

**NEW BRUNSWICK ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS (NBAFC)
October 20 and 21, 2023**

Chair: Scott Poupart

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

Friday Attendance: Scott Poupart, Justin McGuigan, Lynne Gallant-Valley, Jeff Cross, Mike Walton, Harry Farrell, Dwayne Stephenson, Serge Gallant, Roger Pitre, Kevin Theriault, Tim Corbin, Charlie Chiasson, Jody Price, Denis Roberge, Charles MacNeil

Saturday Attendance Only: Tony Cole

Absent Saturday Only: Mike Walton, Jody Price, Charlie Chiasson

Absent: Mike Lewis, Ivan Corbett, Susan Gamble, Guy Paulin, Brian Scott Worden (sent alternate), Darren Hambrook, Charles Kavanaugh

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

Review of Minutes - Motion to accept by Kevin Theriault, seconded by Harry Farrell

President's Report – Scott Poupart

Attended the Maritime Fire Chiefs Association (MFCA) convention and the Fire Rescue Canada Convention in Halifax. There was a lot of good discussion around many topics that are impacting our fire services today. Technology such as the use of lithium-ion batteries for one, are outpacing the capabilities of our services to respond safely and correctly was one of these topics as was our national capabilities to address the increasing threat of urban-wildland fires brought about by climate change.

I, Justin, and Roger took several media requests, mostly on the threat of urban wildfires due to climate change. We attended National Advisory Council (NAC), Public Service Alliance of Canada (PSAC), Fire Certification Board, Joint Emergency Management Committee. In September I attended the Provincial Hazmat exercise

held in Moncton at the train yard. This was well attended by the provincial heavy and scout teams and other provincial agencies including NBEMO-Ambulance NB, and other various agencies.

The Joint Emergency Service Committee was struck to explore better interoperability amongst all key provincial partners. A group to explore Wildland fire strategy engagement which has come about by the aforementioned increased wildland fire threat was also attended.

EM/ANB Inc. has formed a group and engaged a third party to work on the dispatch issues brought about by the launch of the Logis system and how it has impacted the dropping of calls to the fire service.

The executive met with ministers to discuss our priorities. WorkSafe NB was discussed. The association has asked to meet with WorkSafe NB, to hold a seat on their board, and to have more cancer coverage. Lynne will arrange a meeting. In addition, the firefighter tax credit was discussed and seems to be supported

We've had three fallen firefighters over the last few months. Firefighter Steven Godin and Firefighter Roger Brideau, both from Bertrand Fire Department. Also, Neil Morrow from St. Stephen in July, we sent condolences on behalf of the NBAFC as well.

In closing I would like to once again recognize the support and great work of this committee and Lynne to keep us focused and engaged in all the important issues that are impacting our provincial fire services.

Mike Walton made a motion that Scott Poupart sit on the NAC committee to replace Dave McKinley, seconded by Jody Price. Voted upon and passed.

Reports From Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs (CAFC) – Scott Poupart

This year's convention was in July in Halifax. Next year's convention will be in Montreal. Bill C-310 was discussed.. The NAC is asking that we support Bill C-310 to increase the federal tax credit from \$3,000 to \$10,000 for 200 hours of service. This petition is online to sign electronically at <https://petitions.ourcommons.ca/en/Petition/Sign/e-4594>. Please ask your members to sign the petition and have their friends and family sign it. Lynne will send an email about this. They are working on priorities for Government Relations Week. The Great Canadian Survey is done. The final summary will be brought to the January meeting.

Justin McGuigan and Karen Trecartin were presented with the Executive Chief Fire Officer certification at the convention.

Report for the MFCA

Charles Kavanaugh was unable to attend due to an MFCA meeting that same weekend. The convention will be in Summerside, PEI, in 2024.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance and Fundraising Committee - Mike Walton

Fenety - 2022 Campaign - \$ 41,456.10	Bank Account - \$6,012.00
Association Investment - \$474,676.83	
Convention Revenue - \$50,000	Cost \$80,000
Workshop Revenue \$24,080	Cost \$35,828

A review of the convention and workshop finances took place. Ideas were discussed for 2024. Motion by Mike Walton to accept the report, seconded by Charles MacNeil, voted upon and passed.

