



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

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

Thursday, July 9, 2020 (Online)

Called to order at 1600 hours by Chief Jones.

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

Chief Ken Jones welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Members were introduced by the Executive Director.

He introduced Sue Miles, Todd Casciani and Chuck Humphreys from Quick Med Claims who gave a presentation on their services/products and solicited questions.

**Special Guests:** n/a

**Minutes** of the March 12 and Annual meetings have been posted. A MOTION (R. Buxton/Christopoulos) to accept March 12th meeting carried unanimously. A MOTION (R. Buxton/Chamberlain) to accept them, carried unanimously.

**Financial Reports:** April, May and June financial statements have been presented by the Treasurer for posting. A MOTION (Sitar/Beattie) to accept them carried unanimously.

**Communications:** n/a

**Applications for membership:** Richard Harris, Asst. Chief in Merrimack has joined.

**Life Membership:** n/a

**President's Report: (Jones) –**

- Held mtg. w/ newly elected BOD members & Exc. Dir. – discussing responsibilities, current budget, ideas for increased revenue 2020
  - Exc. Dir to look to purchase Virtual Software Program
  - Idea's for Revenue

- Golf Tournament – Chief Carrier to Chair
  - Merchandise Sales
  - Raffle
- Letter's Sent:
  - Commissioner Quinn/Assist. Commissioner Opening requesting FF background
  - Crotched Mtn – Thanking them for the 60+ yr run as they have announced the Closing of the facility, drafted by Chief Carrier
  - Granite State College – supporting Bachelor Degree Program
- He had a telephone meeting w/ Marshal Parisi, discussing Legislation Issues, Sober Housing, Fireworks.
- Received a request for endorsement by Sue Prentiss who is running for State Senate. She
- BOD Conf. Virtual w/ Senator Hassan
  - Cost Share requirements attached with 2019 Safer Grants, 2020's reductions to be announced at a later date. Request same reductions w/ AFG & Fire Prevention Grants
  - Short/Long Term Gevity; w/ Budgeting; Federal, State, Municipal & Our Departments
  - Funding for additional Sober Housing and Fire Detection & Suppression Equip. for current and proposed housing
  - Funding for smaller Rural Dept's w/ Call/Vol. Fire Chiefs pertaining to Covid-19
  - Additional Funding for Opioid Crises
  - Increases allowable dollars charged with transport of Medicare/Medicaid Patients
    - Thank Exc. Dir. w/ coordinating Conf. Call
- Marshall Parisi's Letter pertaining to Recertification of Air Cylinders

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

- We are continuing with virtual meetings as you can see, to ensure the health and safety of our members and to demonstrate compliance with recommendations.
- We will be notifying you on the status of the August 13 meeting. We will be seeking additional sponsors for meetings.
- We are still planning some type of Candidate's Forum for October 8. We are planning for various alternatives at this point
- The Red Jacket has been reserved for our 2020 Professional Enhancement Weekend on Nov. 6-8. At this point, we are still planning to host it.
- Crotched Mountain has closed, so we will be having some type of meeting in December.
- The final paperwork for our IRS non-profit status was filed in June. Hopefully it works this time.

- Reminding everyone that dues notices are sent via the email you signed up with on our website. Please remit dues in a timely manner.
- Board members participated in a conference call with Senator Hassan on July 6.
- Proposed by-law changes are intended to update our Active member eligibility; provide for virtual meetings and add a section to comply with IRS regulations regarding non-profits. They will be read later in the meeting.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Report (Sitar) –**

- Still accepting applications for credentialing. As soon as they can meet, they will process the applications.
- A vacancy on the Trauma Medical Review Board has been advertised and two members have applied. The board will meet to determine a recommendation.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Report (Beattie) –**

