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

Thursday, November 12, 2020 (Online)

The meeting was called to order at 0902 hours by Chief Jones.

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

Chief Ken Jones welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Members were introduced by the Executive Director.

NOTE: ALL VOTES AT THIS MEETING WERE TAKEN BY CONSENSUS.

Special Guests: Jodi Grimblas and Adam Schmidt from our lobbying firm.

Minutes of the October 8 meeting have been posted. A MOTION (Sitar/Lyon) to accept carried unanimously.

Financial Reports: There were no reports available.

Communications:

Applications for membership: Michael Gamache – Chief in Canterbury

Life Membership: n/a

President's Report: (Jones) –

- He reported on the several meetings held over the past month with state officials on all issues related to Covid 19, testing and surveillance.
- We will not be doing a Crotched Mt. Christmas party this year.
- He attended the funeral of the former Alton Chief Jones.

Executive Director's Report (Lemire) –

- The Red Jacket has been reserved for our 2021 Professional Enhancement Weekend on Nov. 12-14.

- We will have a December meeting (still virtual) and it will be an afternoon meeting on the 10th at 1600.
- No word yet from the IRS on our non-profit status. Still waiting to hear. Accountant will be checking.

1st Vice President Report (Sitar) –

- He described the process for awarding the successful candidates their credentialed status and reported their names.

The following applications were reviewed and awarded NHCFO I:

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| 1. Chief Michael Foss | 100 Points |
| 2. Captain Thatcher Plant | 128 Points |

The following applicants were reviewed and received NHCFO II:

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| 1. Chief Stephen Carrier | 219 Points |
| 2. Chief Mark Klose | 208 Points |
| 3. Chief Michael Gagnon | 219 Points |
| 4. Deputy Chief David Hall | 155 Points |
| 5. Chief Mitchell Harrington | 165 Points |
| 6. Chief Scott Hunter | 164 Points |
| 7. Deputy Chief Peter Lennon | 186 Points |
| 8. Captain Scott Merrill | 165 Points |
| 9. Deputy Chief Brad Ober | 160 Points |
| 10. Fire Marshal Paul Parisi | 168 Points |
| 11. Chief James Reinert | 164 Points |
| 12. Chief Michael Sitar | 221 Points |
| 13. Chief Hank Thomas | 150 Points |
| 14. Chief Eric Wilking | 155 Points |

2nd Vice President Report (Beattie) –

- Following the latest election results, I had a long conversation with Adam Schmidt (lobbyist) to discuss the results.
 - What does a Republican Senate/House/Executive Council mean?
 - What should our timeline for planning/reacting to bills be?
- Looked at this on a month to month type plan.
- House is in the middle of filing bills at this time 11/4-11/20 (Titles).
- 12/2 Senate to vote for Speaker and Senate President
 - We will then be able to see what committees are formed and who is on them
 - A deadline for Senate bills is TBD
- Bills should begin to be printed by mid-December.

- NHAFC representation will be meeting with Adam and Jodi in December to look at the first batch of printed bills and discussing our opinions and stance on the bills as well as formulating a plan to get our message out.
- If needed we will meet with legislators to explain/support or show concern for what's proposed
 - This is where input from the body is important so we can discuss the issues and not miss something.
- Prep for testimony as needed.
- As all of this unfolds we will keep the membership up to date with what is happening.

Sgt. At Arms (Emanuel) – n/r

Committee Reports

Scholarship Committee – (Dep. Toomey) – n/r

Division Reports

Fire Marshal – (Marshal Parisi)

ADMINISTRATION: (Assistant Director Max Schultz)

The FMO is working hard to maintain our customer satisfaction while operating at a 25% reduction in force due to a decrease in revenue in our state. We have shifted resources into the Building Safety and Construction Bureau where 50% of the vacancies exist. We will do our best to answer municipal inquiries as they come in, but please understand that they may be delayed. We appreciate your patience and understanding. If you have any questions or are running into a problem, please do not hesitate to contact FM Parisi directly at (603) 931-9538.