Firefighter Certification Board – Jody Price

The committee sent representatives to the Chaleur Association to give a presentation. Any association can request a presentation. I was approached by a representative of one of the airports who was looking to get certification for their members. They were told they needed to be a member of the NBAFC and it was suggested they join through the NBAIFC.

Awards Committee – Kevin Theriault

Please remind your association members that we have a bursary, President Award, Certificate of Courage, and Hall of Flame. These applications are on our website. We will look at reviewing these forms.

Training and Education – Jody

The fall workshop was discussed. A motion was made by Jody Price to increase the workshop registration to \$200, seconded by Mike Walton, voted upon and passed.

HAZMAT Committee – Mike Lewis

Moncton HAZMAT team - Moncton's HAZMAT team is operational. They held a training session in September.

Fire Prevention – Derrick Fillmore

April 26-28 is the date of the next seminar in 2024 at the Fredericton Inn.

Translation at conferences is a legacy struggle. Many options were discussed. We're going to ask the Office of the Fire Marshall (OFM) to help us find a booth.

This year's Fire Prevention Week (FMW) pamphlet has excellent information in it but was very costly. Why can't the Office of the Fire Marshall purchase these and provide them? Consistent messaging across the province is key. The backpack would set the tone of a consistent program message. Having two ways out, practicing kitchen safety, and having smoke alarms are the key messages of the Kennebecasis Valley Fire Department. The **Brampton** Fire Department is working on a themed loop video to be shown during the Keswick Ridge Fire Department open house that will provide the department's key messages.

Under new business: Our nominating committee for secretary and 1st vice-president has Derrick, Carol, Dave, and Leon as nominated. The seminar committee is Art, Karen, and Carol. Recruitment in Edmundston (Jean-Phillipe), Dustin Aube (Bathurst), and Denis Poulin (Haut Terre/Paquetville). Laura King of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) is booked to come, and we have also reached out to the Department of Natural Resources and Energy Development (DNRED) and the OFM to send out a letter. The by-law committee could be the same as the nominating committee. Fire & Life Safety Educator (FLSE) is moving to a new textbook that is not published yet. Tabled until next fall. There was extensive discussion on what happened in the March 2022 training.

Roger has new pamphlets on burn line and cards to hand out. There will be Upper Kingsclear Fire Department (UKFD) events for their 60th anniversary, and a ranger school presentation. FireSmart Canada will have a dedicated resource within the department. We are buying new equipment provided by Natural Resources Canada (NRCAN). It's going to take time to round up resources. Environment and

Local Government (ELG) is also providing funding. We want to get the community assessments started. Structural protection units are also an initiative with OFM; just go out and buy 4 units for local fire department units. Matt Ruff is the equipment sourcing specialist, as is Dan Michaud. There is a new Watson pump coming. The old Wajax might be up for grabs.

Nominations and Resolution Committee – Kevin Theriault

One member was needed. Charlies Chaisson will fill the vacant seat.

Convention and Games Committee – Lynne Gallant-Valley, Scott Poupart, Serge Gallant, Harry Farrell, Jody Price, Justin McGuigan and Mike Walton.

A location was discussed, and it will be held in Fredericton in 2024.

License Plate Committee – Lynne Gallant-Valley

As a reminder to your fire chiefs, they can reach out to me anytime to get their fire department list that is currently on file at Service New Brunswick (SNB). This will give them a starting point to update 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 list information do not match.

Permanent Chief Committee – Jody Price - No Report

Volunteer Chief Committee – Tim Corbin - No Report

Industrial Fire Chiefs Association – Jeremy Stuart

The last meeting was May 26, 2023, in Fredericton.

