

NEW BRUNSWICK ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS (NBAFC)

October 24 and 25, 2025

Fredericton N.B.

Chair: Scott Poupart

Attendance: Scott Poupart, Charlie Chiasson, Lynne Gallant-Valley, Dwayne Stephenson, Serge Gallant, Kevin Theriault, Charles MacNeil, Charles Kavanaugh, Justin McGuigan, Tony Cole, Harry Farrell, Ivan Corbett, Roger Pitre, Karen Trecartin, Jody Price, Mathieu Lanteigne, Dwayne Killingbeck, Suzanne LeBlanc, Brian Scott Worden, Tim Corbin, Steve Armour, Mike Lewis

Absent: Darren Hambrook, Brad Calhoun, Corey Nicholas

A presentation was done in recognition of Susan Gambles' retirement.

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm.

Review of Agenda - Motion to accept by Dwayne Stephenson and 2nd by Kevin Theriault

Review of Minutes - Motion to accept by Charles MacNeil, 2nd by Dwayne Stephenson

President's Report – Scott Poupart

Since our May meeting, I have had the honor of representing our association on several different occasions. In some cases, I have reached out to my vice presidents for assistance with these. The unprecedented wildfire season in New Brunswick and throughout the country led to several requests for interviews from different media outlets. Combined with requests for interviews on the current situation with volunteer recruitment, medical downloading, amalgamation concerns and our training regimes for our firefighters in support of the wildfire campaign, it was a busy period.

In early July, I attended the 2025 Atlantic Leadership Conference in Summerside, PEI. The conference presented several interesting presentations relating to the current all hazards aspect of firefighting. This was our first initiative under our leadership development program and I was accompanied by Charles MacNeil and Tim Corbin, who we sponsored. We will get feedback from each during their Association reports. Charlie Kavanaugh will also report on this.

On September 3rd, I attended the AMANB World Cafe in Grand-Bouctouche. This interactive workshop, based on the speed dating model allowed municipal representatives from around the province to have a short 15-minute interaction with many of the twenty various organizations represented at the workshop. Mike Lewis and I had several interesting interactions which highlighted that there are still many of our newly formed municipalities struggling with how to manage and interact with their fire services. In all cases we offered support and urged those in need to reach out for guidance.

Sept 21st to 24th, I attended the CAFC Fire-Rescue Canada Convention in Winnipeg. Many of the presentations were around wildfire response as well as the effects of the increasing wildfire threat to the economy. The conference also allowed for valuable networking with our colleagues from across the country and reinforced that our challenges are much the same as those from across the nation. Dwayne Stephenson and Roger Pitre attended the conference under our leadership initiative. Other attendees from New Brunswick included Charlie Kavanaugh and Jody Price.

There is valuable information, programs, and training available through the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs (CAFC) website for members. I strongly encourage all members to join and take advantage of these resources. Membership provides access to important updates, national initiatives, and discussions on key issues affecting the fire service industry across Canada.

I have also represented the association at several other meetings throughout the period since our last meeting including TSAC, FCBNB, 9-1-1 Face to Face Consultation and JEMC Face to Face held last week in Fredericton, a summation and ask for input on the province's initiative to increase and streamline interoperability during multi-jurisdictional responses. Justin McGuigan will report further on this.

After a recent Governance review in Nova Scotia, that province has reached out for information on firefighter training in the province. I sat in on the original call along with FM Mike Lewis, NBCC Serge Gallant and members of his team, both can comment further on this.

During the period since our last meeting, I have also signed off on letters sent on our behalf to Premier Holt and various Ministers on a Community first restructuring of New Brunswick's paramedic system.

A letter of appreciation for support of the CAFC's efforts to create a national fire administration. A letter requesting the fast tracking of legislative change addressing the firefighter presumptive cancer legislation which includes increasing the number of presumptive cancers covered, streamlining the administrative processing of claims and including wildland and industrial firefighters and provincial fire investigators.