Micro-website:

We are currently building a COVID-19 specific micro-website for the FMO. The new site will have mobile device compatibility, which our main site lacks. It will have easy to use menus and dropdowns for first responder access to important COVID-19 related information through ESF-4. We are excited to bring this customer friendly informational tool to the fire service. We hope to have it up and running in the coming weeks.

Personnel:

The Governor's office authorized two part-time positions to be filled; an inspector position and a modular building program specialist. We anticipate filling this position in November.

Below is the link to the modular position.

Part time position posted until 12/3/20
PROGRAM SPECIALIST IV - TMPPT5888
(MODULAR BUILDING PROGRAM MANAGER)
(JOB ID: 18611)
PART TIME
\$26.13 - \$31.01 per hour
[https://www.indeed.com/rc/clk?jk=9436f227382e56fb&fccid=933636124ef375c8 &vjs=3](https://www.indeed.com/rc/clk?jk=9436f227382e56fb&fccid=933636124ef375c8&vjs=3)

2021 Legislation: The FMO legislative requests have been forwarded to the Commissioner's office for review. These include legislation that was not adopted from the 2020 session including the FMO as an issuing agency for POA permits, recovery residence language, the elimination of the voluntary fire suppression equipment certification program, and the adoption of the 2018 Uniform Fire Code and Life Safety Code which is being considered by the Board of Fire Control.

Members of the Command Staff participated in several meetings of the Legislative Committee to Study State and Municipal Authority Governing Recovery Housing. The committee is working to develop a final report (due 11/1/20) that is likely to include provisions similar to HB 311 that was introduced last session.

BUREAU OF INVESTIGATIONS: (Deputy Keith Rodenhiser)

New/Active cases: 10 Calls for Service in the month of October; our 5 investigators and 2 district chiefs are actively working 22 Criminal Cases.

- On 10/01/20, an investigator responded to 133 Cherry Hill Rd. in Grafton to assist the Grafton FD with a fire investigation in a new, under construction, single family dwelling. The fire may have started by self-heating (or spontaneous ignition) of wood finishing products. At this time the fire is still under investigation but it does not appear to be criminal in nature.
- On 10/13/20, an IGL Canine Team responded to 203 N. Main St. in Concord to assist the Concord Fire Department's Fire Marshal's Office with a fire investigation in a vacant commercial building that was previously a Friendly's Restaurant. At

this time the fire is still under investigation by Concord FD and Concord PD.

- On 10/28/20, investigators and an ILD Canine Team responded to 47 Tall Timbers Dr. in Grantham to assist the Grantham FD and PD with a fire investigation in a mobile home. There were reports that the Town of Grantham had legal proceedings with the owners of the property. The investigation is ongoing by all three agencies.

Our newest investigator of the BOI, Steve Dennis, has been deployed with the Air Force to the Middle East since May. He is scheduled to return home in November; and with quarantine, out processing and family leave, it is anticipated that he will be starting with us in the middle of December. The BOI and the entire FMO is really excited to have him back and have him begin his new career with us.

Court Action: There has been some trial prep conferences with various County Attorney's Offices and the AG's Office regarding scheduled hearings and trials in the future. There has also been some conversations of possible plea deals with defendants in some of our cases.

Joshua Cahill was sentenced to one year in the Cheshire County Jail, plus suspended prison time for a burglary and arson he committed. He drove to Keene with three other men in a stolen vehicle, committed the burglary and then lit the motor vehicle on fire in Nelson. The three other men involved were sentenced on other crimes related to the incident.

Ignitable Liquid Detection Canine Teams: In the latest edition of NFPA 921 (Guide for Fire and Explosion Investigations), the term Accelerant Detection Canine (ADC) Teams is being replaced with Ignitable Liquid Detection Canine Teams (IGL Canines). The reason for this is because canines cannot determine a person's intent when ignitable liquids are being used. If an ignitable liquid is used as an accelerant in a

fire, then it may be understood that the fire is incendiary in nature. There are many plausible reasons why ignitable liquids are found in fire scenes that do not lead one to believe the fire would be incendiary in nature.

