

NEW BRUNSWICK ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS

January 20 & 21, 2023

Chair: Scott Poupart

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance: Scott Poupart, Dave McKinley, Justin McGuigan, Lynne Gallant-Valley, Mike Lewis, Jeff Cross, Charles Kavanaugh, Mike Walton, Harry Farrell, Dwayne Stephenson, Serge Gallant, Roger Pitre, Ivan Corbett, Tony Cole, Jeremy Stewart, Tim Corbin, Brian Hunter, James Brown, Paul Bruens

Missing: Charlie Chiasson, Jody Price, Guy Paulin, Dwayne Killingbeck, Brian Scott Worden, Kevin Theriault, Saturday – Ivan Corbett, Mike Lewis and Tony Cole

Review of Agenda - Motion to accept by **James Brown**, seconded by **Dave McKinley**

Review of Minutes - Motion to accept by **Harry Farrell**, seconded by **Dwayne Stephenson**

President's Report – Scott Poupart

Other executive members and I have attended several association meetings. I believe we have three associations left to attend: Northwest, Miramichi and Chaleur. I have attended and stayed abreast of the ongoing work of the FCBNB. I attended the English ELG conference in Fredericton November 25-26 and participated in the open panel discussion on Saturday afternoon. With all the changes currently happening with the reform, I believe this type of conference will be even more important moving forward. November 3rd, we signed the proposal from Websolutions on our website rebuild, more to come on this during the meeting. There has been a lot of dialogue between this company, Lynne, and the executive as work has progressed. This individual has been the subject of harassment with the OFM as well. We were advised not to respond or engage. November 8th, Dave attended the draw for Fire Chief for the Day in Fredericton and the subsequent presentation to Christine Bastarache of Gagetown Elementary School on December 19th. January 6th, Dave and Justin attended the funeral services of Captain Rheel Leger from Dieppe Fire.

It was also mentioned that it was nice to see the industrial fire departments' value being noticed and appreciated. A mention was made that items from the former Glencore were donated to various departments in the Chaleur area.

Motion to accept the report by Brian Hunter and seconded by Charles Kavanaugh.

Reports From CAFC – Dave McKinley

Government Relations Week was held December 5, 6, 7, 2022. The CAFC received very positive feedback and many contacts were made with MPs, senators and deputy ministers. There was a lot of buzz in the media while we were there, and many interviews were conducted.

2023 CAFC Plans

The NAC reviewed the list of projects and was informed of a potential Town Hall for early 2023. The following projects were discussed:

1. Rapid Response Programs (Leadership and Ethics, Climate and Indigenous Fire Practices, Human Factors)
2. *Why I Answer the Call* Program and the Volunteer Firefighter Tax Credit
3. Planning for Fire Rescue Canada (convention)
4. *Dangerous Goods: Things That Go Bang!* Project
5. Sprinklers: Consumer Education Campaign, Model Bylaw Project, Chief Notes for Addressing City Council
6. Builder Best Practices and Comments on Codes
7. FRC and Metro Chiefs Meeting
8. Consumer Safety Database

It has been noted that departments across the country are experiencing large increases in medical assistance calls.

Motion to accept the report by Charles Kavanaugh and seconded by Brian Hunter.

Report for MFC – Charles Kavanaugh

The MFCA/NFPA residential sprinkler summit has been cancelled for now as there was not enough interest. The board is meeting virtually every week to work on the planning of the 2023 Atlantic Fire Leadership Conference, which is July 5-7 in Halifax. The event will be held at Pier 21 and 23. The host hotel is The Westin with a block of rooms locked in at \$249 per night. We are still looking at getting some speakers for either a road show like we've done in the past or virtual as in the last few years which seemed to work well.

