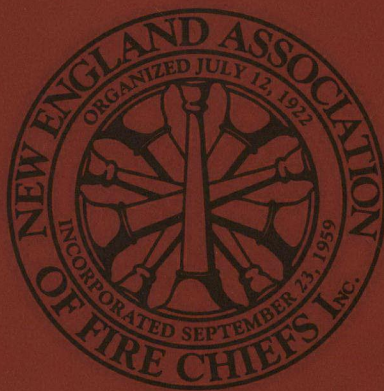


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**of the**

*New England Association  
of  
Fire Chiefs, Inc.*

*Annual Conference & Exposition*

**June 22 - June 25, 2001**

**Sheraton Springfield Hotel  
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**Springfield & West Springfield, Massachusetts**

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**2000 - 2001**  
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**Chief Frank M. Sylvester**  
**Lime Rock Fire District**  
**Lincoln, Rhode Island**

## IN MEMORY OF

Mr. Louis A. Rivet

1926-1999

Lime Rock Fire District, Lincoln, Rhode Island



President Sylvester dedicates  
this year's Red Book in memory of  
Mr. Louis A. Rivet  
for over 50 years of dedicated service  
to the Lime Rock Fire District  
and to the citizens of Lincoln, Rhode Island.



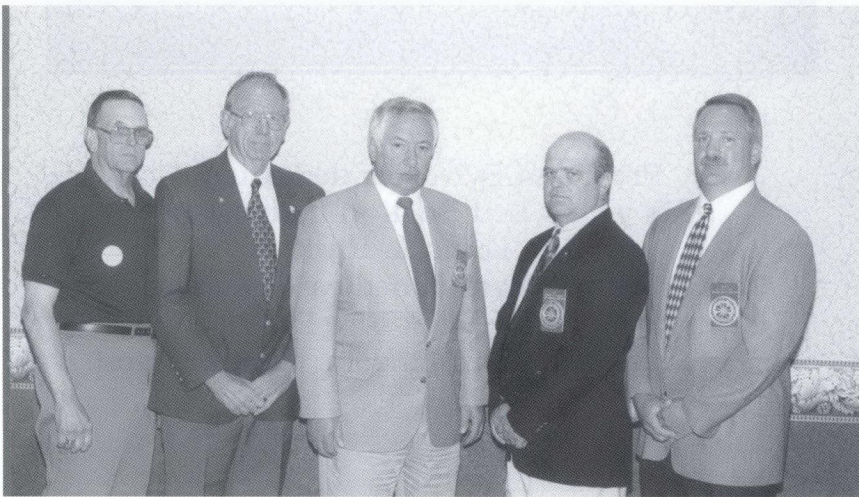


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**Friday June 21<sup>st</sup> to Monday June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2002**

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## PLACES AND DATES OF PAST CONVENTIONS

- NO. 01 - BRIDGEPORT, CT., JUNE 20,21,22, 1923  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF JOHN P. DOYLE, WELLESLEY. MA.
- NO. 02 - BOSTON, MA., JUNE 24,25,26, 1924  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF JOHN C. MORAN, HARTFORD, CT.
- NO. 03 - PITTSFIELD, MA.; JUNE 23,24,25, 1925  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF PATRICK HURLEY, HOLYOKE, MA.
- NO. 04 - MANCHESTER, NH.; JUNE 23,24,25, 1926  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF DANIEL E. JOHNSON, BRIDGEPORT, CT.
- NO. 05 - PORTLAND, ME.; JUNE 21,22,23, 1927  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF CHARLES H. FRENCH, MANCHESTER, NH.
- NO. 06 - BURLINGTON, VT.; JUNE 26,27,28,29, 1928  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF WILLIAM C. SHEPARD, PITTSFIELD, MA.
- NO. 08 - NEW HAVEN, CT.; JUNE 25,26,27, 1929  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF OLIVER T. SANBORN, PORTLAND, ME.
- NO. 08 - RUTLAND, VT.; JUNE 24,25,26,27, 1930  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF LAWRENCE E. REIF, NEW HAVEN, CT.
- NO. 09 - BOSTON, MA.; JUNE 23,24,25,26, 1931  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF SELDEN R. ALLEN, BROOKLINE, MA.
- NO. 10 - NEWPORT, RI.; JUNE 21,22,23,24, 1932  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF JOSEPH LAWTON, NEWPORT, RI.
- NO. 11 - LEWISTON, ME.; JUNE 20,21,22, 1933  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF ALFRED H. KOLTONSKI, RUTLAND, VT.
- NO. 12 - BURLINGTON, VT.; JUNE 26,27,28,29, 1934  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF DANIEL B. TIERNEY, ARLINGTON, MA.
- NO. 13 - NEW BEDFORD, MA.; JUNE 25,26,27, 1935  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF JOHN S. PACH, NEW HAVEN, CT.
- NO. 14 - HARTFORD, CT.; JUNE 23,24,25, 1936  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF DAVID H. DECOURCY, WINCHESTER, MA.
- NO. 15 - THE BALSAMS, DIXVILLE NOTCH, NH, JUNE 22,23,24, 1937  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF CARL D. STOCKWELL, BURLINGTON, VT.
- NO. 16 - BURLINGTON, VT.; JUNE 21,22,23, 1938  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF JOSEPH W. RANDLETTE, RICHMOND, ME.
- NO. 17 - PROVIDENCE, RI.; JUNE 20,21,22, 1939  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF THOMAS F. BURNS, BRIDGEPORT, CT.
- NO. 18 - THE BALSAMS, DIXVILLE NOTCH, NH., JUNE 25,26,27, 1940  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF SAMUEL J. POPE, BOSTON, MA.
- NO. 19 - BOSTON, MA.; AUGUST 18,19,20,21,22,23, 1941  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF THOMAS H. CUTTER, PROVIDENCE, RI.
- NO. 20 - CANCELLED BECAUSE OF WORLD WAR II  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF WILLIAM C. MAHONEY, PEABODY, MA.
- NO. 21 - RUTLAND, VT.; WAR CONFERENCE, JUNE 22,23,24, 1943  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF WILLIAM C. MAHONEY, PEABODY, MA.
- NO. 22 - THE BALSAMS, DIXVILLE NOTCH, NH.; JUNE 27,28,29, 1944  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF M.W. LAWTON, MIDDLETOWN, CT.
- NO. 23 - CANCELLED BECAUSE OF WORLD WAR II  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF ALLEN F. PAYSON, CAMDEN, ME.
- NO. 24 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 25,26,27, 1946  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF ALLEN F. PAYSON, CAMDEN, ME.
- NO. 25 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 24,25,26, 1947  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF FRANK J. CALLAHAN, CENTRAL FALLS, RI.
- NO. 26 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 22,23,24, 1948  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF ARTHUR W. SPRING, LACONIA, NH.
- NO. 27 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 21,22,23, 1949  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF WILLIAM H. HILL, BELMONT, MA.



- NO. 28 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 20,21,22, 1950  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF STUART M. POTTER, GREENWICH, CT.
- NO. 29 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 19,20,21,22,1951  
PRES. CHIEF - WILLIAM H. CLIFFORD, CAPE ELIZABETH, ME.
- NO. 30 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 23,24,25,26,1952  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF JOSEPH E. SCANLON, LYNN, MA.
- NO. 31 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 22,23,24,25,1953  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF ANTHONY J. MOLLOY, NASHUA, NH.
- NO. 32 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 21,22,23,24,1954  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF HENRI E. FORTIER, MANVILLE, RI.
- NO. 33 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 20,21,22,23,1955  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF GEORGE C. GRAHAM, BRISTOL, CT.
- NO. 34 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 25,26,27,28,1956  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF JOHN F. KEEFE, BELLOWS FALLS, VT.
- NO. 35 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 23,24,25,26,1957  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF HORACE S. JOSE, SO. PORTLAND, ME.
- NO. 36 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 23,24,25,26,1958  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF THOMAS H. SLAMAN, WELLESLEY, MA.
- NO. 37 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 22,23,24,25,1959  
PRES. CHIEF - GEORGE F. SALISBURY, CENTRAL FALLS, RI.
- NO. 38 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 20,21,22,23,1960  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF GUY L. FOSS, WOLFEBORO, NH.
- NO. 39 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 19,20,21,22,1961  
PRESIDENT- CHIEF FRANCIS J. DAGON, EAST HARTFORD, CT.
- NO. 40 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 18,19,20,21,1962  
PRES. CHIEF - ALFRED T. WRIGHT, WHITE RIVER JUNCTION, VT.
- NO. 41 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 17,18,19,20,1963  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF RICHARD FRATES, BATH, ME.
- NO. 42 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 28 - JULY 2, 1964  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF BARTHOLOMEW A. CURRAN, SCITUATE, MA.
- NO. 43 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 21,22,23,24,1965  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF THOMAS E. DUCKWORTH, WARWICK, RI.
- NO. 44 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 20,21,22,23,1966  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF RALPH G. SEAVEY, ROCHESTER, NH.
- NO. 45 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 19,20,21,22,1967  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF JAMES L. CROTE, CHESTER, CT.
- NO. 46 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 23 - 27,1968  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF CARM J. DUSO, ENOSBURG FALLS, VT.
- NO. 47 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 22 - ,26, 1969  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF GEORGE A. BULGER, RUMFORD, ME.
- NO. 48 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 21 - 25, 1970  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF ROBERT ULM, EASTHAMPTON, MA.
- NO. 49 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 13 - 17, 1971  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF ROMEO D. MONAST, PAWTUCKET, RI.
- NO. 50 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 18 - ,22, 1972  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF JOHN F. DONOVAN, DURHAM, NH.
- NO. 51 - MT. WASHINGTON HOTEL, BRETTON WOODS, NH., 6/27-28, '73  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF THOMAS J. HAYES, EAST HAVEN, CT.
- NO. 52 - MT. WASHINGTON HOTEL, BRETTON WOODS, NH., 6/23-27, '74  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF ALBERT B. GOLFETTI, BARRE, VT.
- NO. 53 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 22 - 26, 1975  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF JOSEPH R. CREMO, PORTLAND, ME.
- NO. 54 - MT. WASHINGTON HOTEL, BRETTON WOODS, NH.; 6/27-7/1, '76  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF EDWARD B. BOROWEIC, CHICOPEE, MA.
- NO. 55 - DUNFEY'S, HYANNIS, MA.; JUNE 19,20,21,22,23, 1977  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF EARL ANDREWS, LINCOLN, RI.

- NO. 56 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 25,26,27,28, 1978  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF MERTON S.,DYER, PETERBOROUGH, NH.
- NO. 57 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 24,25,26,27, 1979  
PRESIDENT CHIEF CARL P. SAWYER, GROTON, CT.
- NO. 58 - DUNFEY'S, HYANNIS, MA.; JUNE 22,23,24,25, 1980  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF PATRICK BROWN, BURLINGTON, VT.
- NO. 59 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 28 - JULY 1, 1981  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF JAMES F. RULMAN, WESTBROOK, ME.
- NO. 60 - MARRIOT INN, PROVIDENCE, RI.; JUNE 27,28,29,30, 1982  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF HARRY SCHNEIDER, AGAWAM, MA.
- NO. 61 - DUNFEY'S, HYANNIS, MA.; JUNE 26,27,28,29, 1983  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF ANGELO CAPPELLI, JOHNSON, RI.
- NO. 62 - DUNFEY'S, HYANNIS, MA.; JUNE 24,25,26,27, 1984  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF CHARLES A. FOSS, WOLFEBORO, NH.
- NO. 63 - DUNFEY'S, HYANNIS, MA.; JUNE 23,24,25,26, 1985  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF CLINTON HUGHES, WETHERSFIELD, CT.
- NO. 64 - MARRIOT INN, PROVIDENCE, RI.; JUNE 22,23,24,25, 1986  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF ERNEST FLANDERS, MONTPELIER, VT.
- NO. 65 - TARA DUNFEY, HYANNIS, MA.; JUNE 28 - JULY 1, 1987  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF ROBERT BUTTERS, NORWAY, ME.
- NO. 66 - TARA DUNFEY, HYANNIS, MA.; JUNE 26,27,28,29, 1988  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF ROBERT TEECE, RANDOLPH, MA.
- NO. 67 - SHERATON STURBRIDGE, STURBRIDGE, MA.; JUNE 25-28, 1989  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF GERALD P. LANDRY, WOONSOCKET, RI.
- NO. 68 - SHERATON STURBRIDGE, STURBRIDGE, MA. JUNE 23-27, 1990  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF CHARLES Q. HALL, MERRIMACK, NH.
- NO. 69 - SHERATON STURBRIDGE, STURBRIDGE, MA.; JUNE 20-23, 1991  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF WILLIAM A. HEALEY, MILFORD, CT.
- NO. 70 - SHERATON STURBRIDGE, STURBRIDGE, MA.; JUNE 20-23, 1992  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF WENDALL M. MANSFIELD, STOWE, VT.
- NO. 71 - ROYAL PLAZA HOTEL, MARLBOROUGH, MA. ; JUNE 18-22, 1993  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF CARL H. WINSLOW, YARMOUTH, ME.
- NO. 72 - SHERATON SPRINGFIELD, SPRINGFIELD, MA.; JUNE 17-21, 1994  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF ROBERT J. NUNES, CHICOPEE, MA.
- NO. 73 - ROYAL PLAZA HOTEL, MARLBOROUGH, MA.; JUNE 24-28, 1995  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF RUSSELL B. LACAILLADE, COVENTRY, RI.
- NO. 74 - ROYAL PLAZA HOTEL, MARLBOROUGH, MA.; JUNE 22-26, 1996  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF MICHAEL D. MOONEY, GILFORD, NH.
- NO. 75 - SHERATON HOTEL, SPRINGFIELD, MA.; JUNE 27-JULY 2, 1997  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF DAVID JORSEY, EAST BERLIN, CT.
- NO. 76 - SHERATON HOTEL, SPRINGFIELD, MA.; JUNE 26-30, 1998  
PRESIDENT - FIRE DIR. SIDNEY F. THURSTON, WATERBURY CTR, VT.
- NO. 77 - SHERATON HOTEL, SPRINGFIELD, MA.; JUNE 25-29, 1999  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF RICHARD M. BASTON, NORTH YARMOUTH, ME
- NO. 78 - SHERATON HOTEL, SPRINGFIELD, MA.; JUNE 23-26, 2000  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF JOHN J. FLAHERTY, WEST SPRINGFIELD, MA
- NO. 79 - SHERATON HOTEL, SPRINGFIELD, MA.; JUNE 22-25, 20001  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF FRANK M. SYLVESTER, LINCOLN, RI

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# FIRE RESCUE NEW ENGLAND 2001

## N.E.A.F.C. - N.E.D.I.A.F.C. – N.E.F.A.M.A.

### PROGRAM OF EVENTS

#### THURSDAY JUNE 21

3:00 p.m. Member registration open in Middlesex Room 4th floor until 5:00 p.m.  
 6:00 p.m. Directors & Ladies Committees Meeting

#### FRIDAY JUNE 22

7:00 a.m. 11th Annual GOLF CLASSIC - Chicopee Country Club - Chief Kenneth Pelonzi, Chairman  
 8:00 a.m. Reading of proposed BYLAW CHANGES – Middlesex Room  
 8:00 a.m. MECHANICS SEMINAR – Young Bldg., Eastern States Expo Center-All day session with Scott Detweiler-Training for F5 EVT on Aerial Ladders-Fee \$75.00-Contact Jim April 617-376-1022  
 9:00 a.m. EXHIBITOR Registration & Display Set-up at the Eastern States Exposition-W. Springfield  
 9:30 a.m. MEMBER Registration open in Middlesex Room, 4th floor in the hotel.  
 3:30 p.m. N.E.D.I.A.F.C. ANNUAL MEETING in the hotel – Middlesex Room closed.  
 6:00 p.m. WELCOME/ NETWORKING PARTY - in the hotel – Tickets required.  
 8:00 p.m. Networking Suite open in the Middlesex Room.

#### SATURDAY JUNE 23

8:00 a.m. MECHANICS SEMINAR- Young Bldg., Eastern States-All day session with Al & Mark Hooper on training for E-1, E-2, E-3, & E4 on Ambulances-Fee \$75.00-Contact Jim April 617-376-1022  
 8:30 a.m. SEMINAR - KEYNOTE SPEAKER – Harry Carter - Ret. Battalion Chief, Newark, NJ “Long Range Planning for Future Fire Service Success”  
 11:00 a.m. SEMINAR – Rev. Daniel S. Harris – Chaplain NEAFC & Chief Chaplain Mass Corps of Fire Chaplains “Stress, Stamina, & Spirituality: A Better Life for Fire Department Leaders”  
 10:30 a.m. REGISTRATION open at the main parking area entrance information center.  
 10:30 a.m. EXHIBITS & (HOT CLASSES start at 9 AM) at Expo Center open until 4:30 p.m.  
 1:30 p.m. LADIES ICE CREAM SOCIAL - (Pre-registration required)  
 3:00 p.m. Combat Challenge at the Expo Center- North side of Better Living Center  
 5:30 p.m. Line up at the rear of Sheraton hotel for march to Memorial Service  
 6:00 p.m. MEMORIAL SERVICE – OLD FIRST CHURCH – Court Square- rear of Sheraton Hotel

#### SUNDAY JUNE 24

7:30 a.m. CATHOLIC MASS - in the hotel - Rev. Stephen C. Foley, Chaplain  
 7:30 a.m. PROTESTANT SERVICE - in the hotel – Rev. Daniel S. Harris  
 8:30 a.m. SEMINAR – Allan Burnham – President of IEVTE “The Life Cycle of the Emergency Vehicle”  
 9:30 a.m. LADIES SEMINAR – Betty Solbjor – Rieki Master “Healing Through the Application of Chi”  
 10:30 a.m. REGISTRATION open at the main parking area entrance information center.  
 10:30 a.m. EXHIBITS & (HOT CLASSES start at 9 AM) at Expo Center open until 4:30 p.m.  
 11:00 a.m. Family Fire Safety Day at Expo Center until 4:00 p.m.  
 11:30 a.m. SPECTACULAR 4th ANNUAL APPARATUS PARADE - Springfield Technical Community College to Eastern States Exposition Center via the hotel on Boland Way.  
 3:00 p.m. Combat Challenge at the Expo Center - North side of Better Living Center  
 4:00 p.m. Networking Suite open in the Middlesex Room until 5:15 p.m.  
 5:30 p.m. Busses begin trips to Theme Night from conference hotel to Elks Pavilion – W Springfield  
 6:30 p.m. THEME NIGHT – Outdoor Chicken/Steak Roast w/DJ & 50's/60's music-Elks Pavilion  
 9:30 p.m. Networking Suite open in the Middlesex Room.

#### MONDAY JUNE 25

8:00 a.m. State Caucus Meetings  
 8:00 a.m. LADIES Bus Trip to Foxwoods Casino (Return at 4 PM)  
 8:30 a.m. SEMINAR -Dr. Dennis O'Neill – Supt. Nat'l Fire Academy “Federal Funding for the Fire Service”  
 9:30 a.m. REGISTRATION open at the main parking area entrance information center.  
 9:30 a.m. EXHIBITS & (HOT CLASSES start at 9 AM) at Expo Center open until 3:00 p.m.  
 10:00 a.m. Mechanics EVT Certification Testing – Young Building Expo Center  
 10:00 a.m. Board of Directors Meeting  
 10:30 a.m. ANNUAL MEETING NEAFC- Sheraton Springfield  
 6:00 p.m. Pre-Banquet Reception - Ballroom Foyer & Hospitality Suite  
 7:00 p.m. ANNUAL BANQUET, AWARDS CEREMONY & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS  
 MIDDLESEX ROOM CLOSED.  
 9:30 p.m. Networking Suite open in Middlesex Room.

#### TUESDAY JUNE 26

HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN  
**“GOALS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY”**



**NEW ENGLAND ASSOCIATION  
OF FIRE CHIEFS**

**SEVENTY-NINTH  
ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE  
SATURDAY JUNE 23, 2001  
1800 HOURS**



**OLD FIRST CHURCH  
SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS**

# *Memorial Service*

PRELUDE FOR ORGAN: Elegy and Aria	Flor Peeters
PROCESSIONAL, with colors (sung by all, standing) <i>America, the Beautiful</i>	Hymnal 564 Materna
CALL TO WORSHIP (standing)	The Reverend Daniel S. Harris, Chaplain
<b>Leader:</b>	Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His kindness endures forever.
<b>People:</b>	<b>Happy are they who observe what is right, Who do always what is just.</b>
<b>Leader:</b>	Remember us, O Lord, in time of need.
<b>People:</b>	<b>Visit us with your saving help.</b>
CHORAL INTROIT (standing) <i>"Cast Thy Burden upon the Lord"</i>	Psalm 121:1-3 Felix Mendlessohn (1809-1847)
SALUTE TO THE FLAG (standing)	Led by Chief Frank M. Sylvester President-NEAFC
GREETING	The Reverend David M. Farland Springfield Chaplain
PRESIDENT'S WELCOME	Chief Frank M. Sylvester President-NEAFC
HOST CHIEF'S WELCOME	Chief Gary G. Cassanelli Springfield, MA
ANTHEM <i>"The Lord's My Shepherd"</i>	Metrical version of Psalm 23 Setting (1956): Charles Hutcheson, arr. Eric Smith
PRAYER	The Reverend Christopher Connelly West Springfield Chaplain
A HYMN OF COVENANT (sung by all, standing) <i>"The God of Abraham Praise"</i>	Hymnal 488 Leoni
SCRIPTURE READING	The Reverend Stephen C. Foley Chaplain - NEAFC
A SPIRITUAL <i>"A Balm in Gilead"</i>	Arr: William Dawson
MEMORIAL ADDRESS	The Rev. Daniel S. Harris, Chaplain - NEAFC

ANTHEM "O How Amiable"

(1940): Ralph Vaughan Williams  
Words from Psalm 84 and Psalm 90

*Everyone will join the choir at the conclusion of the anthem by singing the final stanza of "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" found in Hymnal at 210*

***Our God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy past,  
And our eternal home.***

FIREFIGHTER'S PRAYER (said by all)

Led by Chief David Jorsey  
Sergeant-at-Arms

ROLL CALL

Chief Richard K. Wehter, Ret., Secretary-Treasurer NEAFC

BELL TOLLER

Chief John G. Wood, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer NEDIAFC

A HYMN OF THANKSGIVING (sung by all, standing)

Hymnal 555

*"Now Thank We All Our God" (stanzas one and two)*

Nun danket all

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Chief Richard McDonough, President - NEDIAFC

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM (sung by all, standing)

See Insert

"O Say, Can You See?"

Star Spangled Banner

BENEDICTION (all seated)

The Reverend Stephen C. Foley, Chaplain  
NEAFC

CHORAL RESPONSE

Text from an Irish poem

*"A Gaelic Blessing"*

Setting: John Rutter

RECESSIONAL (all standing)

*Rigaudon*

André Campra (1712)



We are grateful to Charles Page, Minister of Music, and the people of Old First Church, for allowing us to conduct our Memorial Service in this historical setting.

This marks the fifth year that CONCORA, under the able direction of Richard Coffey, has enhanced our ceremony with their outstanding musical talents. We are thankful for their continued interest in the fire service of New England. Likewise, we express sincere gratitude to Whelen Engineering Company, John F. Olson, President & Chief Executive Officer, for sponsoring the participation of CONCORA again this year.

The Color Guard from the fire departments of Berlin, Connecticut have returned to share their skills with us once again. Many thanks for resuming your important role in this event.

# Firefighter's Prayer

When I am called to duty, God,  
wherever flames may rage.  
Give me strength to save some life,  
whatever be its age.

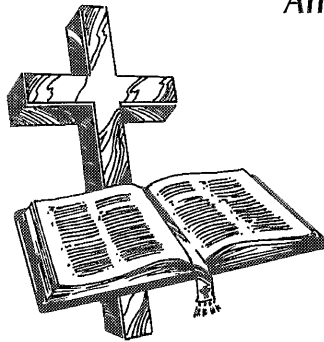
Help me embrace a little child  
before it is too late  
or save an older person from  
the horror of that fate.

Enable me to be alert  
and hear the weakest shout,  
and quickly and efficiently  
to put the fire out.

I want to fill my calling and  
to give the best in me.  
To help my many neighbors  
and safeguard their property.

One day if I must give my life,  
protect with caring arm,  
those loved ones I will leave behind  
when I answer my last alarm.

Amen



*"Entrust your works to the Lord, and your plans will succeed."*

*Proverbs 16:3*

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Chaplains: Rev. Stephen C. Foley  
Rev. Daniel S. Harris

President: Chief Frank M. Sylvester  
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Old First Church  
Court Square, Springfield, Massachusetts  
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Berlin, CT Color Guard leads Memorial Service procession



Call to Worship – Reverend Daniel S. Harris, Chaplain



Canadian delegation recognized during the Greeting by Rev. LaPointe



Springfield, Massachusetts  
Saturday, June 23, 2001

PROCEEDINGS  
Memorial Service

REVEREND STEPHEN C. FOLEY: [West Hartford, CT]  
The uniformed personnel are about to enter the church and the body. I ask that you turn to Hym Number 564 in the Hymnal for Beautiful for Spacious Skies. And as the chorus is singing, please join them.

[All stood as Concora, Connecticut Choral Artists entered the church followed by the Processional with the Connecticut Pipes & Drums and with the Color Guard.]

[All sang America, the Beautiful.]

REVEREND DANIEL S. HARRIS: [Weymouth, MA] The responsive call to worship is on the opening page of your bulletin.

Give thanks to the lord for He is good, His kindness endures forever.

PEOPLE: Happy are they who observe what is right, who do always what is just.

REVEREND DANIEL S. HARRIS: Remember us O Lord in time of need.

PEOPLE: Visit us with your saving help.

[CONCORA sang Cast Thy Burden upon the Lord.]

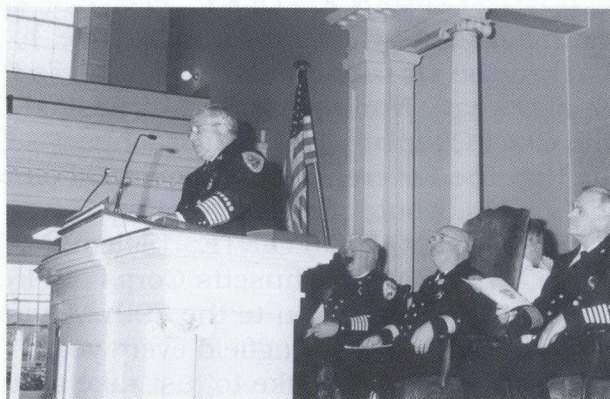
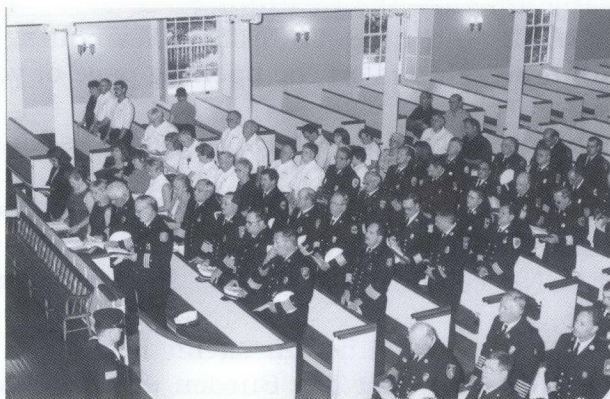
[The Pledge of Allegiance was said and led by Chief Frank M. Sylvester, President.]

REVEREND STEPHEN F. FOLEY: Please be seated.  
Father Farland has asked two things, number one, to assure you that he has booked the air conditioned St. Michael's Cathedral for the service next year. Number two, he has asked that in the presence of the Chief Chaplain of the Massachusetts Corps of Fire Chaplains that the Reverend Mr. Norman LaPointe from Salem, Massachusetts, would give the greeting.

