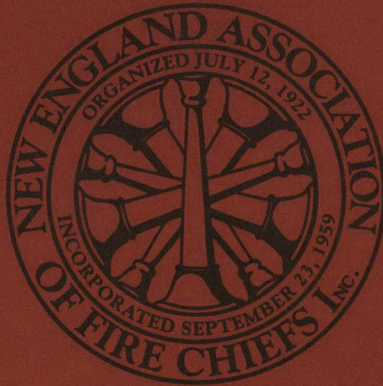


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**80<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference**



**Chief Michael J. Howard**  
**Hooksett, New Hampshire**



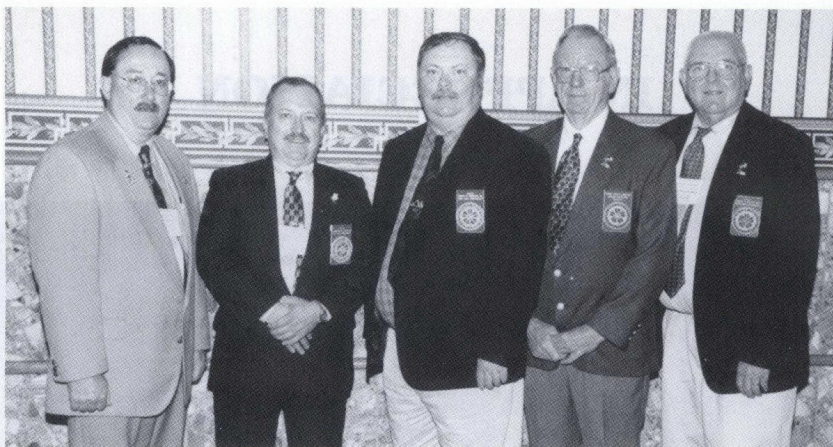
## IN APPRECIATION



Berlin Color Guard named official color guard of the  
New England Fire/Rescue/EMS Expo.







### **OFFICERS 2002 - 2003**

(L-R) Chief Michael J. Howard, NH, Past President; Chief Edward N. Richards, CT, President; Chief Edwin W. Webster, Sr., 1<sup>st</sup> VP, VT; Chief Jon E. Barton, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, ME; Chief Richard K. Wehter, MA, Secretary/Treasurer.

### **Directors 2002 - 2003**

Front (L-R) Chief Wendall M. Mansfield, VT; Chief Richard A. Susi, RI; Chief Alan J. Roy, MA; Chief Thomas S. Lambert, NH; (missing from photo) Chief Thomas G. Weber, CT.; Chief Darrel Fournier, ME.





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**Chief David Jorsey, East Berlin, Connecticut**

**Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms**

**Chief Anthony W. Jarvis, Ret. Ludlow, MA**

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**Reverend David Farland, Springfield, Massachusetts**

**Historian**

**Chief Otis C. Wyatt, Jr. Ret., Narragansett, Rhode Island**

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**Springfield & West Springfield, Massachusetts**

**Thursday June 19th to Sunday June 22nd, 2003**

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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 CARMJ 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. GALFETTI, 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, 2001  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF FRANK M. SYLVESTER, LINCOLN, RI
- NO. 80 - SHERATON HOTEL, SPRINGFIELD, MA.; JUNE 21-24, 2002  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF MICHAEL J. HOWARD, HOOKSETT, NH

**The 81<sup>st</sup> - 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conferences to be held at:  
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# FIRE RESCUE NEW ENGLAND 2002

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

### PROGRAM OF EVENTS

#### THURSDAY JUNE 20

3:00 p.m. Member registration open in Middlesex Room 4th floor until 5:00 p.m.