Motion to accept the report by Harry Farrell and seconded by James Brown.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance and Fundraising Committee - Mike Walton

To date we have \$103,791.45 in the bank. Current investments at Valley Wealth are \$489,649.65. Fire scene costs in 2022 were \$2,985.00. The cost for the 2022 NBCC workshops is around \$25,000. Fenety has raised \$62,843.00 in this 2022 campaign. The contract is up for renewal. Discussion took place on the new contract proposal. Mike will negotiate with Fenety. He will also look into options other than just the current booklet. Fenety would like to sign a contract by the end of the month and start the campaign shortly thereafter. Motion was made by Paul Bruens for Mike to negotiate a new contract for 2 or 3 years with the option to reduce printing cost to 2,500 – 3,000 copies. Motion voted upon and passed. It was also asked to discuss a possible digital option.

Firefighter Certification Board – Serge Gallant

Have gone to Pro Board to get the site visit. We have a session of FF 1 going. We meet next week.

Awards Committee – Kevin Theriault no report

Scott and Roger also sit on the committee. It was asked to remind members of the awards and bursary programs.

Training and Workshops Committee – Serge Gallant

The group will be meeting soon. The new format is pretty much done. Mike Walton asked if Fire Grounds procedure could be offered at the workshop. Serge suggested that maybe the OFM could sponsor a training session at the college location. The committee will discuss.

HAZMAT Committee – Mike Lewis

The Moncton trailer has been completed and equipment is 95% acquired. Operationalization ongoing. All OFM HAZMAT teams (Heavy and Scout) will go to TMR - over 150k+ invested. 'Roadshows' are available to any association - 4-5 hours on a training night. Contact your RFI if interested.

Fire Prevention – James Brown

The NBAFPO met virtually on November 30, 2022. We welcomed two new members: Derrick Fillmore, representing the Southeastern Association, and Darren Hambrook, representing Miramichi City and the Miramichi Valley Association. We still have vacant positions for the following associations: First Nations, Moncton, Riverview, and Royal.

In September, Susan Gamble (OFM) asked the NBAFPO if we would receive the invoice payments for the IFSTA manual for the Fire and Life Safety Educator for the course that the OFM offered in conjunction with the Campbellton Fire Department in November and then make payment to NBCC. The executive agreed that we could do this. At our May meeting, a motion was made and approved to contribute \$3,000 to the OFM smoke alarm campaign. We have not yet received an update as to when they will want this payment.

The NBAFPO purchased fire extinguishers for the OFM Gazette Backpack Fire Prevention Week draw. Safety Source gave us the best quote. They donated 5 fire extinguishers, so we only had to purchase 25 at a cost of \$1,075.00. We also purchased the Fire Prevention Week posters that the OFM sent out to all the schools along with the gazettes at a cost of \$1,970.32. Laura King gave another NFPA Fire Prevention Week webinar on September 8, 2022. We had 37 registrants for the webinar with 18 attending.

We still have three outstanding invoices for the Fire and Life Safety Course/2022 NBAFPO Fire Department Memberships and one where a cheque was sent but was less than the total amount.

A nominating committee was formed for the Annual General Meeting in 2023. All the executive positions are up for renewal. The president and second vice positions will be for a two-year term. The positions of first vice and secretary/treasurer will be for one term. We are working on updating and changing the administrators to our webpage, Facebook page, and Twitter feed.

Fire and Life Safety Educator Course (March 2023) Update - It took until the end of June after many emails and phone calls to contact the NS fire school to set a date for individuals to rewrite the exam for the Fire and Life Safety Educator course. The exam was rescheduled for September 17 at the Fredericton Fire Department. Besides complaints about the writing of the exam in March, the other big issue with the school was the length of time it took for the JPRs to be marked. The JPRs had to be completed by April 27 and the results were not received until the first week of September. After the results of the JPRs were received, several individuals contacted us to voice their concerns about their results. Groups of individuals that had worked together on the JPRs at the course received different results. For example, in one group one individual had to redo one JPR and the others had to redo all 10. Some individuals still had not received their certificates when we held our board meeting on November 30.

Seminar Planning Committee - The annual NBAFPO seminar and AGM will be held at the Fredericton Motor Inn on Friday afternoon, April 21 to Sunday, April 23. Laura King, NFPA Regional Director Canada, will be giving three presentations: *Understanding Energy Storage Systems*, *Introducing Steps to Safety*, and an NFPA Update. We hope to have an agenda available by mid-February.