REVEREND NORMAN LaPOINTE: [Salem, MA] Thank you, Father Foley. In the Massachusetts Corps of Fire Chaplains, we wish to welcome you to the 79th Memorial Service, which is held here in Springfield every year.

And at this time, I would like to just take a little different approach as to welcome the people from Canada.

(Greeting said in French.)



Chief Frank M. Sylvester giving the Presidents Welcome

Thank you very much.

CHIEF FRANK M. SYLVESTER: [Lincoln, RI] Good evening, ladies and gentlemen and brother fire chiefs. On behalf of the New England Chiefs Association, I welcome you all to this annual mass of the New England Chiefs. On doing so, I just have a quick story to pass on to you that tonight I'm not nervous being on the altar.

When I was 11 years old, I tried to become an altar boy, and I was given the job of lighting the candles. And I lit the priest's robe on fire. My job lasted one day, it lasted one day, and I guess from there, my fate was to become a firefighter. These are some of the secrets I'm not too proud of, but I have to let you know what they are.

I just want to say I'm hoping for a successful conference. With the support of Father Foley and Reverend Harris, I know it will be.

And I just want to say that I hope our Secretary-Treasurer is out of the hospital. I certainly need him. We have been going through an awful lot within the past few hours of doing the job, and I hope he's better. I want to thank you very much.

CHIEF GARY G. CASSANELLI: [Springfield, MA] Good evening, everyone. I'm sure by now you all recognize me as the Chief of Springfield Fire Department. And it's been my pleasure to be part of this great conference for the past several years.

On behalf of the Mayor of Springfield, Michael J. Albano, and the Springfield Board of Fire Commissioners and all the members of the Springfield Fire Department, I welcome all of you to the city of Springfield in one of the city's great landmarks, the Old First Church. Even though it's not air conditioned, it's still a pretty nice place.

I'm sure that most of the fire chiefs here, the firefighters here, like myself, had either a friend, a very close friend or relative that preceded them into the fire service. And I'd like to take this opportunity to dedicate my remarks to my uncle.

Uncle George retired in 1987 and recently passed away on Father's day. He was my mother's only brother, and he was the first family member to enter the fire service. It sort of blazed a trail for quite a few of us to enter the fire service in Springfield.

He was a good man and a dedicated, hardworking firefighter. He served at Pine Street Fire Station when he first got on the fire department for his first 5 years on the rescue squad, which was then stationed at Pine Street.

Ironically, several years later, 16 years later when I

entered the fire service, that was my first station assigned to me. And I think some of his handiwork was still at the fire station at the time.

Anyway, I'd like to thank all of you for allowing me to dedicate my remarks to him. Our family misses him greatly, and I'm sure if he's watching today, he's very, very proud he's being mentioned here today. Thank you very much.

[Concora sang The Lord's My Shepherd.]

REVEREND STEPHEN C. FOLEY: Father Connelly could not be with us this evening as planned, and Father Farland will now lead us in prayer.

REVEREND DAVID M. FARLAND:

Brother, when you  
weep for me, remember that it was meant to be.

Lay me down and when you leave,  
Remember I'll be at your sleeve.

In every dark and choking hall,  
I'll be there as you slowly crawl.  
On every roof in driving snow,  
I'll hold your coat and you will know.

In cellars hot with searing heat,  
At windows where a gate you meet,  
In closets where young children hide,  
You know I'll be there at your side.

As firemen, we understand,  
That death's a card dealt in our hand.  
A card we hope we never play,  
But one we hold anyway.

The card is something we ignore,  
As we crawl across a weakened floor.  
For we all know that we're the only Prayer,  
For anyone who might be there.

So remember, as you wipe your tears,  
The joy I felt throughout the years.  
As I did the job I loved to do,  
I pray that thought will see you through.

[All stood and sang The God of Abraham Praise.]

REVEREND STEPHEN C. FOLEY: Please be seated. Our scripture selected this evening is taken from the New Testament Book of Romans, Chapter 8, Verses 18 and following.

"I consider that what we suffer at this present time cannot be compared at all with the glory that is going to be revealed in us.

"All of creation waits with eager longing for God to reveal his children.

"For creation was condemned to lose its purpose, not of its own will but because God willed it to be so.

"Yes, there was the hope that creation itself would one day be set free from its slavery to decay and would share the glorious freedom of the children of God.

"For we know that up to the present time, all of creation grows of pain like the pain of childbirth, but it is not just creation alone which groans.

"We who have the spirits as the first of God's gifts also groan within ourselves as we wait for God to appear and make us as children and set us free."

[Concora sang A Balm in Gilead.]

REVEREND DANIEL S. HARRIS: Before I begin, I'd like to also recognize the presence of Chaplain Smith from West Springfield and Chaplain Provanzano from East Longmeadow.

Let us pray. Lord, may the words of my mouth and the meditation of our hearts be always acceptable in your sight, Lord, our strength and our redeemer, Amen.

My father was a fireman; he drove a big red truck. When he'd go to work each day, he'd say, mother, wish me luck. But Dad would not come home again until sometime the next day. But the thing that bothered me most was the things that some folks would say — a fireman's life is easy. He eats and sleeps and plays, and sometimes he won't fight a fire for days and days and days.

When I first heard these words, I was too young to understand, but I knew when people had trouble Dad was there to lend a hand. Then my father went to work one day and kissed us all goodbye, but little did we realize that night we all would cry.

My father lost his life that night when the floor gave away below. I'd wondered why he risked his life for someone he did not know. But now I truly realize the greatest gift a man can give is to lay his life upon the line so that someone else might live.

So as we go from day to day and we pray to God above, say a prayer for your local firefighter, he may save the ones you love. Now, I truly realize the greatest gift a man can give is to lay his life upon the line so that someone else might live. Where



does that strength come from? What quality or gift is it that permits a firefighter time after time to risk his or her own life for a stranger?

St. Paul writing to the Christians in Rome wondered the same thing. He was amazed that God would die for the unGodly, and then he goes on to say worthy would anyone die for a righteous person though perhaps for a good person, one might actually dare to die, Paul recognizing how rare it is to find a person willing to take a chance on dying even for a very special person that he or she might know.

It's my experience that the one quality that is absolutely necessary for one to risk their life for another is faith. There are other qualities involved — bravery, generosity, self-sacrifice — but it is faith that makes the difference.

After all of the years that I have served with firefighters, I always recognize the importance of faith. Very rarely is it a faith that has a public face. It is not worn on the sleeve. And yet it is obvious to those who take the time to look beyond the outward appearance or to get to know the real man or the real woman behind the uniform.

This faith, the faith of a firefighter is most often private, yet a very deep sense of the importance of the presence of God in their lives. It is born out of the experience, I believe, of taking risks, not, silly, uncalculated, or unthinking risks like those our children take. No, these are risks for which they have trained, risks that they hope they never have to take.

A firefighter's faith is also a faith that knows the spiritual reality of the fact that none of the pain, none of the suffering, none of the foolishness that leads to the grief that we see is what God wants for us or for our loved ones or for anyone else.

Others may ask the question, why did God take that child? The firefighter says that child is with God who is a God of love. If you take the time to really get to know a firefighter, you also discover that they do not become cynical or hard of heart after years of dealing with other's misfortunes.

Now, the public mask that they wear may be designed to indicate otherwise, but behind it is the heart of a human who hurts when others hurt, who loves their family and seeks the protection of a loving creator. There are exceptions. There are those who perhaps really have lost their faith, but they are few and far between. And I watch them closely because unless they are very lucky, without faith, they will not survive.

We are fortunate in this day and age to be serving when it, once again, has become appropriate in emergency services to talk about the importance of faith in God. Not only is it faith that permits a firefighter to risk it all, but it is faith that makes it possible to deal with the trauma that they see.

We have known for a long time that for every trauma experienced in the life of a firefighter, there must be a place, there must be a receptacle, there must be a pigeon hole somewhere to put that hurt and its aftermath because if we can't pass it along, if we can't pass along the hurt that we see, then we are going to have to deal with it over and over and over and that is the definition of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

For the faithful, for those who have faith in God, God whoever he or she is for you — and only God is able to remove the burden of those experiences and absorb them in his or her supernatural being. That's how faith works.

Tonight we are gathered again in faith to recognize those who have served and gone on before us. It was their faith that made it possible for them to dare the inferno, and it was their faith that kept them close to God when they might have been lost to the trauma they observed. And, now, it is their faith that allows us to put them in God's hands.

But, now, I truly realize the greatest gift a man can give is to lay his life upon the line so that someone else might live. Amen.

REVEREND STEPHEN C. FOLEY: Though not in your program, there are a number of items that need mention. Number one, our Secretary-Treasurer, Chief Richard K. Wehter was taken this morning from the Big E by ambulance to Baystate Hospital.

As of three o'clock, we had no exact cause for his difficulty. They have brought him up for an MRI and CT scan, and that's all the information they could provide. So please keep him in your prayers.

Secondly, this marks the 5th anniversary of Concora's singing for our memorial service, sponsored by Whelen Engineering, John F. Olson, President and CEO. They have become an integral part of our service and have raised it to a new level of dignity. I would ask that Mr. Coffey, recently acclaimed by the most critical music review of the Hartford Courant as one of the finest directors in the United States of America, please, to stand up.

And Richard, we salute you and Concora.

[Applause]

## † Last Alarm †



Chief Roger Bradley tolls the bell as Fr. Foley remembers our deceased members.

REVEREND STEPHEN C. FOLEY: Just in case you didn't recognize him, he lost 30 pounds since last year.

And, finally, on a less happy note, a not quite so happy note at all, last Sunday, Father's Day, was a very difficult day for the fire service. Three firefighters were killed in a brutal fire in New York City. One was killed in Montreal and two elsewhere.

We are pleased that there are representatives both from the New York City Fire Department here this evening as well as the Pompiers Auxiliaire de Montreal under the able leadership of Chief Victor Fleisher, and they will remain for tomorrow's parade.

Our next musical selection, O How Amiable, is most appropriately dedicated to the New York City firefighters, to the Montreal firefighters as well as to those from Worcester, Boston, Brockton, Bells Falls, and all of New England and throughout this entire country who have put others before themselves and died in the line of duty.

Concora sang O How Amiable.]

CHIEF DAVID JORSEY [East Berlin, CT]: Now, please, join me in reciting the Firefighter's Prayer, which can be found on the back of your program.

When I am called to duty, God,  
    wherever flames may rage,  
Give me strength to save some life,  
    whatever be its age.  
Help me embrace a little child  
    before it is too late,  
or save an older person from  
    the horror of that fate.  
Enable me to be alert  
    and hear the weakest shout,  
and quickly and efficiently  
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I want to fill my calling and  
    to give the best in me.  
To help my many neighbors  
    and safeguard their property.  
One day if I must give my life,  
    protect with caring arm,  
those loved ones I will leave behind  
    when I answer my last alarm.  
    Amen.

REVEREND STEPHEN C. FOLEY: As I fill in for Chief Wehter, Chief Bradley, Director of the New England Division of the International Fire Chiefs will fill in for Chief Wood as our bell toller this evening.

At the appropriate time, we will add the names of those firefighters from New York City and Montreal who died in the line of duty.

[The fire bell was rung after each name by Chief Roger E. Bradley.]

Chief Gerard A. Carle, past President of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, Dracut, Massachusetts;

Chief Lawrence J. Bradley, Augusta, Maine;

Chief Mace S. Pike, Salisbury, Massachusetts;

Chief Robert W. Pratt, Reading, Massachusetts;

Chief Brian T. Broderick, Metropolitan District Commission, Massachusetts;

Chief John F. Quinlan, Lexington, Massachusetts

Chief Leighton F. Peck, Falmouth, Massachusetts;

Chief William P. Hurton, Wakefield, Massachusetts;

Chief Victor L. Sampietro, West Haven, Connecticut;

Deputy Chief Adolf Yekel, North Canton, Connecticut;

Chief Richard T. Gaughan, New Bedford, Massachusetts;

Chief Thomas D. Tombeno, Concord, Massachusetts;

Chief Charles R. McNutt, Winchester Massachusetts;

Chief Charles J. Donovan, Somerville, Massachusetts;

Chief Ludwick S. Tluszcz, Sandisfield, Massachusetts;

Chief Arthur J. Nadeau, Somersworth, New Hampshire;

Exhibitor Mark E. Conway, Groveland, Massachusetts;

Commissioner Patrick Landers, Palmer, Massachusetts;

Chief Theron J. Morgrage, Goffstown, New Hampshire;

Chief Curtis D. Marston, North Hampton, New Hampshire.

In the Line of Duty:

Firefighter Cecil S. Smith, Meredith, New Hampshire;

Firefighter Kenneth Anderson, Manchester, New Hampshire;

Firefighter Brian D. Fahey, Rescue 4, New York City;

Firefighter Harry S. Ford, Rescue 4, New York City;

Firefighter John J. Downing, Ladder 163, New York City;

Firefighter Gerald Vendette, Montreal.

With these and the souls of all of our departed firefighters, for the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Now, the four fives will sound in memory of all who have died, especially those who have given their lives in the line of duty, signifying that they have answered their last alarm.

[The bell was rung 20 more times.]

[All stood and sang Now Thank We All our God.]



MR. McDONOUGH: I'd just like to thank all the clergy that were involved for making this a very moving and emotional ceremony. I want to thank Concora for their great singing, and I think it was so inspirational that even the heat didn't bother me as much as I thought it was going to.

And most of all, I'd like to thank you all for being here. Thank you.

REVEREND STEPHEN C. FOLEY: I would ask that you kindly refer to your programs for the national anthem because it is our tradition here in New England to sing both verses.

[All stood and sang Star Spangled Banner.]

REVEREND STEPHEN C. FOLEY: Please be seated for the benediction and choral response.

May the road rise to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face and the rains fall soft upon your field. And until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand.

[Concora sang A Gaelic Blessing.]

[All stood as the Color Guard left the church followed by the chaplains, Concora, and the processional to the music of Rigaudon by Andre Campra.]

[Connecticut Pipes & Drums played.]

[The memorial service concluded at 7:00 p.m.]

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
COUNTY OF HAMPDEN

I, Hilary O. Winslow, Shorthand Reporter, hereby certify the foregoing is a true and accurate transcript of my stenographic notes to the best of my knowledge and ability.

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Hilary O. Winslow  
Shorthand Reporter



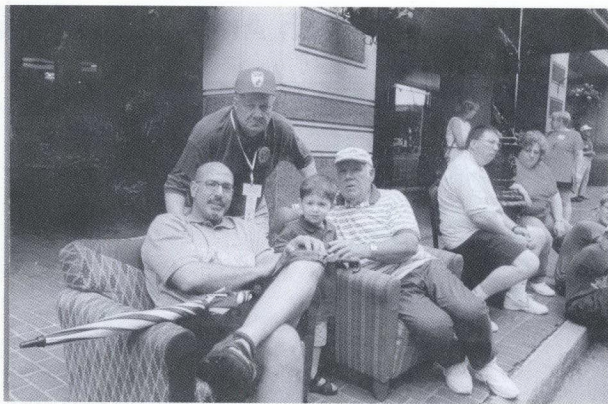
Processional leaves  
the Old First Church  
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## New England Division IAFC Annual Meeting



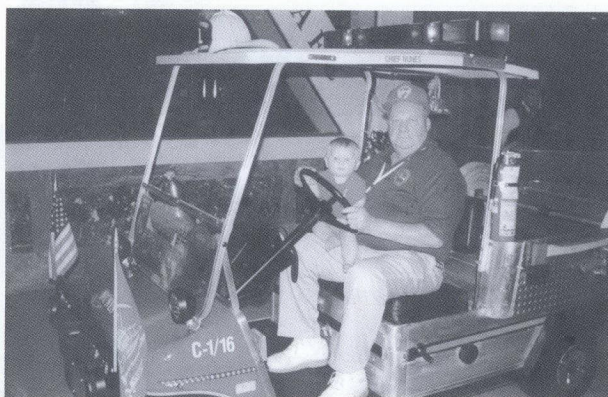


Chief Bob Nunes  
(standing) back at  
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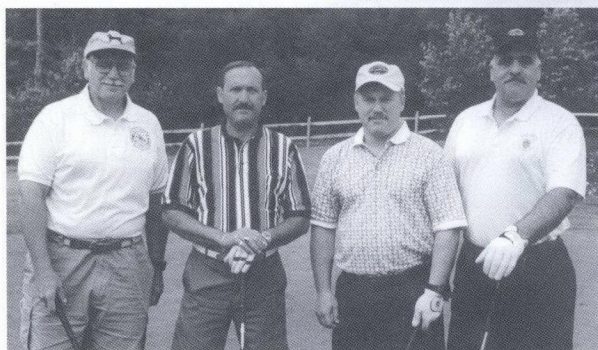
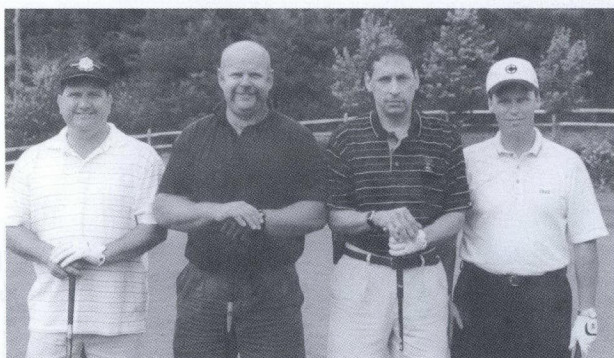
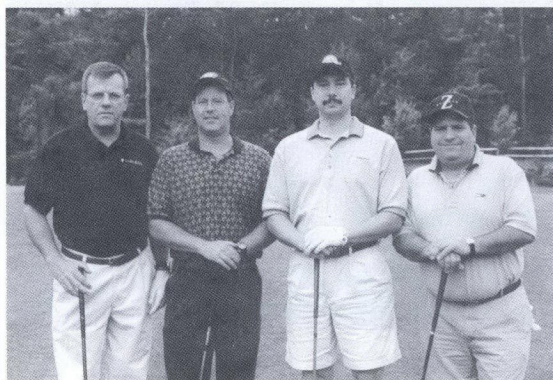


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Chief Nunes with  
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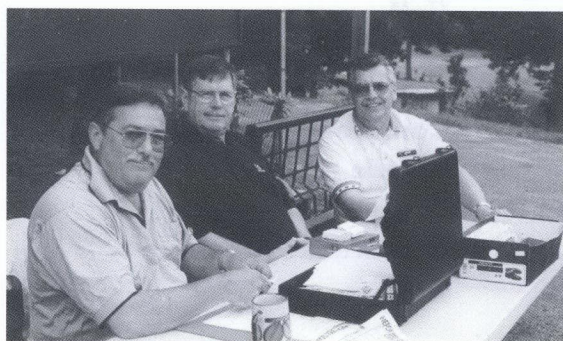
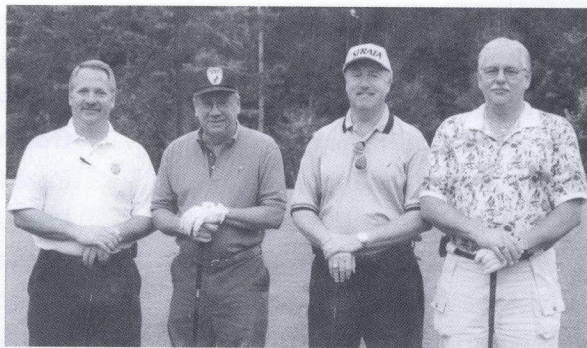


## 11th Annual Golf Classic





## Chicopee Country Club





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<b>Dot Lortie Realty, Inc.</b>	<b>Parade</b>
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<b>Field Service, Inc.</b>	<b>Parade</b>
<b>Firematic Supply Company</b>	<b>Parade</b>
<b>Freightliner of Hartford</b>	<b>Parade</b>
<b>Gerry Lippman</b>	<b>Radio's</b>
<b>Greenwood Fire Apparatus</b>	<b>Golf</b>
<b>Greenwood Fire Apparatus</b>	<b>Parade</b>
<b>Judith E. Marshall</b>	<b>Parade</b>
<b>KME of New England</b>	<b>Conference Brochure</b>
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<b>L.W. Bills Company</b>	<b>Golf</b>
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<b>L.W. Bills Company</b>	<b>Parade</b>
<b>L.W. Bills Company</b>	<b>Conference Brochure</b>
<b>McInerney Florists</b>	<b>Parade</b>
<b>National Fire Protection Assn.</b>	<b>Pocket Program</b>
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<b>Shipmans</b>	<b>Parade</b>
<b>Shipmans</b>	<b>Conference Brochure</b>
<b>Springfield Credit Union</b>	<b>Parade</b>
<b>Student Prince Café</b>	<b>Parade</b>
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<b>Valley Communications</b>	<b>Parade</b>
<b>VFIS of SE New England</b>	<b>Parade</b>
<b>VFIS of SE New England</b>	<b>Conference Brochure</b>
<b>West Springfield Credit Union</b>	<b>Parade</b>
<b>Westfield Bank</b>	<b>Parade</b>
<b>Whelen Engineering</b>	<b>Memorial Service</b>
<b>Yankee Fire &amp; Rescue</b>	<b>Parade</b>

## 5th Annual Apparatus Parade



Parade Marshals – Chief Frank M. Sylvester, NEAFC (right) &  
Chief Richard McDonough, NEDIAFC



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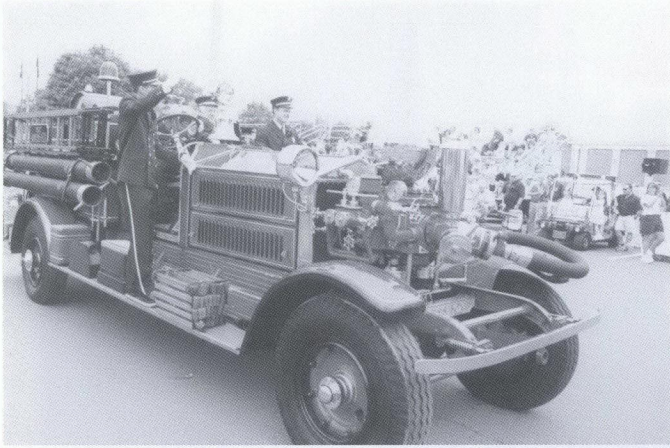




The Red Knights



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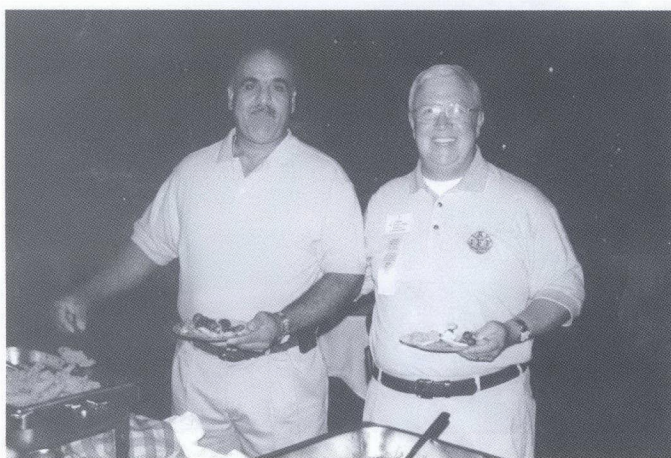
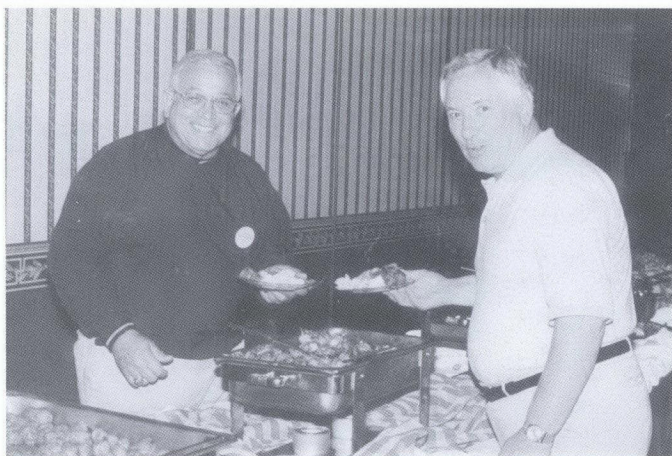




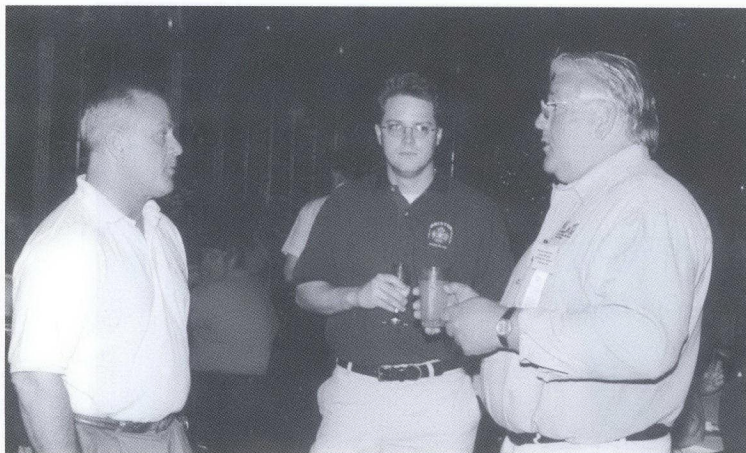




## The Welcome Networking Party



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## The Ladies Activities



First Lady  
Estelle Sylvester

The Ice  
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A popular event  
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Betty Solbjor (left)  
Reiki Master, is  
introduced by  
Estelle Sylvester



Ladies listen as  
Betty explains  
"Healing Through  
the Application of  
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The Ladies Committee -  
Front Row - (L-R) Estelle  
Sylvester, Jennifer Howard,  
Claudia Pelonzi - 2nd Row-  
(L-R) Gale Misto, Mary  
Flaherty, Jane Barton,  
Nancy Webster - Top Row  
(L-R) Sandra Nunes, Cheryl  
Roy, Lorry Jorsey, Linda  
Maurais - Missing from  
photo- Sally Wehter,  
Michelle Richards & Carol  
Wood



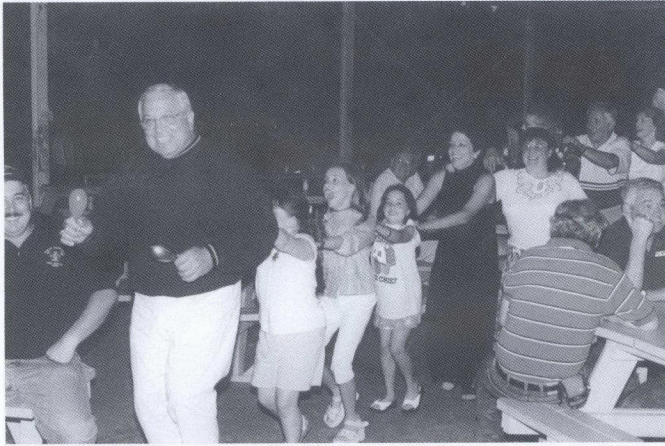


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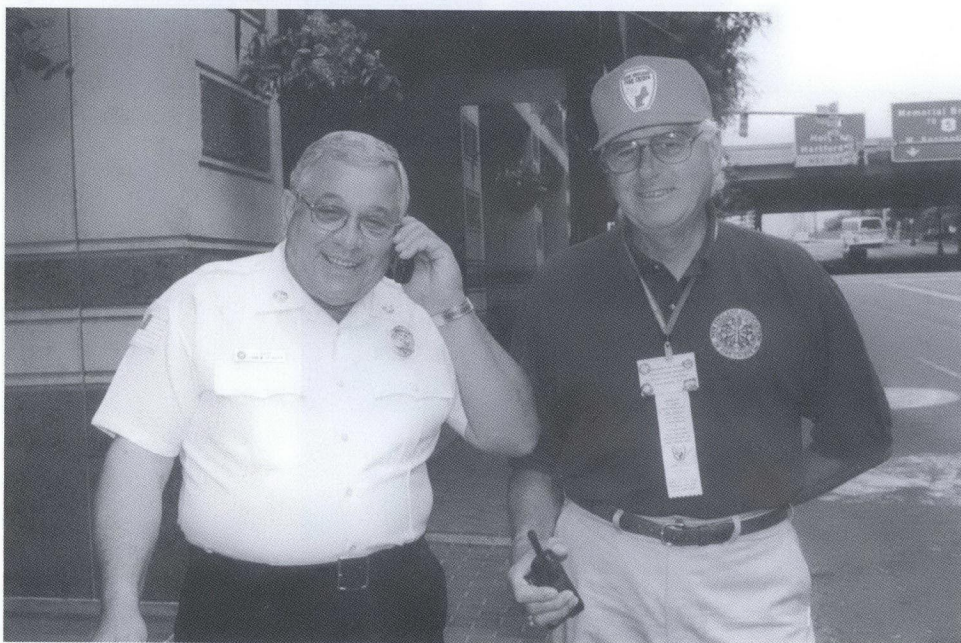




## Elks Pavilion – West Springfield







President Sylvester (L) staying on top of things with  
Sgt. at Arms Chief Dave Jorsey

SEVENTY-NINTH  
ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
of the  
NEW ENGLAND ASSOCIATION OF  
FIRE CHIEFS, INC.

