



NEW HAMPSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS, INC.

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Meeting Minutes of the Board of Directors – December 3, 2025

Meeting held virtually.

The meeting was called to order by Chief Watkins at 0832 hours.

Members present: Chiefs Watkins, LaRoche, D. Chamberlain, Carrier, J. Chamberlain, Fraitzl, Cotreau, Sitar, Emanuel, Wheatley and ED Lemire. Adam Schmidt joined us also.

Minutes of previous meetings: A MOTION (Wheatley/Fraitzl) to approve the November minutes carried unanimously.

Financial Reports: A MOTION (J. Chamberlain/Sitar) to approve the November financial reports carried unanimously. Chief Carrier reported that our credit card processor has stopped handling our transactions as we have a “tax levy” against our account. We will investigate.

Correspondence: n/a

Life Membership: n/a

Government Relations: (Schmidt)

I have included an updated legislative chart. The chart includes the following:

- House bills we have already sent (up to line 14)
- House bills that were made public yesterday (lines 15-30)
- A list of the LSRs (aka bill titles) that have not become bills (lines 31-65)
- Senate Bills we sent previously (lines 66-74)

We expect several other batches of House bills to be released in the near future. If you get a chance to review the bills, you will notice a number of them propose to repeal some of the bills intended to help increase more housing opportunities. Others seek to propose new measures to help with increased housing supply focused on third party inspections, etc.

Report of the President: (Watkins)

- The meeting of the Five Families has postponed until January.
- Chief Buxton reached out to him about appearing in a public relations ad on the Cancer Screening initiative. The board suggests that he be authorized to do it. Chief Emanuel believes that both should be involved. He will reach out to him.
- He attended the North Country Public Safety Awards banquet on November 14 with Chiefs Lemire, Fraitzl, J. Chamberlain, D. Chamberlain and Thomas.

Report of the Executive Director: (Lemire)

- The December 11 meeting will be a dinner meeting at the Nashua Country Club.
- The January 8, 2026 meeting will be virtual.
- The February 12 meeting will be at the NHFA for breakfast and seminar.
- The March 12 meeting will be hosted by the Barnstead Fire Department and feature a home-cooked corned beef and cabbage dinner.
- The April Annual Meeting will be at the Common Man in Plymouth.
- The Scholarship Committee will meet virtually Monday, December 15 at 1330 hours.
- Board members represented the Assn. at the North Country Public Safety Awards dinner on November 14.
- I attended the NHMA conference in Manchester. Our member/presenters did us proud!
- Paperwork is complete and authorization given for the NHAFC opportunity at the NASH January 23-27.
- Ad book proceeds to date: Total: \$23,565.50 ; Vendor: \$16,495.50; Assn: \$7,069.50.

1st Vice President's Report (LaRoche) –

- The Professional Development Committee will meet December 18.
- He and ED Lemire attended the REVO Casino thank you event at the Hilton Manchester.

2nd Vice President's Report – (D. Chamberlain) –

- He reported on the Scholarship Committee meeting held and stated that we will be proposing increased amounts with different criteria.

Sgt. At Arms Report – (Fraitzl) –

- He is working with Chief Guarnera of Merrimack and a related company for saleables for our Association.

IAFC – NED – (Jones/S. Murray) –

New Business –

Old Business –

- He asked Chief Sitar if he knew the status of the ambulance billing contract. He believes that it's ready for signature by the G&C.
- Chief Cotreau mentioned that he does not like the language requiring services to accept assignment. He is also hesitant with the balance billing language. He complimented Chief Sitar on his work and urged the Association to keep its eye on how the issue progresses, especially with the cost study.

Good and Welfare –

- Chief Dave Chamberlain thanked the Association for allowing him to participate and present at the NHMA conference in Manchester. Chief Emanuel also thanked Chief Thomas for his participation.
- He reported on the actions at the Board of Fire Control meeting

Motion to adjourn carried at 0910 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Brent T. Lemire, MPA
Executive Director

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