The 2023 NBAFPO membership and the 2023 seminar and registration forms will be sent out at the end of January.

Nominations and Resolution Committee – Kevin Theriault – No Report
Brian Hunter will be added to this committee.

Convention & Games Committee –

Committee members are Lynne Gallant-Valley, Scott Poupart, Serge Gallant, Harry Farrell, Jody Price, Justin McGuigan and Mike Walton. The committee will start meeting weekly this Wednesday. Susan Gamble and Mike Lewis will also be asked to help.

License Plate Committee – Lynne Gallant-Valley No Report

Reminder to Fire Chiefs, you can reach out to Lynne anytime to get your FD list currently on file at SNB. This will give you a starting point to update your department list. List should be updated throughout the year.

Permanent Chief Committee – Jody Price No Report

Volunteer Chief Committee – Tim Corbin No Report

Next meeting will be February 11 in Miramichi.

Industrial Fire Chief Association – Scott Worden – Jeremy Stuart

A new Industrial Fire Brigade is being formed at the Groupe Savoie and they have been invited to the next meeting on Feb. 17, 2023.

The NBIFCA will be invited to send its members for training and hold their spring meeting at the April Fire Prevention Conference (NBAFPO) here in Fredericton on April 21, 22 and 23. This was a very successful collaboration at past annual seminars. For 2023, there will be a breakout session with a code compliance engineer on mandatory fire code testing which may be of particular interest to the NBIFCA members.

Next Generation 911 Committee – Justin McGuigan

Would like to have a voice at the table for standardizing radio systems. Ivan Corbett said he will make sure the NBAFC is included.

Meetings attended: RFD biweekly committee meetings: Met with several regional associations regarding radio communications (late 2021 & early 2022)

Key Information:

1. The Codiac PSAP has begun onboarding fire departments in their area. This is the final PSAP in the province to implement RFD.
2. Preparation for NG911 continues via its three working groups. Excellent progress is being made for New Brunswick to build its solution from the ground up. NG911 will provide an enhanced service to responders and residents in a variety of ways, including increased access to PSAPs, as well as enhanced dispatching services to Emergency Service Providers (ESPs), including an increase in data available and an increase in the quality of data.
3. NB Radio Communications now has a website, which will help provide easy access to contact information, as well as info and updates:
<https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/dti/radcom.html>
4. NB911 encourages fire departments to report issues related to dispatching services. The form for this can be found on the NBAFC's website:
<https://www.nbafc.ca/documents/2018/06/opd-appendix-a.pdf/>
5. NB TMR Coverage:
 - a. Several fire departments have reported poor or absent TMR coverage in their fire stations.
 - b. Fire departments continue to report poor NB TMR coverage throughout their coverage areas.
6. Unacceptable or Inconsistent Level of Service from PSAPs:
 - a. The Southeast Association (career and volunteer) has expressed concerns with their level of service.
 - b. Across the province we have RFD fire departments who receive a level of service that differs from other RFD fire departments who are served by different PSAPs.
7. Several NB fire departments have moved their dispatching services to Valley Communications in Nova Scotia.
8. Provincial HAZMAT teams are equipped with inconsistent communications equipment.

9. Impact from Local Governance Reform:

a. Operational model changes:

- i. In some areas FDs wish to merge their communications systems.
- ii. In another case, two fire departments are forced to share a talkgroup.
- iii. In other areas FDs have switched from one PSAP to another.

b. In all three of these cases, these require programming changes. NB Radio Communications wishes to not make programming changes until the impacts of local governance reform are known, and unofficially estimate programming may take place in 2024 or 2025.

c. Any requests for changes should be analyzed by NB911, the PSAPs and by ELG & municipalities

d. No timeline for this discussion has been identified, and no commitment has been made to include consultation with the NB Fire Service.