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ANNUAL MEETING

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President: Chief Frank Sylvester  
Lincoln, Rhode Island

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Sheraton Springfield Hotel  
Highland Room Springfield, Massachusetts  
Monday, June 25, 2001  
10:30 a.m.

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## 79th Annual Meeting



NEAFC Annual Meeting –(L-R) Chief Jon Barton, Maine – Chief Edwin Webster, Vermont – Chief Thomas Lambert, New Hampshire – Chief Alan Roy, Massachusetts – Chief Joseph Misto, Rhode Island – 2nd VP Chief Edward Richards, Connecticut – 1st VP Chief Michael Howard, New Hampshire – Chief Richard Wehter, Secretary/Treasurer, Massachusetts – Chief Frank Sylvester, President, Rhode Island – at the podium, Chief Timothy Travers. Missing from photo Chief Arthur Gold, Connecticut.

Springfield, Massachusetts  
Monday, June 25, 2001

PROCEEDINGS  
Annual Meeting

PRESIDENT FRANK SYLVESTER: [Lincoln, Rhode Island]  
This meeting is now called to order. Pledge of allegiance.

[Pledge of Allegiance was said.]

Remain standing, please. Father Harris.

REVEREND DANIEL S. HARRIS, CHAPLAIN:

[Weymouth, MA] Let us pray. Direct this Association in your most gracious favor and further its work with your continual help. In all we do begun and continued and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, the professionalism of the fire fighter, the dedication of the Chief Officer, and the protection of those we serve. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

[Amen.]

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: Be seated, please. The Secretary's Report, Secretary Wehter.

CHIEF RICHARD K. WEHTER, RETIRED: [Hingham, MA]  
This is the Annual Report of the Secretary for the Fiscal Year June 2000 through May 31, 2001.

To the Officers and Members of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, Incorporated, I herewith submit the report of the Secretary for the Fiscal Year ending May 31, 2001.

The Officers, Directors, and Committee members have held several meetings throughout the year in preparation for the conference. Full Board meetings were held on September 21, 2000, December 8, 2000, February 9, 2001, and May 4, 2001. These meetings were held at the Sheraton Springfield Hotel in Springfield, MA, and one meeting was held in Providence, Rhode Island. Several subcommittee meetings were also held throughout the year. The Directors meeting format followed last years pattern so that the members came in the night before the meeting, which allowed the various committees to meet face-to-face. This was necessary due to the increased workload of the conference. The New England Division had two representatives at most of these meetings, as well as the New England Fire Equipment Exhibitors Association was also present with two members. Various Officers and Directors of the Association throughout the year attended testimonials and Memorial Services.

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The President and Secretary/Treasurer handled the day-to-day business of the Association, and all correspondence was answered or directed to the appropriate committee. The Secretary edited and prepared the Red Book for printing, prepared all conference forms, tickets, brochures, advertisements and the conference pocket program on the computer. This year, the Secretary received instructions from Mr. Monty Gearhart, our web site designer, that allowed the Secretary/Treasurer to make changes on the web site, saving time and associated costs.

The site has a wealth of information about the Association, as well as all conference information for attendees and exhibitors. We look forward to the continued and expanded use of this site by all our members. The site can be accessed at [www.newenglandfirechiefs.org/](http://www.newenglandfirechiefs.org/).

All mailings were prepared by the Secretary with help as required. This year a 16 page color brochure was produced under the direction and capable hands of Chief Joe Misto, assisted by Chief Dave Sylvaria.

The 2002 and 2003 conference will be held at the Sheraton Springfield and the Eastern States Exposition. In the fiscal year 2002, we will again evaluate our present situation and look to the future years beyond 2003 for conference sites. Input from the membership is welcome on this and any other subject.

In this day and age, meeting planners need to look far into the future to get the best packages for their members and attendees. Preliminary figures indicate the 2001 conference to be a great success.

This year, Hands On Training sessions at the Exposition site have been well advertised. Special thanks to Chief Howard and our new Education Coordinator, Chief Carl Winslow, and his committee for arranging our education program. Chief Maurais and his wife Linda have done another fine job with the exhibit sales. We have constant communications throughout the year in an effort to promote the finest Fire/Expo we can.

The Board once again voted to have portable air conditioning brought into the Young Building this year as we wait for the Eastern States to complete their capital improvement program. This item will cost between \$16,000 and \$17,000. This year we sold eleven ads to fill in spaces in the pocket program. Judy Marshall of the Parade Committee has again been very instrumental in getting donations to cover most of the parade expenses. Chief Misto also sold ad space in the conference brochure to help defray that cost.

The Association notes special thanks to all the sponsors in this year's conference. President Sylvester reappointed Retired Chief Otis C. Wyatt, Jr. to the position of Historian. And Reverend Foley and Reverend Harris were reappointed Chaplains. Chief Dave Jorsey of East Berlin, Connecticut, was appointed Sergeant-At-Arms, replacing Chief Frank O'Brien of Westfield, who resigned.

During the year, the Board discussed several Bylaw proposals and are recommending an affirmative vote on the five questions being presented at this meeting. Many of the changes are as the result of the recommendation of our attorney, who did an extensive review of our Bylaws.

In closing, I would like to thank all the Board members for their support and cooperation throughout the year, with special thanks to President Sylvester, 1st Vice President Howard, 2nd Vice President Richards, and Education Committee Coordinator Chief Winslow, Chief Maurais, Chief John Wood, Secretary/Treasurer of the Division Judy Marshall, Secretary/Treasurer of the New England Fire Exhibitors Association, and all Directors, and a very special thank you to my wife Sally and my daughters, especially to my daughter, Kerry, who was able to take over for me the other day during my absence. And it has been an honor to serve you as your Secretary for these past nine years, and hope to do so for many more. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: You've heard the Secretary's report, what is your pleasure?

CHIEF OTIS WYATT, JR., RETIRED: [Narragansett, Rhode Island] Move it be accepted as read.

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: There's a motion made. Is there a second to the motion?

CHIEF SIDNEY F. THURSTON, RETIRED: [Waterbury Center, Vermont] I second the motion.

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: There's a motion made and seconded. Any discussion of the motion? All in favor of the motion signify by saying aye; all opposed nay.

[Aye.]

The ayes have it and so ordered.

Audit Committee Report. Chief Flaherty.

CHIEF JOHN FLAHERTY: [West Springfield, MA] The Audit Committee has met and reviewed the New England Association's books for the past year. We also reviewed the report of the Certified Public Accountant John T. Walsh regarding the financial condition of the Association. The Auditing Committee has found all books of the Association are in



order. And it's respectfully submitted by myself, Chief Howard, and Chief Richards. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: You've heard the Auditor's Report, what is your pleasure?

CHIEF WYATT, RETIRED: Move it be accepted as read.

CHIEF WENDELL M. MANSFIELD: [Stowe, Vermont]  
Seconded.

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: There's a motion made and seconded. Any discussion of the motion? All in favor of the motion signify by saying aye; all opposed say nay.

[Aye.]

The ayes have it and so move.

Moving right along, the Treasurer's report.

CHIEF WEHTER, RETIRED: I herewith submit the Treasurer's report for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2000 and ending on May 31, 2001.

Revenues From Operations

Membership Dues	\$ 14,900.00
Conferences and Exhibits	257,332.00
Other Income	1,248.47
Interest Income	11,476.11
Total Revenues From Operations	\$284,956.58
Program and Administrative Expenses	
Meetings and Seminars	\$ 23,579.11

Conference and Exhibit

Expenses	128,857.19
Telephone	1,557.76
Postage	1,190.73
Printing	7,109.66
Office Expense	2,951.48
Memorials and Testimonials	675.50
Professional Fees	1,950.00
Contributions	7,830.00
Insurance	2,211.24
Miscellaneous	1,359.75

Refund Fees` 995.00

Bank Service Charges 27.00

Advertising 31,360.44

Filing Fees 70.00

Consultants 30,800.08

Total Program and

Administrative Expenses \$242,524.94

Surplus From Current Year Activity \$ 42,431.64

## Cash Flows From Operating Activities

Surplus from Current Year Activity	\$42,431.64
Total Funds Provided by Operating Activities	\$42,431.64
Net Increase in Cash	\$42,431.64
Cash - June 1, 2000	297,999.29
Cash - May 31, 2001	\$340,430.93

And in conclusion, I would just like to note that of that total \$340,430.93, \$100,000 is now in CD's in a reserve account in case we have a conference default. And what that means is that if we have a default and we don't meet our obligations here at this hotel and have to pay for all those rooms we block off, we're going to have the money to take care of that, and the Big E too. So it's very important we have that reserve fund. It's taken a lot of years to get that built up, but I'm glad to see we've finally gotten there.

And, also, we still have a lot of expenses, probably \$150,000, in order to pay for this conference. So don't get excited about the \$340,000.

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: You've heard the Treasurer's report, what is your pleasure?

CHIEF WYATT, RETIRED: I move that it be accepted as read.

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: There's a motion made.

CHIEF THURSTON, RETIRED: I second that motion.

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: There's a motion made and seconded. Any discussion of the motion? All in favor of the motion signify by saying aye; all opposed nay.

[Aye.]

The ayes have it, so voted.

The Exhibit Committee Report, Chief Maurais.

CHIEF CHARLES F. MAURAI: [Marblehead, MA] June 25, 2001, President Sylvester, Board of Directors and Members, I herewith submit the report of the Exhibit Committee for the 2001 New England Fire/Rescue/EMS Expo. August 7, 2000, thank you letters with preregistration forms were mailed to 653 exhibitors. We had 175 vendors that preregistered.

On April 12, 2001, Conference Registration Packets were mailed to 702 vendors. An additional 37 were mailed out after April 12 to new vendors, for a total of 739.

1087 Vendor Name Badges were printed prior to the opening of the Expo, and approximately 300 badges were made during the Expo, for a total of 1387.

Contracted Exhibit Space:

Inside 8' x 10'

270



Exhibits Chairman, Chief Charles Maurais delivers his report at the annual meeting.

Inside 10' x 10'	15
Vehicles Spaces	118
Total	403

There are 246 companies represented at this year's

Expo.

Total Receipts	\$212,250.00
Outstanding	3,325.00
Committed	\$215,575.00

There were 30 vendors that displayed last year and did not register this year. We had eight vendors that had displayed from prior years and a total of 41 new companies that displayed with us this year.

I would like to thank President Sylvester for appointing me as Chairman of the Exhibit Committee. I would also like to thank the Committee members and the Board of Directors for their support throughout the year.

I would like to thank my wife Linda for her hard work. I would also like to thank

Judy Marshall of the New England Fire Equipment Exhibitors Association for their help and support.

A special thank you to Jerry Lipman for the portable radios.

I would like to thank the Chiefs of the New England Association, the New England Division, and the Mechanics from the New England Fire Apparatus Maintenance Association for all their help in setting up the exhibits and during the Expo.

I would like to give many thanks to Mary Anne Flaherty, Pat and Otie Wyatt, Gale Misto, Gale Sylvester-DeMeelo, Jane Barton, Lorrie Jorsey, Mary Flaherty, Nancy Webster, Michelle O'Neil, Maureen Pelonzi, Claudia Pelonzi, Estelle Sylvester, Cheryl Ray, Michelle Richards, Charlie Bradley, and Jen Howard for their help with the Exhibitors Registration area. The smooth operation of vendor's office could not have been achieved without the tremendous support from all organizations, and we thank you. Respectfully submitted, Charles Maurais, Retired Chairman.

I also have a little side note here, the Expo will close at about three o'clock this afternoon or approximately a little earlier. But I'll need some help down there with moving out the equipment and the apparatus mainly. Once I move out the large apparatus, that allows us to bring in the vans so that the other people can offer up their stuff and unload it and get out. So if you can get down there this afternoon, I'd appreciate the help.

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: You've heard the report of the Exhibit Committee Chairman. What is your pleasure?



CHIEF JOHN J. FLAHERTY: [West Springfield, MA] Mr. President, I move that the report be accepted.

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: There is a motion made. Is there a second to the motion?

CHIEF CRAIG E. BEAUSOLEIL: [North Smithfield, RI] Seconded.

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: There's a motion made and seconded. Any discussion of the motion? All in favor of the motion signify by saying aye; all opposed nay.

[Aye.]

Ayes have it, so voted.

Education Committee Report, Chief Mike Howard.

CHIEF MICHAEL HOWARD: [Hookset, NH] Thank you, Mr. President. The following is the Education Committee Report for the 2001 conference. There will be a little change in the format this morning once I introduce the Committee Members.

At this time, I'd like to introduce the 2001 Education Committee Members, Chief Alan Roy, who is the Director from Massachusetts. As I call your names, please stand and remain standing. Chief Travers from Whitman — Tim is here — Chief Barton, the Director from Maine for the Association; Chief Misto, the Director from Rhode Island; Chief Wall from the New England Division; Judy Marshall from the Vendors, and Paul Lamoureux from the Mechanics. That's your Education Committee for this year. Thank you.

[Applause.]

In addition, at this time, I'd like to take a few minutes to recognize Chief Flaherty from West Springfield, our Immediate Past President, and also Director Rick Mason from New Hampshire Fire Stands and Training in New Hampshire. Between the two of them, they provided all of the AV support free of charge to the Education Committee and the Fire Rescue Conference. Once again this year, we thank them for that. Rick; John.

[Applause.]

Also, at this time, I'd like to thank Reverend Dan Harris and Father Foley for all of their help in the morning prior to the opening of the ceremonies. Thank you Father, and Reverend Dan.

[Applause.]

At this time, Mr. President, I'd like to call upon members, call upon — this year we came up with and overcame a major obstacle for the Education Committee, having served on that Committee for five years. Along with Frank and Joe and others that are here, it became necessary for us to look for a

support and for help on a part-time, full-time basis. And through the search and the approval of this Board, we were able to hire Retired Chief Carl Winslow from Yarmouth, Maine. At this time, I'd like to introduce Carl to give you a report on the seminars. Chief Winslow.

CHIEF CARL H. WINSLOW, RETIRED: [Yarmouth, ME] Thank you, Chief Howard. Mr. President, Members of the Board of Directors, fellow Chiefs, as Educational Coordinator, I hereby submit my report of the New England Fire/Rescue EMS 2001 conference. I want to thank Chief Howard and the Committee Members for the ground work which they had accomplished prior to my coming aboard and all the assistance they have given me in education programs for this conference.

I also want to express my appreciation to Chief Flaherty and Chief Cassanelli and their fire fighters for making all the arrangements for materials and equipment for the hands-on sessions. There were four seminars held at the hotel, three breakfast seminars. And on Saturday morning, it was our good fortune to have Reverend Harris provide us with a mid-morning seminar. Harry Carter, retired Battalion Chief from Newark, New Jersey, was the Keynote Speaker. Thanks to the efforts of Judy Marshall this year, the Keynote Speaker was cosponsored by the New England Fire Equipment Exhibitors Association.

Fifty people were on hand to hear Harry talk about "Long Range Planning for Future Fire Service Success."

Door prizes were given at all the seminars. As has been the practice, a helmet was given at the first seminar. And this year the helmet was donated by Fire Tech and Safety. For each of the seminars, Anton Enterprises donated \$50 gift certificates. And this year, the New England Association of Fire Chiefs gave a \$50 prize to a person who attended all of the breakfast seminars.

Reverend Daniel Harris, Chaplain, New England Association of Fire Chiefs, Weymouth Fire Department, and Chief Chaplain Mass Corps of Fire Chaplains, gave the Chiefs and fire fighters who attended his presentation, "Stress, Stamina, and Spirituality: A Better Life for Fire Department Leaders," some thoughts on which to ponder. There were thirty in attendance at this presentation.

Thirty attended the seminar, "The Life Cycle of the Emergency Vehicle," which was conducted by Allan Burnham, President of IEVTE, and David Looney, President of NAEVT. A warm thank you goes to Arthur Mahoney for arranging this informative seminar.

## Educational Seminars



Harry Carter (R)  
receives plaque  
from Chief Mike  
Howard for his  
keynote seminar on  
"Long Range  
Planning"

Fr. Dan Harris  
(Chaplain) (R)  
receives plaque  
from Fr. Foley  
(Chaplain). Fr.  
Harris delivered a  
seminar on  
"Stress, Stamina,  
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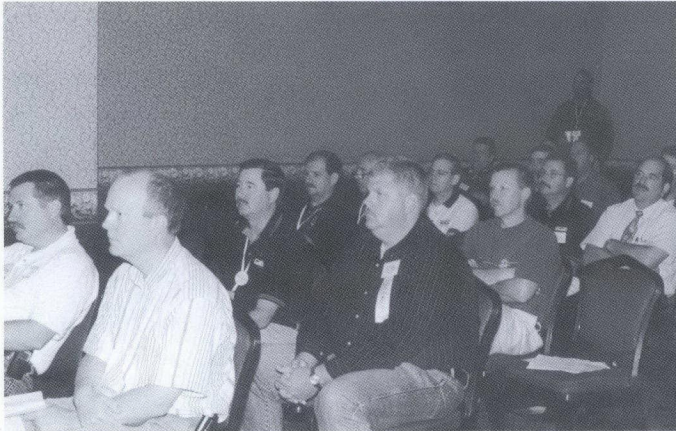


Alan Burnham  
(R) receives  
congratulations  
& plaque from  
Chief Joe Misto  
for his seminar  
on "Life Cycle of  
the Emergency  
Vehicle".



## Educational Seminars

Dr. Denis Onieal (R), Superintendent of the National Fire Academy receives plaque from Chief Ed Richards for his informative seminar on "Federal Funding for the Fire Service".



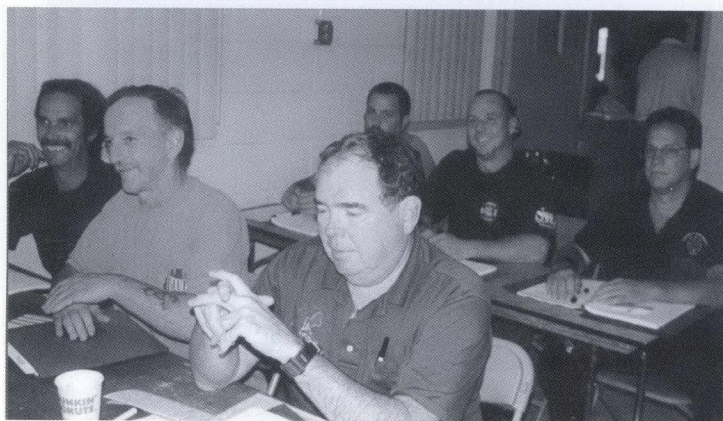
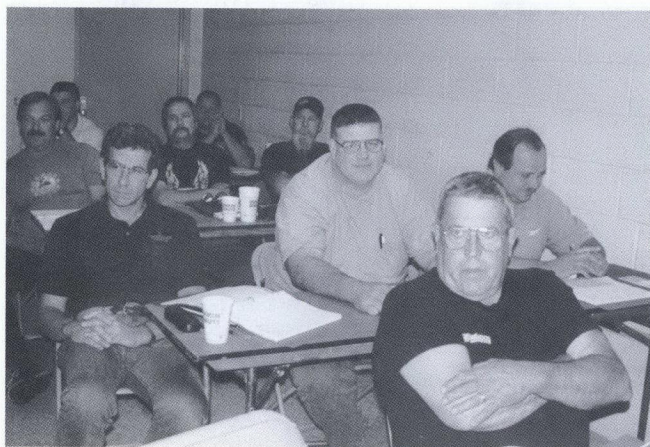
Members listen to the various speakers

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## New England Fire Apparatus Maintenance Association Educational Seminars at the Expo Center



On Monday, Dr. Denis O'Neil Superintendent of the National Fire Academy, brought the Chiefs up-to-date on Federal funding for the fire service and programs which were available through the National Fire Academy. There were thirty who received this valuable information.

The Hands-on Training Seminars, better known as HOT Sessions, were arranged by William Hollick and Everett Pierce from the MA Fire Academy. They spent a great deal of time working with the other New England State Training Departments in developing programs to meet the needs of fire fighters. These seminars were Technology in Response to Search & Rescue by the New Hampshire Division of Fire Standards & Training; Large Area Search Procedures by the Massachusetts Fire Academy; Rapid Intervention Teams by the Rhode Island Fire Academy; Vehicle Extrication Specialities by the Massachusetts Fire Academy; and Fire Fighter Accountability by Maine Fire Training and Education.

Unfortunately, after all the work done by Bill Hollick and the instructors for each of the seminars, these training sessions were very poorly attended. The Committee and I are open to any suggestions which anyone may have to make these education programs more attractive to people in the fire service.

In addition to the Hot Sessions, there were six programs given by Exhibitors. These programs should have added to the overall education of all of us in the fire service, but once again, the attendance was poor. The Committee will be looking for input from the exhibitors and you people to determine how to improve the attendance at these programs.

I want to extend a special thanks to Richard Mason of the New Hampshire Fire Academy, Everett Pierce, and the Massachusetts Fire Academy, along with Chief Flaherty, for providing the audio visual needs for the seminars.

In closing, I sincerely thank Chief Howard and his Committee for selecting me as the New England Association Fire Chiefs Educational Coordinator for the New England Fire/Rescue/EMS 2001 Conference and for all the assistance they have given to me during the planning and implementation of the educational programs.

Lastly, I want to thank everyone for the support and help I have received, and to let you know that it has been very enjoyable for me to be back among some great old friends and for the opportunity to make new ones.

Thank you.  
[Applause.]

CHIEF HOWARD: Thank you, Carl. Mr. President, at this time, I'd like to ask approval from the Membership, staying within our allotted \$10,000 budget, that on behalf of the Association and the Conference, we make a donation of \$250, recognizing Director Mason and his staff at the New Hampshire Fire Academy to the Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial in New Hampshire.

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: There's a motion on the floor that we make a contribution of \$250 to Director Mason for the Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial. Is there a second to the motion?

CHIEF WENDALL M. MANSFIELD: [Stowe, VT] I second the motion.

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: There's a motion made and seconded. Any discussion of the motion? Discussion.

CHIEF KENNETH WILLETTE: [Wilbraham, MA] Is there any consideration for equal donation to the MA Fire Academy for their efforts and their staff?

CHIEF HOWARD: It is my belief, Carl, help me with this. It is my belief that the through the education process that there is actually payments made to them for those programs; is that correct?

CHIEF WINSLOW: That's what they requested in the beginning.

CHIEF HOWARD: We will be receiving bills from the MA Fire Academy for their efforts, as we did a year ago, and those bills will be appropriately paid. And it's my belief, and Carl's belief, at this time, if I can speak for him, that that is what was requested from the beginning of the program.

CHIEF FLAHERTY: Mr. President, all the training academy's expenses for their help is paid for by the Association. I think Mike was allowed up to a \$250 donation to the Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial at the training center, is that it?

CHIEF HOWARD: At our training center in New Hampshire.

CHIEF FLAHERTY: I'm sure they're going to do one in Massachusetts and probably the other New England states. If they bring something towards the Boards, we'll probably do the same.

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: Any further discussion of the motion? All in favor of the motion signify by saying aye; all opposed nay.

[Aye.]

The ayes have it, so voted.

CHIEF HOWARD: Mr. President and Members, that concludes the Education Committee's Report for 2001. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: You've heard the report of the Education Committee. Are there any discussion of the motion? Is there a motion to accept the report?

CHIEF MANSFIELD: I move to accept the motion.

CHIEF WYATT: Seconded.

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: Motion made and seconded. Any discussion of the motion? All in favor of the motion signify by saying aye; all opposed nay.

[Aye.]

The ayes have it, so voted.

The Advertising Committee, Chief Misto.

CHIEF JOSEPH A. MISTO, SR.: [Westerly, RI] Good morning, gentlemen. As the Chairman of the Advertising Committee, I would like to first of all thank the people that helped produce this brochure. While I seem to get a lot of the credit, there was a lot of people that did a lot of work.

I'd like to thank, first of all, I'd like to thank David Sylvaria. I'd like to thank Judy Marshall. I'd also like to thank Dick Wehter. Dick Wehter is really the one that furnishes all the information on times and places. So without these valuable people, we couldn't put out a brochure. The brochure is 16 pages, and it picks up about a third of the cost of this brochure. We would like to get this brochure up to 20 pages, where it picks up half the cost. That's our goal.

I'd like to say something here also, that if anybody has any ideas on an improvement on the brochure or any type of change, I'm Chief of the Westerly Fire Department in Westerly. If you'd pick up the phone and give me a call, I'd be more than happy to take it into consideration with the other members of the Committee. Thank you again.

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: You've heard the report of the advertising Committee, what is your pleasure?

CHIEF WYATT, RETIRED: I move it be accepted as read.

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: There's a motion made. Is there a second to the motion?

CHIEF BEAUSOLEIL: Seconded.

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: There's a motion made and seconded to accept the report as read. Any discussion of the motion?

FROM THE FLOOR: Mr. President, I noticed it was a very nice brochure this year, but there were a number of errors in it. I would suggest we have somebody proofread better, and I'd be happy to offer my services if that was acceptable.

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: We'll direct that to the Chairman of the Advertising Committee, who, I think, may be



reappointed next year to that position. Any further discussion?  
All in favor of the motion signify by saying aye; all opposed nay.

[Aye.]

The ayes have it, so voted.

The Parade Committee Report, Chief Ed Richards.

CHIEF EDWARD RICHARDS: [Enfield, CT] Thank you,  
Mr. President. We had a parade.

REVEREND STEPHEN C. FOLEY: [West Hartford, CT]  
And the sun shined upon it.

[Laughter.]

CHIEF RICHARDS: Well, Father, you didn't give me a  
chance. That was my first thing. Reverend Harris and Father  
Foley took care of the weather for us. It was very foreboding in  
the morning, but it came out just fine, and it was damn hot up  
there.

REVEREND FOLEY: Don't get carried away. Don't  
tempt God.

[Laughter]

CHIEF RICHARDS: The parade attendance was down a  
tad from last year. We had approximately 105 apparatus in the  
parade; however, we did have some 25 to 30 Red Knight  
motorcyclists, so that made up for the lack of apparatus,  
although they're much smaller.

The parade sponsorships this year were \$6,150, largely  
through the efforts of Judy Marshall. So hopefully that will  
cover most of the expenses, Dick. I hope.