#### FRIDAY JUNE 21

7:00 a.m. 12th 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  
 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.  
 3:00 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 22

8:00 a.m. MECHANICS SEMINAR- Young Bldg., Eastern States Expo Center  
 8:30 a.m. Opening Ceremonies at the Sheraton Hotel - *Chief Michael Howard*, President NEAFC  
 8:30 a.m. SEMINAR #1 - *KEYNOTE SESSION - Joseph Higgins*- Dep. Director Communications FDNY  
 "Recovering, Rebuilding, & Coping"  
 8:30 a.m. Ladies trip to Deerfield - 3 stops - Yankee Candle (free), Magic Wings/Butterfly Museum  
 (\$7 admission), Deerfield Crafts Fair (admission \$5.00) Bus runs between stops every two hours.  
 8:30 a.m. New England Fire Marshal's Seminar - Robert Duval, NFPA & Chris Marrión, ARUP  
 "World Trade Center - Assessment Team Report" Entrance Fee is \$20.00  
 11:00 a.m. SEMINAR #2- *Dr. Hayden Duggan* - Director, On Site Academy - Gardner, MA  
 "Twenty-four hour Residential Treatment in Recovery from Trauma"  
 10:30 a.m. REGISTRATION open at the main parking area entrance (use Gate 9) information center.  
 10:30 a.m. EXHIBITS & exhibitor demonstrations at Expo Center until 4:30 p.m.  
 5:15 p.m. Busses leave Sheraton hotel for Memorial Service at St. Michael's Cathedral  
 6:00 p.m. MEMORIAL SERVICE - ST. MICHAEL'S CATHEDRAL- Air conditioned - ALL ARE WELCOME

#### SUNDAY JUNE 23

7:30 a.m. CATHOLIC MASS - Fr. Foley - PROTESTANT SERVICE- Fr. Harris - both in the hotel  
 8:30 a.m. SEMINAR #3 - *KEYNOTE SESSION - Chief Ronnie Coleman, Ret.* - Former California State Fire  
 Marshal & Past IAFC President - "Too Busy To Put Out Fires"  
 10:30 a.m. REGISTRATION open at the main parking area entrance (use Gate 9) information center.  
 10:30 a.m. EXHIBITS & exhibitor demonstrations at Expo Center 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 6th ANNUAL APPARATUS PARADE - Springfield Technical Community College to  
 Eastern States Exposition Center via the hotel on Boland Way.  
 4:00 p.m. Networking Suite open in the Middlesex Room until 5:15 p.m.  
 1:00 p.m. Mass Fire Academy - Young Bldg. - "Deployment at World Trade Center" (slides & stories)  
 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 24

8:00 a.m. State Caucus Meetings  
 8:30 a.m. SEMINAR #4 - *KEYNOTE SESSION - Chief Dennis L. Rubin, Norfolk, VA* - "Customer Service"  
 9:00 a.m. Ladies assemble craft bags for Shriners Hospital tour at 10:00 a.m. Bus will leave at 9:30 a.m.  
 9:30 a.m. REGISTRATION open at the main parking area entrance (use Gate 9) information center.  
 9:30 a.m. EXHIBITS & exhibitor demonstrations at Expo Center 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  
 11:00 a.m. SEMINAR #5 - VFIS - "Developing & Implementing SOP's/SOG's"  
 1:00 p.m. LADIES ICE CREAM SOCIAL - (Pre-registration required)  
 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 25- HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION

Keynote Sessions co-sponsored by the NEAFC & the New England Fire Equipment Exhibitors Association

**"UNITED WE STAND, FOREVER"**



## Opening Ceremony



Chief Michael J. Howard, President, officially opens the 80th Annual Conference of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, Inc.

National Anthem  
sung by Ethel Lee.



Reverend Daniel S. Harris, Chaplain, delivers the invocation.

## **“May They Not Be Forgotten”**

-author unknown

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.

That card is something we ignore,  
as we crawl across a weakened floor.  
For we all know that we're the only Prayer,  
For anyone that 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.

**NEW ENGLAND ASSOCIATION  
OF FIRE CHIEFS**

**EIGHTIETH  
ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE  
SATURDAY JUNE 22, 2002  
1800 HOURS**



**ST. MICHAEL'S CATHEDRAL  
SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS**



# *Memorial Service*

## PRELUDE FOR ORGAN AND TRUMPET

Musique Royale  
Prelude in G. Major  
Grazioso

Richard Delalande (1657-1726)  
Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)  
Georg Philippe Telemann (1681-1757)

PROCESSIONAL, with colors (SUNG BY ALL, STANDING)  
*America, the Beautiful*

*Please see insert*  
Materna

CALL TO WORSHIP (STANDING)     The Reverend David M. Farland, Chaplain

Leader:     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.**

Leader:     Remember us, O Lord, in time of need.