A letter to the OFM on behalf of our career Chiefs on the municipal fire prevention discussion relating to inspections. I have continued to sit in on the monthly NAC meetings as our representative on the CAFC, on several of these Roger has sat in as well.

Our main initiatives remain the same with a current push to see the creation of a national fire administration. Since the change of federal government during the last election there seems to be less appetite on behalf of the government to add another office within the government. We are circulating a copy of a petition in support of MP Gordon Johns' M-12 motion to establish the Office of the National Fire Administration located within Public Safety Canada.

We will forward this to all of our email lists, but we need your support in pushing everyone in our departments to fill these in and send them by mail. Note this needs to be mailed but does not require postage.

Discussion took place on cell phone Service. Motion by Charles Kavanaugh to reach out to those in charge, Public Safety to help improve cell service. Seconded by Harry Farrell. Voted upon and passed

Lastly, I will send out a link to the results of this year's fire census for your perusal
I move the approval of my report as presented, seconded by Charles Kavanaugh.

Report for the Maritime Fire Chiefs Association (MFCA) - Charles Kavanaugh

We met last week in Saint John, New Brunswick. This is where the 2026 convention will be held, July 16 - 19. While we were there, we met with Fire Chief Nicol about the conference and to see what they may be able to help out with.

We would like to put out a call for future topics. Prince Edward Island received three new fire trucks that can accommodate the coroner services that they provide on the island.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance and Fundraising Committee – Jody Price

Meet with the investment company to make the change of names.

INVESTA **\$577,000.00**

FENETY started in Feb **\$51,400.00**

Bank **\$200,00.00** **Money** tagged from the grant

Discussion took place on hiring a bookkeeper. A motion was made by Charlie Chaisson, "To hire a bookkeeper who is referred to us by the accountant. This person is a past employee of her company and familiar with our file." 2nd by Roger Pitre.

Voted upon and motion passed.

Firefighter Certification Board – Serge Gallant

Unfortunately, our workshop had to be canceled due to circumstances beyond our control. In the meantime, we have been working on upgrades.

There have been changes at the OFM. They are still working to do onboarding and training. We would like chiefs to email all certification questions to fcpcb@gnb.ca. Do not send to individuals. This will help streamline all certification questions and requests. Melanie Christie is the program coordinator. Remi St. Coeur is the Certification Manager.

Awards Committee – Kevin Theriault

Due to the summer, we have not had a chance to sit down and review as a group, but will have something for the January meeting.

Training and Education – Serge Gallant NO REPORT

Info with NBCC report.

Hazmat Committee – Mike Lewis

Agreements have expired. Will be reviewing Edmundston and Bathurst contracts. Can look at encryption radios. It may be pricey.

Fire Prevention –Karen Trecartin

Education Bursary - The 2025 Education Bursary winner was Bridgette Hoyt, daughter of Assistant Chief Scott Hoyt of the Sussex Fire Department. Scott has been involved in fire prevention for many years with his department. Some of their current initiatives include an open house, education provided in schools and car seat installations through their certified members.

Fire Prevention Week - We hosted our annual NFPA Fire Prevention Week (virtual) presentation with Laura King on Sept 11th from 7-8 pm. We had good attendance and received really good feedback on ideas on how to implement this year's theme of Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home.

The NBAFPOE purchased the Fire Prevention Week posters that the OFM sends out to the schools for a cost of \$ 3,331.52, up from \$2,279.47 last year. We also ordered 25 Fire Extinguishers from Safety Source for \$1,466.25 that will be put in the OFM Gazette Backpack's draw in November. Safety Source donated another 5 extinguishers.

2026 Seminar - The 2026 Annual Education Seminar will be held April 23rd - 25th at the Rodd Hotel & Resorts in Miramichi. An advertisement will be posted soon on both our Facebook page and website, including a link for booking rooms at the hotel.

Treasurer's Report - Bank Balance as of October 23, 2025 \$ \$14,244.14

Board Meeting - next board meeting date is Nov 22nd (in person) at the Provincial Fire Centre.