We presented 30 trophies. And I'm sure all of you have  
heard by now who won the President's Cup. Chief Misto with  
his 1927 Ahrens Fox from Westerly, Rhode Island, won the  
President's Cup for best in show. And, lastly, I'd like to thank all  
the people that helped put on the parade yesterday. And there  
are several Presidents, stand up, be recognized, Kenny, Pete,  
Father, Jack.

[Applause.]

It's a great Committee, and they do a great job. And  
we'll continue with the parade next year, by golly. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: You've heard the report of the  
Parade Committee. What is your pleasure?

CHIEF MAURAS, RETIRED: I recommend that we adopt  
the report as accepted and read.

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: There's a motion made to  
accept the report. Is there a second to the motion?

CHIEF WYATT, RETIRED: I'll second that.

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: Motion made and seconded.  
Any discussion of the motion? Father Foley.

REVEREND FOLEY: Yes, and this I say seriously. We joked about this a bit. But about a half hour before the parade was to step off, Bernie Wells, the Public Information Officer of the Springfield Fire Department got a call on his cell phone from his wife. And she said, should I bring your poncho down for you? And he said, why? Now he lives two miles from where the parade started. She said it is absolutely pouring here torrentially.

Another piece of apparatus pulled up with its windshield wipers on. He said we almost turned around and went back home because it was raining so hard we couldn't see to come down the highway.

Now, do you think God didn't bless us with good weather and a dry parade? We had one. Praise the Lord.

CHIEF RICHARDS: I would just like to make a suggestion that we retire the President's Cup this year.

[Laughter]

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: There is a motion made and the motion has been seconded. Any further discussion of the motion of the Parade Committee? Everyone in favor signify by saying aye; opposed nay.

[Aye.]

The ayes have it, so voted.

Before I go on to the Registration Committee Report, I do have one that's not here on the agenda. I'd like to call on Chief Timmy Travers for the Combat Challenge.

CHIEF TIMOTHY P. TRAVERS: [Whitman, MA] Thank you, Mr. President. Despite the weather, the Clergy let me down. We had over 50 applicants run through the Combat Challenge from the United States and Canada.

We had one relay team, and we had the childrens' challenge, which went on before the Combat Challenge, which was very exciting for youngsters. It duplicated the adults Combat Challenge. I know my daughter ran through it, and she was very excited about it. And I hope it will become bigger and better next year. They haven't been around for four or five years. And now that they're back, there was some increased interest in it. There was a lot of spectators out there. And I think as time goes on, we'll see more interest in it. I want to thank the President and the Board for allowing me to sit on that Committee. Thanks.

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: You've heard the report of the Combat Challenge. Is there any discussion on it as far as the Combat Challenge goes? I would like to discuss one thing and

talk to the Chairman of that Committee. Timmy, this year here, the Board did not really endorse the Combat Challenge, correct me if I'm right or wrong.

CHIEF TRAVERS: I think it was made perfectly clear to me that it was to be separate and distinct because of problems we experienced in the past with the company. I found them to be very cooperative. And through the work of Chief Flaherty and myself, on setting up and getting things done, we didn't experience any problems. We had no complaints from them.

I didn't hear any complaints from any of the vendors because they did start at three o'clock, and we tried to have it near the closing of the show. In fact, there were several vendors out there participating and helping, along with the Mechanics. There was a great deal from the Mechanics Association.

I had several Mechanics people out there as volunteers assisting. So it was separate and distinct, and I don't know if you want to remain that way or —

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: Well, if it's going to be part of the conference or part of the show over there, why don't we do a little publicity on it so we can draw more people over there. I think that's a big thing. Why have them come in here and invest everything they're doing, without us giving them any support or any advertisement at all to them. I think the bottom line was, we're figuring on drawing more members here for the attraction, to draw the members for the benefit of the vendors.

CHIEF TRAVERS: The challenge did all of their advertising on-line and all their registrations on-line, so there wasn't too much. I had expected they were going to do a mailing of all the fire departments in New England, but that wasn't done. And I think that all there was in the brochure was a small, a line item that said "Combat Challenge."

I did receive some phone calls that I think must have gone to Chief Wehter from different departments asking how they could register and who they should contact. And they contacted me, and I put them in contact with the target people. So we might be able to bolster attendance at it and bring in more people, if we have a better portion or better advertising through the Association.

CHIEF FLAHERTY: Mr. President, it was advertised in the Springfield and the West Springfield papers, the Combat Challenge, along with the parade. We had a little blurb in there and that drew a lot. I guess you had a lot of spectators there.

CHIEF TRAVERS: We had a lot of local people that saw it in the paper, that came as spectators.

CHIEF FLAHERTY: But I think we should probably put it in the brochure. But that's probably something the new President could take up.

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: You've heard the report of the Combat Challenge. What is your pleasure?

CHIEF WYATT, RETIRED: Move it be accepted as given.

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: There's a motion made by Chief Wyatt. Is there a second to the motion?

CHIEF PETER LAMB: [Newport, NH] Seconded.

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: There's a motion made and seconded. Any further discussion of that motion? All in favor signify by saying aye.

[Aye.]

Opposed nay. The ayes have it, so voted.

The next report would be the Registration Committee Report, Chief Wehter.

CHIEF WEHTER, RETIRED: For this year's conference, we had 113 members preregister, with 58 spouses or guests. We had three register at the conference. I don't really know what the attendance was on Saturday because I wasn't here. But once I count the money and the tickets, I'm looking at probably 2000. We had about 1700 paid yesterday. So we probably hit over 2000 yesterday also.

Today is probably not going to be well attended, maybe in the area of five to seven hundred. So we're looking at probably in attendance of probably 5000 to the conference overall, including everybody. This is down from the last couple years. I'm not sure why the attendance has dropped this year. I thought it was going to increase. But I guess we need to take a look at why this is happening. I think it's important for all of you at your state meetings to ask around, why didn't you go to the conference? Is there something wrong with the conference? What could be done to improve the conference? And we'll talk a little bit more about that later during the Bylaw change proposals, which will give the Committee a little bit more flexibility in making the conference better. Any questions?

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: You've heard the report of the Registration Committee. What is your pleasure?

CHIEF WYATT, RETIRED: I move the report be accepted as read.

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: Motion made. Is there a second to the motion?

CHIEF THURSTON, RETIRED: I'll second the motion.



PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: Motion made and seconded.  
Any discussion on the motion? Hearing none, all in favor signify by saying aye.

[Aye.]

Opposed nay. The ayes have it, so voted.

The Golf Committee Report.

CHIEF FLAHERTY: Chief Pelonzi is in a very important meeting. He's making sure we've got enough beer and liquor for the room there. I can say that it's another huge success. We had 91 golfers. I thought that I might have won this year, but it was won by Chief Nunes. He won again.

[Laughter]

But everybody had a good time. Next year, I think, the Committee is going to have to consider boosting it about \$5.00 to cover the increases that they had this year. But for the money and the good time, it's well worth it.

And I'd like to thank the Reverends again, both Father Foley and Father Harris, that the weather held out, and we had a great day. Timothy, maybe you'll get into the fold one of these days.

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: You've heard the Golf Committee Report, what is your pleasure?

CHIEF WYATT, RETIRED: Move it be accepted as given.

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: There's a motion made. Is there a second to the motion?

CHIEF CHARLES P. CHACONIS: [Ludlow, MA] Seconded.

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: Motion made and seconded.  
Any discussion of the motion? Hearing none, all those in favor signify by saying aye.

[Aye.]

All opposed say nay. The ayes have it, so voted.

The floor is now open under old business. What do we have to come before old business?

CHIEF FLAHERTY: Mr. President, I don't know where you want to take it, but I think some recognition should be given to Chief O'Brien and Chief Jarvis for the excellent job they did in assisting Chief Jorsey with the Sergeant-At-Arms.

Dave, I'm sure, appreciated all their work. And even though they're not here because they're doing other work, I think we should give them a round of applause for all the work they do.

[Applause.]

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: Tony, thank you. Anything further to come before the floor for old business? Timmy.

CHIEF TRAVERS: I don't know whether this is appropriate under old business or not. But I had the opportunity, due to Secretary Wehter's illness, of helping out at the registration area for two days on Saturday and Sunday. And we heard several complaints on Saturday, and mostly on Sunday, from people who came in to purchase day passes, that wanted to purchase a two day pass, a Saturday and a Sunday pass, and they had to wait in line and fill out of the paperwork and do everything twice. They had to do it on both days.

So a few of us were talking in slack time over there about perhaps offering a two day or even offering a three-day ticket. That's offering a three-day ticket, Friday, Saturday, Sunday for \$10.00, so that the Association would still get their money, but these people wouldn't have to wait in line. And at some points, the line was extensive there waiting to get their day passes. And there were some people at the door that have to hear the blunt of the complaints from the people that are coming in. So I just throw that out for whatever committee handles that.

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: I think it would be appropriate for the new committee that's coming in, the new officers coming in to research that. Because I think one day could be a blue pass, another day could be a yellow pass or a two day pass. But I think it's very good.

Anything else under old business?

We're going to have the Historian's report, Chief Wyatt.

CHIEF WYATT, RETIRED: Thank you, Mr. President. Reverend, Clergy, President Sylvester, Members of the Board, Members of our great Association, this is the report of the Historian for the year that has just completed June 25. During the past year, this Committee has been quite busy. The most significant progress was in having the IAFC at its annual conference in August in Dallas, Texas, approve the concept, design, and procedures for wearing the Retired Chiefs Patch.

The only change in our original proposal was to provide for wearing the patch on either sleeve, since many departments out west have their HASH box on the right sleeve, while we in the east have it on the left sleeve. So that was the only change.

There is now a patch to be worn on either sleeve. Today we have sold just less than 200 patches. All funds have been turned over to the Treasurer. I have received over 200 patches at this conference. Mert Dyer has contacted the manufacturer and has determined that there is no further discount on quantity, unless we go over 2000, and I'm not in a position to recommend that at this time.

Secretary Wehter has had extensive promotion of the patch in the MA Chiefs News Letter. And the IAFC has advertised it in the On Scene, which has brought out a big onslaught of requests. Both of these have resulted in many orders.

We have also had a good year regarding Red Books. Chief Tim Travers of Whitman has located 56 books, many from the very early ages of this Association. The current sets are located with the Secretary, Mert Dyer in New Hampshire, Harold Roeder in Massachusetts, and with myself. We would like to acquire some of the earliest books, 1923, 1924, 1926, 1927, and 1935. If we were to get some of those, that would give us four complete sets. And I have enough books left over of the newer ones to even start additional ones if they want.

At the request of Tim Travers, who did not want to see the donated books become a part of any personal collection, we wish to make our arrangement very clear. I agree with his thoughts and have the assurances of our current librarians that they are the custodians of these books in the name of this Association. After all, the purpose of creating four or more libraries was to maintain the history of this location in several different locations, hopefully in case of severe storms, flooding, or fire, the history would be preserved elsewhere. This does not provide for any personal acquisition of these Red Books, which at a later date could be destroyed, sold, or otherwise made unavailable to the Association.

We thank Chief Travers for acquiring this last donation. We also appreciate our membership for keeping a watchful eye out for all the Red Books. Mert Dyer has been most helpful with the old history and the patch project. I appreciated his help.

As anticipated, we will compose a short article for the next Red Book to give a brief resume of our history as space permits, and that in succeeding years, we can review the happenings of our Association. That, Mr. President, is the report of the Historian.

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: You've heard the report of the Historian. What is your pleasure?

CHIEF WILLETTE: Move to accept.

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: There's a motion made. Is there a second to the motion?

CHIEF MAURAI, RETIRED: Seconded.

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: There's a motion made and seconded to accept the Historian's report as read. Any discussion of the motion? Hearing none, all in favor signify by saying aye.

[Aye.]

All opposed nay. The ayes have it, so voted.

The floor is now open for new business.

CHIEF MISTO: Mr. President, I would like to make a motion that we make a donation to one of our own. Nick Russo is running for Second Vice President of the International. I make a motion that we donate \$1,000 to his campaign.

CHIEF HOWARD: I second that.

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: There's a motion to make a contribution to Nick Russo for his election to Second Vice President for \$1,000. The motion has been made and seconded. Any further discussion of the motion? Hearing none, all in favor signify by saying aye.

[Aye.]

All opposed nay. The ayes have it, so voted.

CHIEF JAMES N. RUSSO: [Hull, MA] Mr. President, I just want to say thank you very much. This Association has been very generous as we kick off this campaign, and the response here this entire week has been terrific. And as we come out of New Orleans and hit the campaign trail, this will be very necessary as I start moving around the country to get the message out there. So I just want to say thank you to yourself and to the Board and the Members here for giving me the opportunity to get out and push the message.

And hopefully we will be successful next year in Kansas City. So thank you very much.

[Applause.]

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: I just want to add to the motion that was passed over here and comments made by Chief Russo that he will be travelling the New England States looking for support, and he will be looking for contributions. It's quite expensive to run for the International Vice Presidency. And I'm just hoping that all the states will back the candidate financially, plus make sure that when the check mark comes, that you check mark those against Nick Russo.

And I'm just asking that we be a little generous to get our own elected there.

I think it's an honor for New England to have somebody like Nick to take this here by the horns and run for position of Second Vice President for the International.

Nick, you know where I stand as far as supporting you 100 percent, and I believe every member of this room feels the same way.

Is there anything else to be brought up under new business? Hearing nothing, we will go on to vote on the Bylaw changes.



The Secretary/Treasurer will go through the Bylaws. Does everybody have a copy of the Bylaws? Does everybody know the changes?

Instead of having the Secretary go through all the Bylaws and read it to you, I'd like to expedite this here. Are there any objections to any of the Bylaws or any discussion of any of the Bylaw changes? Hearing none, the Chair will recommend that a motion be presented to accept the Bylaws as presented.

FROM THE FLOOR: So moved.

CHIEF RUSSO: Seconded.

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: There's a motion made and seconded that the Bylaws presented be accepted. Any further discussion of the Bylaw changes?

REVEREND FOLEY: Everything that's written on that sheet is going to be done on one vote?

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: I presented it that way, Father. If there are any objections to it?

REVEREND FOLEY: I'd just like to say one thing, as long as Chief Wehter, Secretary/Treasurer, has no problem with a three year term, suppose some bum comes along and we don't recognize it ahead of time, what are you going to do?

CHIEF FLAHERTY: Fire him.

REVEREND FOLEY: How do you do that?

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: I'm just hoping, Father, we don't have a bum come along for three years. The thing is here, I believe the Secretary/Treasurer of the Division has a three year term. The Secretary/Treasurer of the Vendors has a three year term. The only one that didn't have one amongst these officers was the Secretary/Treasurer of the Association.

REVEREND FOLEY: I have no question on Dick's integrity, no reflection in his honesty or dedication. I'm not talking about Dick Wehter. I'm talking about the idea. That's all. I just throw that out.

CHIEF WEHTER, RETIRED: The process that was used, at least when I was brought in, was to have a Committee on the Board of Directors seek applicants for the position.

And through a thorough examination of the person's past and abilities to do the job, he was recommended. It's not a situation by where just anybody is going to get that job.

There's only been about, I think, five Secretary/Treasurers of this Association since its inception in 1922. So there's a lot of long history and integrity in this position.

I am honored to have this position, as was my Chief who appointed me, who was Secretary/Treasurer of this Association for 12 years.

CHIEF JOHN P. JENKINS: [West Barnstable, MA] This isn't the entire Bylaws, because obviously there are a lot of sections missing?

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: Just the changes.

CHIEF JOHN P. JENKINS: [West Barnstable, MA] And in following Father Foley's line of importance, is there, in fact, someplace in the body of the rest of the Bylaws, a provision for removing somebody that we may not want? Is there a recall procedure?

CHIEF WEHTER, RETIRED: I believe there's a provision in there to expel a member by two-thirds of the members present.

CHIEF JENKINS: As a follow-up to that, if we have a safeguard, then Steve's issue is addressed?

CHIEF WENDALL M. MANSFIELD: [Stowe, VT] As Dick will probably tell you, the screening process was fairly good. I know he did a little sweating because I was on all of the Directors at that time and with the people we did screen, it wasn't just a few minute deal. It was pretty thorough.

CHIEF WYATT, RETIRED: Just in regards to Father Foley's comment, number one, when I retired as Chief after 52 years, I can't recall meeting a bum who was a fire chief. Some were better than others, but no bums.

FATHER FOLEY: You haven't met some of the ones I've met. Present company not excluded.

CHIEF WYATT, RETIRED: But what I would like to say, Mr. President, in light of what Father Foley raised is, the office of the Secretary/Treasurer is the most important position here. We honor our President. He is the leader. The people coming up the Board. But they don't get a damn thing done if that Secretary doesn't do the hard work to get it through. The Secretary/Treasurer really is the life blood of the Organization, any organization, not just ours.

And long-term consistency in office is important. To have someone in a year, I think Dick would be the first to tell you when he took the position, that in one year, at the end of that year, you don't know all that you've got to do. It's a long-term process. Being an accountant, when I'm not involved in the Fire Service, I can tell you, consistency and operation is important, and I think the three year term is a step towards that consistency.

CHIEF THOMAS S. LAMBERT: [North Hampton, NH] Mr. President, as Director from the State of New Hampshire, I would be remised if I didn't mention that also as a member of the Bylaws Committee, that this subject, and, additionally, the notice for intention to be a candidate for office, drew our position from my state, and also I brought that to the Committee meetings. So these have not gone without discussion. I just wanted to make that point known.

CHIEF JON E. BARTON: [Gray, ME]

Mr. President, on your concern there under Section Six, no member shall be expelled from the membership by a vote of less than a majority of all members of the corporation by a vote of less than three-fourths of the members present voting on such expulsion, which, I think, could cover that.

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: Any further discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor of the Bylaw change signify by saying aye.

[Aye]

All opposed nay. The vote shows unanimously that the Bylaw change has been passed.

The next order of business would be the Election of the Officers, and the first position will be the Presidency, and that's from New Hampshire.

FROM THE FLOOR: Mr. President, it gives me great pleasure on behalf of the State of New Hampshire and the New England Association of Fire Chiefs to nominate Chief Mike Howard of the Hookset Fire Department for President.

CHIEF RICHARD A. MASON: [Concord, NH] I second that motion.

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: There's a motion made and seconded in the name of Mike Howard from New Hampshire be placed in nomination for the office of the President of the New England Association. Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations?

CHIEF WYATT, RETIRED: I move the nominations be closed, and the Secretary cast one ballot for Chief Howard.

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: There has been a motion made and seconded that the nominations for President be closed, and the Secretary cast one ballot. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye.

[Aye.]

All opposed nay. The ayes have it.

So voted unanimously.

Mr. President, Mike Howard, congratulations.

[Applause.]

**The President**

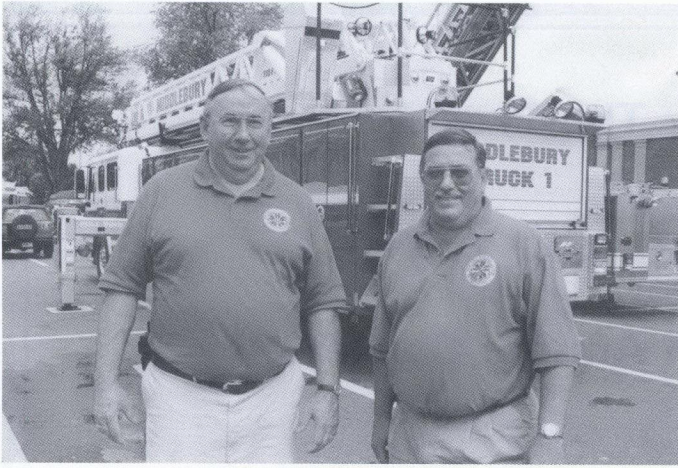
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The office is now open for First Vice President, and that would be Connecticut.

CHIEF DAVID JORSEY, RETIRED: [East Berlin, CT] It gives me great pleasure.

Mr. President, to nominate Chief Edward Richards of Enfield, Connecticut, for First Vice President.

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: The name of Ed Richards has been placed in nomination for the office of First Vice President. Is there a second to the motion?

FROM THE FLOOR: I'd like to second that motion with great pleasure. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: There's a motion made and seconded that the name of Ed Richard be placed in nomination for the office of First Vice President from Connecticut. Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations?

CHIEF PETER LAMB: [Newport, NH] I move the nominations be closed.

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: There is a motion made the nominations be closed. Is there a second to the nomination?

FROM THE FLOOR: Seconded.

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: There's a motion made and seconded. All those in favor that the nominations be closed and Secretary cast one ballot signify by saying aye.

[Aye.]

Opposed? The ayes have it. So voted. Congratulations, Ed.

[Applause.]

The floor is now open for nomination of Second Vice President, that would be Vermont.

CHIEF THURSTON, RETIRED: I would like to place in nomination Edwin Webster, Sr.

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: The name of Ed Webster has been placed in nomination. Is there a second to the nomination?

CHIEF MANSFIELD: Second the nomination.

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: Motion made and seconded in the name of Ed Webster to be placed in nomination as seconded for the position of Second Vice President. Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations?

CHIEF THURSTON: I would make the motion that the nominations cease, and the Secretary cast one ballot for Chief Webster from Vermont.

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: Is there a second to that?

CHIEF LAMB: Second.

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: There's a motion made and seconded that the name of Ed Webster be placed in nomination for the office of Second Vice President, and the Secretary cast one ballot. All in favor signify by saying aye. All opposed say nay.

[Aye.]

Congratulations, Ed.

[Applause.]

The next position would be for Secretary/Treasurer.

FROM THE FLOOR: Mr. President, it gives me great pleasure to now place in nomination Retired Chief Richard Wehter from Hingham, MA, as Secretary/Treasurer of this Association.

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: The name of Richard Wehter has been placed in nomination for the office of Secretary/Treasurer. I believe that goes into effect right now. That would be for a three year term. Is there a second to the nomination?

CHIEF FLAHERTY: I second it.

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: Motion made and seconded the name of Chief Wehter be placed in nomination for the office of Secretary/Treasurer for the position that carries a three year term, and it's been seconded. Is there any other nominations? Is there any other nominations? Is there any other nominations?

CHIEF WYATT, RETIRED: I move the nominations cease, and the President cast the sole vote for Secretary/Treasurer Dick Wehter.

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: There's a motion made by Chief Wyatt. Is there a second to the motion?

CHIEF JARVIS: I second the motion.

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: There's a motion made and seconded that the name of Richard Wehter be placed in nomination for the office of Secretary/Treasurer for three years. The motion is made and seconded, and the President cast one ballot.

CHIEF HOWARD: It's all done.

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: Congratulations, Richard.

[Applause.]

I believe as we go on, I believe these here nominations came before the Board, and they've already been passed by their local states. I would like to go down the line for the Office of Massachusetts, the Director would be, please stand whoever the Director is. That would be Alan Roy.

[Applause.]

Rhode Island would be Joe Misto. He won by two votes.

[Laughter and applause.]

Otie and I voted for my him by the way.

The Director from Maine would be John Barton.

[Applause.]

The Director from New Hampshire would be Tom Lambert.

[Applause.]

The director from Vermont, do we have a name for that Director?

CHIEF THURSTON: The Director from Vermont would be Wendall Mansfield from Stowe.

[Applause.]

The next order of business would be salary for the Secretary/Treasurer.

CHIEF HOWARD: Mr. President, I make a motion that we increase the Secretary/Treasurer's salary by five percent effective immediately.

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: There's a motion on the floor to set the Secretary/Treasurer with a salary increase of five percent. Is there a second to the motion?

CHIEF RICHARDS: I'll second that.

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: There's a motion made and seconded. Any discussion of the motion? All in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. All opposed nay.

[Aye.]

The ayes have it, and so voted.

CHIEF WEHTER, RETIRED: Thank you.

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: Congratulations.

FROM THE FLOOR: I had asked from the prior meetings that we indicate the current dollar amount and increased dollar amounts just so the membership knows.

CHIEF WEHTER, RETIRED: The current dollar amount is \$20,800.

CHIEF FLAHERTY: Mr. President, do you want to announce it's the same raise that you're giving to —

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: Is this a motion?

CHIEF FLAHERTY: To just announcing we're doing the same for Exhibit Chairman. Mr. President, the Board voted also for Chief Maurais to also give a five percent increase to the salary of the Exhibit Committee Chairman, so we voted that. That was the right of the Board to do that. And Carl Winslow was also five percent. The Board voted for that also for Carl Winslow.





Chief Frank M. Sylvester (L) receives Presidents Trumpet  
from Chief Michael J. Howard

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: The next order of business would be a presentation to myself, and it would be from my new President over here.

CHIEF HOWARD: On behalf of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, I want to present you this bugle in recognition as the President for the 79th Annual Conference. And thank you for all your hard work this year. You're going to be a hard act to follow.

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: Thank you.

[Standing ovation and applause.]

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: Next order of business is going to be the remarks of myself, and I certainly have a few remarks to make over here. The first one is, I'm not going to get emotional because I think Dick was testing me when I got the call Saturday morning to go down to his room at seven-thirty. And when I looked at him, I said, "You're not faking are you? This is not a game you're playing on me? You're going to walk out on me." Dick says, "I've got to go to the registration booth at the Big E." And I believe Timmy had come in the room at the time, and Sally was walking around just getting out of the shower with a towel all over her head. I knew something was serious then. And Joe Misto picked Dick up and went over to the Big E, and I had orders to get him back right away. Well, we never got him back. I looked at him. I'll be very honest with you. I said, John, I think he's pretty sick. He said, I'm calling the rescue. So Dick never got back to Sally.

We were certainly concerned. To look at the color of his complexion, and I did serve 15 years in charge of a rescue squad, and I seen many sick individuals. I knew Dick was pretty sick. But I think what we did over here was we took the test, and we passed the test. I did call on individuals to come in right away. I got Timothy down there right away. I got in touch with John. I got in touch with Dave Sylvaria, and I spoke with John Wood, and we got everything together. And this proved one thing to me, that both the Organizations did come together, both the Organizations did work together. And to me, it was just fantastic to see how things went over here.

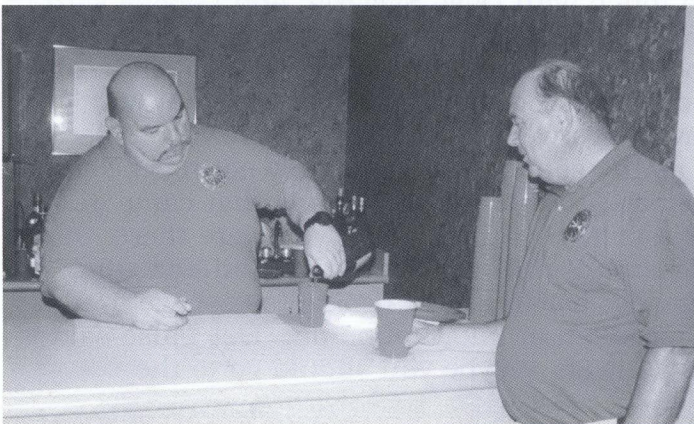
And as far as the conference, I probably got maybe two or three negative remarks out of the thousands that came in. And one of the remarks were, I think, Tim, you were there, this \$5 entrance fee. When a gentleman turned around and said, "I bought a \$50,000 ladder truck, and it's going to cost me five bucks to see it." I passed that information on. But I also said if you want to recoup your \$5, maybe you should go to the

## Hospitality Room



The Hospitality Room was a great place to unwind & relax.

Karaoke livened up the room this year thanks to President Sylvester's daughter Gale & her husband Tony.



Many thanks to Tom Hurley (L) for his many years of voluntary service to us.



manufacturer. Maybe he's willing to give it back to you. But that's the only remarks we had, very, very few remarks.

As far as the hospitality room, I found that a great success this year here, in fact, I've never seen it so crowded as it's been the last few nights over there. My son-in-law, who is a Chief of the Coast Guards will be retiring July 1, and wanted to do me a few favors by coming and helping me and my daughter Gale.