- I will be meeting with Jodi and Adam (lobbyist) on 7/15 to discuss legislative happenings, and to get a working relationship with them as we go through the ends of this session and move into next year
- I would ask that if you have something legislatively that you would like us to follow up on, or to get more information about, please reach out. Whatever I cannot immediately answer, I will be able to get you answers to ASAP.
- One question that came to me was about the status of the PTSD Commission. Chief Buxton is our representative to the commission, but they have not met since March. There has been an inability to schedule commission meetings due to COVID because of difficulties with social media platforms. We will keep everyone up to date on this.
- The House of Representatives met last week to concur or non-concur with Senate amendments to House bills. Both the House and Senate have concluded their sessions and will only plan to reconvene in the fall to deal with Governor's veto's.
- All the bills we are watching are omnibus bills, so they are for the most part tied up with other bills
- FMO came up in a couple of bills. These had to do with recovery housing, both in language changes, as well as the authority governing recovery housing and exemptions by FMO for state fire code and local amendments.
- Repealed the length of time the presumption of heart or lung disease is occupationally related for firefighters. *Currently 5 years.*
- NHAFC, as we all are, is continuing to monitor the State's projected revenue shortfall which is probably going to affect all our communities to some degree.

**Sgt. At Arms (Emanuel) – n/r**

### ***Committee Reports***

**Scholarship Committee – (Dep. Toomey) –** Two applications have been received so far.

### ***Division Reports***

**State Fire Marshal –** Deputy Fire Marshal Shultz reported on the following:

#### **ADMINISTRATION:**

The State Fire Marshal's Office remains involved in COVID-19 response efforts.

Deputy Rodenhiser remains assigned to the state emergency operations center to oversee the health and safety branch for the Department of Safety, making sure all of our employees are safe. This includes creating and implementing new initiatives for employees at all DOS facilities including, checkpoints, contact tracing teams, cleaning teams, decontamination teams in the buildings, as well as a personnel-screening program. He has delegated his Bureau of Investigations responsibilities to District Chief Stacey Dubois until he is able to return.

Deputy Danielle Cole has been continuing to oversee SEOC ESF-4 desk operations. This emergency support function is dedicated to supporting first responders and healthcare workers in providing unprotected exposure information, member testing location information, transportation of specimens, alternative lodging requests and inquiries of specimens at the Public Health Lab.

Since the beginning of the state of emergency, the ESF-4 (Firefighting) desk has:

- Answered 716 calls for assistance
- Assisted 238 front line workers with alternative lodging accommodations
- Provided 694 front line workers with exposure/quarantine/testing guidance
- Documented 1490 activities performed in WebEOC. These activities include, fulfilling requests for PPE from first responders, answering questions related to exposures, quarantine, housing, code related questions and more
- Produced and distributed (14) first responder informational documents

**The ESF-4 desk phone number is 223-3718 and is answered 24/7 during the State of Emergency.**

#### **2020 Legislation:**

HB 1234 & 1245 are on their way to the Governor. They are omnibus bills that include:

- Ratification of the fire code and building code amendments
- Allows alcohol and drug free recovery houses to be granted an exemption by the

- state fire marshal for requirements of the state fire code and local amendments
- Permits a municipality that has a local enforcement mechanism for the state building code to request that the state fire marshal issue the building permit, conduct the inspection, and issue the certificate of occupancy, for a project that requires the specialized knowledge of the fire marshal or due to staffing limitations of the municipality
- Provides that, under the state board of fire control and for purposes of enforcement of the state fire code, a health care facility means a facility licensed under RSA 151

HB 1491 was an omnibus bill killed by the House. It included SB 432, which was a bill we requested to have place of assembly permits issued by the NHFMO where there is no local official. We will submit this bill again next year.

**Budget:**

We are awaiting the guidance from the Governor's Office regarding our FY21 budget appropriations. We expect a response soon. We have provided the Governor with documentation stating the impacts of the current hiring freeze and anticipated budget reductions on our stakeholders, most notably the fire service. When we receive final notification regarding reductions, we will notify the fire service of the impacts to service.