NBAFPOE Executive

President – Karen Trecartin ktrecartin@kvfire.ca

1st Vice President – Jason Richardson Jr5644097@gamil.com

2nd Vice President – Arthur Willins awillins@kvfire.ca

Secretary / Treasurer – Carol Gilmore cgilmore1394@gmail.com

Past President - Derrick Fillmore fillmore315@hotmail.com

Nominations and Resolution Committee – Kevin Theriault

Nothing to report at this time. Elections will be in 2026.

Convention and Games Committee – Lynne Gallant-Valley

Convention date for 2026 is May 22-24, 2026, at the Delta Moncton

License Plate Committee – Lynne Gallant-Valley

As a reminder to your fire chiefs, they can reach out to me anytime to get a copy of their fire department list that is currently on file at Service New Brunswick (SNB). This will give them a starting point for updating their department lists. The list should be updated throughout the year when a member leaves, joins, or has a change of name or address. License plates will be refused at SNB if the driver's license and the list information do not match.

Permanent Chief Committee – Jody Price

Have not met since the Convention. We are working on a letter for the Fire Inspection Frequency Schedule.

Volunteer Chief Committee – Tim Corbin

We will be meeting in November.

New Brunswick Association of Industrial Fire Chiefs (NBAIFC) – Scott Worden

NBAFPO (Jeremy Stuart)- April 26-28, 2024, at Fredericton Inn. 83 Registered (were hoping for 70) so good turnout. Three good out-of-province guest speakers including one from Regina and one who presented at NFPA last year from the City of Montreal. Jeff Waters-Gray: A lot of our previous fire prevention has focused on-site, but this year will focus more on off-site, i.e. employees' homes, etc. I really like the newsletters you send out. Patrick Lanteinge: NFPA is excellent, giving out boxes of free materials. Also, could someone share the link for the newsletter or Facebook page for the NB Association of Fire Prevention Officers.

NBAFC (Scott Poupart, Scott Worden) - Non-refundable tax credit is now \$5000 for provincial, \$6000 for federal. Speaks volumes for how the government feels about the fire service. We now have a seat with WorkSafe NB to talk about the Presumptive Cancer Legislation. We are one of only two provinces that have a separate Firefighter Compensation Act. Slows the whole process down. What we've brokered and they've agreed to is that they merge the Firefighter Compensation Act with WorkSafe.

Through the OFM, the NBAFC got a grant of almost \$500,000 for fire prevention training tools for the different associations. Get involved with your local associations because you have access to these tools too. We are working with WorkSafe and the OFM to change the definition of firefighter to include industrial members so that we are included in the legislation. We have put in our part to WorkSafe, will check with Mike that the OFM has done their part as well. It will need to be changed in the actual legislation, so it will take some time.

How much will it cost? Already paying \$500/firefighter. If everyone pays, it will not be much of an increase and if it becomes legislation, there won't be a choice. As an association, we (the NBAIFC) represent about 200 firefighters so it's worth the effort to be included in the legislation.

NBFFCB/NBCC (Jeff Waters-Gray) - Not much to report

Presentation of plaque to Scott Poupart

Appreciation plaque given to Scott Poupart by Scott Worden on behalf of NBAIFC. He was very appreciative. "It pleases me to see what you've done with this industrial association.

Website discussion, initiated by Scott Worden. Do we want one? Most people think it's a good idea

Cost? Estimate \$300 plus license.

Jeremy Stuart just went through it for AFPO, so he may be able to help. I will look into it.

Training

PLNGS 2024 Fire Service Workshop on June 22nd. Good food, great training, free t-shirt

Miramichi Workshop on September 9 and 10

Jeremy Stuart – having the MBU at Belledune last year was great PR. I highly recommend it.