And I think this hospitality room was fantastic, and I've got to tell you, when the people get together and mingle and start to discuss certain things, you can get an awful lot done up there as far as your opinions, as far as the brotherhood of the Organization goes. I thought it was great. I do want to thank the Members of the Board from the Association for the support they've given me. I want to thank the members from the Division for the support they've given me. And I especially want to thank Chief Rich McDonough, my partner. Rich, would you stand, please? I'd like to give you a round of applause.

[Applause.]

PRESIDENT RICHARD MCDONOUGH:

[NEDIAFC] I just want to say what a pleasure, and everything has just gone very well. What a great pleasure it is to work with him.

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: It was just great. Everything went along fantastic. Like I said, I see this coming together. I see the few bugs that we had, that have been worked out. Along with the assistance of Father Harris and Father Foley, they've certainly done an awful lot to bring this together.

I'm hoping tonight at the Banquet, that it's also a success.

I do want to wish Rich a happy and healthy vacation. He's going on tomorrow to Florida. Is Sally going to let you go, Dick?

CHIEF WEHTER, RETIRED: I put my foot down.

[Laughter]

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: I just want to say, Dick, from the bottom of my heart, thank you.

CHIEF WEHTER, RETIRED: Thank you.

[Standing ovation and applause.]

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: The next order of business is going to be remarks from the Incoming President, my good friend, Mike Howard.

CHIEF MICHAEL HOWARD: This will be short. I just want to continue to echo Frank's speech. I want to thank my own State and the support that they continue to give me. I have



an interesting year ahead. I currently serve as the State President from New Hampshire as well, so we're going to have a busy year.

I want to recognize our Chaplains, Reverend Harris and Father Foley for their continued work. I look forward to continuing to work with Chief McDonough and the Division.

And it was ironic last night, when we were up in the hospitality room, that six years ago, my predecessor from New Hampshire, Chief Mike Mooney, was involved in bringing these two conferences together. And it's interesting to note that six years later, this continues to work in reality. And I know that the conferences will continue to go, and Chief Richards will be the benefit of that as well beyond me.

I'd like, at this time, to ask some of the Past Presidents to stand up that I've been very fortunate to be under since I came on board in 1996. Chief Jorsey, Chief Thurston, Chief Flaherty, Frank, Tom, and the only one I think that's missing is Chief Baston from Maine. I think those are the five. I thank you guys very much.

[Applause.]

We'll continue to work very closely with the Vendors. We understand that Ed Lyons from Ed Lyons Fire Equipment was elected President yesterday of the Vendors, and everybody knows how hard Ed works, and that will be a great asset to the Division and the Association to draw from in next year's conference. We know Judy will continue to be with us as well.

Also, the Mechanics, Paul and Arthur, and their membership, the Mechanics continue to have successful conferences here, and we're very pleased to continue to be part of that as well.

Finally, I want to thank my wife and family for their support. And look forward to a great year, and we'll work hard for your 80th conference. Thank you.

[Applause.]

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: Are there any other further remarks to come before the Board? Seeing there are none, I would just ask —

CHIEF MISTO: Mr. President, I would like to make a remark. I would like to say that the Rhode Island Chiefs and the Rhode Island Association of Fire Chiefs was so proud to have Frank as the President of this Organization, and thank him for the wonderful job he has done. I'd like to make that a part of the permanent record.

[Applause.]

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: Thank you, Joe. One

comment, and I would ask the stenographer to please not record this

[Off the record discussion was held.]

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: The next order of business is, any further remarks for the good of the Association? Chief Wehter would like to have a remark.

CHIEF WEHTER, RETIRED: I'd just like to thank everyone for their wishes and prayers, and it was kind of a different situation this year. My wife wanted to drive me home, but I knew driving over to the Big E Saturday morning that I wasn't going to make it. And Chief Flaherty acted in his capacity as a responsible Chief and had me shipped to the hospital. So thank you.

CHIEF ROY: Mr. President, I'd just like to make a comment for support from the Chiefs and especially my local Chiefs here for their attendance. Thank you, gentlemen. And to thank Chief Flaherty and Chief Pelonzi for their guidance. Thank you. I look forward to another year.

[Applause.]

CHIEF MAURAI, RETIRED: Just a final reminder that I'm going to need help down there this afternoon. If you'd get down there around two o'clock, two-thirty, I could use the help. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: Any further remarks? Motion to adjourn.

CHIEF WYATT, RETIRED: Motion to adjourn.

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: Is there a second to the motion?

CHIEF THURSTON, RETIRED: Second the motion.

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: All those in favor say aye.

[Aye.]

Opposed nay. Ayes have it, so voted.

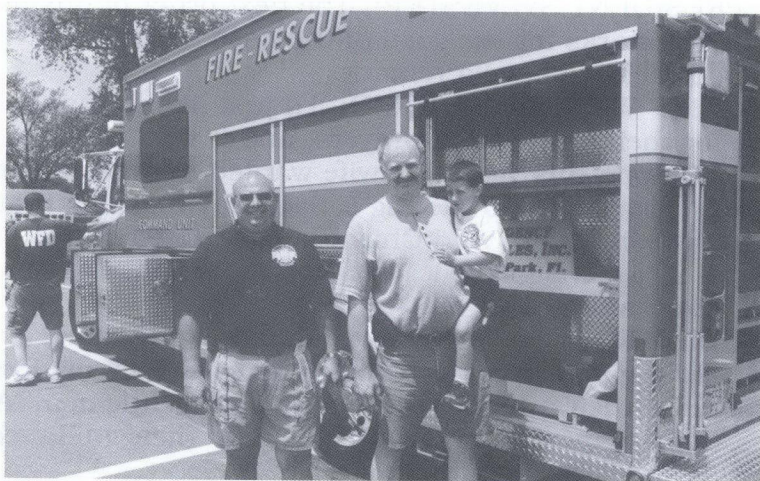
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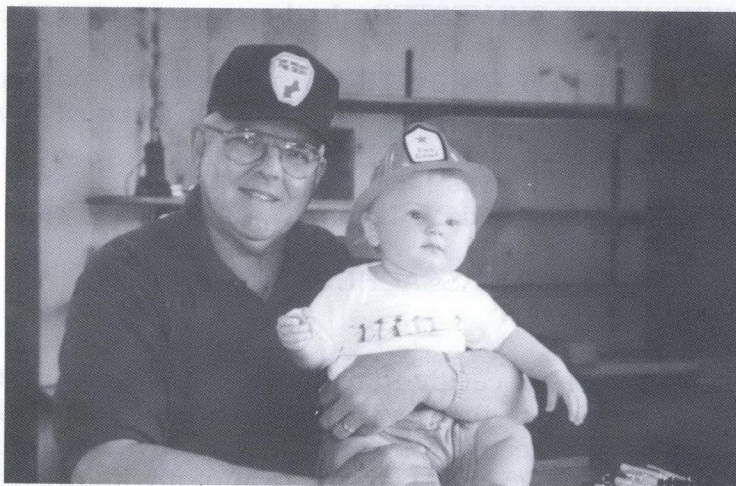
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Official Conference photographer, Joe Marino (L) of New Britain, CT takes time out for a picture with friends.  
Thanks for all the good work you do for us Joe.



Chief Wehter at the registration desk with the "Little Chief"

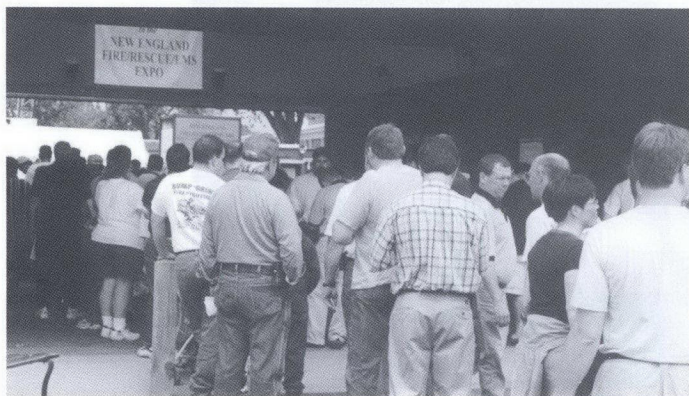


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Carl Winslow at  
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Early arrivals  
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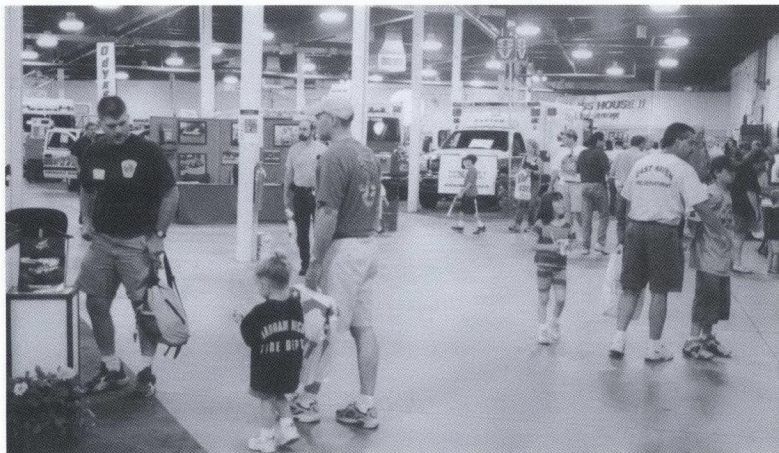




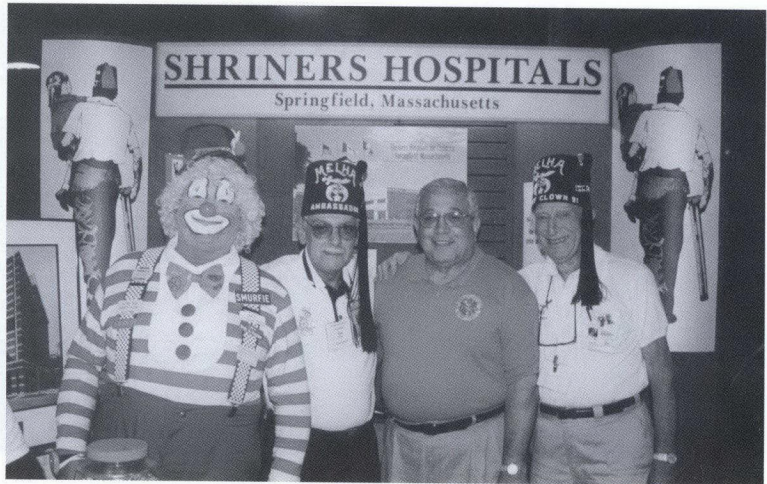
The ladies  
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### **79<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BANQUET**

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CHIEF RICHARD MCDONOUGH - N.E.D.I.A.F.C.  
JUNE 25, 2001  
SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS**



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**As we close our Seventy-ninth Annual Conference, let us reflect upon the renewal of old friendships, the gain of many new friendships and the knowledge we have acquired to bring back to our respective communities in the interest of fire suppression, prevention and education. Let us remain united in our efforts to provide the best possible service to the citizens we serve.**

**The Officers and Directors of both Associations sincerely thank you for your support of this conference.**

**Join us again in 2002 at the Eastern States Exposition Center in West Springfield, Ma. & The Sheraton Springfield Hotel for another milestone in the process of learning. Have a safe trip home...**

# **BANQUET PROGRAM**

## ***Master of Ceremonies***

Mr. Walter Cryan

Former Channel 12 TV News Anchor (35 years)  
Providence, RI

***Welcome of Association(s) Officers & Directors*** - Lead by NEAFC Sgt. at Arms  
Chief David Jorsey, East Berlin, CT

## ***Invocation***

Reverend Daniel S. Harris, Chaplain  
Weymouth, Massachusetts

## ***National Anthem***

Chief John P. Jenkins, West Barnstable, Ma.  
Piano accompaniment – Rev. Foley

## ***Pledge to the Flag***

Chief Frank M. Sylvester, President  
Lincoln, Rhode Island

## ***Address of Welcome***

Mr. Ronald Rivet  
Chairman, Limerock Board of Fire Commissioners

## ***Introduction of Guests***

Master of Ceremonies

## ***Dinner is Served***

### ***Presentations***

Master of Ceremonies/President

***Shriners Presentation*** - President Sylvester

### ***Guest Speaker***

Sandra Sylvester, Esquire

Prosecuting Attorney, Prince William County, VA

### ***Swearing in Ceremony***

Officers/Directors - NEAFC & NEDIAFC

NEAFC – NEDIAFC Presidents

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### ***New President's Address***

NEAFC

Chief Michael J. Howard, Hooksett, NH

### ***Closing Remarks***

Chief Richard McDonough - NEDIAFC - PRESIDENT

Chief Frank M. Sylvester - NEAFC - PRESIDENT

### ***Closing Hymn***

"America the Beautiful" by Chief John P. Jenkins

Piano accompaniment – Rev. Foley

***Benediction*** - Rev. Stephen C. Foley, Chaplain



**PRESIDENT(S) MESSAGE**  
**N.E.A.F.C. - Chief Frank M. Sylvester**

As I complete my term as President of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs for the year 2000 – 2001, I would like to thank many individuals who assisted me this year. A sincere thank you is reserved for the Board of Directors, the Officers, and all Committee Members, the Members of the New England Division, the Vendors Association and the Mechanics. With the knowledge and hard work of the talented individual Chiefs this conference will always be recognized as a leader in the fire service profession.

Due to the substantial growth of this conference, there will be challenges and obstacles. In the past, by working together we have been able to resolve most of them. For our joint effort in making this conference a total success I could not have accomplished it without you.

On behalf of my family, the members of the Lime Rock Fire District in the town of Lincoln, Rhode Island, and myself, I thank all of you for the strong support you have given me.

It has been a pleasure serving as the 79<sup>th</sup> President.

Yours,  
Chief Frank M. Sylvester

**N.E.D.I.A.F.C. - Chief Richard McDonough**

As another conference draws to a close we continue to see dramatic changes in the fire service. Both the Division and the Association will continue to strive to bring the best in education and innovative ideas to help you meet the challenges of the future.

All the officers of both associations hope you have had a great conference and had an opportunity to renew old friendships and make new ones. Have a safe trip home, see you next year at an even bigger and better conference.

Chief Richard McDonough

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of the I.A.F.C.

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ANNUAL BANQUET

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President Chief Frank M. Sylvester

Master of Ceremonies: Mr. Walter Cryan

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Grand Ballroom  
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Monday, June 25, 2001  
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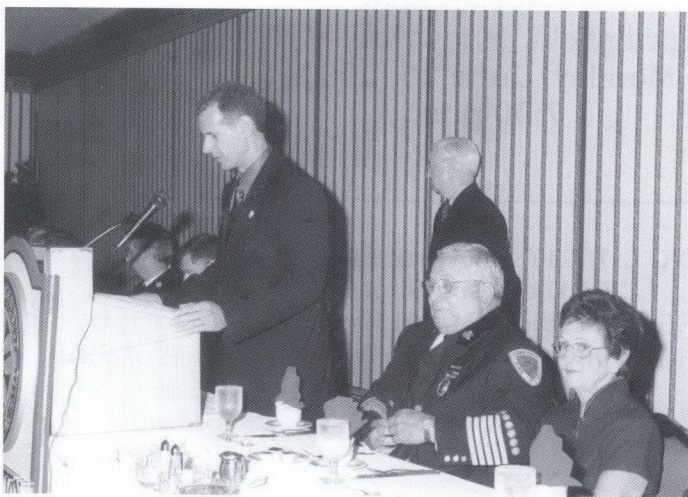
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The President & First Lady lead the processional into the Annual Banquet

Master of Ceremonies, Mr. Walter Cryan introduces the head table.



Mr. Ronald Rivet of the Lime Rock Board of Fire Commissioners delivers the address of welcome.

Springfield, Massachusetts  
Monday, June 25, 2001

## P R O C E E D I N G S

### Annual Banquet

MR. WALTER CRYAN: [Master of Ceremonies] Now, we ask you all to stand, please, as we call forth now for the invocation by Reverend Daniel S. Harris, Chaplain, from Weymouth, Massachusetts.

REVEREND DANIEL S. HARRIS, CHAPLAIN: [Weymouth, MA] Let us pray. Heavenly Father, your grace has brought us once again through this Expo, and we thank you for the support that you've given us, the safety with which it happened, the joy that we celebrate now in its conclusion. We ask you to bless our fellowship, support this organization, and all fire fighters in the coming year. Bless the gifts we're about to receive and the hands that prepared them. In the name of God we pray. Amen.

[Amen.]

MR. WALTER CRYAN: You can always tell when the invocation is short, that he who presents it is hungry.

[Laughter.]

REVEREND HARRIS: This is where we left off last year.

[Applause.]

MR. WALTER CRYAN: And we have just as good a meal for you this year. Thank you very much. Now it's time for our National Anthem. Chief John P. Jenkins of West Barnstable, Massachusetts, with piano accompaniment by Reverend Foley.

[Chief John P. Jenkins sang the Star Spangled Banner accompanied on the piano by Reverend Foley.]

[Applause.]

MR. WALTER CRYAN: Play ball! No, I'm sorry.

[Laughter.]

MR. WALTER CRYAN: Sometimes you get laughs, especially when they're winning. Right?

Pledge to the flag now, Chief Frank M. Sylvester, President, from Lincoln, Rhode Island. Chief.

[The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by President Sylvester.]

MR. WALTER CRYAN: Now on to our Address of Welcome, Mr. Ronald Rivet, Chairman, Limerock Board of Fire Commissioners. Ronald.

MR. RONALD RIVET, CHAIRMAN: [Limerock Board of Fire Commissioners] Thank you,

Mr. Cryan. Good evening, distinguished guests, members of the clergy, fire fighters, and ladies and gentlemen. On behalf of the Chief and Mrs. Sylvester, the Association Officers and Directors, and the Limerock Fire Sisters, it is my pleasure and honor to welcome you all to the New England Association of Fire Chiefs 79th Annual Banquet this evening.

I'm confident that you've all had a successful and enjoyable weekend at the Conference and Expo here in West Springfield. It was a great effort put forth to make this an informative and innovative, yet fun weekend for all. And I'd like to thank all those involved for the fantastic job they've done, yet again, in organizing this weekend. Chief Sylvester, Chief McDonough, I'd like to thank you, both you and the Associations, on behalf of all the residents of the cities and towns of New England, whose Departments are represented here, and whom you work tirelessly to protect them each and every day.

This important event gives fire fighters from around New England the opportunity to network with each other, attend training sessions, view state-of-the-art equipment, in order to provide the best protection available to their respective communities.

We have a wonderful program planned tonight. So please relax, enjoy your meal, and the rest of the evening's festivities here at the Sheraton. Thank you.

[Applause.]

MR. WALTER CRYAN: Thank you very much, Ron. Just before we get to our meal, and by the way, if you do not have a plate in front of you, it's okay. Everything is being brought out on plates. So before somebody starts grabbing, I don't have a plate of mine.

I'd like to introduce some guests we have with us tonight, just before we do have dinner served, people who have come down to, of course, salute our President, Frank Sylvester, from Rhode Island. Our State Fire Marshal is here, Irving Owens. Where is the Fire Marshal?

[Applause.]

From the National Fire Academy, Dr. Oliver Jones is in company with us tonight.

[Applause.]

And we have Mayor James Doyle from the City of Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

[Applause.]

Tom Tanury of Tanury Industries in Lincoln is here with us tonight too. Where is Tom?

[Applause.]

And last, but not least, a nationally known sculptor is in attendance with us tonight. This is the man who has done both statues of Babe Ruth and Ted Williams at the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York, among his other works. Armand LaMontagne is with us tonight. Armand.

[Applause.]

And now, look out, the kitchen is about to go into operation. Enjoy yourselves. We'll be back in a few moments.

[Applause.]

We're going to have the Annual Raffle. Before I get started, I'd like to recognize a few people, and, in particular, the vendors that helped sponsor the tournament.

First, I'd like to thank Chief Nunes and his brother George. They put a lot of time into this.

[Applause.]

CHIEF KEN PELONZI: [Beverly, MA] I'm in charge of the golf tournament, and we're going to have the annual raffle. Before I get started, I'd like to recognize a few people, in particular, the vendors that have helped sponsor the tournament. First, I'd like to thank Chief Nunes and his brother George.

[Applause.]

They put a lot of time in, and they have an annual golf course, and everything runs very smoothly because of them. We had a few sponsors that sponsored some of our holes. I'd like to acknowledge those. First, I'd like to acknowledge New England Detroit Diesel for sponsoring the hole in one. The prize was \$10,000 this year, and I understand we came very, very close. Two people came very, very close to putting it into the hole. Unfortunately, it didn't happen. They also sponsored the closest to the pins.

Secondly, I'd like to thank Tim O'Neil from Greenwood Motors. Tim also sponsored the two closest to the pins.

[Applause.]

I'd like to thank Byron Brooks from the Blanchard Fire Equipment. Pierce donated all the sleeves of golf balls. Each golfer got a sleeve of golf balls, so thank you to Byron Brooks and Blanchard.

Now, we'll move on to the drawing, and as the prize comes up, I'll tell you who donated it. One last thing, is there



anyone that played that did not get tickets to the drawing? I think we have everyone. With that, we'll get going.

The first prize is a full 11 piece set of Top Flite Ultra Lights donated by Harold Roeder and the L.W. Bills Company. [Applause.]

We'll ask the President to draw the first one. The last four numbers, 1462. Oh, bad job. Can you believe that?

Next we have two Big Bertha drivers donated by Fred Sorrento and Air Cleaning Specialists. The last four numbers, 1484.

For another Big Bertha, 1486.

Next I have some gift certificates. The first one is a \$60 gift certificate to the Chicopee Country Club. This was originally the longest drive, and it was won by one of the members of New England Detroit Diesel. They didn't want to take it, and they asked me to raffle it off tonight. Number 1464.

I have three \$25 gift certificates donated by Mark Dombrowski of Action Fire Restoration. 1466; 1478; 1472.

That's it for the drawing. Thank you for your patience. I hope we get a few more playing next year. We had a great time. Women are welcome. We encourage women to make their own foursomes up. That was a special request from one of the people.

MR. WALTER CRYAN: For all those of you who are wondering why so many people at the head table were winners in the raffle, I have asked the Sergeant-At-Arms to seize all the tickets. All the chads will be counted.

[Laughter]

[Dinner is served]

[The Banquet commenced.]

MR. WALTER CRYAN: We're going to start with our presentations now. Before we do, for those of you who were wondering about the presentation up here, Chief Sylvester did not have chocolate mousse; he had Cheerios with bananas on them. It's his favorite dinner. In Lincoln they call it supper. But that's what he had. He was offered it, and it's still here. He's a little embarrassed to eat it, but it will be taken back to his room.

[Laughter]

I do want to mention also that at every table, there should be a black napkin. And everybody is wondering how come I'm sitting in front of a black napkin. Right?

What happened? Whoever has the black napkin takes home the centerpiece, everything, the entire centerpiece. Every time I'm out there, we turn over a saucer and they say, who has

the closest birthday? I always miss it by about ten months. It's a great idea.

You know, many people have asked me, well, how come you know Frank Sylvester? And who invited you here to Springfield on a Sunday night anyway?

FROM THE FLOOR: Sunday?

MR. WALTER CRYAN: No, it's Sunday night to me. I'm retired.

[Laughter]

You'll find out some day. People say to me, how do you like retirement? I say it's the best job I've ever had in my life. I'll tell you that. But I could drive back into work again, and I wasn't kicking and screaming though because I said to my wife — we've been married for 49 years. I said to my wife, listen, I know this is your place, but secondly, the problem is I feel as though we're living together for the first time. And she said, we are. Did Tim O'Neil call you? And I said yes. Well, she said, go see him.

So Tim O'Neil, of course, who is the President of Greenwood Fire Apparatus. I am now working as Vice President of Consumers Relations and Community Affairs in Greenwood. And I'm going around with a big pair of ears listening to Fire Chiefs and their woes because their budgets have been cut this year.

But this leads me to make you understand why I am here. When Chief Sylvester called, he said, would you like to be the MC for the Banquet? I said by all means, Frank. He said, there's a stipend attached. It's four figures. I said thank you very much, Frank. That's a wonderful, wonderful thing to do for a man in retirement.

And he called me back again, and he said, did you hear I got shot down in the budget? I said, are you talking about the town, or are you talking about the Fire Chief's Association. He said both. So now I could only give a commercial tonight for Greenwood Fire Apparatus. We sell Emergency One.

[Laughter and Applause]

We sell and service Emergency One, and we also service all those other trucks that don't work. So by all means, remember E/One. Thank you.

We're going to move on with our presentation tonight. And our Shriners presentation now is going to be made by President Sylvester. Frank.

Now, he asked me if I have the check.



President Sylvester presents check for \$2,000.00  
to the Shriner's Burn Hospital

[Laughter]

We ask the Shriners to come forward.

The Sergeant-At-Arms has taken care of our check. The Shriners will come forward now and make our presentation with Chief Sylvester.

PRESIDENT FRANK M. SYLVESTER: I'd like to make this presentation in the name of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs and also the New England Chiefs as a whole. This is something that we started last year because we're certainly believers in the Shriners Burn Center.

I think when any child is burned in a city or town in the New England area, they come to the Fire Chief's Association. We get in touch with the Shriners, and we send this child to the Shriners Burn Center or to the Bone Marrow Transplant Center.

So what we do is we would like to present a check to the Shriners in the sum of \$2,000 for the Burn Center here in Springfield. And we consider it quite an honor to do this here on behalf of the Chief's Association.

[Applause.]

MR. EDWARD GELINAS: [Shriners] Good evening. My name is Ed Gelinas, and I am the CEO of the Melha Shriners, which is the Local Chapter of the Shriners. But I'm more proud to be a member of the Board of Governors of the Shriners Burn Hospital in Boston. I can't think of a group in our community who deserves as much respect or admiration as you all do. I think that you all probably have a greater understanding of what happens at the Shriners Burn Hospital than even most Shriners do. You have better knowledge what can happen to a child when he or she gets acutely burned.

The Boston Hospital is a 30 pediatric burn hospital providing comprehensive acute burn care and reconstructive and rehabilitative care to children who have been burned. We care for acute burns, for patients needing plastic reconstructive or restorative surgery as a result of healed burns and for severe scarring relating to contractures.

In addition to excellent care in a state-of-the-art hospital, the Boston Hospital also carries on a full program of research applicable to children with burns. The Shriners spends \$25 million a year on research alone.

You likely know about the artificial skin that was developed a few years ago in Boston. Other research has resulted in improved surgical treatment of the burn wound, development of infective skin banks, better infection control, and so forth. Is it also a teaching hospital and maintains teaching





Outgoing First Lady Estelle Sylvester & incoming First Lady Jennifer Howard exchange the traditional bouquet of roses.



Sally Wehter receives special gift for her many years of service to the ladies committee.

affiliations with Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard Medical School, and others.

In addition to the care, it is important to know that all the care is provided free of charge. No family, no insurance company, no Governmental agency is ever billed for our services. Our hospitals, all the 22 of them in North America, have no billing departments. Our more than \$550 million annual budget is funded by the Shriners, our endowment fund, and the generosity of people like you.

I'm happy to report tonight that the Shriners Burn Hospital in Boston just a few weeks ago admitted its ten thousandth patient. That's a lot of children. That's a lot of care that might not otherwise be available. We are fortunate here in New England to have two Shriners hospitals, the other one being our facility right here in Springfield.

Your generous contribution helps make all this happen. You, in effect, become partners in our mission of helping children.

On behalf of the Board of Governors of the Boston Hospital, on behalf of the Shriners all over North America, who are so involved in helping kids. But more especially, on behalf of the children who benefit from your care and generosity, for those children especially who cannot speak for themselves, on behalf of those children, I say thank you.

[Applause and standing ovation.]

