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Meeting Minutes of the Board of Directors – October 2, 2024

Primex Facility, Concord NH.

The meeting was called to order by Chief Emanuel at 0844 hours.

Members present: Chiefs Emanuel, Watkins, Hunter, Chamberlain, Buxton, LaRoche, and ED Lemire. Adam Schmidt joined us also.

Minutes of previous meeting: Distributed for meeting. A MOTION (Hunter/Watkins) to accept the September meeting minutes carried unanimously.

Financial Reports: Distributed via email. A MOTION (Watkins/LaRoche) to approve the September financials carried unanimously.

Correspondence: Letter of support for Marshal Toomey to sit on the ICC Board of Directors.

Life Membership: n/a

Government Relations: (Schmidt)

- Adam shared a list of currently filed bills. He expects many more and they'll have a better handle on which bills to follow closer to the end of the year.
- He also spoke of the upcoming election and the possible legislative outcomes.

Report of the President (Emanuel)

Emanuel reported that the NH Fallen Firefighter Memorial was well attended on Saturday. Thank you Steve Buxton for reading the list of fallen firefighters for the NHAFC as I served as the master of ceremonies.

Emanuel reported that the IAFC - New England Division Conference and Expo is scheduled for October 16-18, 2024. He will be travelling down to CT on 17th to attend educational programs and to stand with Chief Jones as he is sworn in as the NED president.

Emanuel reported that he is registered for the NHAFC Professional Enhancement Weekend and will continue to promote the event with New England fire chiefs at the conference and expo.

Emanuel reported that a group of NHAFC chiefs would be presenting at the NHMA annual conference on the topics of:

- Strategic planning
- Contemporary issues for fire and emergency services

Thank you Chiefs Buxton, Hunter, and Thomas for joining me.

Emanuel reported that the NH Leadership - 5 Families met at NHFA on September 27, 2024.

NHAFC, PFFNH, NH Fireman's Association, HSEM, and NHFST were present.

Emanuel reported that the LEO/PFF & EMT Career Development Committee has issued an annual report on the status of the funding initiative.

- Note - work invest NH program is sunsetting

Emanuel reported on reductions at the Exeter Hospital - ALS paramedic intercept program and Center for Occupational and Employee Health have been eliminated and will be closed by the end of the year.

Emanuel reported that he and Chief Carrier attended the 100 Club function to represent the NHAFC for the reading of names and annual meeting

Emanuel reported that the New Hampshire Theatre Project's Elephant-in-the-Room Series®: a staged reading of the play Aftermath by Tim Barretto, focusing on Post Traumatic Stress (PTS) in First Responders. Aftermath is the story of one firefighter and how the reverberations of a tragic accident triggers his PTS and profoundly affects his life, as well as his family and colleagues. The program will be held on **Wednesday, October 23, 7-9:00 pm in the MUB Theater**. Free tickets may be obtained at the site: <https://www.nhtheatreproject.org/onstagenow>,

Report of the Executive Director: (Lemire)

- The October 10 meeting will be at the NHFA for breakfast at 0900.
- SAVE THE DATES: November 15-17 for Professional Enhancement Weekend at Waterville Valley. PLEASE REGISTER SOON.
- The December 12 meeting will be virtual.
- Our application for 501 c3 has been approved, but before we file the paperwork for charity gaming, we had to fill out additional paperwork to amend our Articles of Incorporation. They have been filed and the fee paid.
- I've met with East Coast Emergency Outfitters and we will be meeting again to restart our options for shirts, vests, etc. with Assn. logo.

- In meeting with the Commissioner, he suggested that we work on a program or class that would inform chiefs of how to properly document reports in the event of an employee's serious injury/death. Justin is working with Primex and we'll be meeting to formalize a process.
- Our contract with Grimblas Associates for next year has been approved. Just awaiting final signatures.
- NHMA Conference October 30 and 31. We are represented at three seminars.
- Chiefs Clark and DeAngelis' terms on FST Commission are expiring November 12.
- Ad book proceeds to date: Total: \$31,200; Vendor: \$21,840; Assn: \$9,360.

1st Vice President's Report (Watkins) –

- The PTSD Committee will be starting up Friday and he'll be attending.

2nd Vice President's Report – (Hunter) – No report

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

IAFC – NED – (Jones/S. Murray) –

- Chief Emanuel reminded members about the NEDIAFC Conference at Mohegan Sun October 16-18.

New Business:

- A MOTION (Buxton/Watkins) to recommend reappointment for Chiefs Clark and DeAngelis to the Fire Standards and Training Commission carried unanimously.

Old Business:

- The report is being submitted to the Governor from the Cancer Screening committee plan. It will be within the 90 day window as listed in the legislation.
- The Behavioral Health seminar will be January 7 and 8, 2025.

Good and Welfare –

Motion to adjourn carried at 1014 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Brent T. Lemire, MPA
Executive Director

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