Next Meeting will be tentatively hosted by JDI on November 29th

Next Generation 9-1-1 Committee –Justin McGuigan 24 October 2025

Regional Fire Dispatch -The status of regional fire dispatch remains unchanged from the previous report, which was:

Regional Fire Dispatch is essentially complete, with almost all fire departments that want to participate having been already onboarded. The next big wave of impacts for Regional Fire Dispatch will take place at some point in the future when the formal regionalization or consolidation of fire departments takes place. Some fire departments and municipalities will want to have all their fire departments/fire stations on the same talkgroup, and some will not.

NB 9-1-1 - The annual face-to-face meetings hosted by NB 9-1-1 took place in Fredericton on October 15 and 16. NBAFC Scott Poupart was in attendance. Justin McGuigan was also in attendance for Fredericton Fire and EMO. The annual meeting is an opportunity for NB 9-1-1 partners to get together for professional development and to learn about new opportunities for improvement in New Brunswick.

A keynote address was offered by David Boyle, Lead Chief Superintendent (Bedfordshire Police, UK) who delivered a presentation focused on Joint Emergency Services Interoperability Program (JESIP). JESIP is a framework that emergency responders can use to clearly communicate the details of emergencies and responses using clear and standardized terms. JESIP also ensures that all pertinent information is included. The second keynote address was offered by Dr. Nicola Power, Senior Lecturer in Psychology, University of Liverpool, who discussed how human factors impact multi-agency interoperability and communications. Both sessions were informative and thought-provoking. The remainder of the meetings discussed cybersecurity, and held open discussions about the PSAP services throughout New Brunswick, and the inconsistencies between them. Discussions also revealed how various agencies had different expectations in how an incident may be handled in their area.

Next-Generation 9-1-1 - NG9-1-1 is a new edition of the 9-1-1 system imposed by the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC). The CRTC has ordered that the system be equipped to receive calls for help in a variety of ways, including by text, and that it tracks the deployment of services up until they arrive on scene, rather than only up to the time they were dispatched. The NB fire service will see very little change.

Live testing in Bathurst was delayed but is scheduled to begin this fall, after which it will be rolled out to other PSAPs across New Brunswick. A variety of stakeholder conversations have taken place; Chief Dwayne Killingbeck (Fredericton) sat on all four steering committees, and all known concerns have been addressed. The Province of New Brunswick has done a great job anticipating and mitigating concerns brought forward by the responder community. The key takeaway is that the CRTC is clamping down on the requirement that all dispatching information remain within Canada's borders—data will not be permitted to route through servers outside the country. This will impact some fire departments whose third-party dispatch apps, such as eDispatches, route data internationally. Those departments will need to find new solutions that comply with the CRTC requirement, and a variety of Canadian options are available.

OFM –Mike Lewis

Mark Nowlan - Mark Nowlan passed away peacefully on Tuesday, October 24th. Mark was a fire service leader in this province, whose impact touched everybody in this room. More details will be distributed to the NBAFC and Capital District in the days and weeks to come regarding a celebration of life.

TSAC – Junior FF - OFM is formalizing guidance for departments considering developmental (junior) firefighter programs, including legislative requirements, consent, supervision, etc. This is intended to apply to individuals aged 16, 17 and 18.

MBU Schedule - MBU season is over-now re-evaluating schedule for next year. Share feedback with Remi St. Coeur.

Mental Health Course - Done and translated. The course will be in January on the OFM website. ICE Program. Working on a pilot program through education which will see 16, 17 18-year-olds attend and take the FF1 program through their high school curriculum. Will present to NBAFC once complete.

Minimum Chiefs Guidance - At the request of UMNb-we are compiling information on what soft and hard competencies a fire chief should have. Once prepared, we will share this with NBAFC for commentary.

Major Fire Investigation Trailer - Have relocated the mobile 'major fire investigation' trailer to two separate areas as a deterrent 'billboard'. If your region is seeing several fires, reach out to Jeff if interested.

