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Minutes of a Meeting of the NH Association of Fire Chiefs

New Hampshire Fire Academy, Concord, NH - Thursday, June 11, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 0924 hours.

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

Welcome from Host: Director Wholey thanked everyone for attending.

INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS. Members were asked to introduce themselves and where they were from.

Special Guests: Ashley Marcoux, Director of Outreach for Congresswoman Maggie Goodlander introduced herself and offered updates and information from Washington. Also, Steve Pecora from Governor Ayotte's office extended greetings and offered support to the organization.

Minutes: A MOTION (Fraitzl/Cole) to approve the minutes of the February meeting carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: The February reports were presented. A MOTION (S. Buxton/Cathy) to approve them carried unanimously.

Communications: n/a

Applications for membership: ED Lemire stated that we have three (3) new applications that have been approved, Chief Jason Arquitt of Easton, NH and Dep. Chief Frederick Englert and Dep. Chief Thomas Sabourn both of Woodstock, NH.

Life Membership: n/a

President's Report: (LaRoche) –

- 1st VP Chamberlain and myself attended the Fire Service Quarterly Leadership Meeting last month
- I attended the grand reopening of the Burton Fire and EMS training Facility

Committed to training, educating and certifying emergency and community responders to protect the citizens and visitors of New Hampshire

- As those of you who run an ambulance are aware the Data submission period has opened for the Cost Study associated with SB 245 last year.
- With the legislative session basically over and bills on the governors desk we have been working to get some clarification on the final form of a few of these bills. One is HB 1705 which is the EAP access bill for small departments and how they are defining a volunteer. The other is HB 340. This is the bill regarding electioneering by a public employee. We are working to set up a meeting soon with the Governors office to clarify the language in the bill.

Report of the Executive Director: (Lemire)

- The July board meeting will be at Primex on the 1st and the July 10 membership meeting will be virtual at 0900 hours.
- In August, we will again be at the Town and Country Inn in Gorham/Shelburne ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 6. The Professional Development Committee has plans for a seminar for that meeting.
- The August 5th Board meeting will be virtual.
- The September membership meeting will be on the 10th for breakfast at Lakes Region Community College.
- The Scholarship Program has been advertised and posted. We have received two applications so far.
- I attended ribbon cutting at the Burton Academy.
- I also attended the Primex conference today and tomorrow.

1st Vice President Report/Professional Development Committee - (Chief D. Chamberlain) - No report

Government Relations – (Schmidt) – *Submitted in writing for the minutes*

On June 4, the House and Senate completed their work for the 2026 legislative session. At this point, all of the bills have been acted upon. There are several procedural processes which must be completed before the bills get to the Governor's office for her consideration. Over the next month, or so, the Governor will determine which bills are signed into law, vetoed, or allowed to become law without her signature. On the legislative chart, you will note that there are a number of bills that have completed the legislative process, but they have not yet made it to the Governor.

You will note that other bills were sent to "Interim Study". For bills sent to Interim Study in the House, the Committees which heard the bills will continue their work and review of the bills during the summer and fall. By October 23, 2026, the Committees must prepare a report which recommends whether or not similar legislation should be introduced in 2027. The recommendations are not binding.

As the 2026 session was ending, candidates were signing up to run for state and federal office. The filing period for the 2026 election concludes on June 12. We will prepare a final list of candidates for Governor, Executive Council, and State Senate. There will be

at least 2 new State Senators next session as incumbents Cindy Rosenwald (D-Nashua) and Ruth Ward (R-Stoddard) are not seeking re-election.

Finally, the House and Senate have also set deadlines for filing bills for the 2027 legislative session. Legislative Service Requests (LSRs) are drafting requests for legislation. The deadlines are as follows:

House:

- **Tuesday, September 1, 2026.** First day for incumbents running for re-election to file LSRs with complete information
- **Friday, September 11, 2026.** Last day prior to the General Election for incumbents running for re-election to file LSRs with complete information
- **Wednesday, November 4, 2026.** First day for all Representatives to file LSRs with complete information
- **Wednesday, November 18, 2026.** Last day to file LSRs with complete information (4:00 p.m.) Ten-day signoff begins

Senate:

- **Monday, September 21, 2026.** First day for incumbents seeking re-election to file Legislative Service Requests (LSRs) with complete information.
- **Friday, September 25, 2026,** at 4:00 p.m. Last day for incumbents seeking re-election to file Legislative Service Requests (LSRs) with complete information.
- **Wednesday, November 4, 2026.** First day for Senators to file Legislative Service Requests (LSRs) with complete information.
- **Wednesday, November 18, 2026,** 4:00 p.m. Last day for the Office Legislative Services to accept drafting requests for Senate Bills.

There were several bills we wanted to provide updates on:

- **HB 1064 (liability of governmental units)** – The bill was opposed by various organizations representing municipal and county government (NHMA, NH Association of Counties, etc.), as well as the unions representing various first responders. The bill would alter some of the existing laws which provide liability protection for government and government employees. It would also increase the damage caps. It has been supported by the trial bar and is in response to a severe injury sustained by a Representative's son while participating in a school organized event. The bill went to the Senate floor on May 14 with a recommendation of Ought to Pass. The Senate voted to Table the bill. Subsequent to the Tabling motion, there were several attempts to add the language from the bill to other bills, in order to keep the issue alive and move the legislation forward. Ultimately, none were successful and the bill remained on the Table in the Senate. As such, there were no changes to the current laws. It would be fair to expect similar legislation again in 2027.
- **HB 1109 (notice for suspended government employees)** – The bill has passed both the House and Senate. The Senate added language to address a

technical issue for several employees within Group II. The House agreed to this change. For NHAFC, the bill requires a public employer to provide written notice to a public employee of the cause of their suspension and its anticipated duration, if known, requires periodic updates to the public employee until a final decision is made, and exempts public employees covered by collective bargaining agreements that establish disciplinary procedures from the notice requirement. This new requirement will go into effect on January 1, 2027, should the bill become law.

