

PEI FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL MEETING 2003  
St. Peters Fire Department

Chief David Rossiter welcomed everyone to the Annual Meeting.

Captain Eldon MacDonald introduced guest speaker Gilles Allard of Riverview FD (Training Captain). Gilles spoke on various aspects of Training, the importance of training and why we need to train.

Although we are still called firefighters, we respond to a lot more than just fires (medical calls, extrication, building collapse). Once called you are expected to bring the emergency to a successful conclusion. Need to train consistently, it is of limited use to train on the equipment one time only. Why train - to prevent injury, to improve ability to perform required task, to improve knowledge of tools and equipment that you need to use, chance to get to know fellow firefighters (especially for new members). NFPA requires that any firefighter that engages in structural firefighting should participate in training at least monthly. Also covered why do people join the fire service - many of these reasons are covered through training activities. What is a training officer - a teacher, mentor, leader and salesman, technical writer, purchaser, someone who is devoted. Training officer needs to find information required, narrow the information needed, create lesson plan, write the first draft, complete plan, carry out the plan. Training instructors: choose them properly, no instructor can properly present all topics, constantly network to develop a cadre of instructor resources, consider sharing instructors with neighbouring departments. Delivering the training: lectures/ modified lectures, practical hands on, demonstrations, guided discussions, group assignments. Development of a comprehensive training program: develop a plan that is applicable to your department, adapt to fit your departments schedule, plan ahead, have a schedule that suits your department, how are you going to deliver the training, select your training resources, use training reports, evaluations, and critiques. Training topics: should include a wide variety of topics, organize program so topics change frequently, add new topics to the schedule every year, never leave out the basics, ensure compliant requirements are covered, schedule training based on weather, insert high interest in with low interest, organize topics in a reasonable structure.

Dave Rossiter thanked Gilles for his information before breaking for coffee (sponsored by Island Tel).

23 door prizes drawn for from Aliant, Fire Service Management Atlantic, Ferno, Mic Mac Fire & Safety, Century Valley, Atlantic Bunker Gear, Polaris, Aerio Fire, Kevin Burnier, Tim Cabiareau Sales, Joe Driscoll, MiCell, Cummins Fire Safety, BFBT Distributors Inc, T&K Fire & Safety Equipment, Code 4 Fire & Rescue, Breathing Air Systems, Aucklands Granger, VFSM,

Jeremy Lewis introduced the second speaker for the day - Terry Reddin of CGI. Terry spoke on IAO Ratings.

David Rossiter thanked Terry for this presentation before breaking for lunch.

Dave Blacquiere introduced Corporal Ken Faulkner from the Halifax RCMP CBRN team to talk on

his experiences with CBRN (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear) incidents and explosive disposal. Fairly new program in Atlantic Canada, there are two full time on the team in Halifax plus some part time trained, backed up by teams in other regions and Ottawa. Ken is trying to meet with the departments to help show what is needed from the local fire departments as assistance when they are called into an event in your area. There is a lot of cooperation with the departments and with EMS to set up decontamination lines, medical monitoring, etc. Ken is setting up a display tomorrow evening in the Charlottetown area to go over some of the equipment that is available on his calls. They also have a supply of decontamination solutions that can be used on people, buildings, vehicles, etc. that will eliminate all chemical and biological elements. Has done a great deal of training with HRM and is interested in setting up joint training on the Island with the HazMat team that is being developed through the PEIFFA. Fire departments are usually the first on scene in these types of events and can often go a long way to assist the CBRN team or the Island's HazMat team. They have quite of bit of equipment and are getting more as time goes on.

Businesses of Association called to order at 2:05

President's Report (Garth O'Brien):

This marks the end of Garth's three year term as president. The school is operating very well, we have taken the training program on the road as promised. Thanks were extended to those who have assisted the Association at the school, the executive, the Fire Marshal's Office.

**Moved** by Garth, **Seconded** by Scott that President's report be accepted as presented. Motion **Carried**.

Training Report (Bill Hogan and Miles Boulter):

Slide presentation on the school provided. Actual classroom sessions: 1397, total of 1523 including Justice Institute and Holland College. This is up from training 60 members not that many years ago. There were 12 that passed the Level I in its entirety. Had hoped to run a field session this fall for those who were not able to complete it last fall; however, needed 10 students to put it on so they will get it next spring along with the rest of the students. Looking at having the West Prince classes set up in one location only for the coming year to avoid confusion with the students. With the large increase in students, record keeping has become somewhat of an issue, we are trying to ensure that all students get their names on the field work sheets. Suggest to departments that they each student get their own workbook (if sending multiple students at one time). Miles spoke on the ISFSI (International Society of Fire Service Instructors) seminar this past year, this is for those who teach in the fire service, is not an expensive seminar and is very worthwhile. Bill thanked Garth, executive, all the fire departments on the Island. We want to continue the training in the remote locations. Looking at new programs with Level III Rope Rescue and hopefully a safe driving seminar.

**Moved** by Bill Hogan, **Seconded** by Dave Rossiter for acceptance of report as presented, Motion **carried**.

Auditors Report (Norman MacPhee, Claud Dorgan):