Our two IGL Canine Teams were deployed twice in the month of October. Unfortunately, due to the Coronavirus, we were unable to take part in any fire prevention canine demonstrations. This is always a busy month for our office regarding public education and our canine teams really look forward to this time of year and doing our part in promoting fire safety.

Public Outreach: BOI investigators assisted with one youth fire setter assessment in October.

Training: BOI members attended a virtual training on 2021 NFPA 921 – Chapter 18, Active Fire Protection Systems which was presented by the International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI). This is part of a live monthly training series that started in May and runs through November and touches upon various aspects of fire investigations to include: NFPA 921 updates, fire patterns, safety, cause determination/classification, physical evidence/K9 handler teams and basic methodology/basic fire science. If anybody is interested in attending these trainings the information can be found at www.firearson.com. There is a nominal fee associated with each class and they can be taken as tested or untested. The modules that have already been delivered can be taken, just not in a live setting.

Investigators also participated in an in-service training on White Zone Hazmat requests and response and our unknown package transport protocol. Several on-line CFI Trainer modules were completed by our investigators and two members presented at the 183rd Police Recruit Academy. Our two investigators that are paramedics continue to maintain their continuing education hours for their certifications.

BUREAU OF BUILDING SAFETY & CONSTRUCTION: (Deputy Sean Toomey)

State Building Permit System: We processed 39 permit applications in the month of October.

Technical Assistance, Educational & Healthcare Reviews: Our staff remains available for technical code assistance. We initiated 7 educational plan reviews and 5 healthcare plan reviews in the month of October.

Variance Requests: We processed 3 variance requests in the month of October.

State Fire Code Update: The evaluation of the substantial changes between the 2015 and 2018 editions of NFPA 1 and 101 has started. Our office is working with the Board of Fire Control and interested stakeholders to determine the impacts and determine and necessary amendments. Additional information is available on our website. We welcome input via fmo@dos.nh.gov

BUREAU OF PLANNING AND SUPPORT SERVICES: (Deputy Danielle Cole)

ESF-4

Deputy Danielle Cole has been continuing to oversee SEOC ESF-4 desk operations. This emergency support function is dedicated to supporting first responders in providing the most up to date unprotected exposure information, member testing location information, transportation of specimens, alternative lodging requests and inquiries of specimens at the Public Health Lab.

Since the beginning of the state of emergency, the ESF-4 (Firefighting) desk has:

- Answered 1,140 calls for assistance
- Assisted 93 first responders with alternative lodging accommodations
- Provided 1100 front line workers with exposure/quarantine/testing guidance
- Documented 1857 activities performed in WebEOC. These activities include, fulfilling requests for PPE from first responders, answering questions related to exposures, quarantine, housing, code related questions and more
- Produced and distributed (18) first responder informational documents

The ESF-4 desk phone number is 223-3718 and is answered 24/7 during the State of Emergency. If you have

members that need to be tested and you want first responder priority through the Public Health Lab, please be sure to use the PHL Requisition form and transport the specimen via your agency to the lab.

Hazardous Materials: Hazardous Materials coordination and coverage remains a priority despite the state of emergency. Personnel are ready to deploy if needed and may be contacted through the on-call FMO supervisor for consultation purposes.

If you would like to virtually attend a one-hour training on the newly released suspicious unknown package protocol, please reach out to our Hazardous Materials Coordinator Jim Stone at James.H.Stone@dos.nh.gov. If you are from a smaller department please try to partner with a neighboring community for this training.

Our part time Hazardous Materials Coordinator will be available in a response capacity to advise the North Country area chiefs should there be an incident. In the event that an asset response is required in that area the FMO on-duty supervisor will contact an established team to respond. The FMO will cover the cost of the response. This MOU has been approved and will be presented at the next Governor and Council meeting for the final step in the process in December.