SPU and MARS program - This summer, OFM activated its Structural Protection Unit program. Firefighter training was not yet complete, but NB Departments stepped up immensely. Over 400 FFs from 30 departments attended over 5 weeks. A lot of feedback and learnable, almost all positive. Over the winter we will formalize SPU policies-training for fire departments first began in Capital District this fall, and will be offered twice annually in rotating areas. The idea being that **most** SPU deployments in the future will be with FF's who have taken training.

Smoke Alarm Campaign - Highly successful-over 12,800 smoke alarms distributed across the province. Winners will be announced in November-many thanks to all who participated.

Fire Prevention Trailers - Visits are slightly down this year. Still a great tool, looking to ensure we maximize use. Will work with PFI's and departments to try and prioritize high-traffic events (Ex, exhibition or festival VS open house). PFIs may be reaching out if they know a high-traffic event is occurring to see if they'd like a trailer. Also looking into the possibility of 'buying' trailers back from NBAFC to reduce insurance costs (10-12k). If feasible, it will require a vote from NBAFC.

Fire Prevention Props - Fire Extinguisher Props (LION extinguisher and interactive screen) as well as hazard houses available from your local PFI. Contact them if you want to borrow it.

Fire Department 'Report card' - Working with PFI's to create a simplified annual 'check-in' with departments to track progress. Deliverable would be a 1–2-page summary of the department and its challenges/successes, to be revisited year over year. This would allow the PFIs to better track changes over time, provide provincial statistics, and provide guidance to municipal officials.

OFM Staff changes (past two years) - Susan Gamble and Fiona Sinclair have both retired-we thank them for their cumulative 40+ years of service to the OFM. Dan Fairbanks joined as a fire plan review officer. He also comes from a GSAR background and will be supporting in that capacity. Karine St. Coeur and Theresa Blizzard have joined as administrative officers. Trevor Tompkins has joined as a FPO in the Saint John area. Matt Cassidy has joined as a PFI in the Fredericton area.

Upcoming opportunities as an Industrial FPO (provincial), and Fire Plan reviewer (Fredericton).

Aboriginal Committee – Corey Nicholas No Report

NBCC – Serge Gallant

Accomplishments - The Curriculum assistant position has been filled. Karine Michaud from Bathurst Fire is the successful candidate. She started on March 10th, 2025.

The Fire Services Coordinator position has been filled. Suzanne LeBlanc from BSA is the successful candidate. Suzanne has been with the team for over a Month and is fitting in perfectly in the role.

ICE program started back in September with 16 candidates. They are writing Blk A next week. (Visits can be arranged for anyone looking to see how the program runs)

Using an NBCC truck (Peterbilt) and NBCC driver or a hired driver proved to be the best option for 2025 and will continue in 2026.

Future - Continue upgrades to the FTC training site. The Training Site is available to Associations and departments that wish to use it for training at a cost associated with the materials used.

Planning has started to replace and refurbish the live burn prop at FTC.

The 2025 Fire Service Workshop was cancelled, discussion on offering multiple Leadership sessions during the late fall – spring season. Will keep members posted.

Updates- Please inform your association members that Logbooks need to be completed properly with all supporting documentation before sending. We see numerous logbooks missing signatures and supporting documents daily.

A TSAC ad-hoc committee was struck to create an Instructor review program. (Explain). Pilot online course for Instructor 1 is done. Report presented at TSAC, we are looking at running a second option with modifications (some face-to-face).

Amalgamation is still causing some issues as we have departments not updating FIRS/OFM on new org charts. OFM sent a memo, and we are working on a form for Municipalities to complete and send in.

The Safety Officer program committee is working on the Curriculum ICS 200: working with EMO on getting interested instructors wanting to deliver via NBCC. Driver Operator / Defensive Driving / Arial: 3 separate committees starting to work on these programs in November.

Working with the NS Fire Marshal and Fire Service as they are in a transition period.

Possible NEW Programs

Fire Inspector

Search and Rescue Partnership NB GSAR

Executive Leadership in the Fire Service

Opportunity - Partnership between NBCC / OFM / Skills Canada / NBAFPO / NBAFC on building and operating a Fire Burn Demo trailer. Sprinkler VS unsprinklered / Sleep with door closed VS opened.