NBFFCB/NBCC (Serge Gallant): There was discussion on the updated Level 1 training and electronic logbooks. We no longer need all of the trainers' signatures in the logbook. The chief, deputy or training officer can indicate that your member has done the training for that particular skill, and they are confident in their ability to do it safely and properly. First Aid and Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS) course certificates can be "dragged and

dropped” into the electronic log. It makes for much faster and easier handling of applications back and forth.

OFM (Eric Gaudette): Making the Fire Incident Reporting System (FIRS) available to industrial brigades. There is still some setting up to do – Scott Worden has a meeting set up with Edward (one of the techs) to work on this. Once the techs get things set up, this will give the industrial chiefs access to firefighter plates, service awards, etc., but will ultimately involve more work because the information must be maintained, especially as members leave. Nadine is the contact. We’re working with Andre Gallant on a HAZMAT “tabletop” training session at AV Atholville in September.

Discussion on having a new logo. We will be setting up a bank account. Industrial dues will be paid to NBIFCA instead of NBAFC. It was suggested that it be whatever the dues are for NBAFC plus \$25. NBIFCA will then forward the appropriate amount to NBAFC. This will allow us to know whether dues have been paid and are accumulating to eventually be used for the website, training, etc. NBIFCA dues will be separate from (and in addition to) NBAFC dues which may already be paid if an industrial member is also part of a municipal fire department. The municipal department would pay dues to NBAFC, and your company would pay “industrial” dues to NBIFCA. In other words, dues for some people will be paid twice.

Training - The Point Lepreau Fire Service Workshop is scheduled for June 24. MBU is scheduled to be there, which **Scott Poupart Scott Worden?** confirmed. It’s open to all industrial members. Excellent training, good food, and a t-shirt for just \$50. Encourage your members to come down. Jolly Farmer is sending 10 members.

NBAFC returned dues/money to NBIFCA for recognition awards and incidental funds. The cheque was given to Marcel Robichaud for \$2,000. We’re working with techs to get FIRS online for industrial. Next meeting will be hosted by McCain Foods Canada - Grand Falls on November 3 at 10:00 a.m.

Next Generation 911 Committee – Justin McGuigan

Fire departments continue to be added to the Regional Fire Department (RFD) program in the Codiac Region. This includes Havelock and Petitcodiac. Salisbury continues to have productive conversations with Justice and Public Safety (JPS). Progress in the region is being made.

The Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) strike in Saint John resulted in 140 internal employees walking off the job, putting a significant strain on the community as well as the PSAPs that assisted with call handling.

The Department of Transportation and Infrastructure (DTI) has finished distributing the two additional RFD seed radios in the Bathurst, Edmundston and Miramichi regions. The Saint John region is next.

NB Radio Communications indicates that the service contract for the New Brunswick Trunked Mobile Radio (NBTMR) program is nearing the time for renegotiation and or renewal. NB Radio Communications would like to engage with the executive of the NBAFC and with the NB Fire Service. They will be circulating a questionnaire to gather data on comments and concerns. Fire departments are urged to complete the survey.

Make sure if you are having radio issues to report it at workplanner@radcom.ca. The more an issue is reported, the higher the priority it gets.

OFM – Jeff Cross

Fire Investigation - New Staff - We are in the process of interviewing individuals for new Regional Fire Investigator (RFI) positions in Bathurst and Charlotte County. This will significantly increase our investigative/fire service support capacity. This may involve some shifting of PFI territories.

Fire Investigation Portal – The portal is live and operating well.

Fire Prevention - Trailers - Our three trailers are now largely complete. The trailers may make a few intermittent visits over the next 4 weeks, but we are planning on a fixed schedule starting in April 2024 which will see each association host the trailers for 2+ months. The OFM will handle large moves, but the operation of the trailers and movement within the association will be their

responsibility. These trailers represent an investment of over \$500,000, and we're very pleased with them so far.