- **HB 1705 (small department/EAP)** – The bill is intended to help address a lack of access to existing mental health resources to support first responders. It establishes a fund to cover the costs of enrolling and supporting first responders from small communities into the state-provided employee assistance program (EAP) and outlines eligibility, enrollment, and reporting requirements for the Department of Health and Human Services. Eligible communities would be those with “.. Volunteer first responders and full-time first responders from towns with 5 or fewer full-time, paid first responders...” The effective date for the bill is 7/1/2027. This would align with the adoption of the next state budget. The enactment of the program will likely be aligned with its ability to receive funding at that time.
- **HB 1555 (Code Applicability Appeals)** As introduced, the bill would freeze the applicability of the fire code for 20 years on a property after issuance of a certificate of occupancy, allow for the Fire Marshal to hear appeals of decisions by local fire chiefs, enable fire chiefs to grant variances to the state fire code, allow the Fire Marshal to allow exceptions to the state building code, and allow the state Building Code Review Board to hear appeals of decisions by a local fire Chief. As the session moved along, many of the onerous provisions were removed from the bill. The current version allows the state fire marshal to hear de novo appeals of local fire chief decisions within set timelines and grants them statewide authority to approve, deny, or allow project-specific alternatives and code modifications under the state building code. The bill has a 7/1/2027 effective date. This will allow for any budgetary needs the fire marshal may have to implement the bill to be considered as part of the next budget process.
- **SB 564 (prohibiting road length restrictions).** – The bill passed the House and Senate in differing versions. Both versions allowed for development on dead end roads so long as there was compliance with the state fire code. The bill included the following “...Municipalities shall not limit maximum road length so as to impede development, provided that the proposed roadway or extension thereof fully complies with the state fire code, including but not limited to standards for life safety, property access, asset preservation, emergency vehicle access, and roadway design.” During the committee of conference, at the suggestion of the Fire Marshal, the language applicable to the fire code was altered and new language referencing NFPA standards were added:

I. Municipalities shall not limit maximum road length so as to impede development, provided that the proposed roadway or extension thereof fully complies with the state fire code.

II. Municipalities shall not impose a cap on the number of housing lots on a dead-end road or street unless such cap is in compliance with the state fire code and National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standard 1141, and provided that the proposed lots otherwise comply with current zoning restrictions or requirements....”

Additional provisions regarding utilities and environmental setbacks were also included in the final bill. The committee of conference report, with the new language, was approved by both bodies and the bill is headed to the Governor.

- **HB 1577 (utility/emergency response coordination)** – The bill has passed both the House and Senate and is headed to the Governor’s office. The bill is intended to allow utilities to share individual customer data with a municipality's authorized public safety officials for emergency coordination purposes. During testimony in the House, the NH 911 CARES program was referenced as an existing program which helped address the issues the bill intended to address. If passed, Chiefs and local emergency response agencies may be contacted by individuals or utilities regarding implementation. If signed into law, the language would go into effect 60 days later.
- **SB 423 (PTSD Commission Extension)** – The bill would re-establish the Commission to study the incidence of PTSD in first responders. The Commission was “sunset” after a number of years. The NHAFC will continue to have a member on the commission. The bill has passed the House and Senate and will likely be signed by the Governor.
- **HB 340 (Electioneering by public employees)** – This bill passed the House and Senate in differing versions. During the Committee of Conference, new language was introduced which altered the approach of the various bills. There was not time for impacted parties to provide input to legislators. The Committee of Conference report was adopted by the House and Senate. Subsequent to the passage of the bill, a number of concerns have been shared by the NH Municipal Association and others. It is likely that some groups will actively seek a veto of the bill. NHAFC has shared concerns about potential inadvertent violations of the law which could lead to civil or criminal charges.

2nd Vice President Report (Fraitzl) – No report

Sgt. At Arms (Wheatley) – No report

Committee Reports

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

- Two applications have been received. Marshal Toomey urged those interested to apply ASAP.

Division Reports

Fire Marshal: (Marshal Toomey)

ADMINISTRATION:

Office Move:

The State Fire Marshal's Office will be moving to 33 Hazen Drive. We anticipate this move to take place in late July or early August.

Personnel:

We currently have 14 vacancies. We are currently recruiting to fill the following positions: FT Fire Protection Specialist, PT Outreach and Education Specialist, FT Administrative Assistant, and an FT State Building Inspector. An additional 10 vacancies remain on hold due to the hiring freeze in effect.

Legislation:

Legislative summary for active bills that we are following:

HB 1159 relative to updating the state building code

Status: Passed- New State Building Code effective July 1, 2026 with a 6 month grace period.

[International Building Code 2024](#) (IBC) with New Hampshire amendments

[International Existing Building Code 2024](#) (IEBC) with New Hampshire amendments

[International Energy Conservation Code 2018](#) (IECC) with New Hampshire amendments

[International Mechanical Code 2024](#) (IMC) with New Hampshire amendments

[International Plumbing Code 2024](#) (IPC) with New Hampshire amendments

[International Residential Code 2024](#) (IRC) with New Hampshire amendments

[International Swimming Pool and Spa Code 2024](#) (ISPSC) with New Hampshire amendments

[National Electrical Code 2023](#) (NEC) [This NFPA link does not include New Hampshire amendments.]

All amendments reviewed and approved by the Building Code Review Board as of October 10, 2025, and additional amendments ratified by statute through the current date.

HB 1555 relative to the administration and enforcement of the state fire code

Status: Passed, effective July 1, 2027 if signed by the Governor

This bill creates an appeals process of decisions made at the local level.

The State Fire Marshal is responsible for holding a hearing and rendering a decision. The bill also creates a mechanism for the State Fire Marshal to approve, disapprove, or allow alternative materials, design and methods of construction and equipment and code modifications to the state building code for all municipalities.

SB 494 relative to the state fire code, fire incident reporting and investigations, and the duties

of the state fire marshal

Status: Passed, effective July 27, 2026

- This bill updates the state fire code to the 2024 editions of NFPA 1 and NFPA 101. The bill ratifies amendments by the Board of Fire Control through December 31, 2025.
- This bill updates incident reporting to: Every fire department incident response occurring in this state shall be reported to the state fire marshal within 10 days after the occurrence of the same by the appropriate fire chief or designee.
- This bill requires the State Fire Marshal to investigate all carbon monoxide deaths, including those from a motor vehicle.
- This bill allows the State Fire Marshal to conduct local fire inspections at the request of property owners under certain conditions.
- This bill cleans up inspections and fees for electrical and mechanical inspections. The bill also addresses information sharing for licensees between the State Fire Marshal and OPLC.

SB 564 prohibiting certain municipal development restrictions

Position: Monitor

Status: Passed, effective April 1, 2027 if signed by the Governor

Municipalities shall not impose a cap on the number of housing lots on a dead-end road or street unless such cap in compliance with the state fire code and National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standard 1141, and provided that the proposed lots otherwise comply with current zoning restrictions or requirements.

Board of Fire Control:

The Board of Fire Control's next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 15, 2026, 1:00 pm. The Board of Fire Control held a public hearing on May 12m 2026 to address an amendment to the 2024 edition of the Life Safety Code for existing educational and daycare uses. This amendment passed and will be effective July 27, 2026 with the implementation of the new 2024 State Fire Code.