Public Education:

WMUR's Chronicle episode about fire safety aired during fire prevention week and reinforced several simple, but life-saving messages. We would like to express our appreciation to the Tilton-Northfield Fire Department and WMUR for allowing us to collaborate with them on this project.

Our Public Education Section will be hosting a side-by-side sprinkler trailer burn, sponsored by NFSA at noon on Wednesday November 18th. The event will take place at the NHFST drill yard, this is an outside event, however masks and social distancing is required on all DOS property.

Fireworks:

The annual Permissible Fireworks Advisory Committee meeting was held with the licensed NH retail stores in the state. The current emergency removal order of the Excalibur product remains in effect by the DOS Commissioners office until a determination has been made by the CPSC. There were no firework product

recalls this year, and the storeowners did not bring forward any issues to be discussed. There was positive feedback from the stores and a committee member in reference to their interactions with the new personnel as well as new inspection procedures that are being used.

The restrictions placed on outdoor burning have been lifted recently, as well as the use of fireworks being temporarily banned in some municipalities. The state continues to monitor the weather conditions as they pertain to outdoor burning.

We continue to license fireworks operators, as well as conduct required inspections to all retail stores and as well as explosives product storage. We are available by phone, drop box, email and standard mail, at this time the building is not allowing public entry.

Fire Standards/Training/EMS – (Director Pendergast)

Logistics-

Our bid process for our aerial truck will close as of Friday 11/12. We will work with the business office to review the vendor bids.

We are working with NH DOT Aeronautics division and FAA to complete the engineering phase of the ARFF fuel spill pit upgrades

We are looking at January for the vendor to complete the A Building burn room upgrades. This project is 85% Federally funded and should be ready for the start of our spring programs

The boiler project in the dorm building is underway and should be complete by the end of November.

Programs-

With our completed FF I and FF II programs, we now have approximately 85- 90 new certified fire fighters since March of 2020 when Covid-19 affected our programs.

The Instructor I certification program is also underway now as well as the Fire Officer II program.

Our full time Recruit class students are in their final 10 days and have learned to navigate the campus Covid-style. I was able to have an informal lunch chat with the class recently and received very positive feedback from the students despite the need to adapt the program to the pandemic.

We have a Hazardous Materials Technician class just starting and are scheduling a winter confined space class.

The final 2020 CPAT testing dates begin November 16. That application period is now open.

We have posted the grant-funded Crises Intervention training program for December 7-11, (Update- this class is now full with a waitlist) NH is one of the few states in the country to offer this program to police, fire and EMS at no charge to the student.

We are also now working with departments and have re-established our promotional testing program. Reach out to Matt LaMothe if you need further information.

We have started the FROST Covid-19 testing program here on campus including the IPOC and have completed several pilot days. We will continue to test employees monthly through the winter or until we run out of test kits.

Communications-

The 2020 annual Roster project (602.01) letters have gone out. There is a new process where the form can be easily accessed online by each department. Over half of the departments have responded so far. The deadline is December 31, 2020.

Challenges-

We are currently still the host site for the Press Conferences for Governor Sununu, although these have been reduced to one per week.

A few of our full time staff continue to telework from home or are out on Covid leave with small children. The Dept. of Safety HR is encouraging employees to telework when appropriate; about 50% of our full time staff will work at home on a part time basis.

Our final budget draft was submitted to the Governor's Office and we are working off of those numbers and have met to plan out our spring and summer programs

We also have edited and submitted our 22/23 budget to the business office.

We will continue to assess the current data daily from NH DHHS, and determine our strategy for continuation of in-person programs. We are working closely with the Commissioner's Office for direction as the pandemic ramps up this week/month/season.