OFM - Mike Lewis

Industrial Association - OFM looking to expand existing HAZMAT contracts to industrial partners through a standing SLA, which would allow industrial HAZMAT capacities to be mobilized under predetermined terms (cost, indemnification) if available, and required by a provincial hazardous materials incident.

TSAC - Meeting next month. Next focus is on Fire Leadership/Management course development (also known as chief/officer training not covered in Officer 1).

E-Logbook - Ongoing with NBCC to allow fillable PDF logbooks electronically.

MH Course - Mental Health course being developed (50% complete) to be made a requirement of FF1 course, and available open-source from the OFM website. Online training (NFPA 10, Investigation Awareness, FPA, MH). All OFM courses are online and open source (no login).

Legislation

Minimum Service Standards (Regulations) - Developing minimum service regulations (roughly based on LSD fire policy). Looking to modify the act and create regulations by Jan 1, 2024.

Sprinkler Regs - Regulation proposed for sprinkler industry. Introducing it January 1, 2024.

2020 Code - Looking to adopt 2020 National Building Code/National Fire Code for January 1, 2024.

Staffing (OFM) - OFM reviewing staffing capacity.

NFID - FIRS Upgrades (Insurance, Fire Investigation)

Smoke Alarm Campaign - OFM has purchased 1300+ smoke/CO alarms for distribution along NFID's GIS project in fall 2023.

Administration Manual - Still working on admin manual for fire chiefs.

Scene Security - Bulletin distributed, looking to hire several individuals that could be called when needed for scene security.

Training for Mayors/CAOs (FS 2025 and beyond) - OFM has a presentation for mayors/CAOs. Make a request and an OFM representative will come present it.

NBAFC Workshop - Some funds may be available for this year for NBAFC if requested to improve/expand workshop.

Personal Development for Investigators - RFIs are going to be taking additional.

Payment for ANB Transport Calls - Discussion ongoing to have ANB pay for return transport when FFs transport in an ambulance.

Expansion of NBCC Training - Looking to expand provincial training contract with NBCC to include unlimited FF1, FF2 and add MFR, Auto Ex.

Communications

Social Media - OFM Awaiting approval on premade annualized social media messages.

CBC Interview and Ride Along - CBC has shown interest in OFM.

TMR Seed Radios - Fire departments will begin receiving a second batch of TMR seed radios in the summer of 2023. Numbers to be determined.

Additional K9 Unit - OFM will be acquiring a second K9 unit (dog) in spring 2023.

Discussion took place about purchasing three (3) trailers

Smart Fire Safety Training – Motion was made by Brian Hunter to purchase trailers for education and fire prevention. That the NBAFC will pay for the trailer and allow for a maintenance budget yearly. NBAFC will be reimbursed from OFM for the maintenance cost. Seconded by Harry Farrell. Motion voted upon and passed.

OFM - Jeff Cross

NFPA Conference & Expo – Las Vegas, June 19-21, 2023. Focus is on SOPE (Spotlight on Prevention & Education). I am planning to attend. Translation of fire prevention material/resources will be available in English, Spanish and French beginning May 1 with the launch of their new website. Any old material will remain as is, but all new resources will be translated into the future. This is an excellent move forward for us here in NB and I have expressed our gratitude.

EMAC will be going in for an update. It has been asked for everyone to have a look at the document and propose any changes that may be required or any new additions you would like to see for messaging. Once the revision is complete, the entire EMAC will be translated to French. <https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Teaching-tools/Educational-messaging>

Alternative Fuel Vehicles Training Program for Emergency Responders Online Training available for FREE. [Alternative Fuel Vehicle \(AFV\) Safety Training | NFPA](#). Course is approximately 4 hours and is a good resource for a fire department training night to familiarize firefighters with the challenges and information regarding these types of vehicles.

2023 FPW theme is being worked on and an official notice will be announced at the conference in Las Vegas in June. NFPA is working with CanOps to ensure that ALL materials available for FPW are in both official languages (English and French). NFPA *Steps to Safety* (formerly *Remembering When*) program is in its final stages of development and will be available hopefully in the spring. This will be an online course with all resources available online to print. An announcement will be forthcoming when this new program becomes available. Laura King will be in NB for the NBAFPO Spring Seminar in April and the NBAFC convention in May.