BUREAU OF INVESTIGATIONS:

The Bureau of Investigations currently has 34 open cases. This includes 8 criminal cases and 9 incidents involving fatalities. Investigators responded to 11 scenes during the month of May. To date in 2026, there have been 11 fire fatalities and 2 carbon monoxide fatalities.

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

- On May 4, 2026, investigators responded to Hopkinton to assist with the origin and cause investigation of a building fire. The Hopkinton Fire Department is leading the investigation. No cause classification has been determined to date; however, there is currently no evidence to suggest that the fire was criminal in nature.
- On May 5, 2026, investigators responded to Salisbury and led the origin and cause investigation of a camper fire that resulted in two victims sustaining significant burn injuries. Both victims were transported to out-of-state medical facilities, where they remain receiving treatment. One victim has shown significant improvement and will likely be discharged in the near future. The second victim remains in stable but critical condition. The origin and cause remain undetermined at this time, and the investigation remains active and ongoing. The SFMO worked on this case with assistance from the Salisbury Fire Department, New Hampshire State Police, and the New Hampshire Division for Children, Youth and Families.
- On May 11, 2026, investigators responded to Durham for a suspected arson inside a vacant state-owned building on the University of New Hampshire campus. The investigation determined that a couch had been intentionally set on fire. This investigation remains active and ongoing. The SFMO is working alongside the University of New Hampshire Police Department.
- On May 14, 2026, investigators responded to Londonderry to assist with the origin and cause investigation of a fire. Evidence suggests that the most likely competent ignition source was the dryer. There was no evidence to suggest that the fire was criminal in nature. The SFMO worked alongside the Londonderry Fire Department.
- On May 21, 2026, investigators responded to Charlestown and led the origin and cause investigation of a fire in a multi-family home. Based on the scene examination and available information, the fire appeared to have

originated on the exterior of the residence before breaching the structure and spreading throughout the interior. The fire was classified as accidental, with the available evidence supporting an electrical malfunction or fault as the most likely competent ignition source. The SFMO worked alongside the Charlestown Fire Department.

- On May 21, 2026, investigators responded to Ashland and led the origin and cause investigation of a bedroom fire. Based on the scene examination and available information, the cause of the fire remains under investigation; however, there is currently no evidence to suggest that the fire was criminal in nature. The SFMO worked alongside the Ashland Fire Department.
- On May 22, 2026, investigators and a canine team responded to Nelson and led the origin and cause investigation of a basement fire. Based on the scene examination and available information, the cause of the fire remains under investigation; however, there is currently no evidence to suggest that the fire was criminal in nature. The SFMO worked alongside the Nelson Fire Department.
- On May 24, 2026, investigators and a canine team responded to Wakefield and led the origin and cause investigation of a porch fire. Based on the scene examination and available information, the cause of the fire remains under investigation; however, there is currently no evidence to suggest that the fire was criminal in nature. The SFMO worked alongside the Wakefield Fire Department.
- On May 24, 2026, an investigator responded to Allenstown and led the origin and cause investigation of a living room fire. During the investigation, stain-soaked rags were identified as a factor for further consideration in relation to the origin and cause of the fire. The fire remains under investigation; however, there is currently no evidence to suggest that the fire was criminal in nature. The SFMO worked alongside the Allenstown Fire Department.
- On May 29, 2026, investigators responded to Chichester for a mobile home fire and led the origin and cause investigation. Investigators determined that the fire appeared to have involved a bathroom exhaust fan. The fan may have experienced an electrical or mechanical failure, which ignited adjacent wasp/hornet nesting material located within the fan assembly. The nesting material may have also restricted airflow, causing the fan motor to overheat and contribute to ignition and fire growth. Based on the possible ignition scenarios, the fire was classified as accidental. The SFMO was assisted by the Chichester Fire Department and Chichester Police Department.

Fatal Fire Incidents:

- On May 31, 2026, an investigator responded to Nashua at the request of the Nashua Fire Department for a building fire where a 46-year-old female occupant of the home was found deceased. The investigation remains ongoing, and the official cause of death was

determined to be smoke inhalation, and the manner of death was accidental. At this time, there is no evidence indicating that the fire was the result of a criminal act. The SFMO worked alongside the Nashua Fire Department, the Nashua Police Department, and the New Hampshire State Medical Examiners' Office.

Court Proceedings and Arrests:

- An investigator testified during a probable cause hearing regarding an arson fire that occurred in Ashland on April 1, 2026, where a suspect had been arrested for the crime.
- On May 28, 2026, Matthias Heim plead guilty to Criminal Mischief-Felony and Conspiracy to Commit Criminal Mischief-Misdemeanor in the Sullivan Superior Court. These convictions stemmed from an arson fire that occurred in Claremont on May 5, 2024.

Youth Firesetter Services:

- In May, the SFMO received two referrals for Youth Firesetter related services.

Training / Professional Development:

- Investigators attended the annual New England Fire Investigation Seminar at Saint Anselm College.
- Investigator Brynn Dunne attended the International Association of Arson Investigators Conference in St. Louis, Missouri.
- District Chief Nicole Lutz successfully completed the testing process and obtained the IAAI Fire Investigation Technician certification.

Community Outreach and Education:

- Investigator Brynn Dunne presented the youth firesetter program to the New Hampshire Fire and Life Safety Education Network.

BUREAU OF BUILDING SAFETY & CONSTRUCTION:

State Building Permit System:

In May, a total of 75 permits were processed through the State Building Permit System:

- Building: 36
- Electrical: 16
- Plumbing: 7
- Fuel Gas: 5
- Mechanical: 2
- Fire Protection: 6
- Fire Alarm: 3

Technical Assistance, Educational & Healthcare Reviews:

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

- Educational Plan Reviews: 14
- Healthcare Plan Reviews: 5
- Inspections Completed: 178
- Technical Consultations Provided: 170

Variance Requests:

We received 10 variance requests in May.

Fireworks Safety and Enforcement Program

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

- Proximate Licenses Issued: 2
- Display Certificate of Competency Issued: 1
- Consumer Fireworks Retail Store Licenses Issued: 8
- Explosive Magazine Inspections: 28
- Proximate Audience Inspections: 2
- Technical Assistance: 3

Modular Building Program

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

- Inspections: 15
- Audits of Manufacturers: 0
- Audits of Educational Facilities: 0
- Labels Issued to Manufacturers: 252
- Units Shipped to New Hampshire: 40

Tramway and Amusement Ride Safety

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

- Amusement Registrations: 220
- Amusement Inspections: 222
- Amusement Incidents: 0
- Tramway Registrations: 11
- Tramway Inspections: 12
- Tramway Incidents: 1

BUREAU OF OUTREACH & EDUCATION:

The Bureau of Outreach and Education includes several sections and responsibilities, including hazardous materials coordination, incident data analysis, community risk reduction, public outreach and education.