Fire Standards and Training Commission Report – (Clark/Buxton)

The Commission met on November 5th to consider the recommendations of the Visiting Committee which was approved by the Commission's Curriculum Committee and NFPA 1001 which deals with Firefighter 1 and Firefighter 2. The new standard added requirements to Firefighter 1. The Commission approved the revised curriculum for Firefighter 1 and Firefighter 2 on a vote of 11 to 3. The revised curriculum meets the standards and does not add material that is not included in the standard meeting both the National Standard and the Pro-Board certification. The largest change was all live lectures will be taught on-line and the National Wildland Fire Coordination Group certification was dropped and replaced with 9 hours of practical skills and 3 hours of New Hampshire relevant on-line training. Overall, the amount of practical/lab time has increased while the total expected hours was reduced from 247 to 202 of which 157 of those hours will be hands on skills training. Firefighter 2 had many topics that were not required by the standard. Firefighter 2 was reduced from 124 hours to 77 hours of which 60 will be hands on skill training. If taught concurrently with Firefighter 1 the total expected hours would be 255 approximately the same as just the prior Firefighter 1 course. It is hoped that the fewer hours that a student must be present will significantly reduce travel time. The reduced contact hours are also expected to reduce the cost of the two courses. It is hoped that the Chiefs of non-career departments will encourage not only new firefighters to be certified at Firefighter 1, but also existing firefighters that are not certified at Firefighter 1 to take the course. Chiefs must recognize that Firefighter 1 is a basic course to provide the minimum knowledge and skills to be safely on the fireground under direct supervision. A graduate will be competent, but proficiency will require experience and further training. Thanks to those Chiefs that supported the curriculum change to align New Hampshire with the National Standard. Special thanks

to Bedford Chief Scott Hunter who represented the Association on the Visiting Committee.

EMS Bureau Report – Justin Romanello

- **FROST – Released 9 November, 2020**
- **New Rules**
 - Submitted to DoS Legal Unit
 - # of providers required to transport
 - Licensing as “Non-Affiliated”
- **Electrostatic Sprayers**
- **Vaccination Planning**
- **Complacency**

COVID-19 Summary

- **Emergency Protocols – 5 Emergency Protocols Released**
 - Personal Protective Equipment - **Released 27 July 2020**
 - COVID-19 Version 3 – **Released 27 July 2020**
 - Version 1 – **Released 17 March 2020**
 - Version 2 – **Released 17 April 2020**
 - COVID-19 Testing Version 2 – **Released 27 July 2020**
 - Version 1 – **Released 26 March 2020**
 - COVID-19 Destination Determination Version 2 – **Released 27 July 2020**
 - Version 1 – **Released 26 March 2020**
 - COVID-19 Temporary MIH Version 1 – **Released 17 April 2020**
- **Emergency Rules**
 1. # of Providers Required for Patient Transport – **Released 19 March 2020 (Expires 19 September 2020)**
 2. Expiration Extension of Currently Licensed EMS Providers – **Released 19 March 2020 (Expires 19 September 2020)**
- **Emergency Waivers**
 - Provisional Certification – **Continued to 1 April 2021**
 - Partial Background Checks – **No longer accepting**
- **Executive Orders**
 - Alternate Vehicle Use and Waiver of Required Equipment – **Drafted NOT Issued**

Clinical Systems

- **2020 NH Patient Care Protocols v.8.0 – Released 27 August 2020**
 - **Available Immediately and will be in effect statewide 1 November 2020**
- **Trauma Program –**

- **Site Visits – Extension for all programs 1-year**
- **Trauma Coordinator – In a limited capacity, visiting hospitals around state**
- **MIH Program – Continued support of COVID and Non-COVID MIH programs**
 - New Programs – Merrimack, Bedford, Milford and Transformative (Stewarts)
- **Open Positions – 2 Part-Time**
 - PIFT/Critical Care Program Coordinator – **Part-Time – ON HOLD**
 - MIH Program Coordinator – **Part-Time – ON HOLD**