Alarms - We have nearly 3,000 smoke and CO alarms available for distribution. Complete the form and submit it, and we will distribute them. We are asking for departments to focus on at-risk communities, as a result we are asking for a rough description of locations, for example SD Housing, 300 block of Main Street, etc. These are free of charge, just indicate if you need smoke or CO alarms.

(attachment 1)

Posters - We have a competition for kids to draw their own fire prevention posters. Twelve winners will be drawn and will receive a \$100 gift certificate to a restaurant in their community, a visit from their local fire department, and have their artwork permanently displayed in our trailers. We will accept applications until October 31. Information can be found on our website, and posters can be sent to fire-feu@gnb.ca or by mail.

Sprinkler regulations - We will have a MEC for sprinkler regulations go to the legislature this fall. We are proposing implementing a plan review process and licensing regime for the sprinkler industry. This will also involve hiring an additional staff person - a sprinkler plan reviewer. This competition will go live in the next 2-6 weeks.

Fire Service Support - Volunteer Firefighter Tax Credit - We will be introducing a \$5,000 provincial volunteer firefighter tax credit to the legislature this fall. If implemented, it will make NB a national leader with a \$3,000 federal and \$5,000 provincial firefighter tax credit.

Structural Protection Units (SPUs) - We are working with DNRED to create a system that will allow the deployment of specially trained firefighters from each association to be able to operate structural protection unit equipment (sprinklers, pumps, hoses, etc.) and protect homes in the event of a wildfire. If a wildfire occurs and threatens communities, fire chiefs will be able to request SPUs. Upon request, SPUs from other areas of the province will respond to that community with specialized equipment, and get set up to protect structures. We are envisioning a contract with each association to provide a team, and we are aiming to start with two associations before April 1, 2023 – the capital district and the southeast.

Training - Wildfire Training (S215) - (If Tony is there, let him talk about it). DNRED is looking to plan 7 S215 courses between now and April 2023. The course is two days, free of charge, and is fully in the classroom. Students will learn how to respond and suppress fires in the Wildland/Urban Interface.

Provincially Funded Training - We have considerably increased our investment in provincially funded training. As such, we are reviewing what courses we can expand to include.

Mobile Burn Unit Coordinator - We are hiring an MBU Coordinator over the next 3-6 weeks, which will be an OFM position out of Miramichi, whose primary responsibility is to keep the MBU operating as much as possible.

HAZMAT - Moncton HAZMAT Team - Moncton's HAZMAT team is now fully operational.

NBCC – Serge Gallant

Training is ongoing. We have around 200 registered this fall **workshop?** The registration form is available online to make it easier. It would be nice if a laptop could be set up for registration instead of using paper copies. We have been attending some association meetings, and we keep seeing the same faces. The Mental Health program is almost completed. The MBU attendee will be hired and ready to go in the spring. This person will train association members who will be responsible for the unit while at their association. The attendee will be their contact for trouble shooting. Risk management at NBCC is asking that all associations share the responsibility of insurance.

Local Government – Ivan Corbett – No report

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

We have had 199 fires to date with 856.3 ha burned. Last season had 191 fires with 146.2 ha burned and the 10-year average is 253 fires with 408.2 ha burned. Other than 1 large fire of 504 ha, it was a very quiet season.

Drone Use on Wildfires - All wildfires in Canada have automatic Notices to Airmen (NOTAM) applied per Canadian aviation regulations. This means that the airspace

within five nautical miles and up to 3,000 feet above ground level is restricted airspace. A manual NOTAM is usually applied in addition to a higher elevation in NB.

What does this mean for fire departments with drones? In short, they cannot be used. Legally, the Provincial Wildfire Management Branch may issue an authorization if the operator has an SFOC (Special Flight Operator Certificate), has an advanced pilot's license, and has an additional licensed pilot present. Please see the attached supporting documents.

