



NEW HAMPSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS, INC.

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Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the NH Association of Fire Chiefs

Thursday, October 14, 2021

NOTE: On October 7, 2021, Chief Christopoulos submitted his resignation as Treasurer, effective November 1, 2021. In accordance with the Bylaws, Chief Sitar proceeded in asking the Board of Directors to replace him to fill his unexpired term. On October 8, 2021, an email poll was taken. A MOTION (Beattie/Rhodes) to appoint Chief Stephen Carrier as Treasurer carried unanimously.

The meeting was called to order at 0931 hours by Chief Sitar.

After a salute to the flag, a moment of silence was requested for departed members.

Chief Sitar welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Special Guests:

Minutes of the September 9 meeting are posted. A MOTION (Hunter/Kerrigan) to accept them, carried unanimously.

Financial Reports: The August and September financials have been posted. A MOTION (Carrier/Thomas) to approve them carried unanimously.

Communications: n/a

Applications for membership: 4 new members: Chief Ronald Beard of Lincoln Fire and Chief Phillip Cloutier of Gorham Fire; Chief Donald Nourse of Wilton and Professor Dustin Stream of LRCC. Welcome to you all!

Life Membership: Former Director Deb Pendergast was presented her Life Membership card.

President's Report: (Sitar) –

- Chief Christopoulos has resigned as Treasurer as of November 1, 2021. Chief Stephen Carrier has been appointed by the board to fill the unexpired term.

- He attended the Firefighters' Memorial ceremony on behalf of the organization.
- He attended the Governor's proclamation of Fire Prevention week 2021.
- He also attended the wake/funeral of Capt. Jeff Witcombe in Littleton.
- The NH Medical Disaster Advisory Board is meeting again and he is our rep to that committee.
- Homeland Security Grant Committee is meeting again and he is our rep

Executive Director's Report (Lemire) –

- The Vendor Showcase was a success. Although we only had 18 vendors, we had 44 attendees which was positive. I was able to procure sponsorships to cover all of our expenses and my tally shows that we made \$2,466.00 on the event.
- The notice and sign-up info for the November weekend will be going out shortly. Remember we need 25 couples to make this work. Also the costs are all-inclusive of rooms and meals for Saturday and Sunday. They are also giving us the house for our networking.
- Doug Aiken sent a boilerplate letter to be sent to Senator Shaheen requesting funding for certain key areas. Board members agreed to send the letter.
- Letters of recommendation for re-appointment have been sent for Chiefs Buxton and Clarke for FST and the thank you notes for the supplemental funding for NHFA courses have been sent to the principals involved.

1st Vice President Report (Beattie) –

- On 9/21 I spoke in front of the House Commerce Committee's Consumer Affairs Subcommittee reference HB 343 (Proposed Ambulance Balance Billing Legislation)
 - Chiefs Sitar, and Best as well as Adam Schmidt and Jodi Grimbilas were in attendance.
 - There was no support or speakers in favor of the bill as written, and very little support with any currently suggested amendments
 - This bill will now go to either committee or commission
 - Committee is a group of legislators
 - Commission includes legislators, and subject matter experts jointly working on the issue
 - Although it is not our decision, we have made the position we want a commission so we have a seat at the table
- I have been approved to be a speaker at the NHMA Conference November 17-19, 2021
 - I will be speaking on Thursday the 18th in a morning congruent session (virtually)
 - My topic is *Critical Issues Facing the NH Fire Service*
 - Recruitment and Retention
 - Cancer
 - Succession Planning
 - Mental Health Awareness

- Health and Wellness
- November 17th I will be participating in the NHFA Kitchen Table Conversation series, discussing Recruitment and Retention.
- 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
- Chief's Sitar, Emmanuel and I met with Fallon Reed from HSEM to discuss booster shots and pediatric (age 5-11) vaccines.
 - Further discussion will be needed, hopefully at the public health network/local level to discuss 3rd vaccine rollout
 - Pfizer only available now, Moderna and J&J soon
 - Early polling from Fallon looking to see what type of participation we could expect from AEMT's and Paramedics when it comes time to vaccinate 5-11 y/o recipients