Hazardous Materials:

The SFMO Hazmat Section did not respond to any incidents and did not have any consultations in May. We have been working on a hazardous materials risk assessment for Coos County, with the intent of completing one for each county. The goal is to identify the risks presented by hazardous materials using historical incident data and Tier II chemical reporting and evaluate hazmat response capabilities of area fire departments and regional hazmat teams.

Incident Reporting:

There are 84,996 incidents reported in NERIS from January 1 to May 31, 2026. The incidents reported are approximately 60% medical, 15% public service, 13% non-emergency, 6% hazardous situations, 4% fires, 1% rescues, and 1% law enforcement.

Incident reporting will be required for all fire department responses effective July 27, 2026. We have 90% of fire departments reporting at this time.

New Hampshire is primarily an RMS (records management system) NERIS state in which all fire departments should be utilizing a third-party RMS application to access and submit data to NERIS. Direct entry into NERIS is possible if necessary and you can contact us for more information.

Reminder that if there are any suggestions for changes to the NERIS modules, let us know. UL FSRI is always looking for feedback on the system. They want to know what local departments think—and if changes make sense nationally, they will implement them during updates. Letting us know what you want to see changed, will give us a chance to advocate on your behalf—amplify your suggestions.

Key NERIS Resources:

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

Please reach out to the SFMO Data Analysis Unit for any incident reporting questions at firedata@dos.nh.gov

Community Risk Reduction (CRR):

Our latest edition of [Risk Reduction Quarterly](#) was published in May! It reviews Mobile-Integrated Health (MIH) programs as example of effective, impactful CRR. Readers will get a sneak peek at the results of our Statewide Fire and CO Risk

Assessment, a report which will be out soon. There are upcoming trainings, public messaging resources, and more.

Whole, Integrated Community Risk Reduction

Friday, June 12, 2026 @ 8am-12pm

NH Fire Academy Dorm Classrooms (98 Smokey Bear Blvd., Concord)

Description: This free, 4-hour introduction to integrated, whole community risk reduction (IWCRR) includes lessons, case studies, open discussions, and group activities. It is more valuable when public safety & community leaders from the same community attend together. Attendees will gain a better understanding of risk reduction, data analysis, and materials for quality local-level planning.

Register at <https://forms.office.com/g/cKfoK7Z5Ah>.

Falls Prevention Summit – Coming in September

We are working with the NH Fall Risk Reduction Taskforce to create another day of learning and networking focused on reducing falls in older adults through community resources and state/local initiatives. Your responses to this survey directly support this effort. Stay tuned for more details!

SURVEY: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2026FallSummit>

Outreach Events:

In May, the New Hampshire State Fire Marshal's Office kept busy by attending 10 events. This included visiting multiple school fire safety day events, participating in the YMCA's Healthy Kids Day, installing CO alarms, and walking for Best Buddies.

In Bradford, we collaborated with Bradford Fire Department and Kearsarge Elementary School to host a safety-first day, featuring an engine, gear demo, K9, and plan your escape obstacle course! This safety day aligned with one of the school's values of being safe in learning. After students visited with us, we all collectively practiced our escape with a fire drill!



Sparky was excited to join Best Buddies in their annual Friendship Walk! He was ecstatic to meet Everett's Team and join them in a mile long stroll around the Capitol building. Everett's Team and Sparky joined 50,000 participants at 70+ walks across the globe to help make the world more welcoming to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (also known as IDD).

Are you interested in having the 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.

Public Education:

June's theme is "Travel Fire Safety." People in your community may not think about fire safety when they are on vacation or traveling for business. When at a hotel or short-term rental, remember to read the evacuation plan carefully, find the 2 closest exits from your room, count the number of doors between your room and those exits, and find the fire alarms on your floor!

To find a hotel that has smoke alarms and an automatic fire sprinkler system check out: [List of Approved Hotels and Motels for Federal Travelers](#).



In-Service Training Opportunities:

The SFMO offers multiple training opportunities for our stakeholders. These training courses are typically two to three hours in length and do not have any registration fees. There are several upcoming courses.

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)

Administration

Personnel

- We continue to work within the hiring process under Governor Ayotte's Executive Order to receive waivers for position vacancies.
- Captain Justin Graham has transferred to the Bureau of Firefighter Training as the new full-time Fire Training Captain.
- Conditional offers have been sent to 19 new part-time instructors.

- Two full-time positions, Program Assistant and RespondNH Coordinator, have been approved by the Governor. The full-time Administrative Assistant to the Director is awaiting approval.

Grants

- The Division is having ongoing discussions with DHHS regarding the implementation of the following projects through the Rural Health Transformation Fund:
 1. Expanded Workforce Concepts Initiative
 2. Expanded Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH) Concepts Initiative
 3. Expanded Bariatric Capability Upgrade Initiative

Special Projects

- Phase 1 of the Firefighters First Cancer Screening Initiative concluded with 1,186 firefighters screened during the Spring 2026 appointments. Information regarding the program may be found on the website:
<https://www.firefightersfirst.nh.gov/>
 - Information sessions for the fall appointments will be held on July 21 and 23 via Zoom. Pre-registration is not required, and the links are on the Firefighter First website.
 - Fall 2026 appointments will open on August 4 at 9:00 am. Testing will run from September 14 to October 30.
- 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.
 - Program details: <https://www.fstems.dos.nh.gov/resources/recruitment-retention>

Mental Health & Resiliency

- *NAMI Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training* – Milford – June 22 - 26

Legislative/Administrative Rules

- The 2026 Legislative Session has concluded.
- 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

- Captains from BOFT & BOCS conducted a tour of our facility for TEEN CERT Group on May 12th.
- North Stratford Chief Chuck Stinson visited Captain Ingersoll at the Burton Facility on May 26th to tour the facility and receive information on the OMT program.
- Captain Ingersoll met with Gorham Chief Cloutier regarding the North Pack training.
- Director Wholey attended the June Seacoast Chiefs Association Meeting in Portsmouth.
- Director Wholey attended a meeting with Twin State Fire Association Leadership in Littleton in May.