**Personnel:**

**Open positions:**

The Governor has put all hiring on hold.

**BUREAU OF INVESTIGATIONS:**

- New/Active cases: 23 Calls for Service in the month of June; our 6 investigators and 2 district chiefs are actively working 28 Criminal Cases.
  - Throughout the month of June, investigators have been assisting the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR) and several local municipalities in Belknap and Merrimack counties with the investigation into a spike of brush fires. The investigation began in the middle of May and many of these fires are believed to be intentionally set. Some persons of interest have been developed and the joint investigation continues.
  - On June 10, 2020, investigators responded to Jaffrey to assist the Jaffrey Fire Police Departments with a fire investigation at an occupied apartment building located at 37 Peterborough Street. There are criminal indicators with this fire and the joint investigation is ongoing.
  - On June 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, investigators responded to Jaffrey to assist the Jaffrey Fire and Police Departments with a fire investigation at 39 Webster Street that brought in over 30 departments from multiple states for suppression efforts. The fire occurred at a

100,000 ft<sup>2</sup> vacant commercial/industrial building. There are criminal indicators with this fire and the joint investigation is ongoing.

- Court Action: All court proceedings have been interrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Some of our cases had hearings scheduled for this month; however, all of these hearings have been rescheduled.
- Accelerant Detection Canine Teams: Our two Accelerant Detection Canine (ADC) Teams were deployed twice in the month of June. No demonstrations were performed due to the pandemic. The three NH ADC teams conducted a group training at a location in Franklin focusing on building, outdoor and vehicle sniffs.
- Training: BOI members attended a virtual training on fire patterns sponsored by the International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI). This is part of a live monthly training series that started in May and runs through November and touches upon various aspects of fire investigations to include: NFPA 921 updates, fire patterns, safety, cause determination/classification, physical evidence/K9 handler teams and basic methodology/basic fire science. If anybody is interested in attending these trainings the information can be found at [www.firearson.com](http://www.firearson.com). There is a nominal fee associated with each class and they can be taken as tested or untested. The modules that have already been delivered can be taken, just not in a live setting.

One of our BOI District Chiefs attended a weeklong training sponsored by the Department of Administrative Services, Bureau of Education and Training (BET). This training was a Foundations of State Supervision Review and was for members who have received their Certified Public Supervisor certification more than three years ago.

The BOI has made adjustments to their in-service training calendar due to the pandemic and conducted a virtual training in search warrant applications in the month of June.

- BOI Rally Assistance: Members of the BOI, to include an Accelerant Detection Canine Team, were requested to assist five municipalities throughout the state during rallies held in their communities. In addition, BOI District Chiefs assisted in staffing the ESF-4 desk during numerous rallies throughout the month when the state's Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) was activated.
- BOI's Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic: Some members of the BOI have taken on additional responsibilities during these unprecedented times. The two district chiefs have had some of their time redirected to fill shifts in the state's Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) staffing the ESF-4 (Firefighting) desk. A new group of personnel from our office (inspectors and other support staff) had taken the primary lead on the desk while the two district chiefs transitioned to remote supervision of this function. Recently, the district chiefs and other members of the command staff have taken over the lead role for this function.

Beginning the last week of June, BOI investigators began to reoccupy their office in the IPOC as a result of the Joint Information Center (JIC) relocating.

Even during these trying times, please do not hesitate to reach out to our district chiefs and/or investigators for any needs or concerns that arise in your communities. We are still available to you as a resource regarding fire, carbon monoxide and building collapse investigations as well as inspection related questions and issues.

## **BUREAU OF BUILDING SAFETY AND CONSTRUCTION:**

**Foster Care Inspections:** Department of Health and Human Services has released new fire inspection forms for foster care inspections conducted by fire departments. These forms are the result of the collaboration between the SFMO, DHHS, foster care system and the fire service. The forms are intended to clarify the requirements for foster homes and align the forms with the current state fire code.