Information package or sessions for CAO / municipal councils on the NB Fire Service. (update from trade show)

Local Government- Ivan Corbett

Disappointed with the low census results. Will be seeking a rural district manager posting for North West, Restigouche and Chaleur. Hoping to do interviews by the end of November. 9 fire trucks in the process. All expected in 2026. Looking to order another 6 trucks.

The Local Government Fire conference will be in Fredericton at the Fredericton Inn on the 28th & 29th of November. The notice was sent out by the OFM.

Department of Natural Resources and Energy Development (DNRED) – Tony Cole

Fire season 2025 – This season brought many NB firsts for our fire program. In the history of the province, we had never brought in external personnel resources until this year. We brought Firefighters from Maine, Nova Scotia, PEI, Quebec, Ontario, and Parks Canada. We also brought Aircraft from Alberta, Ontario, Quebec, and Newfoundland. At one point, more than 70 personnel from out of province were assisting with multiple fires. In addition, we leaned very heavily on the Municipal Fire Service. Hopefully, Mike can share numbers. We are grateful for your answering the call on our behalf.

On August 16, we had 44 fires burning at once. This forced us to allow several fires to free-burn while we focused on priority fires threatening people, homes and critical infrastructure. Many evacuation advisories were sent out affecting more than 1000 homes, as well as 1 evacuation alert affecting 2 residences and 28 cottages. No homes were lost. The new structure protection trailers were put into action, and several homes and cottages were saved as a direct result. Two of these fires remain under patrol today.

More than 55 Dozers were used to construct many KM of fire guard and reclamation is currently underway on several fires. We utilized more than 4 railcars' worth of long-term retardant concentrate. This equates to more than 1.5M liters of long-term dropped from aircraft. We had 17 airtankers and 6 helicopters in the province for several weeks. We had 9 firefighters suffer from heat stroke and 1 firefighter injured from a falling branch.

For comparison, we had 437 Fires so far for 3407.6 ha burned in 2025. The 2024 season had 265 fires for 198.3 ha burned. The previous 10-year average is 249 fires for 434.0 ha burned. The 25-year average is 277 fires for 408 ha burned.

This year marks the 200th anniversary of the Great Miramichi Fire of 1825, which caused mass destruction to nearly 1/3 of the province. In 1923, 264 fires contributed to the largest area burned since keeping record consuming 165,759 ha. In contrast, 2011 had 81 fires, burning 45 ha.

Fire Smart- The Fire Smart website is up and running, located at gnb.ca/firesmart. We received 24 applications for Fire Smart Community wildfire resiliency plans and all were approved and were accepted by the communities. This equates to 2.6M in proposed spending. We are working with Indigenous community representatives to create cultural specific programming. If anyone is looking for presentations, please contact firesmart@gnb.ca

Wabanaki Fire Crew- Year 2 of the program. We mobilized 2 crews to western Canada this summer and utilized the Wabanaki crew on several of the fires in New Brunswick during August and September. They have added experience to their training and have become a great resource for NB and for Canada.

Training- Mark III Pump kit rollout has been delayed due to the fire season. 20 kits will be delivered to the communities that are both high risk and historically have frequent fire starts. Additional kits will continue to be delivered over the next 3 years. Local District staff will deliver each kit on a scheduled training night and review the kit, pump use and a PowerPoint presentation will be provided.

SPU (Structure Protection Unit) Program Development- 2 Trailers are available. Training has been developed between the Fire Marshal's office and the DNRED Training Coordinator. This training will expand in the coming months.

Fire Department social media- Many fire departments share the provincial burn restrictions daily. While our department appreciates the additional residents who see these messages, we often see the feeds show these a few days after they are valid. When possible, please share the link to the current burn map or delete the previous day's message when sharing the new one.