EMS Operations

- **Provider Renewals - 30 July 2020 Expirations**
 - **Total Providers 2019 – 5,488**
 - **Total Providers 2020 – 5,457 -31**
- **Practical Exam Program – Up and running as of 13 July 2020**
- **Ambulance Inspections Program – Up and running as of 13 July 2020**
- **EMS Training and I/C Program – Exploring options for future support**
- **Open Positions – 2 Full-Time and multiple Part-Time**
 - **Licensing Coordinator – Full-Time – ON HOLD**
 - **Ambulance Inspector – Part-Time – ON HOLD**
 - **NREMT Remote Testing Coordinator– Part-Time – ON HOLD**

Data Systems

- **Respond NH – User Management System**
 - **Transition from old software to RespondNH beginning 12 November, 2020**
 - **Moving along, on schedule.**
 - **Services - Entered**
 - **Vehicles – Entered**
 - **Personnel – In-Process**
- **Open Positions – 1 Full-Time**
 - **Records Management Coordinator – Full-Time – ON HOLD**

EMS Training

- **Continuing Education – 12th and 16th of November, 2020**
- **EMR Programs – Exploring options for future programs**
- **Simulation Program – Up and running as of July 2020**
- **Open Positions – Multiple Part Time**
 - **Staff Instructor – Ongoing Hiring – ON HOLD**

Special Projects

- Educational Training Agencies – **Sub-Committee meeting on 2 December, 2020**

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)

- **State EOC continues to be activated for response efforts to COVID-19. Activities include:**
 - Latest case information from DHHS:
 - As of Tuesday, November 10th, every County in NH was classified as ‘substantial’ for level of transmission and new positive case counts have been over 200 for the past 6 days.
 - The State has seen more daily new cases of COVID-19 so far in November at 1,867 in 10 days than in the first 54 days of the pandemic when 1,808 active cases were announced between March 2 and April 25.
 - There have been 13 clusters in K-12 schools since September.
 - Hockey was put on hold for 2 weeks and is now back with new guidance; there was a team that tested 19 positive members this week.
 - The message from DPHS continues to be wear a mask, wash your hands and maintain 6 ft distance.
 - COVID Presidential Disaster Declaration received April 3rd.
 - HSEM staff continue to work with communities on FEMA reimbursements;
a number of communities have been reimbursed.
 - Procurement of PPE continues to be a priority for the State to ensure we can meet the demand as cases increase.
 - We appreciate DHHS-DPHS for outlining the State’s Vaccine Plan on last week’s 1200 local call. If you missed it, the recording and PPT are on WebEOC. The Plan is on the DHHS website. We are working with them on vaccine planning efforts; vaccine is expected in December.
 - We have received a number of calls/emails from several Fire and Police Chiefs about the amount of time that it takes for DPHS to reach out to conduct contact tracing. I have talked with Commissioner Shabinette about this and she is working with her staff to address this – most recently they added 20 more National Guard soldiers to assist in these efforts.
- **Non-COVID related activities:**

- HSEM continues to monitor statewide drought conditions. NWS is not expecting precipitation in the next 14 days to make any significant impact to the drought.
- Funding for the Emergency Performance Grant Program-Supplemental (EMPG-S) is still available, but going fast; remaining balance as of Nov 10th is \$27,272.13.
 - This program focuses on Planning and Equipment projects related to the prevention of, preparation for, and response to the COVID-19 public health emergency in the State of NH.
 - Application Link via: https://prd.blogs.nh.gov/dos/hsem/?page_id=8866
- BRIC AND FMA grant information is on HSEM Resource Center: https://prd.blogs.nh.gov/dos/hsem/?page_id=839
- Updates for BRIC and FMA for subapplicants who have submitted eligible Letters of Intent:
 - FEMA has created a series of FEMA GO training videos on their YouTube channel, [linked HERE](#).
 - The deadline to submit a Subapplication in FEMA GO has been extended to **Monday November 30, 2020**.
 - HSEM will review all the submitted Subapplications and the State Hazard Mitigation Officer (SHMO) will contact you in early December if we have recommended edits for your community's subapplication. The Interagency Hazard Mitigation Team will review, score, and prioritize all submitted Subapplications. In January 2021, NH HSEM will formally submit the State's BRIC and FMA Application (which includes all the Subapplications) in FEMA GO.
- **As always let me know if you need anything, my cell is 419-9179.**