**State Building Permit System:** We processed 41 permit applications in the month of June.

**Technical Assistance, Educational & Healthcare Reviews:** Our staff remains available for technical code assistance. We initiated 3 educational plan reviews and 2 healthcare plan reviews in the month of June.

**Periodic State Owned Property Inspections:** The state owned property inspection program has resumed.

**Variance Requests:** We processed 11 variance requests in the month of June.

**Training:** All scheduled inspector training programs have been cancelled and will be rescheduled for a future date. We are starting to explore online learning platforms and deliveries, if you require training in a specific area please reach out to the office.

**Rules Update:** The most recent version of the new Saf-FMO 300 rules is available on the SFMO website under the Laws & Rules page. These new rules address amendments to the state fire code. The Saf-C 6000 rules have been submitted to the Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules (JLCAR) with an anticipated final hearing in July.

**Code Amendments:** The Board of Fire Control received code amendment petitions at their June meeting covering the following:

1. Add NFPA 855, Standard for the Installation of Stationary Energy Storage Systems to the referenced codes in NFPA 1
2. Amend CSST requirements in NFPA 54
3. Move and update oil burner inspection requirements from Saf-C 6000 to Saf-FMO 300

The details of the above petitions are available on the SFMO website on the Boards & Commissions page. A public hearing will be held on these petitions on July 15, 2020.

## **BUREAU OF PLANNING AND SUPPORT SERVICES:**

**Hazardous Materials:** Hazardous Materials coordination and coverage remains a priority despite the state of emergency and personnel are ready to deploy if needed and may be contacted through the on-call FMO supervisor for consultation purposes.

**North Country Hazardous Materials Coverage:** Our part time Hazardous Materials Coordinator will be available in a response capacity to advise the North Country area chiefs should there be an incident. In the event that an asset response is required in that area the FMO on-duty supervisor will contact an established team to respond. The FMO will cover the cost of the response. There is currently an MOU that is being prepared that addresses this.

**Public Education:** At this time, we have suspended public education efforts and diverted resources to essential services.

**Fireworks:** Fireworks shows are down over 75% from last year due to the state of emergency and the pandemic. Shows are beginning to be scheduled again and we have seen an increase in this as we get further into the summer season. Firework stores have opened up and they have been seasonably busy as many customers are looking to enjoy fireworks during this time of year even if the usual events don't occur. The state has also seen drought-like conditions recently and we are concerned about the dangers in using fireworks in these dry times. Unsafe fireworks usage can result in injury, death, property damage and wildland fires. Be sure to check out our website where we have provided information and safety tips about fireworks usage.

For anything COVID-19 related you should reach out directly to ESF-4, 24 hours 7 days per week at 603-223-3718. Stay Safe.

### **Fire Standards/Training/EMS – (Director Pendergast was unavailable so Asst. Dir. Mercuri presented)**

- **Logistics-**
- We are working with the business office to move the A Building Project forward before the 2018 Grant period of performance expires. (All projects not listed as Mission critical were put on hold)
- We are still waiting for grant award information from our 2019 AFG and 2020 PPE AFG. Award decisions are now being made through FEMA.
  
- **Programs-**
- Our programs that were postponed are now underway. We have received our first order of PPE from the business office to get us started on our summer programs. We have prioritized the FFI and FF II programs currently underway (postponed) as well as the EMR class that was partially completed.

- We have now completed several ARFF recertification classes, have FF II and FF I classes in progress and CPAT orientation and testing is scheduled this week and into next week in Laconia.
- We are planning a virtual/and in-person Curriculum Committee meeting to continue to move the FFI and FF II curriculum recommendations from the Visiting Committee forward. Update: This is scheduled for July 8.
- 2020 Recruit school is now posted with priority seating going to those who have been hired and are awaiting certification training. Orientation will begin in August with the program beginning in September.
- **Communications-**
- We continue to take part in weekly Directors conference calls with the Commissioner's office.
- The 2020 annual Roster project (602.01) letters have gone out. There is a new process where the form can be easily accessed online by each department.
- **Challenges-**
- We are currently still the host site for phone banks and call centers in the Administration building, but the dorm building site is now discontinued. We also maintain the Press Conference host site for Governor Sununu.
- A few of our full time staff are teleworking from home or are out on Covid leave with small children.