ASSOCIATION REPORT

Southeast FF – Brad Calhoun

The Last SEFFA meeting was held on Sept 28th, 2025, with 12 departments represented. A guest speaker from wholesale fire rescue (Dan McCoy) was on hand to discuss equipment and services that they offer assisting members with dress uniforms and alterations.

Training

- A FF 1 Set to begin before the end of the year in the Tantramar region.
- Two Instructor 1's are planned, one for St. Paul and the other covering the Sackville area.
- St. Paul hosted an advanced rigging course that was sponsored by Advanced Rescue Training in September. This was well attended with positive feedback.

Random Thoughts

- As an association, we are still beta-testing ways to improve attendance at meetings. Having a guest speaker or supplier in, providing supper, and having access to the meeting remotely are a few things we have tried to date.
- Planning is underway which would deploy "tanker task forces" as part of an automatic add plan for water supply. By breaking the association into zones, requesting a tanker should be easier than listing off each department being requested individually. More to come on this.
- We are on the back end of a busy forestry season. Our department members were required to back each other up frequently. As always, they worked seamlessly together, and their efforts are to be commended.
- Next meeting is scheduled for the first Sunday in December.

Chaleur Association – Dwayne Stephenson

We held our last meeting on Oct 15th.

Our training schedule for this fall is going to be very light as we only have a French firefighter 1 going as we speak. There is one department looking to do an in-house English firefighter 1, which will be put out to the association to see if there are any interested. If no one is interested, it will be up to this department to organize its course. We have reached out via email to the association to attempt to get a list of students and wanted courses so we can set up our spring schedule.

We had the MBU in Bathurst, unfortunately, only 3 departments used the unit. While it was in the association, it was also hunting season. There was one small hic-up, which was resolved.

We are going to work with Remi to get our schedule in place earlier next round.

It was also brought forward that fire chiefs should go to their councils, and get them to get a committee in place, or reactivated, to set forth plans for mass disasters (i.e., large forest fires). Due to the extreme fire in Miramichi, we feel it is pertinent to have communities ready for large-scale emergencies. To do this, we recommend implementing an emergency plan or bringing a current plan up to date. Reviewing said plans yearly and including the fire department in the review.

We are also looking at setting up an association-wide list of available firefighters, trained with EFF by the DNRED. This list would be the first called people in the event of a large-scale forest fire, and would save time as the people on the list would be ready to go. This list will require a yearly update before the forest fire season and would save time by not having to go department by department asking for manpower.

Acadian Peninsula – Mathieu Lanteigne

Currently in the process of giving a Firefighter level 1

We had the MBU for the second time.

Northwest Firefighter Association – Charlie Chiasson

There are no new business updates since our last meeting.

Instructor Follow-Up:

During the last meeting, many questions were addressed and somewhat resolved. The instructors provided detailed explanations regarding the purpose and objectives of our training committee, helping to clarify any confusion.

Upcoming Event: Our annual meeting is scheduled for April 26th, 2025, in Grand Falls.

Royal District – Charles McNeil

The Royal Association has held a meeting since the last NBAFC meeting.

The Royals' training has continued to be busy. The following training is ongoing or scheduled:

2- Firefighter 1 courses started in Sept. (1 in each zone)

Firefighter 2 in November

ICS in January

Fire Instructor course in January

Firefighter 1 in February

Auto Extrication in April

In June, I presented Jackson Allaby, a member of the Upham fire Dept, with a NBAFC bursary at his graduation. In July, I presented Katie Carter with the Royal Bursary (Katie's father is Chief of Penobsquis Fire Dept.)

The Royal Truck Pull for Muscular Dystrophy was scheduled for May 31 (Rain date June 1) It rained both days. It was rescheduled for Sept. 13. \$4700.00 was raised.

I represented Royal at two Funeral Services for 2 fallen active firefighters. In June, Lieutenant Jamie Van Tassel, from the Welsford Fire Dept. passed. Jamie was the past-President of the Royal Association. In July, Don Kearney, a firefighter with the Kennebecasis Valley Fire Dept. passed. Both had cancer.