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

Forests and Lands – (Chief Sherman) – n/r

Board of Fire Control – (Chief Clark)

The Board held a meeting on September 16th and adopted NFPA 855, Standard for the Installation of Stationary Energy Systems to the NH Fire Code by reference. This came about as the Town of Littleton had a large electricity storage facility that utilized Ion Batteries and bought electricity off-peak, stored it and sold it back at peak times. The proposed facility was subsequently withdrawn, but the Littleton Fire Chief had little information to be certain the installation was safe resulting in the proposed amendment. Under regular business the Board discussed reviewing NFPA 1 and NFPA 101 version 2018 to update the NH Fire Code to reference those standards. It was noted that NFPA-1 had 390 pages of changes between the 2015

version and the 2018 version and NFPA 101 had 327 pages of changes between the two versions. On October 21st the Board's sub-committee met with Sean Toomey, Phil Biron both from the Fire Marshal's Office and Doug Proctor and me from the Board met for over four hours. We went page by page in the 2018 version of NFPA 1 and NFPA 101 identifying all changes. We identified those changes that were not material, not significant, those that required further review and those that had a significant impact. Unfortunately, there were numerous changes that required further review which review is being done by the Fire Marshal's office. There were several changes that will be discussed by the full Board. The most significant being all bathtubs and showers in all single family and two-family homes must have handicapped rails. The Committee failed to understand what that had to do with fire prevention or Life Safety. It is not anticipated that the Board will be able to identify all recommended amendments to NFPA 1 and NFPA 101 at their next meeting on November 18th, but it is anticipated that the Board will take necessary action in a timely fashion to allow the 2021 Legislative session to adopt NFPA 1 and NFPA 101, version 2018, into the New Hampshire Fire Code.

Building Code Review Board – (Chief Tetreault/Marshal Lennon) - n/r

Manufactured Housing Installation Standards Board: (Chief)

- No report

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

- Cross Border transfer discussion continues, agreements b/t ME, NH and VT are approved or in the approval process – connectivity to begin shortly with VT and later after the first of the year with ME;
- FirstNet / Sonim Test pilot program is moving in a different direction, unable to obtain accurate analytics due to AT&T's vendor, Netmotion, who is unable to pull data in real time from the test phones;
- Maintaining our call answering and transfer time metrics given the staffing challenges, and have 8 trainees started that have started and are in week #4;
- Working on developing a wilderness response protocol with our QA Team Lead and our Medical Director;
- SupALI project is ongoing – refreshing data, creating a more automated process for entering the data into our CPE, and creating a more efficient maintenance plan;
- AED Registry Project is moving forward. Identified a platform which will do what we need to facilitate the info obtained from the field into our mapping DB for our TC's...more to follow as we work closely with FSTEMS and local POC's;

- Doubling down on cleaning / checkpoint protocols at the IPOC – FYI: screening questions will continue for the foreseeable future;
- FirstNet virtual summit took place last month – updates on progress and rollouts of new features available to first responders;
- Interoperability/Radio team continues to work with DNCR on the Seacoast/Parks radio system for their staff and lifeguards;
- Mutualink roll-out in full swing, calls to local agencies will continue over the next week or two. Many of the major sites have already been identified and opted-in. He gave a presentation on Mutualink to the members attending.

E-911 Commission – (Chief Thomas) – n/r

IAFC Director – (Chief Christopoulos) – n/r

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

- Meeting scheduled for January 20, 2021.

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

Old Business –

New Business –

Good and Welfare –

- Chief Jones congratulated all members receiving NH CFO credentialing.
- Chief Wilking was congratulated for his promotion to Chief in Exeter and he stated the he was looking forward to participating in the organization.

The meeting was adjourned at 0955 hours.

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

November 12, 2020