NBCC – Serge Gallant

Accomplishments: MBU is back up and running and we will be doing the first maintenance on it in March before sending it out. We are building a 100' x 40' pole barn to store fire services equipment and PPL equipment. Successfully delivered seventh edition update to four associations with the remaining to be done shortly. The third firefighter pre-employment class starts next month.

Future Plans: Continue upgrades to FTC training site. The training site is available to associations and departments that wish to use it for training at a cost associated to the materials used. The 2023 Fire Service Workshop will be held on Sept 8 and 9 and this year's registration form will again be electronic. Once finalized, it will be shared with all. Again, this year everything will be held at the FTC.

Updates: Please ensure that logbooks are completed properly with all supporting documentation prior to sending. We see numerous logbooks missing signatures and supporting documents daily. A memo was sent out by NBCC/OFM regarding completion of all courses by December 31, 2023.

The MBU was discussed, and a job description needs to be created so a person can be hired in the very near future. Also make sure NBCC forms are filled out with the firefighter's proper name. Certificates and their logbooks should have the same name.

Local Government – Ivan Corbett

There will be several new trucks coming in 2023. Nine this year and 5+ in 2024. We are in the asset management process right now. There was a pre-assessment done which should help the process. This is being done on only large ticket items. This is needed with the new reform changes. Vendors were sent a memo advising them how to submit invoices under the new reforms.

Just a reminder again, this reform changes civic boundaries but not fire boundaries. The fire conference that was held in November was well attended. There was a panel discussion hosted by Jody Price that went very well. Mental health and wellness were the topics. Next year we will be holding one bilingual conference instead of two separate ones.

A discussion took place on some of the changes with the reforms.

DENR – Tony Cole – Update on 2022 fire season

2022 was a below-average fire season with 214 fires and 175.9 ha burnt. This compares to the 10-year average of 274 fires with 476 ha burnt. The general causes are broken down as follows:

Resident	97	Railroads	8
Incendiary	33	Other Industry	6
Unknown	33	Lightning	5
Misc.	16	Forest Industry	3
Recreation	13		

Fire Department Invoices Updates - Both Forest Fires and Downed Power Lines use a series of spreadsheets made and maintained by the DNRE. These require annual updates for both manpower and equipment. Each department will receive an email from our department over the next month at the address on file. Typically, the response is poor and then when fire departments arrive on a fire scene to sign paperwork with the DNRE representative for payment, they are often out of date. Is there a better way to get these updated? Does ELG maintain a list of current equipment synced with our list?

Last meeting, I asked for the top 3 things our department can do to support the fire departments.

1. Education and Training
2. Forestry hose
3. Pump kits (1 per dept. or x per association)

Each of these is being considered and worked on. Further updates will be given at future meetings.

Regionalization - Cities, Towns – Maps of changes were handed out. DNRE proposes the following:

Currently DNRE is requesting that a blanket MOU be implemented for each town. Considering the following key components:

1. The town is to follow the provincial burn day classification.
2. Conservation officers are to have the authority to enforce the burn day classification within the town.
3. DNRE will continue to be called and cover fire suppression costs for the fires outside the former town boundaries.

Cities have minimal additional forested area and will absorb the additional fire suppression costs for their additional area. Campbellton is the exception to this and may need to be regarded as a town for the purpose of wildfire suppression. These measures are intended to be an interim solution until the town implements a permanent solution.

ASSOCIATION REPORTS

Southeast – Daniel Dupuis for Paul Bruens

Line of Duty Death

Passing of Captain Rheal Leger, Dieppe Fire Department. He served his community as a Firefighter for 39 years and positively impacted many people through his work. <https://funerairepassagefuneral.ca/en/cpt-rheal-leger/>

Communication Committee - A recent meeting was held with the SEFFA Comms Committee to discuss updates and concerns with the RFD implementation and delays in the SEFFA region. This meeting also included invites to Melissa Mersereau (senior project manager, NB911), Bruce Grandy (DTI), and NBAFC representative Justin R. McGuigan. A concern that was expressed was the flow of communication from key players and a lack of regular updates on the project.

