# Prince Edward Island Firefighter's Association

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Minutes of the Executive Meeting September 10, 2009 7:00 p.m. Fire School

#### Members Present:

Dale Harris
Bill Gourley
Miles Boulter
Tim Jenkins
Rod MacDonald
Gordon MacFadyen
Art Mackay
Don MacEwen
Harley Perry

Dale moved, Rod seconded to accept the minutes of the meeting of August 13, 2009. **Motion carried.** 

Prior to the start of the meeting firefighter Dean Lewis provided a presentation on a "Farmmedic Course". Dean took the course in NS and in his opinion the course would be very useful especially for ruralk departments as it had a very practical hands on learning component. It did not focus on farm machinery only it discusses rescues on all large machinery.

#### **Old Business**

A tentative agenda for the upcoming AGM was circulated. The program is coming along nicely.

Donnie announced that he is retiring from active service at the end of the month and that he will not be re-offering as a Queens County Director. It was noted that Donnie has spent many years in association with the fire school perhaps 45-46. Tim on behalf of the group thank Donnie for his valuable contribution to the fire service on PEI.

Tim discussed with the group that consideration is being given to have the new building construction go forward as one project versus two. He has asked Fitzgerald and Snow and APM to take a look at the project. Another application will be required to the Island Communities fund and bank financing is still required.

The work with the coroners office will begin September 16. The truck will be in service on Friday September 11 and uniforms are being provided by Government. To date the members providing the service are Tim Jenkins, Bob Chandler, Rob Howatt, Troy Handrahan, James O'Connor and Dean Martin.

#### **Treasurer**

Gordon circulated information on the Associations accounts receivable and available cash balance as at August 20 2009.

## **Training**

Miles reported that the pumpers passed their certification standard.

Registrations for the upcoming courses are on target Miles noted that the pump operators course is full.

Miles advised that a donation of paint for the live fire simulator has been received. Allan Gallant Deputy Chief from Georgetown was instrumental in arranging the donation from Georgetown shipyards.

There is still some work to complete on the simulator once that work is completed the structure will be ready to paint. Hopefully everything will be completed in the fall.

Miles reported that over the course of the year 1472 instructional session were provided to 325 students.

A notice will be going out to all departments advising that full MFR courses are bing planned.

### Fire Marshall's Office

Staffing continues at the FMO. The code compliance officer is going out to the public while the position of building inspection officer will first be advertised within government.

Fire prevention week activities are being organized PSA will be in the news mediums soon.

With the start of the new school year fire drills/evacuations are being carried along with walk throughs. There is a lot of activity in kindergartens.

The Canada Games proved to be a very busy time with venue inspections. Turn around day meant that a new set of buildings were being used for the second week. There was twice as many sites than at a traditional set of games.

Hospitals are back into their accreditation cycle. The FMO works with facilities to develop their emergency plans.

The President of the CAFC was in town recently attending the chiefs of police conference. The president met with Summerside's Mayor Stewart who is the chair of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. Both groups are hoping to work together.

#### 911

The province has issued a request for expression of interest in supplying an updated 911 telecommunications system.

Tim advised that he sent an email to all departments on the importance of using the 3A radio to contact the message centre. Tim noted that Charlottetown has recently purchased 3 radios for communicating to Island EMS.

Motion to adjourn was offered by Bill seconded by Rod.

Meeting adjourned 8:25