



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

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### Meeting Minutes of the Board of Directors – March 12, 2025

#### Virtual

The meeting was called to order by Chief Emanuel at 1407 hours.

**Members present:** Chiefs Emanuel, Watkins, Hunter, Buxton, Wheatley, D. Chamberlain, Fraitzl, J. Chamberlain, Carrier, Murray, Jones and ED Lemire. Adam Schmidt joined us also.

**Minutes of previous meetings:** A MOTION (J. Chamberlain/Watkins) to approve the February minutes carried unanimously.

**Financial Reports:** Distributed via email. A MOTION (Wheatley/Buxton) to approve the February financials carried unanimously.

**Correspondence:** n/a

**Life Membership:** n/a

#### **Report of the President: (Emanuel)**

- He shared the experience in Washington at CFSI activities and their meetings with our Congressional delegation.
- Chiefs Emanuel and Jones attended the MA Fire Chiefs' breakfast.
- He is serving on the selection board for Director of FST/EMS.
- NH Explorer Academy reached out for a donation. (See below)
- He sent an invitation to stakeholders for the EV & Lithium Ion Battery workgroup meeting.
- He attended the DOT Traffic Safety Summit at NHDOT. They talked about preventing highway fatalities. He mentioned that they brought out the subject of protecting the first responders on the highway.
- He appointed a Nominating Committee: (Jay Lyon; Mark Cotreau and Phil Cloutier).
- We will be preparing a budget for the ensuing year. Chiefs Emanuel, Watkins, Carrier and Lemire will work on it.

- There was a request to sponsor the IAFC leadership at our Annual Meeting. (See last item).
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### **Report of the Executive Director: (Lemire)**

- The regular meeting will be held at Alan's of Boscawen tomorrow. Commissioner Quinn will join us. Gov. Ayotte will be attending our networking and will speak just before we have dinner.
- The April BOD meeting will be on the 2nd at Primex.
- The Annual Meeting/Seminar/Vendor Showcase/Dinner will be held on April 10 in Plymouth at the Common Man Inn and Spa. Spouses/guests will be welcome to attend. So far I have 20 vendors committed and \$3,700 in sponsorships.
- Our May meeting will be on the 8<sup>th</sup> at the Whelen facilities in Charlestown, NH as their guest for dinner.
- Ad book proceeds to date: Total: \$5715.00 ; Vendor: \$4000.00; Assn: \$1714.00.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President's Report (Watkins) –**

- The next meeting of the PTSD Committee will be Friday.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President's Report – (Hunter) –**

- He spoke of the meeting on ground ambulance studies.

### **Sgt. At Arms Report – (Chamberlain) – No report**

### **IAFC – NED – (Jones/S. Murray) –**

- Chief Murray stated that the Division is sponsoring a professional development seminar (Mental Health Summit) on March 18 at Florian Hall in Boston, and the information has been distributed.

### **New Business –**

- Nominating Committee/Vacant positions
- Closure of National Fire Academy – A MOTION (Fraitzl/Watkins) to forward a letter to all of our delegation imploring them to help reopen the NFA, carried unanimously.
- A MOTION (J. Chamberlain/Fraitzl) to appropriate \$1000.00 as a donation to the Explorer Fire Academy carried unanimously.

### **Old Business –**

### **Good and Welfare –**

- The 2025 Golf Tournament will be held at Lochmere CC in Tilton on August 11.

### **Government Relations: (Schmidt)**

- Adam shared his experience with the ambulance committee today, which wasn't positive. We will be contacting appropriate personnel on the issue. The sub committee voted to adopt the 200% formula.

A MOTION: (Buxton/Fratizl) to allocate up to \$150.00 toward guests at the Annual Meeting, carried unanimously. ED Lemire will invite the IAFC President and NE Officers.

Motion to adjourn at 1535 hours.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brent T. Lemire, MPA  
Executive Director

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