2nd Vice President Report (Emmanuel) –

- NH House Filing deadline for bills passed in September. About 840 new bills have been filed in the House for 2022. There will likely be efforts to reduce that number as session draws closer. One of the bills appears to revisit the qualified immunity debate from last session.
- Senate filing period started yesterday (10/13) and runs through 10/27. We will be reviewing Senate bill titles as they become public and add them to the existing list for 2022.
- HB 343 (Ambulance Billing) – On Tuesday, October 12, a House Commerce subcommittee voted 4-3 to recommend that the bill be killed. As introduced, it would have precluded communities for balance billing for ambulance services. NHAFC opposed the bill but worked with the sponsor to develop an alternative proposal. During the subcommittee, the sponsor introduced an amendment to create a study commission to determine alternatives to support rural ambulance service. The amendment was not adopted. Moving forward, the House Committee will vote on the bill later this fall. At this point, the two proposals the committee will consider are killing the bill or creating a commission. The entire House will vote in early 2022.
- Code Adoption Study – Next Wednesday (10/20), a study committee to examine adopting updates to the building and fire code will hold their final meeting. They will likely recommend legislation to assist with code adoption by the Legislature. In the past, there have been challenges with the code approval process at the State House. The proposals will likely create a new standing committee to work with the various boards and commissions to ensure their code adoption proposals are reviewed and a new, clearer process is developed. We will have more detail at a future meeting.
- Retirement System Legislation – Legislation have been filed to amend the existing determination for Average Final Compensation by the NH Retirement System. The proposed change is meant to effect anyone who was ***NOT*** vested by January 1, 2012. Later this fall, the various groups representing the membership in Group 2 will connect to discuss strategy.

Sgt. At Arms (Best) – No report

Committee Reports

Scholarship Committee – (Dep. Toomey) –

Recruitment and Retention Committee – (Chief Beattie) – (no report)

Division Reports

Fire Marshal – (Marshal Toomey)

ADMINISTRATION:

Personnel:

We have several openings within the office, please share this information with anyone that may be interested:

Full time Assistant Director/Deputy Fire Marshal- posting closes October 19th

Full time Deputy Fire Marshal/Fire Protection Engineer- posting closes October 14th

Full time Fire Investigator- finalizing offer letter and establishing a start date

Part time State Building Inspector

Part time State Building Permit Coordinator

Part time Administrative Secretary for Building Code Review Board

We are pleased to welcome Fredrick Miuzzo as the new NFIRS Program Coordinator.

Deputy Fire Marshal Keith Rodenhiser has announced his retirement effective October 29, 2021 following 21 years of service to the State Fire Marshal's Office. We will be hosting an open house on October 27th from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at the NH Fire Academy to wish him well in his upcoming retirement.

We have four staff attending the NH Supervisory Academy that started in September. The program runs for a total of eight weeks.

Statewide Fire Incident Reporting:

We are working with FSTEMS on a joint initiative to implement and pilot the new NH Emergency Reporting Software using Imagetrend. This solution will soon be available for all fire departments for incident reporting, inspections, inventory and scheduling. NFIRS data reporting will remain a function of the FMO.

Legislation:

We are following the study committee for SB 106 relative to the adoption of the 2018 fire code. A report is due out of the committee by November 1,

2021. We anticipate two bills this session out of this committee. The first will be for the adoption of the 2018 editions of the State Building & Fire Code and the second will be some policy/procedural clean-up on the code adoption process.

We will be monitoring the upcoming filing period for LSR's that impact the fire service. The House filing period is complete and the Senate filing period is later this month.