MR. WALTER CRYAN: Now, as we continue our presentations, I'd like to have the President's Lady step forward. The President's Lady, First Lady Estelle Sylvester, is going to make a presentation to Incoming First Vice President Jennifer Howard.

MRS. ESTELLE SYLVESTER: Jennifer, good luck to you. You'll do fine. Don't worry about it.

[Mrs. Sylvester presented a bouquet of flowers to Mrs. Howard.]

[Applause.]

MR. WALTER CRYAN: And now she not only gives flowers, but she gets flowers. Not bad, huh?

MRS. ELAINE HOWARD: On behalf of the Ladies Committee and everyone, you did a great job.

[Mrs. Howard presented a bouquet of flowers to Mrs. Sylvester.]

[Applause.]

MR. WALTER CRYAN: Now, we have a presentation of a gift from Estelle Sylvester now to Sally Wehter.



Chief Ed Richards, Parade Committee Chair,  
presents a plaque to Bernie Welz for his dedicated service  
to the committee and congratulations on his retirement  
from the Springfield Fire Department.  
Thanks from all of us Bernie.

MRS. ESTELLE SYLVESTER: Sally, in appreciation of all the help you've given to all of us, we really appreciate it.

[Mrs. Howard presented a bouquet of flowers to Mrs. Wehter.]

[Applause]

MR. WALTER CRYAN: The Association Second Vice President, Chief Edward Richards, will now make a presentation to Bernie Wells of the Springfield Fire Department.

[Applause]

CHIEF EDWARD RICHARDS: [Enfield, CT] On behalf of the New England Fire Chiefs, it gives me a great pleasure to make this award to Bernie. He's retiring from the Springfield Fire Department in 12 days after 30 years of service to the Springfield Fire Department, and —

CHIEF GARY CASSANELLI: [Springfield, MA] I'm not letting him go.

CHIEF RICHARDS: He's certainly not allowed to retire from the Parade Committee for the New England Chiefs. Now, usually we don't give out awards with clocks on them to retired guys because they really don't care what time it is. But this one has a clock in it so he can tell what time it is to come to the Parade Committee meetings.

[Applause]

I'll read the inscription. It says, "Presented to Bernie Welz for outstanding service to New England Fire/Rescue/EMS, New England Fire Chiefs, June 25, 2001." Bernie.

[Chief Richards presented an award to Bernie Welz.]

[Applause]

CHIEF BERNIE WELLS: The Chief says I can't go, that must be why he brought in the handcuffs today.

[Laughter]

MR. WALTER CRYAN: Chief Richard McDonough also has a presentation. Chief.

CHIEF RICHARD MCDONOUGH, PRESIDENT NEDIAFC: [Southington, CT] It gives me a great pleasure to give Bernie a little gift certificate from the Division for a couple of things. One, for the tireless work he does for the Parade Committee and all the work he does behind the scenes for the show and for the Expo and for everything else. It especially comes from me for taking care of my son for the last four years and watching him over and keeping him out of trouble.

[President McDonough, NEDIAFC, presented a gift certificate to Bernie Welz.]





Chief Frank Sylvester (L) receives the Presidents Helmet and congratulations on a successful conference from incoming President Chief Michael Howard.

Assistant Chief Arthur Jacques of the Lime Rock Fire District presents President Sylvester with a remembrance from the District.



Rhode Island State Fire Marshal Irving Owens extends congratulations to President Sylvester and bestows the honor of Deputy State Fire Marshal.

[Applause]

MR. WALTER CRYAN: Estelle, Sally Wehter has something to present to you.

MRS. SALLY WEHTER: Estelle, on behalf of the Ladies Committee, I'd like to give this to you for the wonderful job you've done. We had so much fun.

[Mrs. Wehter presented a bouquet of flowers to Mrs. Sylvester.]

[Applause]

MR. WALTER CRYAN: Our Incoming Association President Michael Howard will now make a presentation to outgoing President Frank Sylvester.

CHIEF MICHAEL HOWARD, INCOMING PRESIDENT: [Hookset, NH] Frank, on behalf of the New England Association Membership, the Board of Directors and Officers, it's with great pleasure that I have an opportunity to present you this helmet for your tireless leadership and dedication over the past five years. It's been a great honor.

[Chief Howard presented a helmet to President Frank Sylvester.]

[Applause and standing ovation.]

MR. WALTER CRYAN: Assistant Chief Arthur Jacques is going to make a presentation now to President Frank Sylvester.

This is a man who has been very nervous all week long. I mean the Chief has been looking for him while he's been here at the show, and he could never find him. And he's on the pager, and he's on the cell phone. And he was about to fire him before he found out what he was doing in the background, and we're about to find out now.

ASSISTANT CHIEF ARTHUR A. JACQUES: [Lincoln, RI] Chief — nice karaoke microphone you've got here.

[Laughter]

Any requests now? Never mind.

[Laughter].

Chief, I know you've been looking for me the last couple of weeks. I've been kind of doing a few things, but it will all come out right about now.

If anybody knows Chief Frank Sylvester, he's been kind of busy with the Legislative Branch of the Rhode Island Fire Chiefs for the last 11 years. So when I made a couple calls to the House of Representatives, they said, what can I do for him? I said, well, he doesn't need a new car because he gets one every other week.

[Laughter]

So I said, well, a proclamation might be nice. And he says, okay. So I waited, and I've got a couple of proclamations, Chief, from some of your friends up here on Capital Hill.

This is from the Speaker of the House, John Howard, a good friend of the Chief's. The State of Rhode Island, Providence, citation via hereby known to all that are on the House of Representatives, hereby offer sincere congratulations to Chief Frank Sylvester for your remarkable dedication, professionalism, and services as President of the New England Fire Chiefs. Signed by John Howard.

[Applause.]

I have one from the Senate from another good friend of his, Bill Hines. It's State of Rhode Island, via hereby known to all that are on the Senate, hereby offers sincere congratulations to Chief Frank M. Sylvester in recognition for your hard work and dedication as President of the New England Fire Chiefs Association. Signed by Bill Lyons.

[Applause]

I have one from another good friend of his, Congressman Patrick Kennedy. He's kind of a name sake here in Massachusetts, I think. Congress of the United States citation via hereby known to all that Congressman Patrick Kennedy hereby offers the sincerest congratulations to Chief Frank M. Sylvester in recognition for his dedication and service as President of the New England Fire Chiefs. Signed by Patrick Kennedy on this date.

[Applause]

Now, on the local side. The Town of Lincoln, Rhode Island, gives a citation award on this date of Chief Frank M. Sylvester in recognition for his service as President of the New England Fire Chiefs. The Town of Lincoln is thankful for your service to the community and wishes you and your family continued good portion. Signed by Jonathan Oster, Town Administrator.

[Applause]

This feels pretty good telling the Chief what to do.

[Laughter]

And I have one here from the Town Council. Congratulations to Chief Frank M. Sylvester, President of the New England Fire Chiefs Association, with warm congratulations and best wishes for the future. Presented by the Lincoln Town Council. Signed by Ray Depault.

[Applause]

And seeing I had everybody in the State give him one, I figured the guys and the Officers and the Members of the Limerock Fire Department should also give him something.

Presented to Chief Frank M. Sylvester in recognition of outstanding and dedicated service as President of the New England Fire Chiefs Association 2000/2001, from the Officers and Members of the Limerock Fire Department, June 25, 2001.

[Applause]

PRESIDENT FRANK M. SYLVESTER: I would just like to make one comment if you don't mind.

MR. WALTER CRYAN: You're talking out of order. We still have you coming up in the program.

[Laughter]

PRESIDENT FRANK M. SYLVESTER: I know. I just want to make one comment. It's quite surprising that I would get a proclamation from the Town Administrator or Town Council, because the other day when Chief Travers out of Whitman, MA, came to me and said, we're going to have the combat challenge over here in Springfield. I said, is my council and my Town Administrator, are they having a meeting over here? I was a little concerned about the combat challenge.

[Laughter]

MR. WALTER CRYAN: We should also mention two of your other Fire Commissioners are here tonight to salute you, Frank. Fire Commissioner Robert Tuttle is here with his wife.

[Applause]

MR. WALTER CRYAN: And another of the Fire Commissioners in the Town of Lincoln, Sue Sheppard, who is also the Town Clerk. Sue.

[Applause]

MR. WALTER CRYAN: At this time, we would like to ask — by the way, Jake still has his job. Right? He's okay?

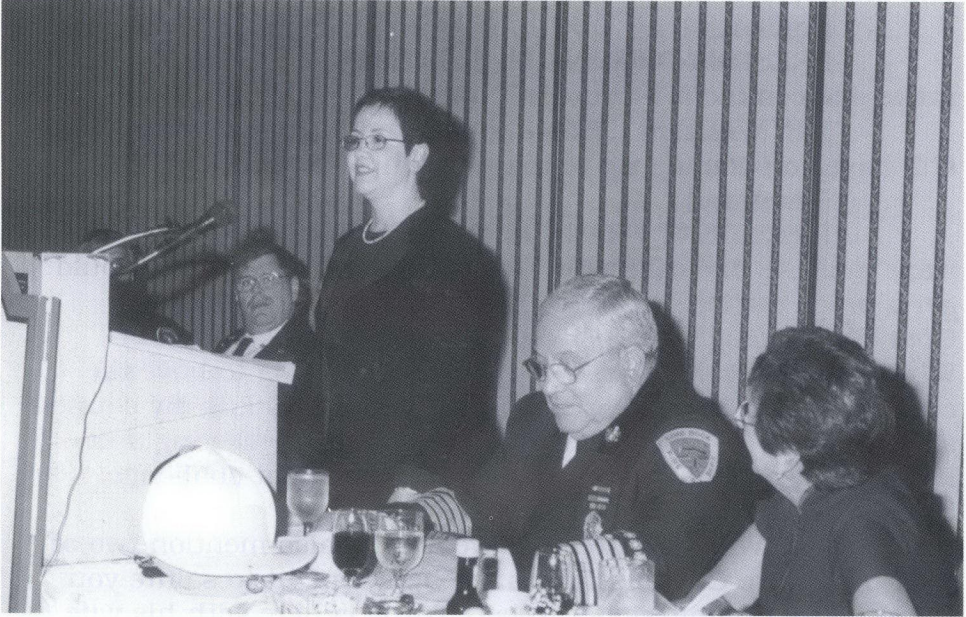
We would like now to recognize and ask to stand the Past Presidents of the Association and the Division, please. Past Presidents, please stand and be recognized.

[Applause]

Now, it's time for our Guest Speaker in the program, and her name is Sandra Sylvester. She graduated from Providence College Magna Cum Laude in 1979, and from New England School of Law in 1982. She served as a Law Specialist and a Lieutenant in the United States Coast Guard from 1983 to 1987, where she was assigned in Washington, DC, working the Chief Council.



## Guest Speaker



Sandra Sylvester, Esquire –  
Prosecuting Attorney, Prince William County, VA  
There were no nodding heads during this dynamic address.

Upon leaving the Service, Sandra worked for Law Offices of Weiner and Boyce in Manassas, Virginia in 1988. Sandra was appointed Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney for Prince William County Virginia the same year, where she continues to service today.

She has lectured throughout the United States for the National Center for the Prosecution of Child Abuse. And Sandra is a guest lecturer for the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia, where she lectures on the Supreme Court on the topic of Violent Juvenile Offenders. She also lectures for the VA Supreme Court, VA Association of Commonwealth's Attorneys and various other organizations as well.

Sandra is recognized throughout Virginia as an expert child abuse, particularly child homicides, and frequently serves as a consultant to other prosecutors.

And as they say in the back yards of Lincoln, didn't Frank and Estelle's daughter do well?

Here she is.

[Applause]

GUEST SPEAKER SANDRA SYLVESTER, ESQUIRE

[Prosecuting Attorney, Prince William County, VA] Thank you. Mr. Cryan threatened to throw up my notes earlier tonight. He said what is this junk mail up here? I am so pleased and honored to be here tonight. But I feel a little like George Marshall. He was asked by President Harry S. Truman to be the Secretary of War. And it was reported when he was asked, he said to President Truman, "Why me? There must be a hundred people more qualified than me," to which President Truman responded, "And don't think I have haven't asked every damn one."

[Laughter and applause]

I have some plants in the audience too. Well, I usually do lecture all throughout the United States to police officers, social workers, and other people who investigate child abuse and child homicides. I talk about pedophilia, perversion, obscenity. I guess it really means that I am an expert in the area of perversion. So we have to wonder why I am here tonight to talk to a group of Fire Chiefs. I worried about that, until last night when I met Chief Flaherty's son.

[Laughter and applause.]

I have to tell you, I feel right at home with y'all. I'm just concerned that my parents have now found out what I really do for a living. You know, it's nice to turn the tables every once in a while. Inevitably, wherever we go as lawyers, we hear all the

lawyers jokes, and we have heard them all. I have heard all the lawyer jokes there are. So I'm going to ask you to be polite to me tonight when I talk about fire fighter jokes.

This is a lesson from a lawyer which hears all the jokes. What you have to do is smile politely, humor me a little, and act like you've never heard this joke before.

Now, I have heard that last year's speaker was wonderful. He was a humorist. And I said to my mom, when last year's convention had ended, how did the speaker do? Oh, he was great. He was so funny. He was wonderful. Not a lot of pressure, Mom, not a lot of pressure. So as a lawyer, I am not by nature very funny.

So I want to tell you a little story, to give you sort of a warning as to what's to come. There was a pharmacist, a lawyer, and a fire chief who were all facing execution by firing squad. The pharmacist was asked what his dying wish was, and he said, I just want drugs. I want good drugs. I don't want to feel a thing. Put me out of my pain. Better living through chemistry. No problem. Firing squad said we can grant that wish.

They asked the lawyer, what is it you want for your dying wish? And the lawyer said, I would want to make a speech. I want to talk about crime and punishment, justice and injustice, the inhumanity of the death penalty, and yadda, yadda, yadda. I want to say that for the transcriptionist. I want to see how that looks next year. I can't way to read it next year, Y-A-D-D-A, Y-A-D-D-A, Y-A-D-D-A.

[Laughter]

Then they came to the fire chief. And they said, Chief, what is your wish? And he said, very surely, I want to be shot before the lawyer makes his speech.

[Laughter]

You are not so lucky tonight. Let me tell you.

I currently work in Prince William County, Virginia, where my husband and I have lived for 18 years. I was born and raised in Rhode Island. But if you hear a bit of a southern accent, I am so sorry about that.

You may not be familiar with Prince William County, but if I mention to you the very famous name of John and Lorena Bobbitt, that might put us on the map. Oh, yes, yes.

Though you might not remember the case, this was a very angry wife, who one night cut off a certain body part of her husband. She then went driving down the road, opened her car window, with this body part in hand, and lobbed it over the car,

into a vacant lot. I have to set the stage here. This happened in my County while I was a prosecutor there. I was not asked to prosecute Lorena Bobbitt, however.

We had a staff meeting, trying to strategize what we were going to do about Lorena Bobbit. We had about fourteen lawyers in the office at the time, and our boss went through and said, what do we charge? What do we do? Well, he got to me. My only suggestion was to charge her with littering.

[Laughter and applause]

He didn't think I was well suited to that task. However, in hindsight, having charged her with that, we probably would have gotten a conviction.

But speaking about organs being thrown into vacant lots by angry wives, I want you to think about something when you have your worse day in your entire career. This is a true story. Before coming here, I actually talked to everyone who was involved in the Bobbitt case. You may not know that it was fire fighters that found this missing appendage in the lot.

The story goes, and the EMT's who were working that night told me this, that they found this organ. And they all stood around it, and they all opened it and said, I'm not going to pick it up. You pick it up. I'm not going to pick it up. You pick it up. And a very smart person said, let's get the Chief. That's what he gets paid for?

[Laughter and applause.]

My father is really wondering what he wasted his money for.

[Laughter]

It was a very dark time in our County. We had a very difficult case. John Wayne Bobbitt was of somewhat limited intellect. We knew that when they rushed the organ to the hospital. Any other man would have looked at it and said, that's great, but where is the other half?

[Laughter]

I invite all of you to come to our tiny County. And you can see as you enter Prince William County, the signs now say, welcome to Prince William County, where wives are mad as hell, and men sleep on their stomachs.

[Laughter]

I really need to tell you a little bit more about our County. It's a large County. This is the third largest in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and it's very unusual. Our number one tourist attraction is a shopping mall. It works for me.



But the population is equally unusual. And Chief Misto and I had a discussion about this Saturday night at dinner. He was asking he about whether or not we have, well, I guess the polite word would be “organized crime.” And I was explaining to him, oh, no, Chief. Our population is very unique. We have some highly technical people like IBM, Lockheed. We have AOL.

Because we’re 25 miles south of the Washington, DC, we also have high ranking military people and high ranking government officials. But we have a large segment of our population, and the politically correct term would be “agrarian.”

I believe, however, after talking with a friend, who uses the term that we all use where we live, “Red Neck” is the word.

[Laughter]

So if you ever come to visit us in Prince William County, I want to give you some clues, as Fire Chiefs, as to whether or not you are coming into a red neck fire department. You know you’re a red neck fire department if you ever have two emergency vehicles pulled over for drag racing on the way to a fire scene.

[Laughter]

You know you’re a red neck fire department if you have naked lady mud flats on your hummer.

[Laughter]

Does anybody have them here?

[Laughter]

I never heard the term “red neck” when I was living in Rhode Island, I have to tell you. But you know you’re a red neck fire department when your fire station has wheels.

[Laughter]

You know, you’re a red neck fire department if you don’t own a Dalmation, but you do own a bird dog named Sparkey, and nobody is manning the station during deer hunting season.

[Laughter]

You know you’re a red neck fire department if your defibrillator on your rescue truck consists of a pair of jumper cables, a marine battery, and a fish finder.

[Laughter]

And, finally, and you know you’re a red neck fire department if the only time the truck leaves the station is on Bingo night.

[Laughter]

I actually had to do a lot of research for tonight’s speech. And I wanted to kind of let you know that there’s a Murphy’s Law of Fire Fighting. Are you all aware of that? So let

me share some of that with you right now. This may help you get through some of your darkest days. Murphy's Law as a Fire Fighter goes as follows: Your equipment was made by the lowest bidder.

[Laughter]

The important things are always simple, and the simple things are always hard.

If you are short of everything but smoke, flame, and heat, you are in a fire.

When you have an area extinguished, don't forget to tell the fire.

Anything you can do can get you hurt, including doing nothing. True, isn't it?

Radios fail in direct proportion to your need for help.

The larger the fire, the less available the water supply.

The probability of someone watching you is proportional to the stupidity of your actions.

[Laughter]

I didn't write these. If it jams, force it. If it breaks, it needed replacement anyway.

And, finally, and this is for the men of your Department, Father, for every action there is an equal and opposite criticism.

[Laughter and applause]

I really don't think I was asked to be your keynote speaker because of my keen powers of observation and little pearls of wisdom. And it is daunting to stand here in front of so many Chiefs and so few Indians, and I include the spouses in that one.

All I do have to offer you tonight is a few observations as a daughter of a fire fighter. One of the things I wanted to tell you tonight was, I always thought my Dad had the coolest job of anybody's father in our school.

Now, I think you're going to find it a little hard to believe. But going through school, my sister Donna, she was the cool one; my sister Gail was the very social one; and this is the part you'll find hard to believe, I was the geek.

[Laughter]

That is very true. However, for a few brief moments during fire drills, when my Dad's Fire Department would pull up to one of our drills, I knew the names of every fire fighter, and they knew mine. So for just a few moments every so often, I was pretty cool, and that was kind of neat.

I remember being a kid, and 4th of July celebrations at the fire station were so special. We watched fireworks sitting on

the fire truck. We saw Arthur Fieldler. He always wanted to be a fireman, and Louis Armstrong.

And I remember a fire station my Dad worked at that was very old and still had the pole, and every kid would want to slide down that pole. I never got the chance.

[Laughter]

I remember the many times, however, when we had school programs, concerts, plays, anything we were doing at school, when my Dad had to work. And I remember standing in the front of the hall, and in the back of hall, I could see the silhouette of a man with a walkie-talkie and a partner in tow, and I knew my Dad was there.

And I have to tell you a little something about our growing up. Sorry, father. Remember you wanted me to do this to you tonight. My mom would never want us to be at home when there was a major fire. It didn't matter if it was midnight and freezing cold. The woman would say, "Are you game? We're going." And we would go out and watch my father fight fires, along with members of his Department.

And I remember seeing him going into a building one night. It was a smoke stack in a very old warehouse. And that smoke stack came crumbling down, and it was very emotional for all of us, but he was fine. And I remember just standing there and feeling so much pride in being the daughter of a fire fighter. I think that's why I'm really invited here tonight.

Most of you who know my father may not know he was actually born into some poverty. His father died when he was nine months of age, and his mom was a single mom. He was an eighth grade dropout. He graduated high school when we were born. And he graduated college when we graduated high school.

Something else you might not know is that the same time I was Lieutenant Sylvester in the Coast Guard, my Dad was Lieutenant Sylvester in the Fire Department. You can well imagine the confusion when I called to talk to him.

[Laughter]

The conversation would go something like this, yes, may I speak to Lieutenant Sylvester? Whose calling, please? Lieutenant Sylvester. Yes, whose calling, please? Lieutenant Sylvester. I know that. Whose calling, please? I just gave up and said, it's his middle daughter. He'll know who it is.

[Laughter]

I'll share a couple secrets about my father. He's a feminist. I'm going to get it for that one, aren't I? My Dad had

three daughters, and I think most men would probably like a son here or there, and my father was probably no different. But he always taught us that we could be whatever we wanted to be. It did not matter that we were girls.

And the last thing I'll share with you about him, since I'm going to be disinherited when this is over with, the man hates to travel.

[Laughter]

You people are really something that you can get him down here more than one time. We rarely get him to come to Virginia. True story. We had arranged for him to meet the President of the United States, Reagan, on his last visit to come to our house. We thought this is such a special event. We have to do something special here. Maybe he'll come back. Well, the White House staff wanted some information on my Dad, and so we provided a bio. His meager beginnings, and he meets President Reagan.

Mr. Reagan says, "Frank, it's a pleasure to meet you. I understand you were born into poverty. You're a self-made man. You were so poor, you were born in a log cabin." My Father looked a little confused. Said, "No, no, Mr. President. You have me confused with Abraham Lincoln. I was the one born in a manger."

[Laughter and applause]

And my Mom is equally as remarkable as my Dad. I always marvelled as to how she tried to make the holidays enjoyable, despite my Dad having to work. She's an incredible woman. She was the mother and father to all of us during the time that my Dad was serving up our city.

And one day, I'd hear her talking all the time, calling my father a model husband. I was a little confused by this. He's a good Dad. He's a great husband, but a model husband? Well, when I got a little older, I said, "Mother, what is this, talking about dad as a model husband? That's a little bit out there, isn't it?" And she said, "Honey," with a little wink in her eye and a little lift in her voice, "go look it up in the dictionary," and so I did. And there was the definition, "A significantly reduced version of the real thing."

[Laughter and applause]

This is your daughter she says. I'm the middle child, that explains all of it, doesn't it?

If I can be serious for just a moment. In recognizing the contributions that fire fighters make in our society, in a very real



way, the families become public servants as well. Spouses will actually keep the home fires burning while you're out extinguishing other fires. Will you join me for just a few minutes of indulging me, if you will, in saluting the spouses of the fire fighters who are here tonight, and especially the women who make this event so possible? Could we all do that for them, please?

[Applause and standing ovation.]

Thank you for that. I felt that was really important.

If I can just impose on you for one more minute. You know it is rare that a child has an opportunity to speak public about a parent. And usually when that opportunity comes, it's too late, for the parent never even hears what they have to say. I'll be brief this time about this.

I just want to thank my Mom and Dad, and I know I speak on behalf of my sisters. They gave us the greatest gift that any parent could give a child, and that is the belief that dreams can come true, and I just want to thank you both for that.

But I'm really here tonight to pay tribute to you Fire Chiefs. I think sometimes I have a very exciting job, sometimes frightening. We get to see the most evil and vile in humanity, the people that are child molesters, sexual predators, or baby killers, and we get to bring them to justice. We get to look at the evil in their eyes.

But then every once in a while, when I'm most scared in my job, I think about my Dad going into that burning building, and I realize for a minute, his evil has no face; it has no mortality; and it comes straight from the gates of hell.

You know, we're reminded of the dangers you face with just the thought of the loss of fire fighters from New York and Montreal. A month ago, Shaquiel O'Neil's cousin, who was a career fire fighter, coming from a long line of fire fighters in his family, killed in the line of duty.

And I think that it's so important to tell you all how much we think you are our American heroes.

And I want to share this with you. I did a little more research. Do you know what the most stressful job in the United States is today? Being President of the United States. That's no surprise, is it? Do you know what the number two most stressful job in the United States is? Come on, you can all guess. Say it with me. Fire Fighters. You guys are catching on good now.

So then I went to the most dangerous jobs, and I found one that said elephant trainers was the most dangerous job in

the world. I said that's not good. There must have been a survey of elephant trainers. So I found a more legitimate survey. And they listed fire fighting as one of the top five most dangerous jobs in the United States today. Proceeding fire fighters is Alaskan crab fisherman. I think you can kind of agree that would be a pretty dangerous job. And they had miners and loggers. They listed truck driver's. I didn't really acknowledge that. But fire fighter, top five.

And this is for my brother-in-law, whose getting ready to retire from the Coast Guard of the United States, Coast Guard Search and Rescue came in the top ten.

[Applause]

I really hate to talk about the most respected jobs in the United States today. We know number one on the list is clergy. Father Foley, Reverend Harris. Number two, my husband loves to remind me, is pharmacists.

He's a pharmacist. In the top five, my father loves to remind me, is fire fighters. And they both love to remind me, lawyers don't even make the list.

[Applause and laughter]

You have an awesome task as Fire Chiefs, and I want to share the image of rank with you tonight. The Fire Chiefs leap tall buildings in a single bound. It is more powerful than a locomotive. It's faster than a speeding bullet. Walks on water. Excuse me, Father, for this one. Dictates policy to God.

The Assistant Chief leaps short buildings in a single bound. Is more powerful than a switch engine. Is just as fast as a speeding bullet. Walks on water if the sea is calm, and talks to God.

[Laughter]

The Deputy Chief leaps short buildings with a running start and favorable winds. Is almost as powerful as a switch engine. Is faster than a speeding BB gun. Walks on water in an indoor pool. And talks to God if request is approved.

[Laughter]

The Battalion Chief barely clears the fire house, loses a tug of war with a locomotive, can fire a speeding bullet, swims well, and is occasionally addressed by God.

The Captain makes high marks for trying to leap tall buildings, is run over by locomotives, sometimes handles a gun without inflicting self-injury, can dog paddle and talks to himself.

[Laughter]

The Lieutenant runs into buildings, can recognize a locomotive two out of three times, is not issued ammunition, and can stay afloat if properly instructed, and talks to water.

[Laughter]

On with the fire fighter. He lifts buildings and walks under them. He kicks locomotives off the track, catches speeding bullets in his teeth and chews them, freezes water at a single glance because he is God.

And I say that to you tonight because it means a lot as Fire Chiefs to lead these men, very much like a General leading the troops into war.

Now, tonight I'm going to leave you with words and comfort from General Dwight D. Eisenhower. On the eve of July 10, 1943, General Dwight D. Eisenhower watched the vast armada of 3,000 ships sailing across from Malta to the shores of Sicily for a great battle. The General saluted his men and bowed his head in prayer. And to a young officer beside him, Eisenhower explained, "There comes a time when you use your brains, your training, your technical skill, and the dye is cast, and the events are in the hands of God, and there you have to leave them."

I want to thank you tonight for your hospitality and your attention, and may God bless you.

[Standing ovation and applause.]

MR. WALTER CRYAN: You have just heard from a self-described geek.

