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Minutes of a Virtual Meeting of the Board of Directors – January 6, 2021

Called to order by Chief Jones at 0835 hours

Present: Chiefs Jones, Beattie, Emanuel, Christopoulos, Thomas, Rhodes, Toomey, Buxton, Watkins and Executive Director Lemire.

Minutes of previous meeting: Motion (Rhodes/Toomey) to approve the minutes from the December meeting carried unanimously.

Financial Reports: n/a

Correspondence: n/a

President's Report: (Jones)

- Covid -19 virtual meeting held this past Monday, further discussion pertaining to methamphetamines.
- Letter sent to Governor requesting First Responders be in 1A group.
- Email from Allen Clark requesting our position on vacancies - Assistant Commissioner & Fire Academy Director.
- Marshal Parisi is concerned with increasing positive first responder numbers and percentage of vaccines administered to first responders.
- Scheduled to meet with Commissioner Quinn Monday 1/11.

Report of the Executive Director: (Lemire)

- Regular meeting this month will be on January 14 at 0900
- We have moved the Vendor Showcase to September 9 but will keep annual meeting in April.
- November weekend still booked
- Not sure about the Primex conference yet.

1st Vice President's Report (Sitar) n/r

2nd Vice President's Report (Beattie)

- He has been in contact with lobbyist to go over the bills filed.

- Balancing Billing bill has been re-filed. We need to track it as its passage will hurt every transport agency.
- Others

Sgt. At Arms Report (Emanuel) – n/r

Scholarship Committee (Toomey) – n/r

New Business:

- Chief Buxton reported on the Homeland Security Grant Committee action. They met for the first time in several months. As of Friday, there will be a very narrow window of opportunity to apply. They will be called back by the end of January.
- There is \$174,000 left for EMS in Warm Zone training that will expire in August. He asks the members to think outside of the box for training so that we can utilize the funds.
- There is also money available for swiftwater training. He suggests that departments partner with mutual aid organization in grant applications. That is the preferred mechanism for grant awarding.
- There is also some funds for HazMat teams.
- He also reported that the first FST meeting of the year will be held tomorrow and will be the first since the Director announced her retirement.
- There was a discussion on FF II opportunities.

Old Business:

- Discussion ensued as to the methamphetamine problems existing.
- Discussion ensued as to percentages of first responders taking vaccines.
- Chief Rhodes mentioned fundraising possibility by casino games.

Good and Welfare: Chief Beattie reported that a task force has been formed to study changes/improvements to the Fire programs at NHTI. He was asked for comments on the program and offered several as the Chief of Laconia.

Chief Christopoulos will have more information from the IAFC after upcoming meetings. FRI is still scheduled for Charlotte at the end of July.

Chief Jones reported that the NE Chiefs still hope to hold their conference in Worcester but will know more after their January 20 meeting.

Chief Rhodes stated that Nashua has been able to add the IAFF Center of Excellence added to the Anthem provider list.

Upcoming Events: The monthly meeting will be held Thursday, January 14 at 1600 hours.

Meeting adjourned at 0941 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

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NH Association of Fire Chiefs