BUREAU OF INVESTIGATIONS:

New/Active cases (synopsis of some of our cases are listed below):

- On September 11, 2021, investigators responded to 20 Elm St. in Winchester to assist the Winchester FD and PD with a fire started on the exterior of a vacant/unoccupied structure. There was no electricity to the building. During the course of the investigation, criminal indicators were discovered. The investigation is ongoing.
- On September 14, 2021, investigators responded to 314 Cross Hill Rd. in Wilmot to assist the Wilmot FD and PD with a fire in a residence. There were concerns that a juvenile may have started the fire. The investigation is ongoing.
- On September 23, 2021, a call was received about a room and contents fire in an apartment building at 9 Bible Hill Rd. in Bennington. The building's sprinkler system did not activate during the fire and further investigation discovered the system had been turned off. An investigator and members of the Bureau of Building Safety & Construction remain ready to assist the Bennington Fire Department as they work to ensure the building is brought into compliance.
- On September 23, 2021 an investigator with an IGL Canine was requested to respond to 29 South St. in Concord to assist the Concord FD and PD with an investigation into a fire at an apartment building. During the course of the investigation, criminal indicators were discovered. The investigation is ongoing by the Concord Fire and Police Departments.

Ignitable Liquid Detection Canine Teams:

Our two IGL Canine Teams were deployed three times in the month of September. A joint training day was conducted with the IGL Canine Team from the Manchester Fire Department with the assistance of Marine Patrol. The training was focused on marine operations, boat safety, building sniffs and outdoor area searches. Three K9 demonstrations were conducted in September for Lakes Region Community College students, the NHFA Certified Fire Investigator School and a group of county attorneys and municipal prosecutors attending a live-fire, origin and cause training.

Public Outreach:

Investigators provided an *Arson Principles and Concepts* live-fire, origin and cause training for eight NH county attorneys and municipal prosecutors with the support of the NH Fire Academy and the Bureau of ATF.

Investigators are assisting with youth fire setter assessments in multiple communities throughout the state. Our youth fire setter coordinator continues to work with the mental health community in trying to resurrect a youth fire setter task force.

Several members of the Bureau of Investigations have been contributing as instructors at the NH Fire Academy's Certified Fire Investigator School. The program started at the end of August and runs through the month of October. Some of the instruction that we are providing is: Interviewing Techniques and the Reliability and Relevance of Witness Statements, Proper Handling of Evidence, Youth Fire Setting and IGL K9 demonstrations.

Training/Committees:

Investigators attended several trainings in the month of August, some to include: IAAI's Working Relationship Between Origin & Cause and Electrical Engineer and What Happens When Your Fire Loss Goes to Court, Ethics, De-Escalation, Diversity and Inclusion, Use of Force, Timelines for Investigators, Forensic Anthropology and Fire Investigations, Origin and Cause Report Writing, Myths and Legends in Fire Investigation, Mental Health Seminar and Psychological Survival.

Court Actions:

One of our investigators testified in Merrimack County Superior Court regarding a 2005 arson homicide that happened in Concord, NH. Richard Ellison is on trial for First Degree Murder and Second Degree Murder for causing the death of Robert McMillan, age 85 of 284 N. State St., Concord on December 9, 2005. The investigator testified to his involvement in this case when he was a Concord Police Officer. Other members of the FMO who have retired, or since left the office, have also testified in this case.

BUREAU OF BUILDING SAFETY & CONSTRUCTION:

State Building Permit System:

We processed 43 building permit applications in the month of September.

Technical Assistance, Educational & Healthcare Reviews:

Our staff remains available for technical code assistance. We initiated 3 educational and 5 healthcare plan reviews, completed 110 inspections and 69 technical consults in the month of September.

Variance Requests:

We processed 4 variance requests in the month of September.

BUREAU OF PLANNING AND SUPPORT SERVICES:

Hazardous Materials:

Hazardous Materials response, coordination and consultation is available through the on-call FMO supervisor.

We are working on a review of the Tier II reporting and have identified some deficiencies in the required reporting. Our office is working with EPA Region 1 on outreach to impacted facilities. A letter was sent out to ice arenas as approximately 20 locations have not reported.

We provided technical support to the Central NH Hazmat Team with an exercise at the Merrimack Station in Bow.

Community Risk Reduction & Community Outreach:

We have been delivering the Remembering When, a falls and fire prevention program for older adults in several communities.

The CRR team was busy in the month of September preparing for Fire Prevention Week activities and outreach.