Curriculum

Firefighter

- A public comment period on the proposed Firefighter I curriculum began on May 8th and will continue through July 6th. During this time, the public is invited to review the curriculum and provide feedback. The public feedback form can be found on the Division website at: <https://www.fstems.dos.nh.gov/about-us/boards-commissions/public-feedback>
- The development of Firefighter II has concluded. The Firefighter Visiting Committee voted to recommend the new curriculum to the FSTC Curriculum Committee. The next steps include the FSTC Curriculum Committee reviewing the recommendations, making any required modifications, and voting to bring the curriculum to the full Commission in September. If approved, the curriculum will go to public comment between September and November.

Driver-Operator

- A public comment period on the proposed Driver Operator curricula began on May 8th and will continue through July 6th. During this time, the public is invited to review the curriculum and provide feedback. The public feedback form can be found on the Division website at: <https://www.fstems.dos.nh.gov/about-us/boards-commissions/public-feedback>

Fire Officer

- The FSTC Curriculum Committee selected the members of the Fire Officer visiting committee before the May Commission meeting. Everyone who expressed interest in the process was notified of the first meeting of the visiting committee to be held on June 17th at 9 AM in Classroom 1 of the Fire Academy. This first meeting will be an overview of the program.

Interfacility Transfer (Bureau of EMS)

- Captain Robblee and Rachel Larry are nearly complete with their update of the Paramedic Interfacility Transport (PIFT) prerequisite protocol administrative packet. This process included the systematic development of PIFT competencies based on feedback from the EMS community, and the development of a comprehensive training curriculum. This program is a first-of-its-kind training curriculum for Paramedic level IFT.
- The final step in this process will be to present a draft of the prerequisite protocol administrative packet to the development committee for review, followed by a public comment period. The details of the public comment period will be posted

on the Division website at: <https://www.fstems.dos.nh.gov/about-us/boards-commissions/public-feedback>

Fire and Emergency Services Instructor (I, II, & III)

- A joint team of Bureau of Certification and Support and Bureau of Emergency Medical Services have begun a curriculum update process for the Instructor series. This update is focused on ensuring the programs align with the new NFPA 1020 standards, support the needs of the NH EMS education system, and prepare State Certified Fire Instructors (SFI), NH EMS Instructors (EMS-I), and NH EMS Instructor/Coordinators (EMS-I/C) to perform the essential functions and expectations of their respective licenses.

Future Program Development

- The NFPA has released the 2027 Edition of its Standard for **Technical Rescue** Personnel Professional Qualifications. Over the next two years, Bureau Chief Anderson and PC Mansfield will be working on overhauling the technical rescue program to align with the current NFPA standards, administrative rules, and applicable RSA.
- The NFPA has released the 2027 Edition of its Standard for Professional Qualifications for **Fire Investigator**. The program captain and PC will start the curriculum update process in early 2027.
- The NFPA was scheduled to release a new set of standards for **Hazardous Materials** Professional Qualifications. However, the technical committee responsible for those standards are hard at work performing a comprehensive re-write of the standard. It is expected that a new Hazmat standard will be published in one to two years.

Bureau of Firefighter Training

Courses/Programs

- Firefighter I & II
 - *Bethlehem (FF I & II)* – January 21 - June 28
 - *Spring Recruit School (FF I & II)* – March 30 - June 26
 - *Firefighter I* – Concord – August 3 - November 7
 - *Fall Recruit School (FF I & II)* – August 10 - October 9
 - *Firefighter II* – Hampton – September 15 - October 31
- Technical Rescue
 - *Confined Space Technician* – Concord – June 15 - 17
- Driver Operator
 - *Driver/Operator: All Vehicles* – Bethlehem – August 31 - September 16
 - *Driver/Operator: All Vehicles* – Bethlehem – September 22 - October 13
 - All inquiries for these programs should be directed to
driveroperator@dos.nh.gov
- Hazardous Materials
 - *Hazardous Materials Operations with PPE and Product Control* – Tuftonboro – June 8 - 17
 - *Hazardous Materials Operations with PPE & Product Control* – Bethlehem – September 15 - 20
 - *Hazardous Materials Operations with PPE & Product Control* – Concord – September 29 - October 4
 - Hazardous Materials Awareness:
<https://www.nhfaemslearning.org/login/index.php>
- Airport Rescue Firefighting
 - Spring Live Fire Recertifications are running:
<https://www.fstems.dos.nh.gov/training-education/aircraft-rescue-firefighter-training>
 - *Airport Firefighter* – Concord – October 12 - 17
- “On My Time” Program
 - We continue to offer guidance to departments participating in this program.

Apparatus/Equipment

- Engine Four was evaluated and has been determined to be unusable at this time.
- The Division has submitted a FY28/29 Capital Project request for a new Engine for the Burton Facility.
- All other apparatus and Fleet Vehicles are in service.

Facilities, Prop Usage and Projects

- We supported the Twin State School by providing one of our Air Trailers, the Fireground Survival props, and the Forcible Entry trailer for their annual training on May 2nd and 3rd.
- Hampton Fire Department used the “B” Building for live fire training on May 5th.
- Captain Brunelle brought Crash Five to the Department of Transportation’s Employee Appreciation Day on May 6th.
- The graduation ceremony for the Spring LRCC FFI/FFII program took place on May 8th.
- Our Forcible Entry trainer was with the Wolfeboro Fire Department May 11th through 14th, and it traveled to the New Ipswich Fire Department for use on May 18th.
- As part of their FFI Certification program, the Cheshire Career Center used our Vehicle Fire prop and “B” Building for live burns on May 22nd, thanks to Rindge Fire donating their prop usage.
- Seabrook Fire Brigade has been on our Drillyard three days weekly beginning on May 12th, using the “A” and “B” Buildings, Flashover Prop, the LP Prop, and the Fire Station as they participate with their annual drills on Fire Suppression and Rope Rescue. They are scheduled to be on our Campus for three weeks in June as well.
- The ARFF Site was active for recertification throughout the month with the Portland Fire Department training on May 5th and 6th, Nantucket Airport on May 7th, Presque Isle Fire Department on May 20th, and Rutland Fire Department on May 26th.
- Captain Williams and the Equipment Techs have rearranged the gear racking in the Concord Campus Fire Station, which included the inspection and disposition of non-compliant turnout gear.
- Captain Ingersoll, Captain Williams, and our Equipment Techs spent the first two weeks in May moving into the Burton Facility classrooms and Fire Station and preparing the Drillyard for classes and the opening ceremony.
- New roofing material was installed on the “A” Building shed and construction continues on the Investigator burn pods.