### **EMS Bureau Report – Justin Romanello**

- **HB1234 - “Omni-Bill” which incorporates the wording from SB540 (the repeal of REPLICA)**

### **COVID-19 Summary**

- **Emergency Protocols**
  - COVID-19 Version 1 – **Released 17 March 2020**
  - COVID-19 Version 2 – **Released 17 April 2020**
  - COVID-19 Testing – **Released 26 March 2020**
  - COVID-19 Destination Determination – **Released 26 March 2020**
  - COVID-19 Temporary MIH – **Released 17 April 2020**
- **Emergency Rules**
  1. # of Providers Required for Patient Transport – **Released 19 March 2020 (Expires 19 September 2020)**
  2. Expiration Extension of Currently Licensed EMS Providers – **Released 19 March 2020 (Expires 19 September 2020)**
- **Emergency Waivers**
  - Provisional Certification and Partial Background Checks - **Released 7 April 2020 (Expires 1 October 2020)**

- **Executive Orders**
  - Alternate Vehicle Use and Waiver of Required Equipment – **Drafted NOT Issued**

## EMS Operations

- **Provider Renewals - 30 July 2020 Expirations**
  - **711 current providers to relicense**
  - **304 of current providers have no affiliation**
- Practical Exam Program – **Exploring options for future support**
- Ambulance Inspections Program – **Up and running as of 13 July 2020**
- EMS Training and I/C Program – **Exploring options for future support**
- Open Positions -
  - Licensing Coordinator – **Full-Time – Offer Extended/Accepted – ON HOLD**
  - Ambulance Inspector – **Part-Time – Position Posted – ON HOLD**
  - NREMT Remote Testing Coordinator – **Part-Time – Position Posted – ON HOLD**

## Clinical Systems

- Protocols 8.0 - **Estimated to be released after certification/licensing cycle complete. August?**
- Trauma Program – **Site Visits – Extension for all programs 1-year**
- MIH Program – **Continued support of COVID and Non-COVID MIH Programs**
  - New Programs – Merrimack, Bedford, Milford and Transformative (Stewarts)
- Open Positions -
  - PIFT/Critical Care Program Coordinator – **Part-Time – ON HOLD**
  - MIH Program Coordinator – **Part-Time – ON HOLD**

## Data Systems

- Respond NH – User Management System
  - Moving along, on schedule.
    - Services - Entered
    - Vehicles – Entered
    - Personnel – In-Process
- Open Positions -
  - Records Management Coordinator – **Full-Time – ON HOLD**

## **EMS Training**

- Continuing Education – **Exploring options to increase virtual offerings beginning in Fall.**
- EMR Programs – **Exploring options to finish the Winter North Country program.**
- EMR Programs – **Exploring options for future programs.**
- Simulation Program – **Expected to be up and running by end of July 2020**
- Open Positions
  - Staff Instructor – Ongoing Hiring – **ON HOLD**

## **Special Projects**

- Educational Training Agencies – **Planning on virtual meeting July**

### **National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) – (Chief Corey) –**

- He reported that Deerfield had received a water allotment.