Training:

The NH State Fire Marshal's Office has partnered with the Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid Association and will be conducting a free training on October 12th to provide an overview of the roles and capabilities of the State Fire Marshal's Office. Please register in advance at www.lrmfa.org.

We are working on scheduling inspection training opportunities in the North Country, details will be made available soon.

NH Fire Standards, Training and EMS - (Dir. Cutting)

ADMINISTRATION

Personnel

- On October 2nd active senior staff instructor and retired Littleton Fire Captain Jeffrey Whitcomb passed away. He served our Division as an instructor since 1997. Many of our staff spent last week working together with Littleton FD and others to plan his funeral services. Our thanks goes to everyone involved.

- Two full-time fire training Captain's (for the central region and main campus and North Country region) position posting's have closed and we are beginning the evaluation process to fill these.
- We are in the process of filling our open Part-time Compliance Specialist position.
- We are in the process of hiring an Administrative Assistant I position who supervises the administrative operations and support for the Director and Senior Staff of the Division.

Grants

- We have submitted a GOFERR grant request for infrastructure upgrades to the Burton Fire and EMS Training facility, a full-time Recruitment and Retention Coordinator and for multiple EMR classes over the next four years.
- We submitted a grant through the American Rescue Plan Act to address suicide, burnout and behavioral health conditions - including substance abuse - among public safety officials. We have not received any updates.
- We are working through the Fiscal and G&C process on the Rural Health and AFG grants.
- Fire Standards and Training Commission / Curriculum
 - The Fire Standards and Training Commission has approved the written comment period to open through November 1, 2021 for public comment on the proposed changes to the NFPA 1041 Fire and Emergency Services Instructor I, II and III training programs.
 - Any public comment can be submitted at: <https://nhfa-ems.com/fst-commission-curriculum-public-feedback-form/>. All curriculum information of the proposed program can be found at: <https://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/fstems/boards/index.html>
 - The Fire Officer I & II Visiting Committee had their first meeting October 12th.
 - The next Fire Standards and Training Commission meeting will be November 4th at 0930 in Classrooms 5/6 in the dormitory building at the main campus.

Special Projects

- At the last meeting with NHAFC, PFFNH, FMO, FSTEMS and the State Firefighters Association we agreed to establish a committee to investigate and begin to address the recruitment and retention issue NH's fire service is facing. We expect the members from each organization to be named early this month.

Legislative/Administrative Rules

- On Friday October 15th at 1300 hrs. there is a public hearing for Saf-C 6203.01 regarding the course cost reductions for Firefighter I and II which will be held in the auditorium at our main campus.

Outreach

- We are planning more regional roundtables with fire service leaders. Our next area will be the Southwest part of the State. This is a collaborative effort with the Fire Marshal's Office.

BUREAU OF FIRE TRAINING

Courses/Programs

- The Firefighter I in Bartlett, Firefighter II classes in Brookline, Newington and Sunapee, the LRCC FF I/II are all ongoing.
 - Testing in the Sunapee FF II class will be October 13th and 16th.
- A Driver/Operator – Aerial class continues in Franklin.
- A Driver Operator – All Vehicle class is scheduled to begin in Auburn this month.
- We have begun designing a course planning guide/policy that will allow departments, individuals and services to share their needs for classes and to make requests for courses. The plan is for this to take effect at the beginning of the year.

Facilities

- A work detail is being planned for the Burton Training facility to address some maintenance issues.

Apparatus/Equipment

- Engine 1 (pump) and Ladder 1 (aerial & pump) are OOS.
- We continue to receive updates on the new Aerial. Completion is still expected next year.