SPU Program Development – The DNRED and the Office of the Fire Marshal are working together to develop, train and implement SPU teams to combat urban interface fires, developed from wildfires. Equipment is being procured, and this will be a big step forward for NB to be better prepared to work together to protect homes from wildfires.

Effective April 17, fire department pay rates have increased to \$21.20 for firefighters and \$23.45 for the chief or designate. This does not include full-time firefighter rates.

Attachment 2 - List of all the regional representatives.

Attachment 3 – Domes (2 pages)

ASSOCIATION REPORTS

Southeast – Denis Roberge

Frustration with Regional Fire being dispatched in the Southeastern Firefighters Association (SEFFA) continues. Ambulance New Brunswick and the Department of Health have met with a few departments regarding the Medical Communications Management Centre (MCMC) dispatching medical calls, which has already begun. The initial impression is that calls continue to be missed and further information is required.

Training

Training is moving forward with Level 1 & Level 2 courses scheduled in Sackville and Saint Paul. Spring Training was well attended with the two locations being used. One location gave priority to signoffs for firefighters in the SEFFA and the second with a skills development focus.

Concerns were raised regarding students arriving to live burn training at SEFFA spring training without prior exposure or a sign-off on core competencies such as Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). SEFFA will look to solidify its procedures on what prerequisites exist prior to attending certain trainings.

Concerns were raised regarding the fall workshop in Miramichi and damaged PPE during burn evolutions. Some felt it was inappropriate to have damaged equipment in this manner.

Local Governance Reform

The changes in local governance have not generated any major issues within SEFFA.

Chaleur Association – Dwayne Stephenson

We held our spring meeting on May 18, 2023, and just held our first fall meeting on Oct 18, 2023. We welcomed AV Group to our meeting. They are our industrial brigade in the association area. We had a presentation from Bathurst Fire Chief Danny Boucher and St. Anne Regional Fire Deputy Chief Dave Murphy, in regard to the Chaleur Regional HAZMAT team. They explained who the team was, their duties if called to a scene, and that the provincial team would be activated if more resources were required. They are looking for interested members who wish to

join their rank. Training is free for members of the department and the experience will go on to further assist and improve the departments in regard to HAZMAT calls. This presentation was very informative and stirred a good interest among those in attendance. I will follow up with the two presenters in January prior to our meeting to see if there were any takers.

Clean Heroes from Nova Scotia had asked to present to the members but were unable to attend. They asked if we would present their information to the membership. Their credentials and services were explained. The Bathurst Fire Chief helped with the presentation and explained that they were a drop-off point and how gear was to be packaged up for transport and of the associated costs. This is a very good service when there is extreme contamination for those that do not have their own cleaning equipment and for annual inspection of gear as needed due to age or damage, which they can repair at time of inspection.

Training: The Campbellton Firefighter 1 course was completed. We were able to utilize 6 instructors, 4 of whom were new instructors. Fourteen firefighters attended Blocks A, B, C, D, and 13 completed Block E (HAZMAT).

The French course in Robertville utilized 5 instructors, all were new. The course started with 9 students and 8 of them completed the course.

St. Anne/Belledune Course: Fourteen firefighters started, 10 remain (as of May 18, 2023). Nine have completed blocks A, B, C, and D. To complete this course, HAZMAT will be completed in the first part of the new year (February, I believe). We utilized 6 instructors, 4 of whom were new. This session was also taught at the same time via MS Teams to the St. Leonard Fire Department in English. Associate Training Representative (ATR) Dan Hamel was able to go to St. Leonard and complete the HAZMAT course in person. Fourteen firefighters started the course, 13 completed it. Completion of this Firefighter Level 1 (from the spring of the HAZMAT Block E) – October 21-22, and November 3-4. This was unfortunately interrupted when I was requested to put on an Auto Extrication course in June to bring some departments up to training levels for Extrication that they had not previously had the training for.

French Firefighter Level 2 is looking at November 18, 19, 25, and 26. To be hosted at the Beresford Fire Department.

