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Meeting Minutes of the Board of Directors – May 6, 2026

Meeting held virtually on a Go To Meeting platform.

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

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

Minutes of previous meetings: A MOTION (J. Chamberlain/Fraitzl) to approve the April minutes carried unanimously.

Financial Reports: The April reports were presented. A MOTION (Fraitzl/Wheatley) to approve, carried unanimously.

Correspondence: n/a

Life Membership: A MOTION (Fraitzl/Champman) to approve Life Membership for Chief Michael Sitar of Tilton/Northfield, carried unanimously.

Government Relations: (Schmidt)

- He highlighted a couple of bills that are still in the pipeline and reminded all of the webinar on Ground Ambulance Service today.
- He congratulated Chief Wheatley on his numerous recognitions of late.

Report of the President: (LaRoche)

- On April 15th I testified to the Senate Committee in support of HB 1602. Chief Lyon, also testified.
- The NH Ground Ambulance Data Collection webinar is today from 1200-1300. As discussed at the annual meeting, many services were not receiving information from RAND or NHID, to include our private EMS partners. This has been communicated to NHID. They have added emails to list for NHAFC, NHBEMS, and the Ambulance Association so that those groups can forward future communications.
- The Professional Development Committee will meet next week to finalize June and August's seminars.

- You have probably noticed that the spam/phishing emails have started again, now appearing to come from me. I have reached out to the IT company that Bristol uses, to see if they have any insight on this and any suggestions as we look to go to a new website.
- He has decided to ask the 1st VP (D. Chamberlain) to serve as liaison to the Professional Development Committee so as to ensure continuity.

Report of the Executive Director: (Lemire)

- The June 11 meeting will be a breakfast meeting at the NH Fire Academy.
- The June 3 BOD meeting.
- The July 9 meeting will be virtual.
- 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 September meeting will be on the 10th for breakfast at Lakes Region Community College.
- The North Country Public Safety Awards banquet will be held on Friday, October 30, 2026.
- We experienced a trademark infringement issue with our certified officer program. I have not heard anything further so they must have been satisfied with our letter.
- The Scholarship Program has been advertised and posted.

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

2nd Vice President's Report – (Fraitzl) – No report

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

IAFC – NED – (Jones/S. Murray) – No report

New Business – n/a

Old Business –

- The letter to recommend Asst. Chief Pouliot's reappointment on the BCRB has been sent.
- We need new representatives to the NVFC and the SERC. Both positions vacancies have been advertised.
- On April 22, 2026, a virtual poll was taken, a MOTION (D. Chamberlain/Buxton) to accept the \$20,000 for the HazMat grant and to allow Chief Thomas to be the signatory on all official documents, carried unanimously.
- We have submitted a letter of support to the state Commissioner of Education in support of their proposal to map all of the educational facilities statewide. Director Buxton is coordinating the efforts.

Good and Welfare –

Motion to adjourn carried at 0857 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Brent T. Lemire, MPA
Executive Director

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