**People:     Visit us with your saving help.**

CHORAL INTROIT (STANDING)  
*Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord*

Psalm 121:1-3  
Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

SALUTE TO THE FLAG (STANDING)

Led by Chief Michael J. Howard  
President-NEAFC

GREETING

The Reverend David M. Farland  
Springfield Chaplain

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Chief Michael J. Howard  
President-NEAFC

ANTHEM

*How Precious is Thy Steadfast Love*

Words: Psalm 36:7,9  
(1944) Hubert Bird

PRAYER

The Reverend David M. Farland  
Springfield Chaplain

A HYMN OF COVENANT (SUNG BY ALL, STANDING)  
*O Praise Ye the Lord*

*Please see insert*  
Laudate Dominum

SCRIPTURE READING

The Reverend Lawrence C. Provenzano  
Chaplain, Longmeadow, MA

ANTHEM

*I Was Glad When They Said Unto Me*

Words: Psalm 122  
William Boyce (1711-1779)

MEMORIAL ADDRESS

The Reverend Lawrence C. Provenzano

HYMN-ANTHEM	Words (1867): Henry Alford
<i>Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand</i>	Setting (1875): John B. Dykes
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
TAPS	Frank Tamburro, Trumpeter
A HYMN OF THANKSGIVING (SUNG BY ALL, STANDING)	<i>Please see insert</i>
<i>Now Thank We All Our God (stanzas one and two)</i>	Nun danket all
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS	Chief Richard McDonough, President - NEDIAFC
THE NATIONAL ANTHEM (SUNG BY ALL, STANDING)	<i>See insert</i>
<i>O Say, Can You See?</i>	Star Spangled Banner
BENEDICTION (ALL SEATED)	The Reverend Lawrence C. Provenzano Chaplain, Longmeadow, MA
CHORAL RESPONSE	Text from an Irish poem
<i>A Gaelic Blessing</i>	Setting: John Rutter
RECESSIONAL (ALL STANDING)	
<i>Trumpet Tune and March</i>	Jeremiah Clarke (1673-1707)



We are grateful to Monsignor Richard S. Sniezyk, V.G., Rector of the Cathedral, for inviting us to conduct our Memorial Service in this historical setting.

For the continuing support of CONCORA (Richard Coffey, Artistic Director), we again recognize the generosity of Whelen Engineering, John F. Olson, President and Chief Executive Officer.

We are also grateful to the Color Guard from the fire departments of Berlin, Connecticut for their participation as our official color guard.

# 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.

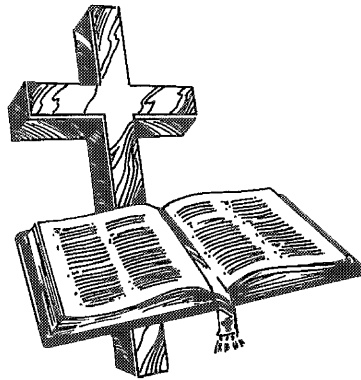
Help me embrace a little child  
Before it is too late  
Or save an older person from  
The horror of that fate.

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 my 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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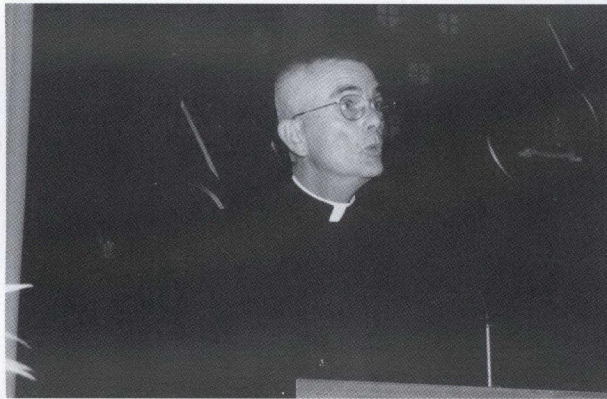
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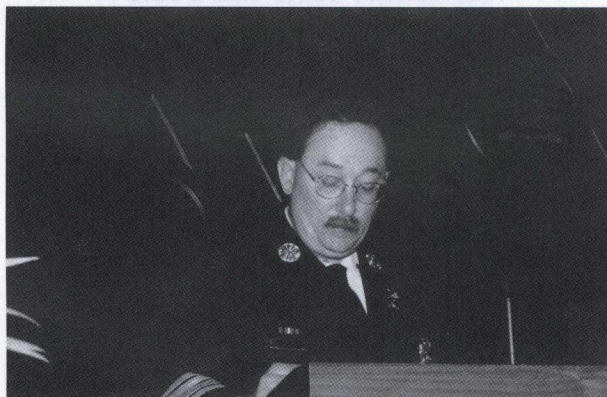
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Berlin, CT Color Guard leads Memorial Service procession to St. Michael's Cathedral.



