

Prince Edward Island Firefighter's Association

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Charlottetown 1	East River	North River	Summerside

Minutes of the Executive Meeting  
March 12, 2009 7:00 p.m.  
Fire School

Members Present:

Dale Harris	Ken Campbell at 7:30PM
Bill Gourley	Miles Boulter
Rod MacDonald	Donnie MacEwen
Tim Jenkins	John Donahoe
Gordon MacFadyen	Harley Perry

Art moved, Bill seconded to accept the minutes of the meeting of February 12, 2009. **Motion carried.**

**Old Business**

Mark Gotel has confirmed on behalf of the Georgetown Fire Department that the date for the 2008-09 AGM is October 4.

Tim reported that he had a meeting with the Attorneys General's Office regarding the request to provide body removal services. They presented a draft agreement. The agreement requires several updates to reflect the spirit of the discussions to date. They are hoping to have the service established by April, 2009. Currently, Tim is on a call list to observe the service with the hope of being able to devise a system that will be effective.

A letter was sent to all Chiefs outlining the proposal and inviting interested firefighters to attend a meeting on March 19 at the fire school. Tim and Craig Pierre will be on hand to explain the service further and answer questions. Depending on the number of interested parties an evaluation criteria will be required to rank the candidates.

A call for nominations to Larry Avery's public radio system committee was received. Tim has discussed with Larry that there is probably no one that could be nominated that would be authorized to speak for the "fire service".

## **Treasurer**

Gordon circulated information on the Associations accounts receivable and available cash balance as at February 28 2009.

## **Training**

Miles informed the group that we were the successful bidder on the O'leary 82 Pierreville. The truck has been added to our automobile insurance policy. Miles informed the group that the truck has to be insured as a vehicle and does not qualify under our general property and liability policy.

A brief discussion regarding the current liability coverage was held after Gordon advised that our vehicle policy is with Bennett Carr and our General Liability and property coverage is with HL Sear. The vehicle policy expires March 31 while the liability policy does not expire until early in July. Gordon advised that he would make steps to move the dates to the same and issue a tender for both so that we can ensure that our rates are effective.

Miles reported that he needs two nozzles to properly equip the new truck. A motion to purchase two new nozzles was put forward by Art seconded by Donnie. **MOTION CARRIED**

The making a difference course was offered recently with instructor Cindy MacFadyen. There was very positive feedback on the course offering.

The fire attack course was also offered and all went well.

The Ice Rescue course was deferred to another weekend due to unfavourable ice conditions.

Due to the recent news that Ken Campbell is retiring Miles requested that the board approve him to continue as an instructor. A motion providing approval for Ken Campbell to continue instructing for the school was offered by Harley seconded by Jason. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Miles advised that he received a quote from Home Hardware for the materials required to build the building. They quoted \$129,000 .

The school awarded four Fire Service Management Certificates. The following members were awarded the certificate.

Bob Morrison North Shore  
Eric Gavin O'leary  
Dan Burt Charlottetown  
Jason Peters New Glasgow.

Rick sent a product donation request to Masimo. The hope is to receive on loan a Rad-57 meter.

## **Fire Marshall's Office**

Ken advised the group that his office has on staff Mark Gotell for a number of weeks. Mark will be assisting the FMO in carrying out a number of special projects. Ken indicated that if there were any projects that the association may need assistance we should contact the FMO to determine whether some of Mark's time could be utilized at the fire school.

Ken responded to a question regarding the progress of the cancer legislation for the fire service. Ken advised that WCB is still reviewing and that it is still in process.

## **MFR**

Forms have been sent out to the 13 Departments that have signed on to the PEIFFA MFR program. As of yesterday version 2 of the medical protocols were signed off by the medical advisor. The new protocols are now posted on the Associations web site.

The Island EMS instructors (6) were trained last weekend. Courses are scheduled for Mar 21 and 22. Based on the registrations to date there will probably be three full classes.

There is a planning meeting to try to schedule a full course in April.

## **911**

Tim reported on a meeting he had with Aaron Campbell and Pat Kelly. Tim was provided information on the provincial SOP for 911 call takers. In the interest of simplifying the call process discussion on developing a standard protocol for all departments was discussed. Aaron also provided stats on the 911 calls for PEI.

Tim also reported on a meeting held with the message centre. Dave Rossiter also attended the meeting. Officials from the message centre discussed the current plan for the new site.

- The move date is scheduled for June 2008.
- There will be a new phone system
- Radio over IP technology will be in place
- The computer aided dispatch system has been dropped from the plans
- The GPS system will not be updated
- The employees currently providing the service will move to the new site with some enhanced training.

Concern from the board that there will be no change in the service level received. The concern of multiple people involved in the call still exist and the lack of confirmation of the receipt of the emergency call. There are no dedicated lines between PSAPs and the message centre.

One possible solution for the confirmation issue was discussed. Currently, the message centre monitors emergency channel 3A. This frequency could be used to provide confirmation of the call.

## **New Business**

A letter was received from the Red Cross looking for our support for their request to the Communities Fund. I was agreed that a letter of support would be provided.

A letter of thanks will be sent to Tom Mugford. Tom provides information to many FDs regarding electrical fire safety. His service has over the years has been invaluable.

Tim asked the group their opinion on establishing a Fire Fighter of the year award. The thought was that it would be presented at the AGM.. Donnie reported that there was a similar initiative a number of years ago. Tim promised to bring back a draft proposal for the board to consider.

A meeting was held recently with officials of ACOA. The meeting went very well and they promised to get in touch with us in a few months to further discuss our plans and whether they may be able to assist.

The application to the communities fund has been prepared and will be submitted shortly.

Meeting adjourned 8:55