- The Burton Opening Ceremony on May 18th was well attended by dignitaries, staff, and visitors.
- Two Instructor Workshops were presented by Curriculum Administrator Max Dodge on May 6th and 22nd.
- Captain Brunelle is working with Curriculum Administrator Dodge on test validation for the new FFI program.
- Staff radios are being reprogrammed to allow us to contact Concord Fire Alarm directly.
- We are preparing for hose testing at the completion of the Spring semester programs.

Bureau of Certification and Support

Courses/Programs

- Instructor I/II/III Programs
 - *Instructor I* – Concord – September 11 - October 16
 - *Instructor I* – Brentwood – October 30 - December 11
 - *Instructor II* – Virtual – September 29 - December 7
 - *Instructor III* – Virtual – May 4 - July 13
- Fire Officer I/II Programs
 - *Fire Officer I* – New Hampton – September 9 - November 4
 - *Fire Officer I* – Concord – October 26 - January 4
 - *Fire Officer II* – Virtual – May 6 - June 24
 - *Fire Officer II* – Virtual – October 15 - November 19
 - Visiting Committee for the transition to NFPA 1020 has been seated and will have orientation June 17, 2026.
- Fire Inspector Programs
 - *First Responder Inspector* – Concord – June 4 - July 2
 - *Fire Inspector* – Concord – October 15 - November 19
- Fire Investigator Programs
 - *Fire Investigator* – Concord – August 20 - November 5
- National Fire Academy & Specialty Programs
 - *Incident Safety Officer* – Concord – August 8 - 9
 - *Command and Control of Incident Operations* – Concord – August 30 - September 4
 - *Supervising Emergency Medical Services* – Concord – September 26 - 27
 - The National Fire Academy has reopened. Canceled off-campus programs are being rescheduled by September 30. Resident programs resumed on May 24.
 - The NFA course call for fiscal year 2027 is complete and will be added to the course catalog soon. If you would like to see a specific NFA program or host an NFA program at your department, please contact Captain Burns at Anthony.T.Burns@dos.nh.gov.

Education Technology

- Identified and fixed Online Learning Management system integration with RespondNH, resulting in limited interruption and quickly fixed all affected students.
- 2026 Course Development & Project Progress Status:
 - FFI/FFII Lesson Planning for Online Learning Development in full swing.
 - 6 module Lesson Plans approved
 - 13 in various stages of completion
 - Video production for FFI modules with Subject Matter Experts completed on May 29th for Fire Behavior.
- All Classrooms Operational

Instructors

- New State Fire Instructor applications are available on RespondNH.
- Applications for renewal are open, and current State Fire Instructors were sent a notice of the required renewal. Renewals are due June 30th.
 - 2026 Renewals YTD: 114
 - Active/Current New Hampshire State Fire Instructors: 266
 - New State Fire Instructor Applications In-progress: 61

Program Support

- VA Approval Update: Due to updates to the VA application requirements, a new application was required. The updated application was submitted on May 22, 2026. We are currently awaiting approval and will provide updates as they become available.
- Partnered with NHESR to streamline online CPAT applications to include online payment. Go live and more details coming soon.

Testing & CPAT

- Year-to-date for Monthly Testing, there have been 354 cognitive tests and 144 psychomotor tests.
 - Submissions for monthly testing must be entered by the last day of the month prior to the month you wish to test:
<https://www.fstems.dos.nh.gov/certification-testing/monthly-testing>
- CPAT tests through August are open for registration:
 - June 23 – Merrill Fay Ice Arena – Laconia
 - August 6 – Merrill Fay Ice Arena – Laconia

- October & November – Nashua (Location and date TBD)
- 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.

Bureau of Emergency Medical Services

Boards and Commissions

- The Trauma Medical Review Committee will meet on June 17th at 0930.
- The Privacy Committee will meet on June 24th at 1300.
- The Medical Control Board will meet on July 16th at 0930.
- The Emergency Medical and Trauma Services Coordinating Board will meet on July 16th at 1300.

Clinical Systems

- Work continues Version 10.0 Protocol Development.
- Both the FT EMS Training Coordinator and the PT Initial Programs Coordinator positions remain vacant. The Division will continue to run programs as staffing allows.
- All EMS bulletins may be found on the website:
<https://www.fstems.dos.nh.gov/ems-systems/ems-bulletins>

Compliance

- There are currently 14 active investigations and ongoing cases.

Courses/Programs

- EMS in the Warm Zone
 - 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 with grant funding opportunities available. Questions regarding the program should be directed to Shawn Croteau at Shawn.A.Croteau@dos.nh.gov.

Data Management

- Under guidance from the U.S. Fire Administration, all fire response information shall be recorded using the National Emergency Response Information System (NERIS). The Data Management team continues to work closely with the Fire Marshals office on fire incident reporting system.
- For departments using NHESR, the Division's NHESR team continues to work with fire departments to assist with the transition. Questions may be directed to NHESR@dos.nh.gov.

Operations

- Educational Training Agencies (ETA) support and relicensing are ongoing with no observed issues. Since inception, we have seen an average of a 5% increase in NREMT pass rates across all levels of initial training.
 - 22 licensed ETAs with 5 more in-process
 - The Administrative Packet for the application and licensing information can be found on the Division website: <https://www.fstems.dos.nh.gov/licensing/eta-licensing>

Preparedness and Special Projects

- Staff continue to support AED, MIH, and IFT programs and outreach around the state. There are 14 current MIH programs in the state.

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

The Commission last met on May 5, 2026 with a full agenda. At that meeting the following was accomplished:

1. The Administrative Rules were approved as updated by the Administrative Rules Committee and the Curriculum Committee. They include significant changes as it relates to the qualifications to be a State Instructor including a 2-year cycle. A minimum of 40 hours of teaching per two years and a minimum of 6 hours of continuing education during a two year cycle. Numerous changes were made to update the rules which had not been updated in quite a while.
2. The Commission unanimously preliminarily approved revised Firefighter 1 Curriculum as recommended by the Curriculum Committee for public comment. The revised curriculum increases the hours from 195 to 234. A summary of those changes were previously distributed to the Association and again attached. Public Hearings were held where Concord Area Forest Wardens requested that the National Wildfire Training Coordinating courses S180 - 8 hours, L190 - 8 hours and S130 – 30 hours online portion be substituted for the current Academy Online Module. It was suggested that the NWSG courses be a prerequisite to FF1 and would add approximately 46 hours to a student's workload beyond the 234 hours. This was rejected by the Curriculum Committee as a Fire Chief could assign the online courses outside of the Firefighter 1 curriculum and as currently taught, the Academy meets the NFPA requirements. Further a FF1 student would not be a Certified Wildland Firefighter 2 as they would still need to take with Forest and Lands staff the 8 hour practical portion of S130.
3. The Driver Operator All Vehicles, Driver Operator Pumper and Driver Operating Aerial curriculum was preliminary approved by the Commission and Public Hearing Scheduled.

