionweek.org).

**Fire Prevention Week™ 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Webinar: "Fire won't wait. Plan your escape™."**

Join our Fire Prevention Week™ Webinar [Thursday, August 18th, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm ET](#) to learn about this year's theme which reinforces the critical importance of developing a home escape plan with all members of the household and practicing it regularly. Learn about the statistics behind the theme, tools and resources to help your organization have a successful FPW, and what you can do to celebrate 100 years of fire safety. **Special guest speaker** Wendy Shields, Ph.D., MPH, from Johns Hopkins Center for Injury Research and Policy, will discuss the *“The intersection of housing, socioeconomics, and fire.”*

[Register today](#) for this free webinar designed specifically for fire and life safety, injury prevention, burn prevention, and public health education professionals to support your efforts to raise awareness of critical fire safety issues, expand your reach in your community, and make an impact on fire injury and death rates. In the meantime, check out the [FPW Toolkit](#) for free downloadable resources such as event flyer and press release templates, social media assets, activity sheets, and our [FPW Product Catalogue](#) to enhance your FPW events and activities.

Thank you for all you do to keep your communities safe!

### **Community Outreach:**

On July 6, 2022, members of the FMO presented to students attending a Criminal Justice Camp at the White Mountains Regional High School in Whitefield. Members discussed the many functions of the office, with an emphasis on our Bureau of Investigations. Students were also provided with a K9 demonstration.

### **Training:**

We delivered two *Inspection Essentials: Part II* classes in the month of July. The first was on July 14<sup>th</sup> at the Southwestern NH District Fire Mutual Aid in Keene and the second was on July 21<sup>st</sup> at the Jaffrey Fire Department.

We will be delivering one training opportunities in the month of August. The class, *A Practical Guide to Field Inspections (Educational & Healthcare)*, will be held on August 25<sup>th</sup> at the Jaffrey Fire Department from 1830-2130 hours. This session is designed to assist the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) conduct life safety inspections in educational and healthcare occupancies. Addressed within this presentation will be the mandatory reporting requirements by the AHJ through the Department of Education.

If you would like to register for this class, please email [stacey.l.dubois@dos.nh.gov](mailto:stacey.l.dubois@dos.nh.gov). Additional programs are in the works. Please reach out if you are interested in hosting a program or would like to suggest a future training topic.

**Fire Standards/Training/EMS – (Director Cutting)**  
**ADMINISTRATION**

### Personnel

- The part-time MIH Program Coordinator position remains open after numerous advertisements.
- Michael Mulhern has been hired as the part-time IFT Program Coordinator and begins August 12<sup>th</sup>.
- A full-time Program Assistant I position has been advertised and is now in the interview stage of our process.
- One part-time and one full-time Program Assistant I position have been advertised and are now in the interview stage of our process.
- A part-time Informational Representative II position is also in the interview stage of our process.
- A full-time Program Specialist III position was advertised and closed on July 25<sup>th</sup>.
- A part-time Program Coordinator position for the Instructor Programs has been advertised and closes August 15.
- Our Division has an overall vacancy rate of 10%.

### Grants

- We continue to work with the architectural firm on the design process for the Raymond S. Burton Fire and EMS Training Facility project.
  - Our estimated timeline to begin construction is the spring of 2023 and represents approximately 2.5 million dollars of investments into infrastructure and equipment at this facility.
- We have submitted an application for the 2022 National Fire Academy Training grant. This provides funding to continue to offer NFA programs within the state.

### Fire Standards and Training Commission / Curriculum

- The next Fire Standards and Training Commission meeting will be September 1<sup>st</sup> at 0930 in Classrooms 5/6 in the dormitory building at the main campus. The final Commission of 2022 will be November 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  - The Visiting Committee's for the development of a Fire Officer III & IV program and the Technical Rescue Program – Rope Operations and Technician are in process.
- The Commission approved Firefighter I and II program transition to online content in lieu of lectures, combined with lab and practical instruction, continues to make progress. Eight out of twenty-nine (29%) of the online modules for Firefighter I and nine of the thirteen (69%) for Firefighter II remain to complete the transition. Our goal is to be finished by the end of the year. Fall courses will still have some classroom lectures for those modules needing completion.