Call to Worship – Reverend David Farland, Chaplain



Address of welcome by Chief Michael J. Howard, President, NEAFC

Springfield, Massachusetts  
Saturday, June 22, 2002

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

### Memorial Service

[PRELUDE FOR ORGAN AND TRUMPET]

[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 DAVID M. FARLAND, CHAPLAIN:

[Springfield, MA] 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 FARLAND: Remember us, O Lord, in times 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 Michael J. Howard, President - NEAFC.]

REVEREND DAVID FARLAND: On behalf of the Parish family, the Monsignor, and the Director, I want to extend a very warm welcome again to the New England Fire Chiefs and invited guests and friends, with a special word of welcome from my Chief, Gary Cassanelli, Chief of the Springfield Fire Department, and also Chief John Flaherty, who is the Chief of the West Springfield Fire Department.

We're very, very pleased that you came this evening to be with us in this moment of prayer, for those who have given their lives in the service of public safety, and we remember them tonight. We ask that God watch over them.

At this time I'd like to call Chief Michael Howard.

CHIEF MICHAEL J. HOWARD, PRESIDENT NEAFC:  
[Hooksett, NH] Welcome everyone and thank you for coming this evening. The events of 09-11-01, have forever changed our country and all of us involved in the fire and emergency services.

Just two years ago, as we gathered here

to honor the members of the Worcester Fire Department for their enormous loss, tonight I ask that we remember all those lost during 2001, especially the 343 members of the FDNY, City of New York, some of their members which are here with us now.

Along with the additional members of the Emergency Medical Services of New York, police officers, both for New York City Fire Department, Port Authorities, and also our military personnel in the country. As well, I'd ask that you remember the victims of Pennsylvania, Washington, DC, and New York. I'd also ask that we remember their families during these challenging times for our great country, as we gather here tonight and in the future.

In addition to the 343 fire fighters in the New York Fire Department, we also lost many other fire fighters throughout the year and during the year 2001 and earlier this year. Tonight we will remember both the Chiefs that have gone before us, along with all those individuals that have departed this past year. And as stated earlier today, for those of you that are here, this conference is dedicated to those members of FDNY and their families that have suffered.

I welcome all of you in attendance here tonight who have come to pay tribute at this Memorial Service for our 80th Conference.

We are grateful to Father Monsignor Sniezyk — I apologize if I pronounced that wrong — the Director of the Cathedral. We also give special thanks to Reverend Dave Farland and Reverend Lawrence Provenzano for their organization of this service tonight, along with the National Origin of Chaplains.

I also want to thank Reverend Daniel Harris, who is unable to be with us tonight due to other commitments, along with Father Stephen Foley who is here in the back, for all their assistance for the year.

Once again, this year we have the Concora providing the music that we have come to enjoy over the past now years, and also we are grateful to Official Color Guard of the New England Fire Rescue Conference from Berlin, Connecticut.

Once again, I would just like to welcome everybody. Thank you for coming, and remember, United We Stand Forever. Thank you.

[Concora sang How Precious is Thy Steadfast Love.]

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.

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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.

That card is something we ignore,  
as we crawl across a weakened floor.  
For we all know that we're the only Prayer,  
For anyone that 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.