### **Homeland Security and Emergency Management – (Director Harper) –**

- Assistant Director position is still vacant; will repost again.
- COVID-19 Update: July 6<sup>th</sup> was Day 100 for State EOC activation; longest in history of EM. The State EOC continues to be at full activation level to monitor and respond to the COVID-19 Pandemic, to protect the public health, safety, and economic viability of New Hampshire.
  - SEOC statistics you may not know/heard about:
    - Joint Information Center – March 10-July 7 total of 2,787 inquiries
      - 43 Press Conferences held
      - 42 staff worked/working in the JIC; from 18 state agencies
    - 211 Call Center – March 13-July 6 total of 40,925 calls
    - 4496 (Public Health) Call Center - March 9 - June 8 total of 4,088 calls
    - NH Employment Security Call Center – March 17 - July 8 total of 521,161 calls
    - Alternate Care Sites – 15 sites with 1,075 beds. As of 7/6/2020: 7 closed; 5 open; 3 in process of demobilizing
    - WebEOC Mission Tasks – 4,661 total as of 7/8
    - COVID Presidential Disaster Declaration received April 3<sup>rd</sup>
- NH School Safety Taskforce Update presented on June 29<sup>th</sup> with AC Plummer:
  - 59 Recommendations: 25 completed; 24 in progress; 7 monitoring; 3 ongoing

- School Resource Center – ‘one stop’ for anything to do with schools for teachers, principals, SAUs, parents–plans, SOPs, templates, etc. Send us items that would help to populate the site.
- School Readiness Program will begin reviewing School EOPs once received by DOE; due September 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Seabrook Station Exercise Series – September 30 & October 1 CFE #2. Graded December 8 & 9. We expect that Day 1 participation will be minimal as a lot of the activities we have been doing for COVID will be counted towards the requirements. Day 2 for Sept & Dec will require a large venue to facilitate the required activities for State and Federal partners.
- Swiftwater Rescue Working Group – reengaging on this project to assess statewide swift/flood rescue resources
  - Grant funds available once assessment is completed.

Director Doyle shared that protocols have been revised at the PSAPs to ask additional pertinent questions.

Chief Fraitzl asked if mobility plans drafted prior can be used without being in conflict with state law. Marshal Parisi doesn’t think so at this point.

**EMS Trauma Medical Review Board – (Chief) – no report**

**Forests and Lands – (Chief Sherman) – (report submitted in writing)**

- Forest Ranger trainees Nathan Blanchard and David Smith, Jr. were hired on May 15<sup>th</sup> to fill vacancies in Regions 1 and 2. They have begun their field training and will be attending the next scheduled training academy at Police Standards and Training. The media release announcing their hiring is included with this report.
- Since May 31<sup>st</sup> we have had 3 Forest Ranger retirements. Captain Nowell, Captain Accardi and Ranger Huter. This is a combined 81 years of service with the department. We wish them the best of luck and thank them for their service.
- We hope to begin the hiring process in July to fill vacancies resulting from recent retirements. This will be dependent upon available funding and the result of waiver requests to fill essential positions during the hiring freeze. Obviously, the retirement of three veteran staff will have a significant impact on the Forest Protection Bureau. We will be operating in the interim period with the Chief, a single Captain, four district Forest Rangers and two trainees.
- We are in the process of filling three part-time seasonal patrol positions. Two will operate out of our Lancaster facility and one will be headquartered out of Bear Brook.
- The COVID-19 pandemic has affected all aspects of agency operations but our Forest Rangers continue to perform normal field operations including fire

suppression and fire and timber harvest law enforcement while utilizing issued PPE to protect our staff. In an effort to address concerns received from Forest Fire Wardens the Bureau promoted the online fire permit system as a tool to help reduce exposures between the public and fire service personnel while meeting the demand for fire permits since the beginning of the pandemic. The system has worked well and has seen unprecedented use by the public already eclipsing prior years permit acquisitions in a matter of months.

