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Meeting Minutes of the Board of Directors – October 7, 2026

Meeting held virtually.

The meeting was called to order by Chief LaRoche at 0831 hours.

Members present: Chiefs LaRoche, Fraitzl, Carrier, Toomey, D. Chamberlain, Buxton, Chapman, Cotreau, Watkins
and ED Lemire.

Minutes of previous meetings: A MOTION (Buxton/Cotreau) to approve the September meeting minutes carried unanimously.

Financial Reports: The September reports were presented. A MOTION (Toomey/Cotreau) to approve carried unanimously.

Correspondence: Letters of thanks for scholarships were received from Chief James Chamberlain and Carson Miller.

Life Membership: n/a

Government Relations: (Schmidt)

- He has shared a preliminary list of bills to be followed.

Report of the President: (LaRoche)

- A lot of time was spent last month working with the Academy and DOS to finalize contract language on the infrastructure upgrade
- I attended the NH Fallen Firefighter's Memorial service on the 26th
- I had a good conversation with Deputy Lewandowski about the subcommittee that is looking at the EMS Board compositions, and his participation in the stakeholder group.
- I will not be able to attend the NHMA conference. Chief Emanual is aware of this, and he is all set to conduct the topic himself.
- I am also unable to attend the North Country Awards, but am glad we have a full table and will be well represented.

- I will not be at the November membership meeting. I will get the bell to the 1st VP at the BOD Meeting.

Report of the Executive Director: (Lemire)

- The November board meeting will be on 4th at Primex.
- The November meeting/seminar will be held at the Fire Academy on the 12th.
- The December BOD meeting will be virtual on the 2nd
- The December regular meeting will be in Nashua
- Chiefs LaRoche, Carrier and I worked with DOS staff to finalize the language in the agreements for the Fire Academy donations. The first check was sent and deposited.
- Chief Fraitzl and I attended the Eleanor Roosevelt dinner October 3 in Concord, courtesy of Adam's firm who had purchased the tickets but could not attend.
- Jodi Grimblas has affirmed that the multi-year contract with them is going into its second year with the same amount to be paid.
- The NHMA would like to meet with legislative reps from our board to discuss mutual issues forthcoming this year. The meeting may take place October 14 at 1300 hours.

1st Vice President's Report (D. Chamberlain) – No report

2nd Vice President's Report – (Fraitzl) –

- Chief Murray reported that Amber has started work on the website upgrades.

Sgt. At Arms Report – (Wheatley) – No report

IAFC – NED – (J. Chamberlain) –

- Chief Murray indicated that the NEAFC has suggested that the conference may be in NH or Marlboro, MA next year.
- He also stated that it was his last meeting and the new President should be helping to get the organization back on track

New Business –

Old Business –

Good and Welfare –

Motion to adjourn carried at 0855 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Brent T. Lemire, MPA
Executive Director
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