We are looking to put on another Auto Extrication Course in English and hopefully in French as well in the near future. Volunteer Firefighters Insurance Services (VFIS) Driver Training was put on with the cost shared by Bathurst and St. Anne.

The Pump Operator Course has the cost shared among Bathurst, St. Anne, and Beresford. We'd like to thank Jamie Innes for spending the last year working with the Chaleur Association to get training back on track. Jamie has stepped down as our second ATR due to family and personal constraints.

Going forward, we have a solid group of instructors to assist the departments in our association to train their members as needed. We are setting up another Firefighter 1 in both French and English in January.

We have started a logo contest for our association to help us come up with a more modern logo design that will be used by the association. A winner for this contest will be announced at our AGM in November.

We would like to recognize the Belledune Volunteer Fire Department, who recently held their annual appreciation/awards ceremony. They had not had an awards ceremony to honour the lengthy service of their current members in about 10 years or so. Fire Marshal Mike Lewis was able to attend to present several members with 15- to 30-year awards. It was also a very sombre night as we honoured two of our own that are no longer with us. Unfortunately, they succumbed to cancer and will be missed every day.

The Mobile Burn Unit was in Bathurst for training use. It was used every day it was there. We would like to see more departments utilize the unit as it is a wonderful training tool. The association has asked if it would be possible to have it at two locations when in our association. (We will have to see how next year's schedule works out.)

We are still working on setting up an association webpage for all our members to utilize. We will find out more about this at our January meeting and hopefully have a mocked-up page to present to the members.

The Bathurst PSAP, after an association-wide survey of interested departments, presented our association with an option to push text to our fire applications (Fire

Q, I am responding, etc.) The response from the association was very strong with interest due to some radio and paging issues we are experiencing due to aging equipment. This will hopefully be implemented by next January or early first quarter of 2024.

Acadian Peninsula – No Report

Northwest Firefighter Association - Charlie Chiasson

Our last meeting was held at the new Grand Falls Fire station. Thank you, Chief Kavanaugh, for the opportunity to visit and to hold our meeting in your new facility. Prior to this meeting, the executive held a special meeting about how we could get new people interested in the association and interested in holding executive positions.

Training: We are finally underway with our first Firefighter Level 1 course in the Restigouche area. We will also have a second underway in the Haut Madawaska area beginning in early November.

Amalgamation! On the fire operations side, northwestern New Brunswick was lucky on this subject where almost all Haut Madawaska was already under one municipality and had a system in place. Whereas the others had very good mutual aid agreements in place and had plenty of experience working together. Where the problems seem to occur is on the administrative side of the services. This is not having to do with the chiefs but rather with the Chief Accounting Officers (CAOs). Departments have a hard time getting answers from the CAOs and just setting up a meeting with them is complicated. Another issue is the equipment identification and removing the decals from the current department to install the new decals. On the operations side, some departments are completely new to dealing with each other. This creates an issue with interoperability with equipment (hose thread, SCBAs, etc.). Operational guidelines are also a source of problems as some have a higher standard than their new partners do.

Royal District - Charlie MacNeil

Royal has held two meetings since the last NBAFC meeting. The Royal's Association Training Representative is now John Codling. At the most recent meeting, a vote was held to fill the vacant position of Fire Prevention Representative. Two names were put forth and Karen Trecartin was voted in as the rep.

We are still working on a rep for the Volunteer Chief Committee. This year the Royal had its first scholarship. Adele Read was the successful applicant. The Royal had some excellent training when the MBU arrived. Royal's president is still on medical leave.

Fundy Firefighter Association – Kevin Theriault

We currently have one Level 1 course that just finished the theory portion of HAZMAT. Students went through the MBU last week for their live fire. This was the second trip down for the MBU. It was in the region in July, but there were technological issues and we were not able to use it. Both Serge and Remi were there trying to fix it, but this shows that there needs to be an instructor with the unit when it goes to a location. We are trying to get all of the 5th edition students signed off by the end of 2023.