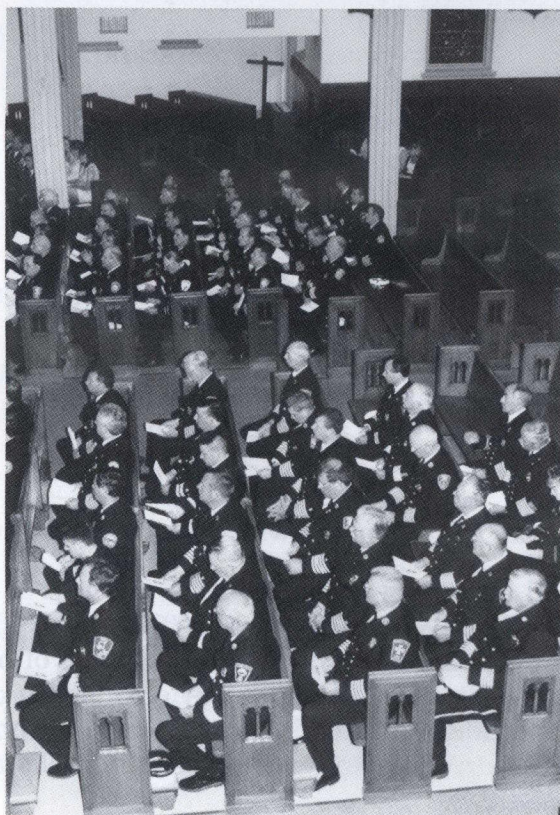
[All stood and sang A Hymn of Covenant.]

REVEREND LAWRENCE C. PROVENZANO, CHAPLAIN:  
[Longmeadow, MA] A reading of the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. "The Kingdom of Heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his own joy, he goes and sells all he has and buys that field.





Reverend Lawrence Provenzano of Longmeadow, MA,  
delivers the Memorial Address.



Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a merger in search of a fine pearl, who, on finding the one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a neck, which was strong in the sea and gathered fish of every kind. When it was full, men drew it sure and sat down and sorted the good into the vessels and threw away the bad.

So it will be at the close of the age, the angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into a furnace of fire. There men will weep and mash their teeth.

Have you understood all this they said to him? Yes. And he said to them, therefore, every stride who has been trained for the Kingdom of Heaven is like the householder who brings out his treasure in what is new and what is old."

The Gospel of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ.

REVEREND LAWRENCE PROVENZANO: Please be seated.

[Anthem "I Was Glad When They Said Unto Me," sung by Concora.]

REVEREND LAWRENCE PROVENZANO: In the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Several weeks ago, I heard a sermon that began with a phrase, "We are all treasure seekers." I suppose it's true, we all in some way seek out the lost treasure; we all long to discover what God has left for us.

The day before I heard this sermon, I had watched on television the simple, great skilled ceremony that officially closed the recovery effort at Ground Zero. In the days proceeding the closing, TV news crews filmed fire fighters and other recovery workers toiling with reefs to sift through the remaining small amounts of debris for human remains. And my mind, my heart flashed, "We are all treasure seekers."

It was a short contrast to the white buckets, heavy equipment, and giant cranes that we in the Massachusetts Corps of Fire Chaplains found ourselves maneuvering through during our seven week

deployment at Ground Zero, as we quickly gained to call it.

The meticulous rigging brought to mind this piece of scripture which we just heard proclaimed from Matthew's Gospel, the parallel to the treasure in the field and the parallel to the pearl of great hearts. The Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure hidden a field which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy, he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

Ground Zero has been lost in the lives of our Brothers and Sisters. Many others have shown all that they have, lives put on hold, careers and dreams set-aside, family relationships strained, so that we, as a people, might seek the treasure left for us in the twisted metal and burning flames.

What were we looking for at Ground Zero? Oh, yes, it was the recovery of the sacred remains of our Brothers and Sisters, following what was without question, the largest successful rescue operation every recorded in history.

But as the days and weeks went on, what was the pearl of great price? What motivated our Brothers and Sisters to go from hands and buckets, bull dozers and cranes, to garden rakes and sifters? Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who in finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

These parables of Jesus found in Matthew's gospel were generously spoken to his closest disciples, those with for the context and illustrations would make the most sense.

Like you and me gathering in this Cathedral for this Memorial Service, insiders who get the big picture, who understand the multiple layers of meaning and tradition. The pearl of the great price, I will maintain that besides the comfort brought to families, fellow fire fighters, police, EMT's, and civilians, the pearl of great price, it was the essence of what makes a fire fighter a fire fighter. There would be no defeat like the resurrection of Jesus on the third day, death would not have the last word.

The motivation was to take something

back. Recovery was not only in human remains, it was and is the treasure of our very being. It was about who and what the fire service is. The unquestioned, unconditional self-giving, exemplifying our Brothers in New York, running in and up, as everyone else ran down and out.