- Work is almost complete on the construction of the new cab and decking at the Milan Hill Fire Tower in Milan. This is the last of three fire towers which were included in a capital improvement project being administered by the NH Bureau of Public Works. Oak Hill Fire Tower in Loudon and the Mt. Kearsarge Fire Tower in Warner were completed by the same contractor last year. The Milan Hill tower will have the steel work painted and new stair treads and decking installed as well as a new tower cab installed. Work is scheduled to be completed this fall when the tower will be operational again.
- This fire season has been an interesting one with ever changing weather conditions. While rainfall and late spring snow events kept the fire danger in check other than for short periods we are in a dry period at present. High winds and low relative humidity combined to keep the fire danger fluctuating between moderate to high during the vegetation green up cycle. While the national predictive services outlook for the northeast shows an expectation for a normal fire season, we have seen an increase in activity. As usual, the predominate cause of the fires is human involvement and we continue to work together disseminating wildfire prevention messaging. Much of the state is now in a drought and we are seeing recent wildfires impacting not only the available surface fuels but now burning feet into the available ground fuels. The short term outlook should provide rain and higher humidity to lower the fire danger, but it will be a while before we know if the drought will be pushed back.

#### **Building Code Review Board – (Chiefs Tetreault/Marshal Lennon)**

- Marshal Lennon reported that a meeting will be held tomorrow and more information will be forthcoming.

#### **Manufactured Housing Installation Standards Board: (Chief)**

- No report

#### **Board of Fire Control – (Chief Skantze/Chief Clark)**

- Chief Clark reported that they will hold a meeting next week and discuss various changers to the fire code. Chief Norm Skantze of Wolfeboro is the new chair of the board.

#### **Division of Emergency Services and Communications – (Director Doyle) –**

- E9-1-1 Commission Meeting held virtually on June 12<sup>th</sup> – minutes available on our website;

- Interoperability Consolettes are being scheduled for deployment around the state, allowing the ability to communicate among and between several local and regional/county dispatch centers during emergencies;
- Changes relative to frequency of updating the data to our CAD on COVID-19 Positive addresses – now 3x's per week. No other changes are being made and we continue to ask callers about the potential for individuals at that location for having or having been exposed to COVID-19 to pass along during transfer;
- Assisting with Communications Support around the state during a number of demonstrations assisting state and local agencies during their response – fewer now than in previous month;
- Assisting daily at the ESF #2 desk in the SEOC;
- CAD Roll-out has been completed at all locations – user group meeting being scheduled to discuss updates and new features;
- Met with Chief Clarke re: Wilderness Rescue protocol and Medical Priority Dispatch differences – discussion to continue with Justin Romanello at FSTEMS;
- 9-1-1 Call volume is racing ahead of last year, by @ 5K calls - YTD

#### **E-911 Commission – (Chief Thomas) –**

He reiterated information presented by Director Doyle. He reported that 56 towns have been mapped. Also Marine Patrol operability is operational.

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

- NEAFC DIV IAFC meeting on 6/25;
  - 1100 members w/ 750 paying dues
  - FRI in Phoenix canceled
  - Treasurer's Report
    - Total Liabilities & Equity \$580,650.77
  - Hopeful to have its meeting in October in Mystic Conn. and celebrate the outgoing and incoming Officers
  - Presidents; Chuck Flynn – CT & John Duross –ME
  - 2021 Expo next year in Worcester, MA.
  - IAFC Treasurer Steve Locke explained the short fall in the IAFC
    - Budget –staff reduction of 23 positions & 15 layoffs
    - Removed the salary for the position of Executive Officer a position that is vacant at this time

#### **Recruitment and Retention Committee – (Chief Beattie) – (no report)**

**Old Business** – Chief Allan Clark gave a report of the Visiting and Curriculum Committees on FFI and II programs. The Curriculum Committee has approved the recommendations of the Visiting Committee. Report will be transferred to the Fire Standards and Training Commission for approval or revision. There are concerns to be addressed with the report. He will submit a report for the members to review.

**New Business** – Chief Jones spoke of the needed participation for all members.

**Good and Welfare** –

A MOTION to adjourn, carried at 1732 hours.

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

July 9, 2020