



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

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### Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of Directors – November 3, 2021

Centennial Hotel, Concord, NH

Called to order by Chief Sitar at 0855 hours

Present: Chiefs Sitar, Beattie, Emanuel, Rhodes, Thomas, Howard and Executive Director Lemire.

**Minutes of previous meeting:** Motion (Rhodes/Beattie) to approve the minutes from the October 6 meeting carried unanimously.

**Financial Reports:** October reports will be presented when Chiefs Christopoulos and Chief Carrier meet to transition the information.

Discussion ensued as to our transition to a new Treasurer. A MOTION (Rhodes/Howard) to authorize Chief Carrier to purchase a new financial software program (Desktop Pro Plus 2022) not to exceed \$500 carried unanimously

### **Correspondence:**

#### **President's Report: (Sitar)**

- Met with the Homeland Security Grant Committee to review procedures for reviewing applications for that program.
- Met with Ty Gagne and Margaret Burns to review applications for NH CFO
- Had lunch with Deputy Rodenhiser to wish him well in retirement
- Meeting with the NH Crisis Standards of Care Committee to review requirements needed to meet the Federal standard.
- I had a discussion with Commissioner Quinn on the Public Safety Officers Benefit Law. I referred him to Mark Klose for further information.

#### **Report of the Executive Director: (Lemire)**

- The notice and sign-up info for the November weekend have gone out. The costs are all-inclusive of rooms and meals for Saturday and Sunday. They are not giving us the house for our networking as planned as the inn has been sold. They will give us a Town House on Saturday night for networking. I have tentatively

secured sponsorship from WD Perkins Pumps and Minuteman Security. A MOTION (Beattie/ Howard) to authorize

- Attended North Country Public Safety Awards dinner last Friday night.
- Chief Corey from Brookline has asked to sponsor a dinner meeting on June 9 and Nick Mercuri would like to host a breakfast meeting at LRCC during the spring.
- Due to the transition of Treasurers, the body must vote to authorize Steve Carrier to have access to all Association accounts.
- I will accompany Director Cutting and Marshal Toomey to Sunapee tonight to meet with the Upper Valley Chiefs, not unlike the meeting in Bethlehem.
- December's meeting will be somewhere in Dover on the 9<sup>th</sup> and January, 2022 meeting will be virtual.

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

- One topic from our last joint meeting with PFFNH, NHFA, NH State Fireman's Assn., NHFMO and us, was the need to reform the Recruitment and Retention Committee. Each of the 5 organizations will be participating.
  - We need 2-3 members from the NHAFC to participate
- Have we found anyone to participate? Chief Emanuel suggested a survey.
- As a result of HB 220, a *committee to examine the policy of medical intervention including immunizations* was formed. Their first meeting is on Wednesday Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>. The NHAFC was asked to be part of this, and to include testimony. Following discussions with Adam Schmidt we advised Representative Lang that we would not be able to attend but may be able to provide written statements in the future.
- I, along with other members of the NHAFC BOD attended the North Country Public Safety Foundation dinner. It was well attended. Chief Chris Christopoulos was recognized by the foundation for his commitment to public safety, through his role as Fire Chief, and EMD.

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

1. **NEW LSRS** – I have attached the most recent LSRS. From LSR 2868 to the end of the page are new. The remainder the Board has seen before. If there are questions regarding any of them, glad to reach out to Legislators to get more detail.
2. **Survey** – Brent provided an update of the survey results on 10/20. In addition to Chief Best responding, we received feedback from 18 Departments. Shortly after Brent's update, Adam was called by PFFNH to see how the results were coming in. Adam explained that we had some but was not sure if we would get more. Sounded like they were having a challenge collecting the same information. Is it worth discussing with the Board the benefits of sending out a second request for responses?
3. **Committee to Examine Policy on Medical Interventions including Immunizations** – The Committee will be meeting tomorrow morning at

9 (the same time as the Board meeting). They have requested information from various groups, including NHAFC, regarding details of Medical Interventions. For the fire service, they were interested in instances where procedures/codes/statutes, etc., require the provision of care, even over the objection of the individual. Jodi and/or Adam will find more about the Committee meeting tomorrow and provide an update to NHAFC.

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**Sgt. At Arms Report (Best) – n/r**

**Marshal Toomey – n/r**

**New Business:** Chief Howard shared that as of January 1, Cheshire County will be the first county in the state to have a county ambulance service.

**Old Business:** Chief Rhodes reported that our store is off the supplier's website. It is suggested that we change vendors to East Coast Outfitters. He will look into it.

**IAFC – (Christopoulos) – n/a**

**NEDAFC – IAFC – (Jones) – n/a**

**Good and Welfare:**

**Upcoming Events:** The monthly meeting will be held Saturday, November 13 at the Red Jacket Mt. View at 1300 hours.

**Meeting adjourned at 1023 hours.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

Brent T. Lemire, MPA  
Executive Director  
NH Association of Fire Chiefs

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