



NEW HAMPSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS, INC.

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Meeting Agenda of the Board of Directors – June 7, 2023

Primex facility – Concord, NH

Called to order by Chief Best at 0830 hours

Members present: Chiefs Best, Emanuel, Hunter, Carrier, Chamberlain, McShane, S. Buxton, Thomas, Sitar, Director R. Buxton and ED Lemire.

Minutes of previous meeting: Posted. A MOTION (Emanuel/Sitar) to accept carried unanimously.

Financial Reports: Distributed to BOD members but not posted. A MOTION (Thomas/S. Buxton) to approve them carried unanimously.

Correspondence: n/a

Life Membership:

President's Report (Best)

1. HB2 discussion ref pension reform HB 436. He described the meetings, etc. held in relation to its being pulled and a committee set up. Discussion ensued as to our representation on the committee. It appears to be a double edged sword for us. We will not seek membership on the committee.
2. HB182 Volunteer/Call FF termination legislation discussion. More thought is needed before we take a stand. Staying neutral for now.
3. NHAFC Strategic Plan Status – awaiting final report from Rick Alpers
4. Golf tournament update. Chief Carrier reported that the registration has been slow.
5. NEFC October meeting attendance/participation – Mohegan Sun this year.
6. 5 Families meeting next week 6/15- topics of mutual interest
7. Meeting next week 6/13with NHFMO ref EVs
8. Meeting 6/6 with NHFA ref mental health seminar/training planning
9. Committee vacancy status update- what is vacant; are we waiting on any appointments by DOS or Governor?
10. He attended the NorthPac mutual aid meeting in Dalton and had some great discussions on mental health.
11. He attended the Primex conference that turned out very well.

12. We need to push out via list serve for volunteers for the Social Media committee

Report of the Executive Director: (Lemire)

- Next board meeting will be Wednesday, July 12 and will be virtual.
- The June meeting will be in Brookline, NH hosted by Chief Corey and feature a home-cooked roast beef dinner.
- In July, the regular meeting will be at the Atlantic Grill in Rye on the 13th.
- August 2 (Wednesday) you are all invited to Litchfield for our usual outdoor meeting and the regular meeting on the 10th will be in Gorham at the Town for Country.
- The September 14 meeting will be at the LRCC and includes breakfast.
- Dep. Maurice Paquette's info has been forwarded to the Governor for appointment to the Emergency Medical and Trauma Services Coordinating Board.
- Chief Meredith Lund is having a reception on the 16th (Friday) from 3:00 to 6:00 pm at the New Ipswich fire station. I have ordered her Life Membership card.
- The Falls Event Center is closed for the year. We had planned on October for a Vendor Showcase. It was decided to wait for April of 2024 like before.
- NHMA is having their conference in November and looking for speakers. We will participate.

1st Vice President's Report (Emanuel)

- Legislative update
- Notice of retirement program from NHFA on Friday June 16, 2023 for Scott Cathy for his promotion to New Hampton fire chief's position.
- NH Hazmat conference surplus grant of approximately \$16-17K to be allocated between the two programs. The goal is to include fire/EMS/and LE.
- NHAFC will be delivering three educational programs on Electric Vehicle fires at the NHFA on July 7-8, 2023.
- The Seacoast Chief Fire Officer Mutual Aid District has been working with Hank Thomas to co-sponsor EV training on August 29, 2023. The District has secured Dover High School for the large capacity venue and is planning to deliver two offerings. The speaker has been booked and the NH Towing Association has reserved 100 seats for the program.

- IAFC Safety Stand Down 2023

The 2023 Safety Stand Down takes place June 18-24 and focuses on lithium-ion battery response with the theme "Lithium-Ion Batteries: Are you Ready?" Five daily focus areas highlight different aspects of this critical safety topic. Additional planning materials and resources will be added to this web site leading up to Safety Stand Down. Taking place each year during the third full week of June, Safety Stand Down highlights critical safety, health, and survival issues for fire and emergency services personnel.

Departments are asked to suspend all non-emergency activities during the week to focus their attention on safety and health education efforts. A week is provided to ensure that all duty shifts can participate. The 2023 Safety Stand Down takes place June 18-24 and focuses on lithium-ion battery response. Five daily focus areas highlight different aspects of this critical safety topic. Additional planning materials and resources will be added to this web site leading up to Safety Stand Down. (Read press release.) <https://www.safetystanddown.org/>

- NIOSH National Firefighter Registry (NFR) for Cancer is live

The National Firefighter Registry (NFR) for Cancer is the largest effort ever undertaken to understand and reduce risk of cancer among U.S. firefighters. NIOSH is recruiting firefighters to join the NFR so that we can better understand the link between firefighting and cancer. Firefighters are exposed to chemicals on the fireground that could increase their risk of developing cancer. There are many unanswered questions about how cancer risk may vary across our nation's diverse fire service. <https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/firefighters/registry.html>

- Emanuel represented the IAFC at USFA/FEMA joint initiatives on Diversity Equity and Inclusion and Safety Culture/Behavioral Health in the fire service on May 17-18, 2023. Feedback instruments are being developed to take the temperature of our organizations and more information is forthcoming.
- Emanuel will be at Philmont Scout Reservation in New Mexico with 16 Scouts from July 4-18, 2023 and absent from the BOD and July membership meetings.

2nd Vice President's Report (Watkins) – no report

Sgt. At Arms Report (Hunter) – no report

New Business:

Chief Carrier suggested that the Association open CD's with proceeds from two accounts

A MOTION (Sitar/Emanuel) to accept the Treasurer's suggestion to purchase CD's with proceeds from the two accounts suggested carried unanimously.

Old Business:

IAFC – NED – (R. Buxton) – He mentioned the October conference earlier.

Upcoming Events – Regular Meeting – June 8; Virtual BOD meeting, July 12 and regular monthly meeting is July 13 at the Atlantic Grill in Rye.

Motion to adjourned carried at 0952 hours.