BUREAU OF CERTIFICATION AND SUPPORT

Courses/Programs

- Instructor I, Fire Officer I and Fire Inspector I at the Fire Academy in Concord are all ongoing.
- NFA – Preparation for Initial Company Operations begins in November.
- ICS Functions in EMS at the Fire Academy in Concord begins in October.
- Leadership in Supervision begins in December at the Fire Academy.
- Fire Investigator at the Fire Academy in Concord is nearing completion.
- Public Information Officer – Basic begins at the Burton facility October 27th.
- Instructor I will be offered again this fall beginning November 2nd at the main campus in Concord.
- We have begun “Kitchen Table Conversations” with fire service leaders from across the State. The next scheduled is with Chief Kirk Beattie on recruitment and retention November 17th.
- We completed a joint training with the FMO for arson prosecutors during the Fire Investigator class.
- For all current course listings you can go to <https://nhfa-ems.com/events/>
- We worked the FMO and HSEM for the Governor’s visit to the main campus drill yard to sign the Fire Prevention Week proclamation.
- We continue to plan for a train the trainer class for some of the National Fallen Firefighters programs, specifically those related to stress management and mental health for responders.
- The Educational Technology section continues to work on the development of content for FF I /II. Our goal is to complete the Firefighter I work by late winter and the Firefighter II work by June 2022.
 - One part-time staff member left the Division from this section and we are working to replace him.

Instructors

- We continue to work the Instructor Recruitment Plan. Recruiting more new instructors remains a top priority for our Division. Like many fire departments across the State recruitment remains a challenge.

CPAT

- In 2021 there were 231 total tests given with 156 that passed and 75 failures. The total test number includes re-tests as well.
 - There were 237 total registrations with 6 no shows.
 - The overall pass percentage was 67.5% (slightly lower than average)
 - Total males that passed – 144 or 76.2% (slightly lower than average)
 - Total females that passed – 12 or 41.3% (better than average)

Testing

- With the award of the AFG grant we have begun developing the RFP to replace the current certification testing software.
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BUREAU OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Boards and Commissions

- The NH Medical Control Board and the NH Emergency Medical and Trauma Services Coordinating Board meetings will take place at 0900 and 1300, respectively, on November 18th in classrooms 5 & 6 in the dormitory building.
- The NH Trauma Medical Review Committee (TMRC) will meet at 0930 in classroom 2 in the administration building.

Operations

- A Statewide EMR class is underway with 16 total students; 11 in Walpole, 5 in Concord and 1 in Sugar Hill.
- With the addition of our new EMS Education Coordinator we are planning on restarting continuing education in November and developing a schedule for the next year.
- The EMS simulation program with mannequins is also being reinstated.

Clinical Systems

- We are working to close out the SAMHSA grant that ended in September.

Data Management

- NFIRS/Respond NH
 - We released a joint statement with the FMO on the New Hampshire Emergency Services Reporting System (NHESR), which is an extension of

the TEMSIS system. If you would like to start using the system, please fill out the form available at <https://nhfa-ems.com/nhesronboard/>.

- There are currently 21 departments using the software and 11 on the onboarding list.
- Anyone interested in the system can contact Joseph Cartier at 603-223-3403 or joseph.w.cartier@dos.nh.gov

NH Fire Standards and Training Commission – (Chiefs Clark/Buxton) n/r

**NH Emergency Medical and Trauma Services Coord. Board – (Chief Allard)
n/r**

National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) – (Chief Corey) – n/r

Homeland Security and Emergency Management – (Director Harper)

COVID

- Public Health Incident remains in place. NH is in top 10 States in the Nation for vaccinations per capita. Infections are occurring primarily in unvaccinated people. Big message is for unvaccinated people to get vaccinated; 2nd mobile vaccine van will be put into place; developed new PSAs targeting vaccine efforts.
- HSEM & DPHS will start local conf call on Thursday Aug 26th at 1200 to provide COVID update. We will do these through the end of the year on the 3rd Thursday of each month to keep everyone in the loop.
- Writing RFP for COVID AAR
- **Day-to-day HSEM activities:**
 - Flooding events July 17-19, 29+30 and Aug 1+2
 - Let us know if you had damages; emails sent for each event
 - Working with FEMA Team for July 17th flooding now in Cheshire County
 - Will request FEMA for July 29th and Aug 1st based on info from communities we are collecting in next 2 weeks
 - Continue to work with communities on 6 legacy disasters (includes COVID)
 - Activities for 20th Anniversary of 911 in NH
 - Pease Air Show – September 11 & 12
 - Hampton Seafood Festival – September 11 & 12
 - Many memorial services across the State
 - State EOC will be open September 11 & 12

- Training Courses – coordinating with training partners to schedule courses
 - ICS 300 this week in Concord
 - Pipeline Security 8/17 at DES in Portsmouth
 - Small Vessel Security and Port Security Courses – October
 - ICS/EOC Interface Course – Fall
 - PIO Class – Fall
- HSEM Exercise Series – 1. EOC and 2. Seacoast towns
- As always let me know if you need anything, my cell is 419-9179.