To date, five fire departments in the SEFFA have moved their dispatch services to Valley Communications.

Training - ATR Dan Dupuis has scheduled several times for members to write exams and has scheduled a level 1 and 2 course. Additional publications will be needed as we have an enrollment of approximately 40. ATR Dan Dupuis will be contacting Serge Gallant to discuss this request.

If any associations have plans for conducting a Fire Officer Level 1 course online, please advise ATR Dan Dupuis, as members have expressed interest in this course.

An Auto Extrication Course was completed this past fall at Hillsborough Fire, who hosted the course.

Moncton Fire is moving forward with their HAZMAT program. The HAZMAT trailer was received in early December and work is progressing to complete the interior of it. Once the trailer is completed, training will be conducted to allow members to become familiarized with the layout and new equipment purchased as the final step in becoming operational ready. Our next meeting is scheduled for February.

Chaleur Association – Dwayne Stephenson

We had our last meeting on Nov 30, 2022. Serge Gallant attended the meeting and reviewed the new curriculum for the FF1 and the different technical options the college is looking into or has purchased to help ease training. He also mentioned that each department will be sent 2 copies of the IFSTA Essentials 7th edition, and that a digital option is available for the students to purchase if they wish.

It was brought up about having issues getting training facilitated and running. Due to work constraints, our ATR Paul Leger stepped down. Jamie Innes was to shadow Paul Leger to take over ATR role. Jamie has agreed to step up along with Daniel Hamel to take on the ATR roles. Double ATR was discussed with Serge Gallant and approved, due to the geographic area of our association. This gives us a Training Rep in the northern and southern part of our association. Jamie will be taking the Fire Instructor course being given in Campbellton. We have 24 names that are willing to become instructors, so a second instructors' course will be offered in very near future.

Respirator/SCBA fit testing: Our association was able to obtain an AccuFIT tester from the former Glencore smelter for use in our association. Discussion was had on training people from each department on its use. At the end of discussion, it was decided the person who is currently trained on the unit will travel with the unit and maintain the unit as required. This will allow for a more accurate accountability of the unit and its operation and repairs, etc. Discussion on certification of all trained came up, which led to decision to have only one trained for now.

Issue with radio clarity and operation came up, Belledune seems to be the worst hit area from this meeting, other areas have reported that there are issues as well. The problem

is the radios and pagers are so filled with static that the page or message is unintelligible. This can lead to life safety depending on the call/situation. RadComms is monitoring and Bathurst PSAP is training new dispatchers. If this issue worsens after bad weather, Carole Scott said to let her know via email of when and where. Belledune is looking into getting its repeater on the NB Power building synced up with the dispatching system, but to date has had no response from DTI/RadComms or NB Power. This issue has been ongoing for several years. Bathurst PSAP may use the FireQ module once all departments get online with the application.

The Fire Marshal's office (Paul Boudreau) discussed the new requirements in the Fire Prevention Act, a minimum standard for FF1. It was also mentioned that feedback is required for new items in the FPA. Also brought up was using local firefighters to do scene security due to an issue with the current system.

Acadian Peninsula – Guy Paulin No Report

Northwest FF Association - Charlie Chiasson

Next meeting is January 25. Elections are to be held in March (annual meeting). French Level 1 FF course will start at the end of February with block 1. We are looking at an in-person ICS-100 and OHS course as some of the participants have connectivity restraints. English Level 1 - we currently have the demand for an English FF 1 in our area. Looking to get this going.

Would it be possible to create a shared calendar or message board to post ongoing classes or blocks that are being given in the other associations? This would allow us to attend virtually or in person if we knew what is being given outside of the association. This would be nice to have.