4. Next Commission Meeting is September 3, 2026 at which time the revised Firefighter 1 curriculum is expected to be approved.

Homeland Security and Emergency Management – (Director Buxton) –

Updates on Division Priorities:

- DHS Funding
 - We are happy to report that DHS is funded through the remainder of the FY 26 budget (September 30, 2026).
 - i. We anticipate notice of funding opportunities to start to be issued later this month. This would include both preparedness and mitigation grant programs.
 - Development of the FY 27 appropriation is underway.
- HSGP/EMPG
 - If you have current Homeland Security and EMPG projects awarded, please continue to monitor and submit progress reports. Additionally, please keep an eye on your timelines for completion.
 - We are preparing for the organizational meeting for the HSGP on June 18th.
- Active Shooter Incident Management
 - If you need assistance with scheduling local delivery of ASIM programming, please reach out to our Training, Exercise and Development Team.
 - We look forward to bringing 2 deliveries of the ASIM Advanced and SAVEM classes to the State this summer.
 - June 4th G&C approved a contract with CRG (Critical Response Group) for school mapping.
- REP
 - We continue to plan for the upcoming exercise with NextEra.
 - Thank you to all the local communities that participated in the CFE on June 3rd.
- ACEPS
 - The next ACEPS meeting is scheduled for June 18th at 13:30.
- FEMA Review Council

- Final report has been issued by the Council. We are currently in the process of reviewing it. Next steps at this point are not known as the report is headed to the President for consideration.

Professional Development Committee – (Chiefs D. Chamberlain/Cathy)

- They are working on the presenter for the August meeting, possibly Chief Schaefer from Boston Fire. Details to follow.

Division of Emergency Services and Communications – (Director Doyle)

- Laconia Facility Update: Facility is taking shape – @ 80 % complete...Work s/b finished by late summer. Interior and landscaping is underway;
- 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 us know. The statewide ENS system is offered to local communities at no cost. For more information, reach out to Matt White, matthew.w.white@desc.nh.gov at DESC;
- Latest “Interoperability Roundtables” conducted at Cheshire, Carroll and Grafton/Coos counties;
- Discussions with Northern Borders Dispatch continues. Meeting on 4/10 - follow up on planning and potential coverage recommendations as well as funding opportunities;
- Next class of TC’s started on May 29, all 9 TC’s from the Fall class have completed training;
- Radio Communications currently deploying NHICNET Radio equipment at 48 sites and will continue through the summer – grant extended to the Fall;
- WEA / Emergency Alert protocol development continues B/T DESC and HSEM...provide guidance on how to disseminate a WEA via IPAWS (for agencies that have authorized access), and how you can request one, if necessary; (more to follow: 1- Pager describing the difference between the two coming shortly);
- Piscataqua River / High Level Bridge response group meeting last month – discussion related to video access by marrying the DOT system with DOS capabilities...work continues;

- Community Events / school visits reminder – connect with our Public Outreach / Education Team for more info: Patrick Cavanaugh (603-271-6911), DESCPIO@dos.nh.gov;
- Social Media Update:



- Public Information/Outreach:
In May, the Division used its social media channels (Facebook, Instagram, and X) to promote public safety initiatives, educate residents on emergency preparedness, and highlight Division programs and outreach efforts. Content throughout the month included awareness of the PulsePoint AED app and the state's AED registry, promotion of the New Hampshire 911 C.A.R.E.S. program, reminders to sign up for NH Alerts through Genasys, and educational messaging encouraging parents to teach children their home address for emergencies. The Division also highlighted school outreach efforts in the North Country, shared call volume statistics, recognized Memorial Day, and continued reinforcing the statewide impact of New Hampshire's 911 system. Engagement remained strong across social media platforms.
- Conducted an internal meeting re: International phones dialing 911, in anticipation of FIFA World Cup. Also working with the Communications and Interoperability Planning group for Communications between and among all agencies participating (NH, MA, RI, ME and many Federal agencies involved);
- SIEC Meeting held on May 1st in Derry;
- E911 Commission meeting last Friday at the Fire Academy;

- Elliot Health “Survivor’s Banquet” - recognition for our Telecommunicators and Health Care professionals at the Double Tree Hotel – recognized EMD’s for their part in the “Chain of Survival” and lifesaving events;
- “Rescuers Reuniting with the Rescued” event in Keene / Cheshire Medical Center. Recognizing everyone in the “Chain of Survival” on Wednesday June 10th;
- FirstNet pre-planning event kicked off on 5/20 at the IPOC...identifying potential issues with several events held over the summer (NASCAR / Highland Games / Seafood Fest, etc.) and bringing solutions for discussion;
- Any question, comments, concerns please reach out: (c) 603-931-2298 / mark.e.doyle@desc.nh.gov

E 911 Commission – (Chief Thomas) –

- There have been 168,555 calls as of the end of May. The average of 900 calls on rainy days and 1400 calls on sunny days.
- Seven telecommunicators have been hired and have started training . The nine from past class are on the floor.
- Since the last class have completed training mandatory overtime has decreased.
- E911 will be sending a member to a train the trainer course in tower climbing. Upon completion NH will train our own climbers which will be a cost benefit .
- Cables will be installed at the New Laconia Facility mid-summer. Expect to have Keys on September 8 with new consoles arriving on September 28.
- Work continues on setting up the tower on the Northern Border.
- The PSAP has geared up to be able to accept incoming International calls because of the FIFA World Cup.
- E911 has been working with Communications and Interoperability Planning Group for Communications between all the State and Federal Agencies involved at the World Cup.
- There will be an upgrade of systems in Concord when Laconia opens.
- 18 new E911 Town Liaisons have been trained.
- They are looking to reconstruct Board Members on the Statewide Interoperability Commission.
- SB573 has moved through House and Senate and going to the Governor. This bill concerns the standards for comfort dogs. Our Dog Winnie meets the standards.
- First net continues construction on Mount Sunapee.

- Piscataqua River /High Level Bridge are working on video access by marrying DOT System with DOS capabilities.

Forests and Lands – (Chief) – No Report

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

Operational Security:

- A May 2026 shooting event in the city of Austin, Texas included attacks on two fire stations. Please consider the security of your stations during operational discussions.ⁱ
- There has been more reporting of criminals getting into fire stations, stealing extrication tools and using them to commit crimes. (Breaking into ATM's etc.).