EMS Trauma Medical Review Board – (Chief Beaudoin) – n/r

Forest Protection Bureau – (Chief Sherman) –

- We have hired 2 new Forest Rangers who started last Friday. John Doyle will be covering district 12, located in Grafton County. He served 7 years with the Air Force and most recently was employed by the BLM as a wildland firefighter. Abigail Nehiley will be covering district 32, located in Rockingham/Sullivan counties. She has an environmental degree and previously worked as a dispatcher for Manchester Police Department. We are in the process of conducting the background investigation on a 3rd new ranger. Once on, this individual will be covering the Cheshire/Sullivan county area. All three will be attending the Police Academy and we hope to have them patrolling their assigned districts in late April.
- Forest Ranger Michael Matson was promoted to Captain in August. He will be supervising the south eastern part of the state in Region 3, which covers Carroll county down through Rockingham county.
- Captain Doug Miner was recently recognized for his achievements in wildfire prevention. He was chosen as one of 5 people nationwide to be awarded the Smokey Bear Award. Captain Miner received the Bronze Smokey Bear Award which recognizes the exemplary work he has done at the state level.
- Special Deputy Forest Fire Warden Fred Hast was recently recognized by the Federation of Forest Fire Wardens Associations for his dedication to wildfire prevention and suppression in NH. He was awarded the Allen W. Britton for outstanding service to forest fire protection. Fred has spent a lifetime in the fire service, which includes manning Oak Hill Fire Tower and being a part of the out of state fire program.
- The new online fire permit system went in June. There have been some minor glitches which the contractor is working to resolve, but overall the new system has been well-received. This year, as of 9/30/21, 40,523 permits have been obtained through the online system. Last year saw a large increase in permits, with a total of 54,524 permits obtained in 2020, up from the previous high of 29,093 permits obtained in 2019.
 - Customers/Permittees can log in at the same address as always: www.nhfirepermit.com or QR code:



- You as the Warden/Fire Department/Agent, can log in at the new address:
<https://NH-Agent.BurnSafeAmerica.com>
 - Log-in with your old credentials
 - If you have an issue it may be because an email address was never set up in the old system or your old password may not meet the criteria for the new system
 - Contact Jen Little for assistance Jennifer.r.little@dncr.nh.gov
- We are in the process of hiring part time positions to staff the fire towers every Saturday and Sunday from 11:00am to 5:00 pm, April through October. Staffing the fire towers on a regular basis has been a goal of the division, and we have managed to secure funding to staff the weekends. We will still staff on week days when the fire danger is high, but this additional funding will allow us to reach out to more visitors and provide better maintenance to our facilities, while providing detection during the weekends. If you know of someone who may be interested, please ask them to reach out to you forest ranger for more information.
- We have received an EMP Grant from HSEM to purchase a 5th Remote Automated Weather Station (RAWS) to be placed in the town of Jaffrey. The weather station should arrive in the next few weeks and we hope to have it installed and operational by mid November. This will give us much needed data for the southwest part of the state. The info. for our RAWS stations is publically available at:
<https://mesowest.utah.edu/cgi-bin/droman/mesomap.cgi?state=NH&rawsflag=3>
select “RAWS” on the network tab on the left of screen.

Board of Fire Control – (Chief Clark) –

- Marshal Toomey reported that they will need to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Chief Michael Gagnon of Derry.