Royal District- Brian Hunter

We are using Teams for training. Our last meeting was Oct 19, 2022. We had Cummings as a guest supplier. First Vice-President David McKinley and Second Vice-President Justin McGuigan of the NBAFC were guest speakers. FF 1 will be starting soon. Members were introduced to the new Fire Inspector for the greater Saint John area. There was a bursary program update for FD family members.

Looking into the Workers Compensation and the fee being charged to members of departments who have retired from their regular work and receive a pension. Do they get monies if they are hurt while working for the fire department if they are collecting a

pension? Discussion took place on this. The fee breakdown was clarified. Date for next meeting: January 23, 2023.

Fundy FF Association – Kevin Theriault

Our elections were held for president & ATR. Kevin Theriault is president for another 2 years and Gene Gown was elected for ATR.

New government reform: there are still some growing pains. NBCC did training with the association instructor in St. Andrew this month.

FF-1 - New program starts on Jan 24/23. Dave and Justin visited the association and spoke about the NBAFC. Training day to be held at the Point Lepreau fire training site in spring with the Royal, Capital and Fundy associations. Dates to be announced.

Miramichi Valley – Roger Pitre

We've had an uneventful winter so far. Our last meeting was virtual, in November. Six departments were represented. Nothing significant to report, all are looking forward to starting with the new level 1. We are looking for a new ATR and president as both aren't re-upping.

There were concerns surrounding municipal reform and how the transition will happen. Also, where the departments will end up as far as associations are concerned. Local assistant candidates are having issues registering on the OFM website, but most are willing to take this training. Also, Fire Chief Tony Lloyd is retired, and they are searching for a replacement.

Central Valley – Mike Walton

We have just completed an FF level 1 & 2. Will be starting another FF 1 in February. We are trying to get everyone caught up.

Capital District – Harry Farrell

Starting to set up a new Level 1 course for the year. Working with all chiefs to get other courses finished up to the exam part for rewrites before the end of 2023. Working with someone from government about calling all chiefs to set up the new NB511 road closure system. Discussed NB511 Area Notification. See attachment.

Old Business

Memorial monument: Mike Walton made a motion to create a subcommittee to look at creating a provincial monument in Fredericton. Dave Gallant will help with this. Harry had some possibilities that were discussed. Motion seconded by Roger Pitre. Motion voted upon and passed.

Carbon Monoxide Detectors – This item will be moved to the next meeting. OFM will be doing a fall campaign.

Website - You have all had a chance to see the new website. Any feedback is appreciated. You can send any comments to Lynne.

Summer Student – Having a summer student was discussed. They would be able to help with the convention, with planning for workshops, fundraising, selling ads on the website, and other duties. Lynne and Serge will watch for SEED and federal applications.

New Business

Scott made a motion to invite Mario Durette to this year's convention and pay for his hotel. Seconded by Harry Farrell. Motion voted upon and passed.

The priorities for 2023 were discussed. The following were selected and will be discussed with the Fire Marshal.

Public Safety – Local Government Reform, Regional Fire Dispatch – PSAP, and ANB
Downloading

Dept. of Natural Resources and Energy Development – Open Act and make all wildlands fires DNR, same as out of town, Rates

PETL - Cancer legislation, additional cancers, WorkSafe – streamline claims – Have a designated staff member who works on Firefighter claims.

Local Government – Would like the minister to support the OFM to revise the Fire Protection Act for minimum standards. Would like local government to maintain support for workshops impacts of local governance reform that has been stopped or paused in the fire service.

While discussing priorities, it was asked to have a pause put on any changes in the fire service. David McKinley will speak with Minister Austin.

Paul Bruens suggests that a visit to the Nova Scotia Dispatch Service may be beneficial. Discussion took place.

Reminder if you cannot make the quarterly meeting to send an alternate.

Next Meeting Date - 2023

April 14 & 15, 2023

Following Meeting Dates

Convention & AGM (Sunday morning) – May 26-28, 2023

Workshops NBCC – September 8 & 9, 2023

October 20 & 21, 2023

Motion to adjourn By Brian Hunter and seconded by Harry Farrell.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Appendix A

Attachment

NB 911 incident Reporting Directives and Incident Reporting Form