On behalf of the Saint Andrews Fire Department and the Town of Saint Andrews, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of the departments throughout the province that offered assistance with the forest fire we had back in May. Offers came from every corner of the province. Please pass it on to your associations.

The new seeded radios have been issued. There was a small issue with them when they first arrived, but that was quickly resolved by RadComm. Members of the association were very upset with comments made by an instructor in the province that was scheduled to attend the workshop in Lepreau back in May. An apology letter was sent out and issued to all the departments. Some departments did hold their students back from the training day as a statement. Those that did attend said it was a great day of training, and we would like to thank NB Power for the use of their training site.

There was a radio issue this week with the UHF repeater at the Chamcook tower site. The repeater was locked open. When RadComm was contacted, their answer was that someone will be down sometime. This brings up the issue with the old UHF system and it needing to be updated or replaced. The system seems to be working now, but for how long?

Miramichi Valley – Roger Pitre

Association meetings began again in September after the summer break. We are trying to have different departments host each month to get attendance numbers up. It's not that successful yet. Most departments have been getting out to do Fire Prevention Week in schools.

Hector Fournier Day – The Miramichi Valley Firefighters Association (MVFFA) Memorial Firefighters Ceremony was held on October 8. The Miramichi Fire Department organized and hosted the event.

Training - Essentials 7, Blocks A & B have been completed, and Block C is to be scheduled. An Auto Extrication Course started, waiting on practical. Fire Instructor and Fire Officer courses are to be scheduled. The Dust Explosion course date is to be announced. The Mobile Burn Unit was in Miramichi, and some departments made use of it.

Brian Brown with the OFM now resides with K9 arson dog Maureen in Miramichi. They are willing to visit departments for training. We invited Arbec Forest Products and the Miramichi mill location fire brigade to join the MVFFA. We are working on getting them involved with the industrial chiefs also.

Central Valley – Mike Walton

Level 1 on going. MBU TRL is in Hartland for sign off for level 1.

Capital District – Harry Farrell

Just finished up two Level 1 courses. We have an Instructors course ongoing right now. We'll be doing an Auto Extrication course beginning at the end of November. Fire Departments in Capital District are looking at starting Level 1 and Level 2 and also putting on an Air Brake course.

New Business

Red Cross – Contact information – We want to make sure all department and dispatch have this information.

Junior Firefighter – The idea of having junior firefighters in FIRS was discussed. Discussion took place and this will be looked into. This will be in a support role.

Transitional Solutions Inc. (TSI) would like to give an online session on November 7. This could include the fire chief and other officers and administrators. Lynne will send out an invite.

NBAFC Meeting Structure - Discussion on what our meetings could look like. A motion was made by Kevin Theriault to hold the January 2024 meeting in Bathurst. It was seconded by Tim Corbin, voted on and passed. A second motion was made by Scott to hold the April meetings in St. Andrews. It was seconded by Harry, voted on and passed.

Important Dates 2024

January 19-20, 2024 – Bathurst

April 19-20, 2023 – St. Andrews

Convention and AGM May 2024 - Fredericton

NBCC Workshops – September 6-7, 2024 - Miramichi

NBAFC Meeting - October

Motion to adjourn by Scott Poupart and seconded by Dwayne Stephenson
Meeting adjourned at 1:34 p.m.



REQUEST FOR SMOKE / CO ALARMS

DEMANDE D'AVERTISSEURS DE FUMÉE / MONOXYDE DE CARBON

As part of Fire Prevention Week 2023 NB OFM is distributing a limited quantity of smoke & combination smoke/CO alarms free of charge to NB fire departments for distribution to vulnerable populations within your community. Quantities are limited and will be distributed accordingly.

Dans le cadre de la Semaine de la prévention des incendies 2023, le Bureau du prévôt des incendies fournira gratuitement un nombre limité d'avertisseurs de fumée et de CO aux services d'incendie du Nouveau-Brunswick. Pour maximiser les impacts, nous demandons aux brigades de distribuer ces alarmes dans les zones à risque au sein de leurs communautés.