(U) Water Supply/Critical Infrastructure:

- Municipal water systems continue to be targeted by cyber threat actors, including control devices, passwords and chemical monitoring devices.
- Suspicious Activity Reports (SARs) targeting Critical Infrastructure and Key Resource (CIKR) sites nationally. Most recently along the West Coast, specifically targeting the electrical, water and sewer facilities.

(U) Bomb Making Materials, Terrorism:

- A recent arson investigation at an elementary school in Maryland, identified a painted reference to the Newton, CT school shooter. Please be aware that arson could be an indicator that a person may be on the “pathway to violence”.ⁱⁱ
- The two suspects in the March 2026 disrupted terror attack near the NYC Mayors residence were recorded purchasing bombmaking materials in Pennsylvania. Members of the fire service should be aware that everything you need to make a bomb can be purchased at your local hardware store, and the directions can easily be found online.
- There was an arson attack on a Planned Parenthood facility in Ohio.ⁱⁱⁱ
- Operation Flashpoint is awareness campaign developed in partnership with FBI and DHS. A programmatic overview with objectives is outlined here – [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) Haz-Mat:

- While hoaxes are almost commonplace these days, there has been an odd uptick in the incidence of radiological hoaxes.

(U) Large Public Gatherings, Summer of 2026:

- The Summer of 2026 will have a significant number of special events nationally, including the 250th Anniversary of the USA ,as well as the FIFA World Cup. The NHIAC reminds you that large public gatherings remain a vulnerable target for attacks, including vehicle ramming. If you are not already on the planning committees for these events, we encourage you to join them.

(U) UAS/Drone Activity:

Committed to training, educating and certifying emergency and community responders to protect the citizens and visitors of New Hampshire

- NHIAC is interested in drone activity conflicting with Fire/EMS operations. Please report any incidents of drones flying or hovering around your emergency operations centers or fire stations to law enforcement, particularly 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) Trafficking:

- The Department of Homeland Security recently reported that over half of the perpetrators of human trafficking in the US are family members, romantic interests and acquaintances. Worldwide, family members are involved in nearly half of trafficking involving minors according to the International Organization of Migration. Victims exist in plain sight and often vary from dramatized depictions seen on television and in movies.
- Vacation rental platforms are also leveraged and exploited by traffickers and human exploitation actors, making determinations difficult. The NHIAC in cooperation with the NHHTCTF has produced a 90-minute program for first responders. This free EMS con-ed is easily delivered to your stations. Please contact Intelligence Liaison Officer Jim Heinz at James.B.Heinz@dos.nh.gov if you are interested.

(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) –

1. The Board last met on May 12, 2026 and held a public hearing on amending the 2024 Life Safety Code concerning carbon monoxide detectors in existing schools and daycare facilities. The Board adopted the amendment and it will be effective July 27, 2026.
2. The Board noted that the Fire & CO deaths continue to rise and has appointed a Committee to investigate how to get more detectors in homes.
3. The updated State Fire Code which is based on NFPA 1 version 2024 and NFPA 2024 both with amendments and were passed with an effective date of July 27, 2026
4. The legislators passed the update the NH Building Code with an effective date of July 1, 2026 with a 6 month grace period. This brings the applicable Building Codes to the 2024 version with the exception of the Energy Conservation Code which remains at 2018 version. All of the Codes are subject to New Hampshire Amendments.
5. Next meeting of the Board will be September 15th

NH Emergency Medical and Trauma Services Coord. Board – (Dep. Chief Paquette) – No report

National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) – (Chief Cathy) – No report

EMS Trauma Medical Review Committee (Dep. Chief Clough) – No report

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) –

- He reported that this year's Expo will be at Mohegan Sun August 26 to 28 and will include a broader focus on professional development.
- He also reminded members of the \$3.2 m SAFER grant given to the NEAFC for volunteer departments and various clothing items. If they attend the Recruitment and Retention Program at the conference, they may be eligible for paid coverage under the grant.

Old Business –

New Business –

Good and Welfare –

- Nik McCullough (Manchester) spoke of the program that NH Corrections has that allows correction inmates under supervision to paint and refurbish fire stations costing only materials.
- Chief Al Poulin was recognized for his service to Barnstead as he retires June 30.
- **Firefighter Safety Stand Down 2026**

The Safety Stand Down is a joint initiative of the **IAFC, IAFF, NFPA, NVFC, and FDSOA** which provides **free** online training to highlight critical safety, health, and survival issues for fire, EMS, rescue, dispatch, and other emergency services personnel. Departments are asked to suspend all non-emergency activities during the week to focus their attention on safety and health education efforts. A week is provided to ensure that all duty shifts can participate.

Safety Stand Down 2026 takes place June 14-20, 2026, with a focus on Firefighter FITNESS: Fit to Serve, Fit for Life. Fitness is a critical component in keeping responders healthy, safe, and ready to serve their community. The theme

highlights the importance of fitness to keep you serving at your best today and prepare you for a healthy and fit future.

The week will be broken into seven daily focus topics that take responders through the foundations of functional fitness, how they can continue to be met throughout the years, and sustainable strategies for long-term success.

Firefighter FITNESS: Fit to Serve, Fit for Life <https://safetystanddown.org/>

Specifically, the daily FITNESS topics are:

Sunday – Foundations of Firefighter Fitness

Monday – Intentional

Tuesday – Technique

Wednesday – Nutrition

Thursday – Evaluation

Friday – Sleep

Saturday – Strategies for Success

Safety Stand Down 2026 planning resources for your department
- <https://safetystanddown.org/planning/safety-stand-down-2026-planning/>

Safety Stand Down 2026 support resources
- <https://safetystanddown.org/resource/safety-stand-down-2026-resources/>

Raffle - Counted by Chiefs D. Chamberlain and Wheatley. \$170 was collected, \$90 was given for prizes and \$80 was forwarded to the Treasurer.

The meeting was adjourned at 1012 hrs.

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

ⁱ (U) <https://www.kvue.com/article/news/crime/austin-shooting-spree-suspect-cristian-mondragon-new-charges/269-91249dec-fb32-4c0e-9e90-4797cabfa60f>

ⁱⁱ (U) <https://wjla.com/news/local/maryland-teen-arrested-sandy-hook-school-shooting-graffiti-burned-shed-found-bradley-hills-elementary-school-vandalism-crime-investigation-spray-paint-marc-elrich-increased-patrol-security>

ⁱⁱⁱ (U) <https://www.wlwt.com/article/cincinnati-planned-parenthood-mt-auburn-fire-investigation/70985165>