### Special Projects

- We are soliciting input on training programs for our fall 2023 semester. At this time we are seeking requests for training programs that would be scheduled between July 1, 2023 and December 31, 2023. We will be collecting requests for this time period through August 26, 2022. You can submit your request at <https://nhfa-ems.com/training-request/>. If you have any questions please feel free to contact us or your Training Captain.
- We are working with the police academy and other Department of Safety partners on an educational opportunity focused on school safety targeted at school and public safety leaders.
- The report of the Fire and EMS Recruitment and Retention Workgroup that Commissioner Quinn established is complete and will be available on our website.
- We are working with our partners to plan for the annual Firefighter's Memorial that will be held at the main campus on September 24<sup>th</sup>.
- The 2022 Fire and EMS Committee of Merit Awards and Recognition ceremony will be held on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30 PM, at the Capital Center for the Arts in Concord, New Hampshire. Seating starts at noon.
- We will be hosting the Firefighter Cancer Cohort Study group who is conducting a "Women Firefighters Study: Stress, Cancer Risk and Reproductive Toxicity", a FEMA-funded research project, on September 17-18, at the main campus in Concord. The goal of this study is to evaluate causes of stress, cancer, and adverse reproductive health effects in women firefighters, and plan effective interventions to mitigate these conditions by enrolling 100 female firefighters from New England.
- We have reestablished our practice of issuing hard copy certificates for presentation to all Firefighter I students that successfully complete that course.
- In 2021, our Division held 897 courses, seminars and certification programs, issued 1,280 individual certificates, processed 20,140 course registrations including online learning, teleconferencing and in-person classes, and provided 96,991 training hours to emergency responders throughout the state.

#### Legislative/Administrative Rules

- SB 357 was signed by Governor Sununu last month. This bill is relative to mental health training for first responders and states no person shall assume their role as fire service personnel, fire service dispatcher or emergency medical services personnel unless such person has satisfactorily completed mental health training focusing on post-traumatic stress from a program developed and delivered by the Division of Fire Standards and Training and Emergency Medical Services. Subsequent to initial training, all fire service, fire service dispatcher, or emergency medical services personnel shall successfully complete annual online training. No current personnel shall be required to attend in person training at the academy. Additionally, mental health training focusing on post-traumatic stress disorder shall be made available annually to all fire service or emergency medical services personnel after their retirement.
  - We are currently evaluating our existing *Stress in Emergency Services* online program to identify any gaps that may exist. We are also exploring a partnership with the Police



Academy in developing a new program utilizing experts from this field in development of the curriculum.

### Outreach

- We are continuing our Leadership Roundtables with the Commissioner, Fire Marshal's Office and regional Fire Chief's with additional dates being planned for the fall.

### Mental Health & Resiliency

- We are in the preliminary planning stage to offer the *2022 Mental Health Leadership Seminar* that was held at the NH Fire and EMS Academy on June 8<sup>th</sup> again this fall due to the high demand and an extensive waitlist we had.
  - The planning group is also working towards "Part 2" in the spring that will include additional topics and breakout sessions based on the feedback we received in the seminar survey.
- We are hosting the International Association of Firefighters for their initial offering of a two-day Mental Health Clinician Training seminar here at the Fire Academy on September 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>. This will be the first delivery of this program in the country.
- *Other Training Opportunities*
  - Monday, Sept. 12, 08:30-4:30 NHFA-Concord, Mental Health First Aid for Fire and EMS (grant funded)(planning the same class in the north country for early 2023)
  - M-F September 19-23, 2022- City of Franklin Opera House, Crisis Intervention Team training (grant funded) 40 hours of internationally recognized curriculum to help the responder recognize types of mental illness, learn safe de-escalation techniques. Learn about state resources and also learn about keeping themselves safe, learning self-care and the importance of peer support
  - Friday, November 4, 08:00-4:30 NHFA- Concord, Healing through Trauma Symposium. Full day of presentations by responders with lived experience dealing with trauma, addiction, post-traumatic stress and healing. No charge, Co-sponsored with First Responder Coaching

## **BUREAU OF FIRE TRAINING**

### Courses/Programs

- Firefighter I
  - The Jaffrey class begins August 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - The contracted Bristol Firefighter I class is ongoing.
  - The Lakes Region Community college Firefighter I and II class began this month.
- Firefighter II
  - The Bethlehem class begins August 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  - The Plaistow class begins September 6<sup>th</sup>.
  - The Henniker class begins October 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Technical Rescue