Building Code Review Board – (Marshal Lennon) –

- Next meeting is October 20

Manufactured Housing Installation Standards Board: (Chief) n/r

Division of Emergency Services and Communications – (Director Doyle) –

- Nurse Triage Focus Group established – Met on 9/28 at the IPOC. Many in attendance and much discussion related to the concept – more meetings to be scheduled;
- 9-8-8 Planning Coalition meetings and Subcommittee meetings continue to be held via Zoom. Moving from planning to implementation mode after the final submission of the plan is sent to Vibrant for approval;

- E9-1-1 Commission meeting held on 9/10 at the IPOC;
- **REMINDER: Impact of the 10-digit dialing requirement for all local calls in New Hampshire – required as of October 24, 2021. Check your speed dials / transfer #'s in your Comm. Centers! Resource kit is available here: [10-Digit Dialing Resource Page](#) Please share within your communities;**
- Director Doyle, Asst. Commissioner Bailey, Fire Marshall Toomey and Director Cutting of the Department of Safety attended the Newbury Fire Station dedication on 8/28;



- Gathering cost estimates re: potential relocation and prep for potential sale of Laconia Property and a relocation of the State 9-1-1 PSAP - Also met with State reps and Exec. Councilor Kenney with LRMFA as well as with Comm. Quinn and Comm. Arlinghaus;
- Meeting with County Police Chiefs related to 9-8-8 response and protocol development for CMHC's and CIT's;
- 9/10/21 - James Roberg, 9-1-1 Telecommunications Supervisor, was a featured speaker at the NH Behavioral Health Symposium on Thursday, September 9, 2021. The two-day symposium, available to public safety first responders, addressed topics relating to mental health awareness. Jim's presentation focused on communications/dispatcher mental health and establishing peer support 'From Conversation to Inception.' Jim was integral in developing and implementing the New Hampshire Department of Safety Peer Support Team in 2019.



- On Friday, September 10, 2021, the Enhanced 9-1-1 Commission recognized four of its members for their service. Each received a plaque and a Citation from Governor Chris Sununu.
 - David Caron – 24 years served on the Enhanced 9-1-1 Commission

- Kathryn M. Bailey – 20 years served on the Enhanced 9-1-1 Commission
- Awarded posthumously - Sandra Teti – 10 years served on the Enhanced 9-1-1 Commission. Ms. Teti’s son, Turlach MacDonagh, and Ms. Teti’s service dog, Rally, accepted her citation.
- Sheriff Michael Moyer – 3 years served on the Enhanced 9-1-1 Commission



- 9/17/21 Post: On Thursday, September 16, 2021, Firefighter 1 & 2 students from the New Hampshire Fire Academy & Emergency Medical Services visited the Concord 9-1-1 call center. A student in the class, Amelia Aznive, is also a full-time 9-1-1 Telecommunicator - talk about a dedicated public safety professional! It was a pleasure having them visit and we wish them the best of luck with the remainder of their class.



- After-Action for “Thunder over New Hampshire” at Pease held relative to Communications support and response with FirstNet
- Prepared for Communications Support for the BOW planned protests and supported the UNH Homecoming on the weekend of 9/28;

- The School Safety Task Force met on 9/28 - updates on the progress of our AOR's were presented for the committee;
- After-Action for the Sunapee "Craftsman Fair" (wireless access issues) held – Radio Communications Team was present to represent the Division and answer questions;

E-911 Commission – (Chief Thomas) –

- He mentioned that there are over 4000 AED's in NH that connect to E-911 when they're activated for use.

IAFC Director – (Chief Christopoulos) – n/r

New England Fire Chiefs – a Division of the IAFC – (Chief Jones) – n/r

Old Business –

- Corey Clark reported that there is a big push to have local governments switch to a **.gov** address for security reasons.

New Business –

Good and Welfare –

- Report on the golf tournament – Chief Carrier thanked everyone for the support and reported that we had 54 golfers. Great feedback from golfers. He reported a \$10,000 profit.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, November 13 starting at 1300 hours at the Red Jacket Resort in North Conway.

The raffle proceeds were counted by Chiefs Best and Emanuel. \$110 was awarded in prizes.

Following the raffle, a MOTION to adjourn the meeting carried at 1031 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Chief Brent T. Lemire, Ret.
Executive Director/Secretary, NHAFC

October 14, 2021