Volunteer Chiefs Meeting MAY 2018 – Fredericton NB

Meeting called to order.

Shelly McWilliams - Muscular Dystrophy Canada reported on the funds for the year 2017 showing an increase in donations, last year they raised $160,000 across this Province. Funding is also received from the various activities carried out by the fire service of New Brunswick to obtain additional funding and remains within this Province.

Shelly thanked the members for the continued support provided to Muscular Dystrophy through our fire service, it is greatly appreciated.

Fire Chief Tim Corbin Volunteer Chiefs committee – Chief Corbin reported this past year meeting was held October 17 in Oromocto and April 14 in Miramichi.

NBAFC Executive have been meeting with DTI (Department of Transportation and Infrastructure) for changing the manner in which the fire service receives notification of the Road Closure throughout the Province, however for the present time he advised the group to continue to utilize the 511 system.

Identification Cards - Chief Corbin reported that the forms can be obtained through NBCC.

Fire Scene Security – Policy has been put in place for the Fire Service. A contract with The Canadian Core Commissionaires has been signed and information has gone out to the Fire Service.

TMR (Truck Mobile Radio) – Chief Corbin reported Fredericton to be completed within the next few weeks and the next location is scheduled for the Codiac Region.

Volunteer Chiefs Meetings – Chief Tim Corbin asked the membership their thoughts of removing the two Volunteer Chiefs meetings held in October and April of each year.

Fire Chief Wells Chapman disagrees with this move as information is received at these meetings around the table. He feels the one to do away with would be the meeting prior to the AGM. The spring and fall meetings brings good information among the departments. Chief Chapman recommended since the Volunteer Chair gives his report at the annual meeting; keep the fall and spring meetings for the volunteer.

Deputy Chief Yvon Pelletier reported the Northwest Association would like to have at least one per year prior to the conference. Fire Chief Ben Morin also reported these meetings were adopted as the volunteer group felt they were not being heard. These meetings allow sharing of information and he finds it works well. He stated that at least one per year would also be beneficial.

Chief Steve Armour stated any issues that an Association may have should be brought to their regional directors and then brought to the NBAFC. Also Chief Tim Corbin has a seat on this board and can also bring any issues provided to him. This is why we have Regional Directors so they can bring concerns on behalf of their association for discussion at the Board level. Chief Wells Chapman asked this be brought to the fire service by survey regarding their comments on the number of meetings held through the year.

Deputy Chief Dave Murray stated cutting out this meeting may be a reason for less people attending the annual conference.

Deputy Chief Randy Gowlet - Reported the kudo’s to truck committee this is the first year that they have insight on what the vehicles will have.

Paul Leger - Beresford Fire Department asked on behalf of his Chief – Fire Service responding to Lift Assist. President Walton reported his department does not carry out lift assist when there are other agencies on scene such as ambulance and RCMP. He asked that prior to responding the fire department should get the facts of the call.

Fire Chief Justin McGuigan stated there are times when the fire service is required to assist with cutting doors to get the patient out of the building and agrees it is important to evaluate the situation prior to refusing.