[Laughter]

Are you kidding me? Everyone should pay attention every time when you go to high school reunions or college reunions or anything else, it's always the geeks and the dorks. Those are the people that really blow you away. Oh, Yes, I'm the President of IBM. What do you do?

[Laughter]

Now, we're going to move on in our program. We're going to have our swearing in of Officers of the Division first. Assistant Executive Director of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, George Hoffman, will now swear in Officers of the Division. Hold on just one second. We'll do that. We have a number of duties to perform here. We're going to call up the Rhode Island Fire Marshal. And we have some more things we have to do. Where are you going to put all of the stuff, Estelle? I'm told the new house is on the way. He's now going to make a presentation.

MARSHAL IRVING OWENS: Thank you very much, ladies and gentlemen. It's an honor to be here this evening. And I've been to many of these meetings with the Fire Chief, as you all know, but that was an outstanding speech that you gave tonight. It was great, and Estelle has done very well.

[Laughter]

This is a little something as we go on here. This is my second term as a Fire Marshal in the State of Rhode Island. The first term was a little questionable. The Fire Chiefs of the State of Rhode Island asked me if I would like to submit my name as becoming the next Fire Marshal, and I said, yes, I really would like that. And the Fire Chiefs backed me a hundred percent. There's a lot of them sitting over there today, and I want to thank them for that.

However, one of the Fire Chiefs, by the name of Frank Sylvester, was the President of the Fire Chiefs Association of Rhode Island. And we happened to be in Lincoln at the time. And the just brand new elected Governor of the State, Lincoln Almond, happened to be in the audience, and I was sitting at a table probably about four or five tables away.

And this Fire Chief Sylvester started giving a lecture to the Governor, the brand new Governor in the State of Rhode Island.

And he was talking about the next Fire Marshal that he would like to see in the State of Rhode Island, and he started telling the Governor how he was going to do it. And I kind of glanced over, not having the job yet, and it still had to go through the Senate for confirmation and so on, and I'm listening, and I'm saying, oh, my God. This is the end of this term.

[Laughter]

And he starts pointing and banging on the podium and telling the Governor, and the Governor is sitting there, and he's shaking his head, yes, okay. And so I'm going to get up. And he said, "That's right, Frank. And the next Fire Marshal will be just like you said," so on, and here I am.

We've had many discussions. I've known Frank for over 30 years. And I can honestly say, he's very shy and assuming, and he needs to get out more and say some of the things he's thinking about.

[Laughter]

And he had a lot to do with some of the events in our office, some of the policies. Because every once in a while, the Fire Marshal will have to send notes to the Fire Chiefs. And



what I've done is, I've talked with the Fire Chief, and I have the phone numbers of all the Executive Board Members, and I say to them, what do you think we ought to do at this point? Because we have 39 cities and towns here in Rhode Island; we have 82 Fire Chiefs, so that means there's a lot of fire districts. So we have over 220 Assistant Deputies, and that's on my side. We appoint the Deputy Fire Marshals in the various cities and towns. And I can tell you honestly that doing it this way, going through the Fire Chiefs, it's done wonders for State of Rhode Island. We have a very good program.

So without further adieu, I would like to honor Frank with a citation that I received from the Governor. And I went to ask the Governor about it, and he said, oh, certainly. And he shook his head and said, "Yes, whatever Frank would like to have, I would like to give him."

[Laughter]

He wasn't sure I was coming up here. I just wanted to see if he was still talking to me after what Frank said to him, but he is. We get along very well, and he sends his congratulations. And it's for Frank's stepping down as the Fire President of this distinguished group of New England Fire Chiefs, after years of dedicated and commendable service as New England President of this Fire Chiefs Association. So this is from the Governor of Lincoln, Rhode Island.

[Applause]

We have one other presentation. Because Frank has been a Deputy State Fire Marshal since I've been the Fire Marshal, actually before that. And he gives me advice all the time relative to how I'm doing things or how good I'm doing things, and whether I'm doing things or not. And I can honestly say, whenever I send a letter out, he's the first one to read it. And I always get a comment, whether it's good, bad, or indifferent, but I really enjoy that because we can honestly talk back and forth, and that's what we need to make things good.

So I'd like to present him an Honorary Deputy State Fire Marshal in accordance with his integrity and prudence and his ability to do the fine job that he's done as the President of this Association, and, also, as a member of the Fire Chiefs Association of Rhode Island. So he doesn't get much with this. This is only a paper that is signed. And he can't even get a cup of coffee with it being an Assistant Deputy.

[Applause]

And this last one, just so everyone here knows. My name is Irving Owens. I'm the State Fire Marshal with the State of Rhode Island. The last time I was with Frank at this organization, he introduced me as Stephen Coan from the State of Massachusetts. So I wanted to correct that. So on behalf of Steve Coan, I thank you.

[Laughter and applause]

MR. WALTER CRYAN: State Fire Marshal Irving Owens. Please remember that. Thank you very much, Marshal. The one thing the Marshal neglected to tell you, as a result of that meeting with Governor Norman, I don't know how many of you have been to Rhode Island to see the beautiful State House in Rhode Island. It's perhaps one of the most beautiful State Houses in the entire country.

And on top of it is a statue of the independent man. Up until that meeting, with Governor Norman, there had been a study committee thinking of replacing the independent man with a real independent man, but all fell out the window that day.

[Laughter]

We're going to get back to where we were here. George Hoffman will now swear in Officers of the Division for us. The Assistant Executive Director of the International Association of Fire Chiefs.

GEORGE HOFFMAN: [Asst. Director, International Association of Fire Chiefs] There are more than two officers of the New England Division of International Chiefs. President McDonough has accepted a second year and does not need to be readministered the oath. The Vice Presidents of the states are incumbents and do not need to be readministered the oath. So tonight, we have Roger Bradley, who has been reelected as the International Director, and we have John G. Wood, Jr., who has been reelected to the position of Secretary/Treasurer. And at this time, I'll administer the oath. Raise your right hand. I, state your name, do solemnly swear, that I will support the Constitution of the New England Chapter of the New England Division of the International Association of Fire Chiefs; that I will obey the Directors and the President and all Officers appointed over me; that I take this obligation freely, with no mental reservation, and I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office upon which I'm about to enter, so help me God.

[Applause]

MR. WALTER CRYAN: Congratulations. George tells me your first assignments are on voice mail at home already.



Director Richard Mason of the New Hampshire Fire Training Academy  
delivers the oath of office to incoming  
President Chief Michael J. Howard of Hooksett, NH



President Howard's address.

[Laughter]

Now we continue with our swearing in of New Presidents of the Association. New Hampshire Director of Fire Standards and Training, Richard Mason, will now swear in Chief Michael Howard as President of the Association.

DIRECTOR RICHARD MASON: [Fire Standards and Training, State of New Hampshire] Good evening. A short while ago, I received a phone call from Chief Howard in Hookset asking if I'd be the person to swear him in tonight. I quickly learned what the term "honored and humble" means, because I stand before you experiencing both.

A couple of things that you may want to know about Mike, that you probably didn't know is, first, I wanted to talk to Father Foley earlier about this, but a lot of people wonder what the difference between Mike Howard and God is, and it's that God doesn't think that he's Mike Howard. So —

[Laughter and applause]

Actually, if you were to know Mike Howard, and his background is through trainings, he had to figure a lot of things out. And he and his wife were watching a movie allegedly at home the other night, when on the screen it said, "This movie has been altered to fit your screen." And Mike looked at Jen and said, "How do they know how big our screen is?"

[Laughter]

And the last thing, I was really surprised the last time I went to his station and opened the urinal and it said, "Please don't eat the men." So —

[Laughter]

Actually, Mike really has really three outstanding characteristics as far as I'm concerned, compassion, integrity, and perseverance. I've known Mike for 16 years, and speaking of integrity, we actually worked in the same office for a while. A lot of people don't know that I was hired by the City of Nashua Fire Department under some different circumstances and ended up become zeroed out of the budget. And Mike was the Superintendent of Training at this time. He could have really, really made some real adversarial times for me, and he didn't. He showed utmost integrity, and really made it an honor to work there, knowing that I would have to go elsewhere in the very near future.

Compassion, this is the first time I've publicly talked about this. But 15 years ago tomorrow, I was at a dual alarm fire on Pine Street in Nashua, when I got a call that I had to go

to the hospital. We were expecting our second child. And we were very excited about this. However, as it turns out, I got to the hospital, and my wife was in the examination room already, and we found out that our baby had deceased. It was a very, very difficult time. And after the process and stay at the hospital, for me anyway, was over, I went home to an empty house with my son, and the doorbell rang. And about the last thing I wanted was a visitor.

But Mike was the Secretary of the Local 789 in Nashua. And what brought a real ray of sunshine in the real dark day for me was the most beautiful flower arrangement that you'd ever seen. And I don't think I ever thanked Mike for that, and I want to thank you right now. So he's a man of compassion.

Perseverance, Mike is in his second Chief's job in the State of New Hampshire. The first was Wolfboro, New Hampshire, then he decided to go on to Hookset. When he was in Wolfboro, there were a lot of things that were changed. And I could tell you right now that the Wolfboro Fire Department is a much better place right now, not anything about who he replaced or anything, but just Mike's ideals. He really left it a lot better than what he found it.

Then he decided to go to the Town of Hookset, New Hampshire, and he applied for the position of Fire Chief. Hookset is nestled between the State Capital and the State's largest city in Manchester. Chief Bradley and I had the unique opportunity to sit on the Oral Board that day. And if you've ever seen Mike speechless, we saw him very speechless that day, and to the point where we wanted to pour the water for him. So he has perseverance. And I'm sure that where Hookset is going, it's going to be a much better place when Mike decides to retire from there.

Mike is going to leave office on this stage in a year from right now. And I'm sure that this organization because of his compassion, integrity, and perseverance, will be a better organization for him. And we all know what a difficult task following Chief Sylvester will be.

Mike, the State of New Hampshire is very proud of you becoming the President, and personally I am very proud of you and wish to administer the oath of your office. If you'd raise your right hand, please.

I, Mike Howard, do hereby swear that I will support the Constitution and Bylaws, and at all times will bear true allegiance to the goals and purposes of the New England



Association of Fire Chiefs, Incorporated. I further swear to perform the duties and responsibilities of my office to the best of my ability, and to the end of my term, I will deliver to my successor all records of such office, so help me God.

Ladies and gentlemen, President Mike Howard.

[Applause and standing ovation]

MR. WALTER CRYAN: Here is our New President.

CHIEF MICHAEL HOWARD, INCOMING PRESIDENT:

[Hookset, NH] Thank you. I'm only going to say a few words. It's an honor to be elected to President earlier today. It's been an honor for the last five years to serve with all of the members of the Association, Past Presidents Jorsey, Thurston, Baston, Flaherty, and it's been a great honor the last year to serve with Frank as well.

It's an honor to represent our state. And it's also been an honor the last few years, since I've been on the Board, to be able to work with people like Chief Wood, Rich McDonough, Nick Russo, Mike Lajoie, Chief Cassanelli from Springfield, and all of the Division members, as well as the Vendors. Congratulations. I'd like to ask everybody to congratulate Ed Lyons from the Vendors, who was elected President the other day from the Vendors.

[Applause]

And we have a great group of people also in the rear of the room from the Mechanics. If you'll stand up, Arthur and Paul, and the rest of the members, if you'd stand.

[Applause]

I look forward to a great year and being here for the 80th anniversary. And just finally, in closing, an interesting thought I thought of earlier today, Father Foley will probably remember this. Twenty-four years ago tonight, I had an opportunity as a college student to go with my parents to Wentworth by the Sea and participate in this event. And it's just a great honor to be here tonight 24 years later in this position. Thank you.

[Applause]

MR. WALTER CRYAN: Thank you very much, Chief.

Now closing remarks from Chief Richard McDonough, the President of the New England Division, the International Association of the Fire Chiefs. Chief McDonough.

[Applause]

CHIEF RICHARD MCDONOUGH [NEDIAFC, PRESIDENT] Thank you. As you all know, I always try to keep my speeches as short as possible. I want to thank Mechanics,



Officers & Directors sworn to office by Fr. Foley.

the Vendors, all the people from both of the Associated Divisions that worked so hard to make this another successful show.

This year of working with Frank has been a real learning experience for me, and I've enjoyed every minute of it, and I'm looking forward to working with Mike. And hopefully we'll work just as hard, and the next show will be even better. Thank you.

[Applause]

MR. WALTER CRYAN: Now, before Frank Sylvester presents his filibuster —

[Laughter]

We better swear in the other Officers. Father, are you going to do that?

REVEREND STEPHEN C. FOLEY, CHAPLAIN: Earlier, during this conference, I was asked if I would swear in the Officers of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, and I graciously accepted, and they said except, of course, for Chief Howard. And I said, oh. And I thought about that. And they said, well, Rick Mason is going to do it. I thought about that. I says, well, maybe it's because he doesn't know how to play Monopoly. Have you ever played Monopoly? Do not pass go; do not collect \$200; go straight to hell.

[Laughter]

And he plays it very well. Amen.

[Laughter] And then I said to myself, after much further prayer and meditation and reflection, I say, no, I now remember the real reason why Chief Howard did not want me to swear him in. Twenty-five years ago — he told you about 24 years ago, when he had the privilege of going with his mother and father to the New England Fire Chiefs.

I joined in 1968, and the first people I met that year at the Mt. Washington were Chief Dan Howard and his wife Shirley, Mike's parents. Dan was Chief of Bellows Falls for nearly 30 years, after an illustrious career of 45 years, retired.

We were at the first dinner I ever went to on Sunday night at Mt. Washington. That's when they used to open. It was followed by a Memorial Service. I was not yet Chaplain. We had a wonderful time, and that family relationship carries on to this very day, where we baptize the children.

Well, early in the 70s, they asked me to take the position of Chaplain. And we were sitting again at Sunday night dinner. And I was in a position where the dinner table, I could look out the window, onto the front veranda by the rocking



Closing remarks from President Sylvester

chairs. Shirley and Dan Howard, Mike's parents, had their back to the window. And I'm saying, as the course of the dinner unfolded, I said, "Now tell me, Dan and Shirley, how is Mike doing? Well, exams begin tomorrow, finals, and he's home studying hard with Larry White." Larry was a Captain of the Saxtons River Fire Department, and you saw their piece here in the parade Sunday.

And with that, they saw me gulp, for there in the two rocking chairs on the front veranda, with the holy water in their hand, otherwise called Budweiser, was Mike Howard and Larry White.

[Laughter]

I said, "Of course, I suppose, Dan and Shirley, they're studying very hard this very moment? Oh, yes, they're studying very hard." And then Shirley turned around and looked out the window, and she nearly fell out of the chair. And I said, "I think, Dan, that Mike is well on his way to becoming President of this Organization."

[Laughter]

So now you know why I'm swearing in the other ones and not him. So if the officers of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs would please stand where you are. If you're down in the audience, come up and stand in front of this podium here, please, and face the audience. They surely would like to see your better side.

[Laughter]

And by the way, while they're coming up, Frank's daughter asked me on her way up to the podium tonight, please pray for me, Father. It's obvious that the prayers were answered.

[Laughter]

And kindly face the audience. You'll hear me. There's no question about that. And after I say I, kindly state your own name and not mine. Please raise your right hand and repeat after me. I, hereby swear that I will support the Constitution and Bylaws, and at all times will bear true allegiance to the goals and purposes of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, Incorporated.

I further swear to perform the duties and responsibilities of my office to the best of my ability. And at the end of my term of office, I will deliver to my successor all records of such office, so help me God. Amen. Thank you, gentlemen.

[Applause]



MR. WALTER CRYAN: Thank you, Father Foley. He has one of those voices you remember before they put microphones at the pulpit. Remember? Boy does he take me back with that voice.

[Laughter]

All right. Here he comes. I've got the time all set here, Frank. Here is Chief Frank M. Sylvester with his closing remarks.

[Applause]

CHIEF FRANK M. SYLVESTER: [NEAFC, PRESIDENT]

Well, I'm not going to be that long tonight. I'm about three hours past my bedtime. I've been falling asleep up here.

First of all, I would like to thank my Officers that served with me for the past five years. I would like to thank the Members of the Division that also served with me. I would to thank the Mechanics. I would like to thank the Vendors. Most of all, I'd like to thank my Commissioners. If it weren't for my Commissioners, I wouldn't be here. They're the ones that support me; they're the ones that give me the time; and without them, I would not be here.

I'd also like to thank my family. My family has been a big supporter of me, all the work we had to do here. My wife attended all the meetings along with me, and did most of the planning, along with the Women's Committee, which every time we had our meetings up here, the Women's Committee was also meeting.

This year would not have been the success it has been without the work of all these individuals that certainly chipped in and helped us out doing what we were doing.

I have a few things I have to discuss tonight and I have to bring up. And when I look around and see the people here that are honoring me, I wonder, why are they here? I see Tom Tanury out there. He is one of our industrialists. He owns one of the most modern plants in Lincoln, an industrial park known as Tanury Industries. I think it was two years ago, three years ago, Thanksgiving eve, I cost the man \$2 million. His building burnt down on him. He's over there honoring me. I'm wondering what I did.

And when I look at Armand Lamontagne, Armand and I have been friends since we were kids. And Armand is a world renown sculptor and artist, and I wonder why Armand is here.

We had a project going when we were somewhere around maybe 18, 19, somewhere around there, where Armand

started doing his carving, and he was going to show me how to carve. And he gave me this here chisel and the mallet. He said let me show you how to do Abraham Lincoln. Do you remember that one, Armand? And I took this here, chisel and this mallet, and the chisel left my hand and stuck in Armand's leg.

[Laughter]

While Armand is there bleeding, I said, "This is not made for me, Armand. I'm going to quit. No, let me show you. I'll get the other leg up there." So needless to say, Armand, I don't know why you're here after what I did to you.

I've got Mayor James Doyle. Mayor Doyle, Armand, and myself we were very close as kids growing up on Pleasantview and Broadway in Pawtucket. Mayor Doyle ran for Council, and I supported Mayor Doyle, not because of his political beliefs, because of our personal friendship. His wife Joan once said to me one day, "You know, political friends are political friends, but friends are real friends," and I never forgot that. So naturally I had to support him.

Well, Mayor Doyle decided he was getting a little too powerful in the Council, he's going to run for Mayor. And what I'm telling you is the Gods honest truth. Believe me, he's in front of me.

So he puts me on his campaign staff, and we're doing great in the primary. We win in the primary by about 1800 votes. Us kids are really going. Let's show these old time pros we can do it. But we're a little exhausted.

And one night I said to Jim and Joan, Estelle, and myself, we ought to take a break from this campaign. It's getting to be a pain in the neck. So Jim says, "What do you suggest?" I said, "I suggest we go and relax, and we go to a movie." So Jim takes my advice, and we go to a movie. He says, "Where do you want to go?" I said, "Hey, what about that movie theater up there on 146 known as the 'Rustic'?"

[Laughter]

So Jim comes from a very, very religious family. His dad was a Public Safety Director in the City of Pawtucket. His mother was a saint at the Sacred Heart Church, and we go to the Rustic. As we pulled up, it's got these three "X's" on the thing. And we look, and Jim says three "X's" over there. I said, "Yes, "X" is the unknown. Nobody knows what it's all about."

So we pull in with Jim's white Mercury Cougar, two door, and Joan is in the front seat, and Estelle and I are in the back seat. Jim pulls up, and it's raining that night also, and

there's no macadam. It's all mud and dirt. And we pull up on the ramp and try to see the movie. So as we get nice and comfortable, all the lights go on. Jim says, what's going on? I said, "Jim, they're all State Trooper cars pulling in over there." He says, "What do you think they're doing?" I said, "I think they're raiding the place, and we've got to get out of here." So Jim says to me, "Oh, my — my father will kill me if he ever catches me over here." So I said, "Jim, just put it in reverse, back up!" We don't disconnect the speaker. We rip the speaker wire. The car is loaded with mud because we got stuck in mud.

As he went to pull out, the mud from the back wheels went all over the poor guy in the back of us trying to watch a movie, and there was mud all over his windshield. And now we're going down Route 46, true story. I said, "Jim, I think there's a car in the back of us that's got flashing lights and everything." Jim says, "What do I do?" I said, "You better give it the gas. If your father catches you, he's going to kill you."

[Laughter]

And the moral of the story, I don't know why you guys hang around with me. I got everyone of you in trouble.

[Laughter]

And as far as Jessie Owens, my State Fire Marshal. Jessie and I have been close friends for over 30 years. And when it did come to the Governor to appoint, Jessie was my pick, along with the Rhode Island Chiefs. And I would like the Rhode Island Fire Chiefs to stand up, please, and be recognized, for the support they've given me.

[Applause]

I look out there, and I see Otie Wyatt out there. Chief Wyatt. Chief Wyatt I've respected ever since I've been a rookie fire fighter.

I enrolled in Fire Science Course when it first opened up at Rhode Island Community College. It was known as Rhode Island Junior College. Am I right, Otie?

CHIEF OTIE WYATT, RETIRED: That's right.

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: And Otie happened to be the instructor for Hydraulics. Do you remember that one, Otie?

CHIEF OTIE WYATT, RETIRED: I remember you.

[Laughter]

CHIEF FRANK M. SYLVESTER: [NEAFC, PRESIDENT] In those days, we were not allowed calculators, because our instructor said, "No calculators in this course. You don't have them when you're on the fire ground. You've got to use your

head.” So I used my head. I strapped a calculator to my leg one day in his class, and I put an elastic around it. And as Otie is writing down these here examples on the board, he says to me, “What have you got, Frank.” I’d come up with the answer, bing right there. 70 psi, 0850 feet, two and a half. Otie said, “How did you get that?”

Simple, use my head. He says, “Come up here on the board and show me,” and I’ve got the calculator strapped to my leg.

[Laughter]

Otie was going — I just couldn’t get away with that also.

But I’ve had a good career. I’ve had 37 years in this career. I’ve had some failures also in the career being in the fire service, and I’ve also experienced some tragedies in here. My first Christmas Eve on the job, I had a nine month old baby burn to death on George Street, which my family had a poor Christmas.

I’ve also had some pleasures, and my pleasures have been going up through the ranks. And I want to say it now that my Mayor is here, I never played the game of politics when it came to promotion. If I didn’t get it on my own merits, I never wanted it. And by the way, I was bypassed six times for Lieutenant because I would not play the game of politics. Do you remember that one, Mayor? You weren’t in office that day. I probably would have been Chief if you were in office.

[Laughter]

I retired from the Pawtucket Fire Department in 1988, and I said I’m all through. I’m getting out of the fire service. And I went to work as a shipping agent. And I got there through the United States Coast Guard, which I also served over 26 years in the United States Coast Guard.

That’s how I finally got rid of my last daughter is by introducing her to Master Chief Demello.

But there’s so many things in my life that have brought me into this here position. And when I came to Limerock back in 1988 when I retired, I was told that I didn’t stand a shot in heck at getting the job as Chief.

Well, I’ll tell you what I did. I lost 20 pounds; I put on my uniform. I went in there, and I tried to con the Commissioners. And I’ve got to tell you right now, you don’t con these Yankees in Lincoln, believe me. Right, Bob? You just don’t do it.

I went in there, and he sat me down, and I got interviewed over there. And when I was ready to leave, I

thanked them for their time, and I figured I was all done. A man named Jim Randall turned around, and said, "Sit down, Chief. We want to talk to you." And I looked around, and I wanted to know who he was talking about, and that's how I started in Limerock.

I do have, in my opinion, of all the years that I served in the service, one of the best bunch of guys I ever worked with, and I'd like them to stand.

[Applause]

My Assistant Chief Arthur Jacques, my Deputy Chief Steve Tucker, my other Deputy Chief Todd Tucker, my Fire Fighter Kevin Ritter sitting there, my Fire Fighter Joe Amaral, and the rest of my Fire Department is on duty in work in Lincoln. They better be doing something.

And I just want to thank my Commissioner, Sue Shepard, for holding down the fort last Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

And if it wasn't for her, I probably would have been a nervous wreck here, wondering what was going on, but I was told by her everything was running smooth.

Before I sit down, I see two little girls going to sleep down there, and last year I neglected not to introduce them, and I'd love to introduce the two loves of my love, Karly Ray and Kasey Francis.

[Applause]

They make it all worthwhile, and I really hope they don't grow up to be like their Aunt Sandy, doing what she does.

[Laughter]

I'd also like to introduce my oldest daughter Gale Ann, who worked with my wife to set this up. Gale, please stand.

[Applause]

I'd also like to acknowledge the fine job that — I'm not going to call on my son-in-law, Gale's husband, Tony. Tony is the karaoke kid. We've had some good nights over here, and Tony was conducting the contest over there. He appointed his committee to do the judging, and it happened to be Todd Tucker, who I don't know if he knew what he was doing when he was doing the judging. And I see Jack Farrell out there who did the judging. But I've got to tell you right now, it was a total success in what they were doing.

I'd like to introduce my youngest daughter, Donna, and my son-in-law Frank.

[Applause]



I'd also like to introduce Sandy's husband, who just became a Doctor of Pharmacy. He graduated from the Virginia Medical School last month, Lyman Hunter.

[Applause]

And I'd also like to introduce my sister and my brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mayers.

[Applause]

And I would like to introduce my Administrative staff, and without them doing the work that they've done for me for the past 13 years, I wouldn't be where I am today. They're the ones that really do the bulk of the work. They're the ones that handle all the phone calls that are coming in. Lesley Heaton, Chris DuFresne, please stand up.

[Applause]

I also want to especially thank the man that has really worked hard with me. A man that last Saturday morning was whisked off in a Rescue Squad while we were setting up, we were supposed to be setting up the registrations. I was called to his room at about seven-thirty in the morning, and I met his wife who had a towel wrapped around her. Her head soaking wet. She had just jumped out of the shower. I didn't know who the hell she was. I said who is this person?

[Laughter]

She said to me, "Frank, Dick is real sick. You've got to do something about it." And Dick says, "I know I'm sick. I know I'm sick. But I've got to get up there to the Registration Booth at the Big E. I've got to get there." So I said, "Dick, look at you. You're terrible." So Sally agreed that I'm to take Dick up to the Registration Booth, and by the time she dries her hair, she wants him back. Is this right, Sally?

MRS. SALLY WEHTER: Yes.

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: So I says okay, fine. So I get Chief Joe Misto out of Westerly — Westerly has got a lot of money. He drives a beautiful brand new Buick with a Chief's top. I was kind of scared that Dick might be upchucked in the back of the car so I'm watching him. So we drive Dick up to the Big E. And he gets out, and he starts giving orders to his daughter and son-in-law. And then John Flaherty says to me, "What's wrong?" I said, "He's sick. He's got to go to the hospital or the doctor, but he wants to go back to Brockton. He may die on the way back to Brockton. I don't want him to die on me. I need this guy." So John says, "I'll fix that, Frank."

All of a sudden, two Rescue Squads pull up to the gate. Dick is over there, "What's going to happen? Dick, you're going to the hospital. You're not going anywhere. You're going right to the hospital." So now he didn't get in touch with Sally. Sally's hair is dry, but Dick ain't coming back.

[Laughter]

I'm put in a hell of a predicament over here trying to do all this stuff. So Dick is pointing out, this check goes to this person, and this check goes there. You open this up at a certain time. And I'm worried about Dick, and I'm worried about all these things here. And I want to tell you that if it weren't for Dick Wehter, and, Dick, I'm not saying this as a friends of yours, because sometimes I doubt that we are. Sometimes I doubt Dick has even got any friends to be honest with you.

[Applause and laughter]

But I want to tell you, without Dick Wehter, this Organization, and I say this Organization, I say the New England Fire Chiefs Association, not the New England Division and not the New England Association, the New England Fire Chief's Association wouldn't be what it is today. So, Dick, I personally want to say thank you very much, and I want to thank Sally very much for what you've done for me. You've certainly made me look good for the past few years, and to me, I just want to say thank you very much.