Fundy Firefighter Association – Kevin Theriault

Since our last meeting in May:

Fundy has had the Mobile burn unit in for a couple of weeks. We hope that next year it will arrive fully working.

Many departments took advantage of the OFM's trailers and Props over the summer months; they have been well received in the communities.

In June, many departments sent firefighters to the one-day Point Lepreau workshop. I haven't heard of the total number of firefighters, but it is becoming a very large event.

The community of Fundy Shores has taken on rewriting our mutual aid agreement and the final draft is out for review now.

We have launched a website for the association www.fundyfire.ca

We just finished the level one course from last year, we held block 5 until fall, and we also just finished a level 2 course.

Rollingdam is awaiting a new truck from Metalfab through the province; they had to have some retrofits done to their station for it to fit.

Miramichi River Valley- Darren Hambrook (Absent) Report given by Roger Pitre

Starting a level FF 1 soon. We had the MBU for a few weeks.

Roger, I attended the CAFC conference and found the speakers to be very interesting. The depth of the discussions was fascinating. Slides from speakers are available on the CAFC website.

Central Valley – Steve Armour

Completed:

Emergency Scene Safety & Traffic Control Person - Completed with full class

Upcoming:

Fire Officer I: November - Class is full at this time

Remote Rescue 1 & 2: December FF1: Starts January 10th

Vehicle Extraction: might be 2ish courses, depending on how many firefighters register

Class 3 Upgrade

In the works: ICS-200

Workshops/Hand on Training (H.O.T) days:

Winter Remote Rescue

Vehicle Extraction Workshop

Summer Remote Rescue

Firefighter Skills Workshop

- We wrapped up both level one classes in the spring.
- Hosted the MBU in Lakeland Ridges (Canterbury and North Lake) in early summer.
- Instructors meeting early this fall with the new instructors who were put through last year. The intent is to have those who are willing to teach as much as possible for the level one class this year. Joe, Tracy and I will coach them along.
- Auto X looks like we will have enough for three separate courses.

Capital District – Harry Farrell

Just finished up 2 – Level 1 courses

Held a day of training in Oromocto on Sept 6, 2025, because the Workshop was cancelled this year in Miramichi.

Training courses that we put on were – Pumping, Auto Ex, Hose line deployment and techniques, ventilation removal and techniques and search.

Also had some departments from Central Valley attend.

Upcoming courses that are going to be put on are:

Do 2 Level 1 courses (have 60 plus students)

Auto Ex course, ICS 200 course, Fire Instructor course

Put on another Air Brake course and Class 3 to prepare firefighters for the exam.

New Business

Canadian Fallen Firefighter Foundation – Discussion took place. A motion was made by Scott Poupart to donate \$2500 on an annual basis for the next 5 years, starting in 2025. Seconded by Harry Farrell. Motion voted upon and passed. Will be reviewed in 2030.

Discussion took place on allowing Executive Directors of the Fire service or Directors of Public Safety to attend the meeting with Permanent Chiefs. Discussion took place. A letter will be sent.

Discussion on the cost paid for the Past Presidents. They will be rep. for MFC and any others as per our by-laws.

FF Monument Memorial – Harry will speak with Dave McKinley, who is working on it.

The cost of advertising on the website was discussed. Motion was made by Jody Price to increase the advertisement rate to \$900.00 per year in 2026. Voted upon and passed.

GRW is coming up. Scott, Roger and Kevin will be attending. A motion to send 2 more through the leadership program was made by Scott Poupart. Seconded by Harry Farrell. Voted upon and passed.

Discussion took place on location for the 2027 conference. The committee will meet after today's meeting.

A moment of silence was observed in honor of Fallen Provincial Fire Investigator Mark Nowlan.

Motion to adjourn by Charles MacNeil and 2nd by Charles Kavanaugh. Adjourned at 12:40

Next meeting January 2026 Moncton