Volunteer Chiefs meeting October 20, 2018

Fire Chief Tim Corbin opened meeting 10AM

Attendance, 2 – Central Valley, 1 Royal, 1 Fundy, 1 Northwest, 2 Southeast, 2 Miramachi Valley, 4 Capital, 1 Office of the Fire Marshal. 15 Members Total

The necessity of the Volunteer Chief Meetings – Chief Walton informed the members these meetings were adopted at the Annual General Meeting of 2013. These meetings would allow the Volunteer Chiefs to voice their concerns and discuss needs within their perimeter and bring the issues of concern to the floor with a motion to move forward. Fire Chief Tim Corbin Director for the Volunteer Chiefs would bring their issues to Board of Directors quarterly meetings for discussion. Also any issues of concern would be brought to the Volunteers Chief meeting prior to the Annual General Meeting in May.

Decision to continue for 2018/2019 and will be discussed at the May meeting of Volunteer Chief prior to the AGM of 2019.

Capital District – Chief Crouse stated the Fire Service 2025 stakeholders meetings are not being represented for fire service. He was informed there are meetings scheduled for the fire service attendance in the evenings and the attendance from the fire service was poor. They were also given 2 – 3 options for dates which they could attend these meeting. Chief Walton stated he will contact Shaun Parker to have this clarified and will have an email sent to all departments.

Chief Kavanaugh asked Chief Crouse how the TMR system is working for Capital District. Chief Crousse informed the members that the dispatching is going well and this radio is very easy to work with. Chief Walton asked about Pager checks; he was informed checks are only carried out when requested; however they are in process of setting up a schedule to have the paper checks done.

Chief Walton will be speaking with Nick on Monday and will advise him of the comments of today meeting.

(RFD) Regional Fire Dispatch – Work for the Moncton Fire Department could be as early as 2019. RFD is presently being done in the Saint John area and is very close to completion.

Ambulance New Brunswick (ANB) – Fire Chief Roger Pitre spoke on the process of response by the fire service assisting ANB. ANB will contact the fire department if the department can respond to the call before the ambulance. However if the members of the department do not have Medical 1st Response they should not carry out Medical Service; as some the volunteer fire service are not trained in some areas of Medical 1st Response.

Audits of fire stations – Regional Fire Marshal Raymond LeBlanc reported that the audit of NB Fire Stations will be done shortly.

Regional Fire Marshal Raymond LeBlanc reported this year they have had 51 investigations versus 70 in 2017. Fire Service 2025 audit plan information is similar to the one used in the Newfoundland audit. The meeting for October 24th has been canceled until November. Raymond reported that one member of the Associations should attend these meetings and it does not have to be the President of the Association. There will be a questionnaire sent to the Fire Chiefs prior to the audit so a lot of the questions can be answered prior to the initial audit; the audit should only be one to one and half hour.

WSNB is currently working with the Office of the Fire Marshal on a project to establish best practice to improving health safety for the NB Fire Service. To ensure that response to the fire scene fire fighters are wearing the proper gear. The new protocol for fire scene security is working well.

Presentation of Ammonia is being done by Acting Fire Marshal Mike Lewis through the Province.

Hazard Material training is being done through the associations. Chief Roger Pitre asked Raymond to inquire when a date would be carried out in the Miramichi Valley Region.

Chief Kavanaugh discussed the distance of mile makers. He will be in contact Dianne Pelletier this week coming.

Government Relations week November 26, 27 in Ottawa. Chief Kavanaugh stated this is very informative and fire chiefs should try to attend.

R2MR Training – Chief Kavanaugh asked how this is going through the Province. R2MR training continues however it has slowed down. A request has been made that the instructors should be paid the same amount per hour as our Provincial Instructors.

Chief Farrell question WSNB some members are paying twice. Fire Fighters that work for Industrial and also volunteer for their fire department pay the $ 502.00 twice. Chief Walton informed Chief Farrell that Industrial Chiefs are not on the Cancer Legislation, however he asked Chief Farrell to send information that he had and this will be looked into.

Purchase of Mobile Burn Unit (MBU) – Chief Walton stated they are making headway however they need the help of all MLA’s. He asked the members that they speak to their MLA’s to give a push. We need ACOA to come in on this expense. Chief Pitre stated there was supposed to be talking points for the members to use so everyone would be on the same page. He would like the members to do this within the next four weeks, so they can bring this to Ottawa.

As a result of the Board of Directors meeting of October 26th the NBAFC Executive going to Government Relations week in Ottawa will forward the information prior to the meeting with the MLA and request a sit down to discuss this issue. Some members of Parliament are aware of this venture through the NBAFC.