[Applause]

I have another person over here I'd like to recognize, and he's a guest of mine. It cost me to take that last course which is known as Executive Skills in the Fire Service. I went to Roger Williams College, I think it was around February. Myself and my Assistant Chief Arthur Jacques, and we sat in this class. And I met this gentleman who happened to be from the National Fire Academy, and we certainly became very close friends.

And when I was having my going out of office, I asked if he would be a guest of mine up here, and I would like to call on Dr., get this one, Oliver Jones. Dr. Jones, would you please come up here and say a few words?

[Applause]

DR. OLIVER JONES: This is quite an honor to be here. I have never met a person like Frank Sylvester

[Laughter]

It's quite an honor. He just kind of grew on me immediately. And in the class, I have a tendency to start with a little crescendo and build. And it was just fortuitous, that we

came around to the point where he had so much experience and so much knowledge, and he actually made the class. So I can't say anything other than that, except I was quite fortunate and blessed to have the opportunity to meet him.

That was a wonderful presentation, Sandra, that you made. I couldn't do anything to top that. I'm sure the audience was very, very pleased with you.

It has been a very, very nice experience for me. It's been such a warm group of people. All of the ones that I've met, I've felt quite at home. And certainly it's a tribute to a person of the caliber and character of Frank Sylvester. He's quite a guy, quite a guy. I never met such a person. So I thank you all.

[Applause]

PRESIDENT SYLVESTER: I got very close to Dr. Jones. My last day of school down there, he come up to me, and he said to me, "You know, for a guy your age, you're quite experienced." And I said, "How old do you think I am?" He said, "You're about my age. You must be 50." Frankly, Doctor, that's why you're here. I kind of needed your support on that.

[Laughter]

In closing, I just want to say, it's been quite an experience for me up here. I made an awful lot of friends; I made an awful lot of contacts; I learned an awful lot. And I certainly wanted to show the pride of my fine Department. We're not a big Department. We weren't even a well-known Fire Department. In fact, I didn't even know where Limerock was. I knew where Lincoln was. But when I decided to get active in this Organization, I did it for one reason, I did it for the pride of my Fire Department, and we certainly carry that pride.

As you can see, we did have one of our trucks in the show over here. By the way, Walter, I hate to say this here, it wasn't an E/One. But I've got to tell you, we were damn close. But I'm got to tell you, it's a beautiful truck. It shows the pride. And when you go through there, you'll know our trucks. You'll know our trucks from Limerock and Lincoln, because you'll see the black over red, and we're certainly proud of it, and we're proud of our Department, and I'm proud of my Commissioners that I work with. Thank you very much.

[Applause and standing ovation]

MR. WALTER CRYAN: By my watch, he still has 30 seconds. Did he miss anybody? Congratulations, Frank. You've come a long way. You and Armand and Jim, boy, I'll tell you, in those early days of pulling those false fire alarms. Boy, what a career for all three of you.

[Laughter]

Our closing hymn is America the Beautiful by Chief John P. Jenkins. We have accompaniment by Reverend Foley.

[Chief Jenkins sang America The Beautiful accompanied by Reverend Foley on the piano.]

[Applause]

MR. WALTER CRYAN: Thank you very much, Chief. I would be remised if I didn't thank our Sergeant-At-Arms, Chief Dave Jorsey, Retired, who has kept the program going for us tonight. Thank you very much for your wonderful work.

Tony Jarvis and Frank O'Brien, we also want to thank both of them for their fine job done.

[Applause]

And how about Sandra Sylvester? She has a new career.

[Applause]

She'll be at the joint conference June 21 to June 24 in New Orleans, and that's August 24 through 27. She'll be at all the joint conferences in the future, and she will have no more time to deal with perverts.

[Laughter]

In closing, the Benediction. Reverend Steven C. Foley, our Chaplain. Reverend.

REVEREND STEPHEN C. FOLEY, CHAPLAIN: Let us pray. Good and gracious God, we praise and thank you for what our eyes have seen, our ears have heard, and our hearts have felt here this evening as we conclude our 79th Annual Conference and installation of Officers for the Association and Division.

We pray that you bless all of them with the gifts of prudence and wisdom, that all our deliberations, discussions, and decisions may be to your greater glory and the benefit of the New England Fire Service Community.

Grant each of us a safe return trip home. And to those who have answered their last alarm, grant eternal rest.

And, finally, good and gracious God, in the finest tradition of the fire service, keep us always mindful of the needs of others. You are one God forever and ever. Amen.

[Amen]

And, yes, Mr. Master of Ceremonies, I learned to preach before the days of public address systems.

[Laughter and applause]

MR. WALTER CRYAN: That concludes our ceremonies.  
If you're leaving and driving, drive carefully. If you're staying  
overnight, drink carefully. Good night.

[The 79th Annual Banquet concluded at 10:12 a.m.]

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| CONNECTICUT   | 62     | 51      | 53        | 1    | 6      | 173   |
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| MAINE         | 22     | 16      | 23        | 0    | 3      | 65    |
| VERMONT       | 22     | 19      | 14        | 1    | 1      | 57    |
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**Effective 2003**

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**The Exhibits will open on  
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**The Annual Banquet will be  
held on Saturday Night.**



# **BYLAWS – NEW ENGLAND ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS, INC.**

**Bylaw changes voted on 6/25/01 &  
adopted by a unanimous vote of the meeting.**

**The following Bylaw change proposals  
were recommended by the Board of Directors:**

## **ARTICLE I                      Current**

Section 2. The purpose for which the corporation is formed are as follows:

## **ARTICLE I                      Proposed**

Section 2. The purpose for which the corporation is formed **and its mission is** as follows:

## **ARTICLE III - THE OFFICERS                      Current**

Section 1. The officers of the corporation shall consist of a President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer and a Director from each of the six New England States. All officers shall hold their office for one year or until their successors have been elected. The offices of president, first vice president, second vice president will be on a rotation basis from the six New England States (Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Connecticut, and Vermont). The President, the First Vice President, Second Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer shall be elected by ballot at the Annual Meeting. A member shall be an active member in accordance with Article VII Section 1a when elected to office, except the Secretary/Treasurer may be an Honorary Life Member.

A candidate for election as a Director must be an active member in accordance with Article VII Section 1a and a resident of the particular state which said Director will represent. He shall be nominated and elected by the members of that state.

All Active and honorary Life Members shall be eligible to vote for all elective officers.

## **ARTICLE III - THE OFFICERS                      Proposed**

Section 1. The officers of the corporation shall consist of a President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer and a Director from each of the six New England States. **Candidates for the elected positions of President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, and State Director, shall make their intentions known that they are a candidate for office by submitting their candidacy to the Secretary/Treasurer no less than ninety (90) days prior to the Annual Meeting for posting in the conference brochure or other mailing at least sixty days prior to the annual meeting.** All officers shall hold their office for one year, **except the Secretary/Treasurer who shall hold office for three years**, or until their successors have been elected. The offices of president, first vice president, second vice president will be on a rotation basis from the six New England States (Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Connecticut, and Vermont). The President, the First Vice President, Second Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer shall be elected by ballot at the Annual Meeting. A member shall be an active member in accordance with Article VII Section 1a when elected to office, except the Secretary/Treasurer may be an Honorary Life Member.

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All Active and Honorary Life Members shall be eligible to vote for all elective officers.

## **ARTICLE V – DUTIES                      Current**

**Section 1.** It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the corporation, and the Board of Directors and shall be the official representative and spokesman of the Association. He shall call special meetings of the Board of Directors when so requested by the majority of the Board of Directors or whenever he deems such a meeting is necessary, provided that a minimum of a three day notice of said meeting shall be given and the reasons therefor. The President shall appoint all committees. All committee members shall be active members in accordance with Article VII Section 1a at the time of appointment, except that the Exhibit Committee Chairman may be an Honorary Life Member. He shall perform such other duties as may be incidental to the office.

**Section 4.** It shall be the duty of the Secretary/Treasurer to keep a complete record of the proceedings of special and annual meetings of the corporation, the meetings of the Board of Directors; and the standing committees, of which he shall be an ex-officio member; to receive and answer all communications pertaining to the corporation; cause to be prepared a full report of the

proceedings of each annual meeting, which shall be printed and one or more copies, mailed by him to each member of the corporation. He shall receive all communications, contributed papers on topics, etc., designed to be presented to the meeting. He shall collect all monies due the corporation. The Secretary/Treasurer shall have the custody of the funds of the corporation; he shall keep a true account of all monies received and disbursed; pay all bills and at the Annual Meeting of the corporation and before all regular and special meetings make a full and correct report of the same. He shall also employ such assistance as he may need for the collection of dues at the annual meeting and report the proceedings of the same and other such expenditures for clerical assistance at other times as may be approved by the Board of Directors. He shall execute a bond to the corporation in the sum of One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000.00) Dollars to be approved by the Board of Directors, the expense of procuring the same to be borne by the corporation. The consultant fee of the Secretary/Treasurer to be fixed annually at the meeting of the corporation and a pay schedule will be determined by the Board of Directors. He shall also perform such other duties as shall be assigned to him by the President and the Board of Directors. He or any other officer shall not assume an individual indebtedness exceeding One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars without the approval of the Board of Directors. He shall be sworn to the faithful performance of his duties upon taking office. The Secretary/Treasurer shall prepare for adoption by the Board of Directors a list of members eligible for Honorary Life Membership.

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#### **ARTICLE VI - ANNUAL MEETING              Current**

**Section 1.** The annual meeting of the corporation shall be held each year during the month of June in conjunction with the annual conference, at such date and place designated by the Board of Directors, notification of the site to be announced to the members of the corporation at the annual meeting. Proposals of sites for the annual meeting/conference shall be forwarded to the secretary not less than five days prior to the start of the annual meeting/conference by a member of the association or a company or corporation in business for this purpose. Proposals shall describe the features of the site, amenities and services to be provided and the cost that would be applicable for

the current year that the proposal was presented. The cost information is for comparison purposes only. All site proposals shall be investigated by a site committee as appointed by the President. Proposed sites must be at a fully sprinklered facility and in compliance with state fire codes. This committee shall submit all information relative to the proposals to the secretary for disposition as provided above.

**Section 6.** All proposed changes in the By-Laws and/or resolution to be presented at the annual meeting of the corporation shall be forwarded to the Secretary not less than sixty (60) days prior to the date of such meeting. All proposals shall be sent to each member by mail, not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting. All proposals shall be posted in the vicinity of the registration area. A special meeting of the corporation shall be held on the first full day of the annual meeting/conference at which time the proposals shall be read. The proposals shall be voted on the last full day of the annual meeting/conference. A 2/3 vote of the members present and entitled to vote and voting shall be necessary for adoption. The membership by majority vote may request a secret ballot.

**Section 8.** Nomination and election of officers, shall be by secret ballot on the last full day of the annual meeting/conference. All officers elected will be installed at the annual banquet which shall be held on the evening of the last full day of the annual meeting/conference and shall swear to the following oath of office: "I, (name) hereby swear that I will support the Constitution and By-laws and at all times bear allegiance to the goals and purposes of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, Inc. I further swear to perform the duties and responsibilities of my office to the best of my ability and at the end of my term of office, I will deliver to my successor all records of said office, so help me God."

**Section 9.** Reports of all committees will be presented on the last day of the annual meeting/conference. The Secretary shall prior to the next annual meeting/conference arrange for the distribution to all members the activities of the annual meeting/conference and meeting of the Board of Directors.

#### **ARTICLE VI - ANNUAL MEETING      Proposed**

**Section 1.** The annual meeting of the corporation shall be held each year **(eliminate)during the month of June** in conjunction with the annual conference, at such date and place designated by the Board of Directors, notification of the site to be announced to the members of the corporation at the annual meeting. Proposals of sites for the annual meeting/conference shall be forwarded to the Secretary/**Treasurer** not less than **sixty** days prior to the start of the annual meeting/conference by a member of the association or a company or corporation in business for this purpose. Proposals shall describe the features of the site, amenities and services to be provided and the cost that would be applicable for the current year that the proposal was presented. The cost information is for comparison purposes only. All site proposals shall be investigated by a site committee as appointed by the President. Proposed sites must be at a fully sprinklered facility and in compliance with state fire codes. This committee shall submit all information relative to the proposals to the Secretary/**Treasurer** for disposition as provided above.

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**Section 8.** Nomination and election of officers, shall be by secret ballot **(eliminate)(on the last full day of)** at the annual meeting/conference. All officers elected will be installed at the annual banquet **(eliminate)(which shall be held on the evening of the last full day of the annual meeting/conference)** and shall swear to the following oath of office: "I, (name) hereby swear that I will support the Constitution and By-laws and at all times bear allegiance to the goals and purposes of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, Inc. I further swear to perform the duties and responsibilities of my office to the best of my ability and at the end of my term of office, I will deliver to my successor all records of said office, so help me God."

**Section 9.** Reports of all committees will be presented **(eliminate)(on the last day of)** at the annual meeting/conference. The Secretary shall prior to the next annual meeting/conference arrange for the distribution to all members the activities of the annual meeting/conference and meeting of the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE X - STANDING COMMITTEES AND APPOINTEES** **Current**

Section 1. The standing committees are as follows:

- A. Sergeant-At-Arms B. Parliamentarian C. Exhibit Chairman D. Chaplain (s)
- E. Program F. Registration

**ARTICLE X - STANDING COMMITTEES AND APPOINTEES** **Proposed**

Section 1. **Appointees**

- A. Sergeant-At-Arms **B. Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms** C. Exhibit Chairman
- D. Chaplain (s) E. Parliamentarian **F. Education Program Coordinator**

**Section 2. Standing Committees**

- A. Advertising B. Audit C. Bylaws D. Education E. Exhibits**
- F. Financial G. Memorial Service H. Red Book**
- I. Conference Program Committees as needed. J. Registration**

**BYLAWS  
NEW ENGLAND ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS, INC.**

**As amended 06/25/01**

**ARTICLE I**

Section 1. This organization shall be known as the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, Incorporated.

Section 2. The purpose for which the corporation is formed, and its mission, is as follows:

A. To operate as a non-profit corporation; to encourage and cooperate in the development of new techniques, equipment and practices; to promote more effective organizations and functions of the Firefighting Service, with a view toward greater protection of life and property from the dangers of fire and other hazards.

B. To aid in the dissemination of information among the Fire Chiefs of New England concerning: newly developed equipment and procedures for fighting fires and carrying out the other functions of the fire service; special hazards and problems presented by the development of new industrial and scientific processes and equipment; disasters caused by natural or human origin; practices in particular areas in the administration of Fire Departments; other matters affecting and concerning the fire service.

C. To provide the means for: an exchange of ideas between its members; conducting of conferences between the members and with those having specialized knowledge on particular matters effecting the fire service; and the study of matters by its committees.

D. To provide facilities and operate testing grounds for the display, demonstration and testing of equipment required and techniques of operation used in the fire service.

E. To cooperate with the manufacturers and dealers in equipment used in the fire service with a view toward the dissemination of information to the fire service on the various devices available, and the development of better and more standardized equipment.

F. To represent the interests of those in the profession of firefighting before legislative and other bodies considering matters in which they are concerned.

G. To make charitable donations, including memorial and sickness remembrances, to members and their families, and other persons and communities who suffer financial hardships and losses through death, sickness, injury, conflagrations, and catastrophes.

H. To receive gifts, and bequests, raise such monies and own such real property as is necessary for the advancement of the foregoing purposes.



## ARTICLE II

Section 1. Whenever required to effectuate the meaning or intent here of, the singular shall include the plural, the masculine shall include the feminine, and vice-versa.

## ARTICLE III - THE OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the corporation shall consist of a President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer and a Director from each of the six New England States. Candidates for the elected positions of President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, and State Director, shall make their intentions known that they are a candidate for office by submitting their candidacy to the Secretary/Treasurer no less than ninety (90) days prior to the Annual Meeting for posting in the conference brochure or other mailing at least sixty (60) days prior to the annual meeting. All officers shall hold their office for one year, except the Secretary/Treasurer who shall hold office for three years or until their successors have been elected. The offices of president, first vice president, second vice president will be on a rotation basis from the six New England States (Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Connecticut, and Vermont). The President, the First Vice President, Second Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer shall be elected by ballot at the Annual Meeting. A member shall be an active member in accordance with Article VII Section 1a when elected to office, except the Secretary/Treasurer may be an Honorary Life Member.

A candidate for election as a Director must be an active member in accordance with Article VII Section 1a and a resident of the particular state, which said Director, will represent. He shall be nominated and elected by the NEAFC members eligible to vote (five bugle Chief of Department (Active), and Honorary Life Chiefs) of that state.

The State Director shall request an eligibility list of qualified voters from the Secretary/Treasurer prior to holding an election.

All Active and honorary Life Members shall be eligible to vote for all elective officers.

## ARTICLE IV - THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of officers as provided by Article I and the past President who will serve as a member of the Board for one year. The exhibit chairperson shall be a non-voting member of the Board of Directors. The Board shall meet at such a time and place as may be designated by the president. The actual expenses of the board, which includes travel at a mileage set by the Board of Directors each year, shall be paid by the corporation. Each member of the board shall have one vote, the holding of more than one office notwithstanding.

Section 2. The Past President, the First Vice President, and the Second Vice President shall constitute the Auditing Committee. The Auditing Committee will see that the books have been audited by an outside auditing firm each year before the annual meeting.

## ARTICLE V - DUTIES

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the corporation, and the Board of Directors and shall be the official representative and spokesman of the Association. He shall call special meetings of the Board of Directors when so requested by the majority of the Board of Directors or whenever he deems such a meeting is necessary, provided that a minimum of a three day notice of said meeting shall be given and the reasons therefor. The President shall appoint all committees and appointees with the approval of the Board of Directors. Appointees as defined in Article X, Sections 1 and 2, may be an Honorary Life Member. He shall perform such other duties as may be incidental to the office.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the First Vice President to perform the duties of the President during his absence. He shall assist the President in conducting the business and policies of the Association and perform such other duties as prescribed by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. The Second Vice President shall assist the President and First Vice President to perform the duties of their office and in the absence of the President and the First Vice President, assume all the duties and responsibilities of the President.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the Secretary/Treasurer to keep a complete record of the proceedings of special and annual meetings of the corporation, the meetings of the Board of Directors; and the standing committees, of which he shall be an ex-officio member; to receive and answer all communications pertaining to the corporation; cause to be prepared a full report of the proceedings of each annual meeting, which shall be printed and one or more copies, mailed by him to each member of the corporation. He shall receive all communications, contributed papers on topics, etc., designed to be presented to the meeting. He shall collect all monies due the corporation. Any committee collecting monies shall, no less than weekly, transmit said monies to the Secretary/Treasurer. The Secretary/Treasurer shall have the custody of the funds of the corporation; he shall keep a true account of all monies received and disbursed; pay all bills and at the Annual Meeting of the corporation and before all regular and special meetings make a full and correct report of the same. He shall also employ such assistance as he may need for the collection of dues at the annual meeting and report the proceedings of the same and other such expenditures for clerical assistance at other times as may be approved by the Board of Directors. He shall execute a bond to the corporation in the sum of One million (\$1,000,000.00) dollars to be approved by the Board of Directors, the expense of procuring the same to be borne by the corporation. The consultant fee of the Secretary/Treasurer to be fixed annually at the meeting of the corporation and a pay schedule will be determined by the Board of Directors. He shall also perform such other duties as shall be assigned to him by the President and the Board of Directors. He or any other officer shall not assume an individual indebtedness exceeding One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars without the approval of the Board of Directors. He shall be sworn to the faithful performance of his duties upon taking office. The Secretary/Treasurer shall prepare for adoption by the Board of Directors a list of members eligible for Honorary Life Membership.

Section 5. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to transact all the business of the corporation during the time intervening between the annual meetings. They shall have the full power to expunge from the minutes before printing, anything, which is objectionable to the corporation or its members. The Board of Directors shall fill any vacancies occurring by death or otherwise during the time from one annual meeting to another and the replacement shall be chosen from the state involved after conferring with the last President of the NEAFC from that state; and may vote by two-thirds of the total number of Directors to remove any officer for cause. A quorum of five (5) Directors shall be required to transact any business. The Board of Directors shall have the power to make charitable donations, including memorial and sickness remembrances to members and their families, and other persons and communities, who suffer financial losses and hardships through death, sickness, injury, conflagration and catastrophes. The Board of Directors shall meet at least quarterly at a time, place, and date set by the President.

Section 6. The clerk of the corporation shall be the director from Massachusetts. The clerk shall perform the duties required under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for corporations.

#### ARTICLE VI - ANNUAL MEETING

Section 1. The annual meeting of the corporation shall be held each year in conjunction with the annual conference, at such date and place designated by the Board of Directors, notification of the site to be announced to the members of the corporation at the annual meeting. Proposals of sites for the annual meeting/conference shall be forwarded to the Secretary/Treasurer not less than sixty days prior to the start of the annual meeting/conference by a member of the association or a company or corporation in business for this purpose. Proposals shall describe the features of the site, amenities and services to be provided and the cost that would be applicable for the current year that the proposal was presented. The cost information is for comparison purposes only. All site proposals shall be investigated by a site committee as appointed by the President. Proposed sites must be at a fully sprinklered facility and in compliance with state fire codes. This committee shall submit all information relative to the proposals to the Secretary/Treasurer for disposition as provided above.

Section 2. A special meeting of the corporation may be called by the Board of Directors upon at least ten (10) days notice by mail to the members, said notice stating the time, place and purpose of said special meeting.

Section 3. The exhibit hall and the apparatus display shall at all times be under the sole control of the Exhibit Committee under such rules as the Board of Directors may adopt.

Section 4. A registration fee shall be charged every member registering at the annual meeting, the amount to be determined by the Board of Directors. A registration fee shall be charged every non-member registering at the annual meeting, the amount to be determined by the Board of Directors. Entrance to the exhibit hall or educational sessions will require a registration badge or a day pass.

Section 5. The Board of Directors shall have full power to levy an assessment and collect from the members an amount sufficient to cover the entire expense of the annual meeting.

Section 6. All proposed changes in the By-Laws and/or resolution to be presented at the annual meeting of the corporation shall be forwarded to, the Secretary/Treasurer no later than February 15th. All proposals shall be sent to each member (in good standing) by mail, not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting. All proposals shall be posted in the vicinity of the registration area. A special meeting of the corporation shall be held on the first full day of the annual meeting/conference at which time the proposals shall be read. The proposals shall be voted on at the annual meeting/conference. A 2/3 vote of the members present and entitled to vote and voting shall be necessary for adoption. The membership by majority vote may request a secret ballot.

Section 7. A portion of the Annual Conference shall be set apart for the holding of a memorial service in the memory of departed members at an appropriate time and setting as designated by the Association Chaplains and approved by the Board of Directors.

Section 8. Nomination and election of officers shall be by secret ballot at the annual meeting/conference. All officers elected will be installed at the annual banquet and shall swear to the following oath of office: "I, (name) hereby swear that I will support the Constitution and By-laws and at all times bear allegiance to the goals and purposes of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, Inc. I further swear to perform the duties and responsibilities of my office to the best of my ability and at the end of my term of office, I will deliver to my successor all records of said office, so help me God."

Section 9. Reports of all committees will be presented at the annual meeting/conference. The Secretary/Treasurer shall prior to the next annual meeting/conference arrange for the distribution to all members the activities of the annual meeting/conference and meeting of the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE VII - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The membership shall consist of:

A. Active Members:

- (1) The Chief of the Fire Department of a regularly organized public fire department;
- (2) Chief of a private Fire Department that provides municipal service;
- (3) Chief of an industrial Fire Department;
- (4) State Fire Marshal;
- (5) Full time employed Fire Commissioners;
- (6) Fire Directors;

B. Associate Members:

- (1) City or Town Officials, Fire Commissioners, Assistant or Deputy Chiefs or members of fire departments, individuals and individuals representing firms and corporations interested in the protection of life and property against fire.
- (2) Associate members shall be entitled to all the privileges of membership in the corporation except the right to vote and as otherwise provided in these By-Laws.

C. Honorary Life Members:

(1) Honorary Life Members shall be entitled to vote on all matters. Honorary Life Members shall be entitled to all privileges of an active member except as otherwise provided in these By-Laws. Honorary Life Members shall not be required to pay annual dues; however, the Board of Directors may assess Honorary Life Members a fee to cover mailing costs. Honorary Life Membership may be conferred upon active members upon their retirement from office, provided they have been active members of the corporation or its predecessor, The New England Association of Fire Chiefs for a period of five years immediately preceding the date of their retirement, and provided further that they are not identified with fire protection - from a commercial standpoint. Honorary Life Membership will be withdrawn in the event the member becomes identified with fire protection from a commercial standpoint, but may be reinstated by making application to the corporation and receiving a positive vote at an annual meeting.

D. Life Membership:

(1) Individuals, firms and corporations interested in protection of life and property against fire, shall be eligible for life membership upon payment of the fee established in the fee schedule. The Board of Directors may assess Life Members a fee to cover mailing cost.

(2) Life Members shall be entitled to all the privileges of membership in the corporation except the right to vote and as otherwise provided in these By-Laws.

Section 2. No member who is in arrears for dues and assessments shall be entitled to vote at any meeting of the corporation, and any member who is in arrears on June 1st shall receive a second notice and if still in the arrears on August 1st he shall be dropped from membership.

Section 3. Dues and Fees Schedule: Dues and fees for Active, Associate, Honorary Life, and Life Members shall be set by the Board of Directors and voted on by the membership at the next annual meeting.

Section 4. Application for all classes of membership shall be received by the Secretary/Treasurer. The proposed member has to be sponsored by a member in good standing with the corporation. The Secretary/Treasurer shall after investigation approve or disapprove the application except as otherwise provided in these By-Laws. If a question of eligibility arises, a decision to approve or disapprove shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 5. The Secretary/Treasurer shall not register or give a badge or extend any courtesies of the annual meeting to any member whose dues and assessments are not paid to date in full.

Section 6. No member shall be expelled from the membership by vote of less than a majority of all members of the corporation, nor by a vote of less than three-fourths (3/4) of the members present and voting on such expulsion.

ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS OF BY-LAWS

Section 1. This corporation shall have full power at a meeting called for that purpose, to alter, amend or repeal these By-Laws, but the same shall not be done except by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present and entitled to vote at said meeting. The membership by majority vote can request a secret ballot.



However, no such proposed amendment shall be considered that has not been read and posted as provided in Article VI, Section 6.

#### ARTICLE IX - RULES OF ORDER

Section 1. The presiding officer shall preserve order and decorum. All questions of order shall be decided by him, subject to appeal by any member to the parliamentarian.

Section 2. In a decision of any question coming before the annual meeting for which no provisions are made in the By-Laws, the presiding officer shall be governed by the rules laid down in Robert's Rules of Order.

Section 3. Every member, when he speaks or offers a motion, shall rise in his place, properly identify himself, and respectfully address the presiding officer and when finished shall resume his seat. He shall confine himself to the question under debate, avoid all improper personal references and indecorous language.

Section 4. When two or more members shall rise to speak at the same time, the presiding officer shall decide who shall have the floor.

Section 5. A member called to order by the presiding officer shall immediately cease speaking on the question before the house, and shall not resume his remarks until the question is settled.

#### ARTICLE X - STANDING COMMITTEES AND APPOINTEES

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- B. Assistant Sergeant-At-Arm(s)
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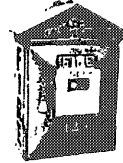
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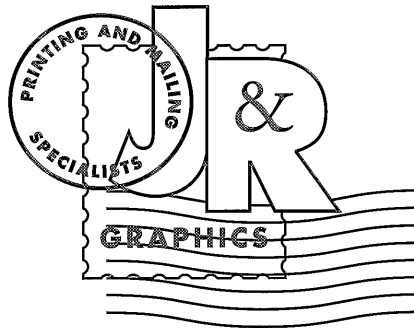
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