Fire Department Name / Nom du service d'incendie:

Contact name / Nom du contact:

Email / Courriel électronique:

Phone number / Numéro de téléphone:

Rationale: Please provide a brief description of the intent of your campaign and the at risk demographics you intend to address:

Justification: S'il vous plaît fournir une brève description de l'objectif de votre campagne et des données démographiques à risque auxquels vous avez l'intention de cibler:

Smoke Alarms
Avertisseurs de fumée

Quantity
Quantité

Combination Alarms
Avertisseurs combinés :
fumée et monoxyde de
carbone

Quantity
Quantité

Occupancy Type / Type de bâtiment/usage:

Approximate Location / Adresse approximative:

ie. Apartment buildings / appartement, résidence - 200-300 block Main Street / rue

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Smoke alarms should be used in structures without attached garages and where no carbon based fuel is use (oil furnace, wood stove etc.) / Les avertisseurs de fumée doivent être utilisés dans les structures sans garage attaché et où aucun combustible à base de carbone n'est utilisé (fournaise à l'huile ou mazout, poêle à bois, etc.).

Combination alarms (smoke/co) are required in structures with attached garages or carbon based fuels. / Des avertisseurs combinés (fumée/monoxyde de carbone) sont requis dans les structures avec garages attaché ou combustibles à base de carbone.

Please forward request directly to one of the following / Veuillez transmettre votre demande directement à l'une des adresses suivantes:

Email / Courriel électronique: Fire.Marshall@gnb.ca

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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO!

FOREST FIRES AND DRONES

THE AIRSPACE AROUND AND OVER A FOREST FIRE IS CLOSED TO ALL AIRCRAFT, INCLUDING DRONES, EXCEPT THOSE DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN FIGHTING FIRES.



While some emergency response teams use drones to fight forest fires, flying a drone over or near a forest fire without permission increases the risk that a firefighting aircraft will collide with the drone. If a drone is spotted in the area, emergency response teams need to ground their operations, which puts lives at risk.



You could face serious penalties, including fines and/or jail time, if you break the rules.



Canadian law requires all drone pilots to fly according to the *Canadian Aviation Regulations*, which state that only someone with permission can fly a drone over a forest fire, or within 9.3 kilometres (5 NM) of a forest fire.



Before flying a drone in the summer months, make sure there are no smoke plumes or active forest fires nearby. Check local sources of information, such as the [fire management agency website](#) (English only) for your region, and [NAV Drone](#), which provides real-time access to Notices to Airmen (NOTAMs) and restricted airspace information.

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Controlled or Restricted Airspace

- **901.14 (1)** Subject to subsection 901.71(1), no pilot shall operate a remotely piloted aircraft in controlled airspace.
- **(2)** No pilot shall operate a remotely piloted aircraft in Class F Special Use Restricted Airspace, as specified in the *Designated Airspace Handbook*
- , unless authorized to do so by the person specified for that purpose in that standard.
- **(3)** For the purposes of subsection (2), a person specified in the *Designated Airspace Handbook* may authorize the operation of a remotely piloted aircraft when activities on the ground or in the airspace are not hazardous to aircraft operating in that airspace or access by aircraft to that airspace does not jeopardize national security interests.

Drones (RPAS) and UAVs on Wildfires

The operation of any aircraft not associated with fire suppression activities (including drones and unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs)) near a wildfire is illegal. It also poses a serious threat to the safety of firefighting personnel.

Transport Canada explicitly prohibit the use of UAVs or drones of any size near a wildfire. All wildfires are considered to be automatically “flight restricted” according to the federal Canadian Aviation Regulations. The restricted area is within a radius of five nautical miles around the fire and to an altitude of 3,000 feet above ground level. The current maximum fine for an infraction is \$25,000 and violators could spend up to 18 months in jail