- Trench Rescue was held in Center Ossipee in August and will be offered again at the Burton facility this fall.
- Swift water Level I is scheduled to begin in Littleton this fall.
- Swift water Level II will begin in Conway this fall.
- Confined Space Technician was held in Center Ossipee in July and will be offered again at the Burton facility this fall.
- Rope Rescue Operations will be held at the main campus in Concord on August 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Driver Operator
  - All future Driver Operator All Vehicle programs will include the necessary content for eligibility for CDL licensing.
- Online Training Courses
  - “Fire Mobilization” is a free 1 hour program that supports the NH Federation of Mutual Aid “Fire (& EMS) Mobilization Plan”
  - “Fire Service Communications” is a free 1 hour program.
- The 2022 Recruit School started this month with a full class.
- For all current course listings you can go to <https://nhfa-ems.com/events/>

### Facilities

- We continue to work with NH Public Works on getting the design and engineering complete to repair the roadway washout on the south side of the drill yard at the Concord campus.

### Apparatus/Equipment

- Progress has started on the new ARFF truck and delivery is expected in February 2023.
- The new Engine bid has been awarded.
- The new aerial was delivered in July. Staff training is planned for this month so it can go into service.
- We have acquired 2.4 million dollars in investments into apparatus, personal protective and other equipment (including the apparatus above) through grant funding.

## **BUREAU OF CERTIFICATION AND SUPPORT**

### Courses/Programs

- Instructor I/II/III Programs
  - There will be an Instructor I at the Concord campus beginning on August 23<sup>rd</sup> and in Portsmouth October 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Fire Officer I/II Programs
  - The Campton Fire Officer I class will begin October 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Fire Inspector Programs
  - The Fire Inspector I class in Portsmouth begins September 21<sup>st</sup>.
  - The Warrants and Citations course will be held December 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>.

- Fire Investigator
  - The next offering will begin this month.
- National Fire Academy
  - Incident Safety Officer will begin August 17<sup>th</sup>
- Incident Command
  - ICS 300 and 400 are in person courses that are offered at no cost to students and funded through grants. These are delivered in conjunction with Homeland Security and Emergency Management.
- We are developing a new non-certification program titled “Your Workplace has Changed: Fire Dynamics for Structural Firefighting”. The goal is to pilot this program in the fall.
- “Kitchen Table Conversations”
  - We continue to produce podcasts on a wide range of fire and EMS topics with a diverse group of special guests. The most recent was done with Dr. Nicole Sawyer on mental health and resiliency. These can be found at <https://nhfa-ems.com/kitchen-table-conversations/>
- For all current course listings you can go to <https://nhfa-ems.com/events/>

### Instructors

- We continue to work the Instructor Recruitment Plan and analyzing the onboarding process.

### CPAT

- The last 2022 CPAT is planned for September 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>.
  - There will be tables set up for departments that want to meet with candidates after they complete testing.

### Testing

- We continue to work with the Department of Information and Technology to obtain new testing software for the Division.

## **BUREAU OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

### Boards and Commissions

- The NH Medical Control Board and the NH Emergency Medical and Trauma Services Coordinating Board meetings will take place at 0900 and 1300, respectively, on September 15<sup>th</sup> in classrooms 5 & 6 in the dormitory building.
- The NH Trauma Medical Review Committee (TMRC) will meet at 0930 on August 17<sup>th</sup> in classroom 2 in the administration building.

### Operations

- Administrative rules for Educational Training Agencies have been drafted and are under review by the Department of Safety legal unit.

- The process of licensing wheelchair vans for hire and out of state rotary wing ambulance licensing is ongoing and we continue to make progress.

