



## **NEW HAMPSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS, INC.**

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### Meeting Minutes of the Board of Directors – January 9, 2025

Virtual.

The meeting was called to order by Chief Emanuel at 0803 hours.

**Members present:** Chiefs Emanuel, Hunter, , Wheatley, D. Chamberlain, J. Chamberlain, Jones and ED Lemire. Adam Schmidt joined us also.

**Minutes of previous meeting:** Deferred to next meeting.

**Financial Reports:** Distributed via email. A MOTION (D. Chamberlain/J. Chamberlain) to approve the December financials carried unanimously.

#### **Correspondence:**

**Life Membership:** Chiefs Jack Anderson of Bethlehem; Chief Tom Morrison of Plymouth and Chief Charles Corey of Brookline have been granted Life Memberships by the board.

#### **Government Relations: (Schmidt)**

- Adam shared a list of currently filed bills.

#### **Report of the President (Emanuel)**

- Chief Emanuel met with HSEM Director Rob Buxton and President/Chief Tim Crowley (NH Police Chiefs) RE: Unmanned aircraft, collaboration, and communication between agencies
- He also attended the 2025 Behavioral Health Summit was well attended at NHFA. Thank you Director Cutting, PFFNH, Primex, and sponsors.
- NHAFC members will be representing New Hampshire for the CFSI program in Washington DC on February 12-13, 2025.

#### **Report of the Executive Director: (Lemire)**

- Our application for 501 c3 has been approved by the Secretary of State also. I've been in contact with a representative for charitable gaming and I now find that we must have held the exemption for one year as well as filing paperwork with

the Division of Charitable Trusts and the Lottery Commission among other qualifications to be eligible to participate in the charitable gaming. That would be March 12 in our case as the IRS gave us retroactive status. We're getting there.

- I've met with East Coast Emergency Outfitters yesterday and we will be restarting our options for shirts, vests, etc. with Assn. logo.
- I attended the NH Municipal Managers' Joint Conference with Maine managers at the Wentworth By the Sea on December 6. Their keynote presentation was the stage play dealing with the aftermath of a first responder's traumatic event. It was well received by the attendees.
- The FF Cancer Workgroup will meet again on Friday, January 31 to discuss training, paperwork, prevention and Workers' Compensation relating to cancer.
- The February NHAFC meeting will be at LRCC and will include breakfast and a seminar entitled "Effective Listening for Leadership" presented by Nashua Fire Commissioner and Professor John Steere.
- President Biden signed the "Social Security Fairness Act" on Sunday.
- Chief Sitar notified me last night that he has lost his youngest son and won't be at the meeting. I offered our condolences and offered support.
- Ad book proceeds to date: Total: ; Vendor;; Assn.:

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President's Report (Watkins) – No report**

- The PTSD Committee will be meeting Friday January 10 at 1300 hours.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President's Report – (Hunter) –**

**Sgt. At Arms Report – (Chamberlain) – No report**

**IAFC – NED – (Jones/S. Murray) – No report**

**New Business:**

**Old Business:**

**Good and Welfare** – Chief Emanuel welcomed Chief J. Chamberlain to the board and encouraged him to participate and ask questions.

Motion to adjourn carried at 0845 hours.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brent T. Lemire, MPA  
Executive Director

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