### Courses/Programs

- The EMR program began on August 3<sup>rd</sup> and is being held in Concord, Brookline and Lancaster. This is fully funded for in-state providers with no cost to students.
- The fall EMR program will be hosted in Stratham, Walpole and Pittsburg.
- EMS in the Warm Zone Awareness and Operations courses are available free to students on our online training platform. The RTF Concepts class is a half-day in-person training that is also available. Grant funding opportunities are available for those that have not done so already.
- Our EMS Education Coordinator continues the monthly continuing education courses at the Concord campus and regionally around the State.
  - For all current course listings you can go to <https://nhfa-ems.com/events/>

### Clinical Systems

- The Public Health Incident declared by Commissioner Shibinette of NH Department of Health and Human Services has been extended to September 30, 2022. The extension of the Public Health Incident allows for the continuation of all Emergency Protocols and any modifications to ambulance staffing requirements. These include:
  - Emergency Protocol - COVID-19, Emergency Protocol - COVID-19 Testing, Emergency Protocol - COVID-19 Immunization, Emergency Protocol - Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), Emergency Protocol - COVID-19 Temporary Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH), Emergency Protocol - COVID-19 Destination Determination and staffing modifications under Saf-C 5902.06 (m), as it relates to a public health or safety incident.
  - We are continually reviewing these Emergency Protocols for their effectiveness on the delivery of patient care as well as their necessity in day to day operations within this evolving environment.

### Data Management

- NFIRS/Respond NH
  - Work continues on the New Hampshire Emergency Services Reporting System (NHESR), which is an extension of the TEMSIS system. If you would like to start using the system, please fill out the form available at <https://nhfa-ems.com/nhesronboard/>.
  - There are currently 81 departments using the software.
  - Coordination continues with the Fire Marshal's Office for further education and guidance for reporting.
  - Anyone interested in the system can contact Joseph Cartier at 603-223-3403 or [joseph.w.cartier@dos.nh.gov](mailto:joseph.w.cartier@dos.nh.gov).

➤ RespondNH

- The Division continues to expand the capabilities of the RespondNH system. As we are able to 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. Departments are able to do this at any time. For State level reporting information please fill out your roster information to include their status (career, call, or volunteer) as well as the duties they provide such as EMS care and/or fire suppression.

Compliance

- There are currently fifteen active investigations and seven preliminary cases.

Preparedness and Special Projects

- Our Division has a Preparedness and Special Projects Coordinator who is available to assist communities with planning efforts for multiple and mass casualty incidents.
  - The Division has a number of resources that are currently available including "Guidelines for Development of a Community Mass Casualty Plan", a Sample "Mutual Aid Agreement", a Sample "Run Card MCI Response", "A Community Based EMS Preparedness Planning Guide" and "NH Patient Care Protocols Version 8.1: "9.1 Mass/Multiple Casualty Triage"

***Fire Standards and Training Commission – Chiefs Clark/Buxton – n/r***

***NH Emergency Medical and Trauma Services Coord. Board – (Dep. Chief Bean) – n/r***

***National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) – (Chief Corey) – (In Exec. Dir. Report)***

***Advisory Council on Emergency Preparedness and Security – (Chief Christopoulos) – n/r***

***Homeland Security and Emergency Management – n/r***

***EMS Trauma Medical Review Board – (Chief Beaudoin) – n/r***

***Forests and Lands – (Chief Sherman) – n/r***

***Board of Fire Control – (Chiefs Clark/Hunter) – n/r***

***Building Code Review Board – (Marshal Lennon) – n/r***

***Manufactured Housing Installation Standards Board: (Chief) - n/r***

**Division of Emergency Services and Communications – (Director Doyle) – n/r**

**E-911 Commission – (Chief Thomas)**

- They haven't met yet but will be working on items related to relocating the dispatch center from its Laconia location.

**IAFC Director – (Chief Christopoulos) – n/r**

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

They will be having an in person meeting shortly. They will be moving the conference to Mohegan Sun after next year. The new Secretary/Treasurer will be from Montpelier, VT. He and Chief Jones will be pressing for a survey on educational opportunities. They were not in favor of moving from Worcester.

**Reminder, the IAFC Convention FRI in San Antonio is August 24 – 27, 2022. The division hotel will be the Marriott Rivercenter.**

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**Old Business**

**New Business –**

- Nick Mercuri gave some updates for the new programs at LRCC and passed out program sheets and shared the class sizes.
- The put significant funding into their new Paramedic Program being launched September 27. It will be a 12 month program and it is accredited. The college, through an endowment, will fund half the tuition cost for the first 18 students for the first semester of the program only.

**Good and Welfare –**

**Raffle** – The raffle was held. \$145 was awarded and the Association realized \$150. Counted and verified by Chiefs Carrier and Watkins.

The meeting was adjourned at 1944 hours.

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

August 11, 2022