In his book, "Last Man Down," Battalion Chief Richard Bucchiaclo (phonetic) tells of the historic retreat from the North Tower. After the first collapse and the discovery of a room filled of disabled people on the 13th floor of the North Tower, 60 or so fire fighters, led by this Chief, transformed their energy to save themselves into countless acts of selfless bravery, as they carried and assisted those otherwise hopeless victims to the ground floor. Many of these fire fighters were injured and died as the North Tower came down upon them. If they had not stopped at that 13th floor to do their duty, many of them might have been saved.

What were we looking for at Ground Zero? The pearl of great price, that which is buried in the fields of our hearts. What we were looking for, that pearl of great price, was the recovery of purpose, focus, determination, fatefulness, patriotism, and selfless love. It was a search for resurrection in the face of devastating and unspeakable loss. It was a search for our very soul, a recovery filled with pain and anguish, but made wholly by wholly and ordinary people doing extraordinary things.

If our time of prayer and remembrance this evening is to serve any good and lasting purpose, it must come forth in our recommitment to be treasure seekers. No, not through their negotiations, arbitration, and contracts, not through equipment lists and retirement packages, but rather treasure seekers in the face of children, the elderly, the frightened, the victims of fire, attack, and illness, those who call for help.

You see, that is what was found at Ground Zero from September to May. Regardless of the cause, regardless of the perpetrator, people called for help, and our Brothers saw the treasure and responded.

We have all seen the stickers and gatherings and signs and hats and patches proclaiming "9-11, We Will Never Forget." As treasure seekers, we will most honor the dead, including those listed in our New England Memorial Roll Call, if we supplant the theme of "9-11, We Will Never Forget." With 9-11, we will always remember; 9-11 we will always respond; 9-11, we will always know the face, the touch, the meaning of the pearl of great price.

The treasure found at Ground Zero was our purpose for being, the essence of what we are as members of the fire service. Therefore, every member, every scribe who has been trained for the Kingdom of Heaven is like a householder who brings out his treasure, what is new and what is old. Amen.

[Hymn "Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand sung by Concora.]

SPEAKER: At this time I would invite Chief David Jorsey to do the Fire Fighter's Prayer. You will find it in the back of your program.

CHIEF DAVID JORSEY, SERGEANT-AT-ARMS  
[East Berlin, CT] Fire Fighter'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 my 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

SPEAKER: At this time we'll have Roll  
Call. I would invite Chief Richard Wehter and  
Chief John Wood to please come forward. Thank you.  
[The fire bell was rung after each name  
by Chief John Wood.]

CHIEF RICHARD K. WEHTER, RETIRED:  
[Hingham, MA] During the past year the following  
members have last answered their last alarm:

Chief Clayton Baker - Topsham, Maine  
Chief Ellery B. Smith - Sutton, Massachusetts  
Chief Lewis G. Lyons - Milton, Massachusetts  
Chief Dean Palmer - Rockport, Massachusetts  
Chief Joseph C. Watkins - Bristol, Connecticut  
Chief Louis T. Wool - Laconia, New Hampshire  
Chief Dave J. Gowans - Cheshire, Connecticut  
Chief Henry J. Hilton - Andover, Massachusetts  
Chief James J. Connolly - Groton, Massachusetts  
Chief John F. Casey - Abington, Massachusetts  
Chief Angelo R. Cappelli - Johnston, Rhode Island  
Chief Francis B. O'Brien - Melrose, Massachusetts  
Chief Clinton L. Hughes - Wethersfield, Connecticut

Our 63rd President

Chief Clarence E. Skinner - Plainville, MA  
Chief John J. Hancock - Framingham, Massachusetts  
Chief James O. Stevens - Weymouth, Massachusetts  
Chief Harvey D. Preble - Shrewsbury, Massachusetts  
Assistant Chief Robert N. Spofford - Boothbay Harbor, Maine

Associate Michael F. O'Brien - Medfield, MA

(President of American Fire Equipment)

Associate Edwin R. Lyons, Sr. - Stoughton, MA

(Founder of Lyons Fire Equipment)

In The Line of Duty

The 343 Fire Fighters of the New York City Fire  
Department on 9-11-01

For all Emergency Services Personnel on 9-11-01

FF Clarence Birchmore - Whiting, Vermont

AND FOR ALL OUR DECEASED MEMBERS

May They Rest in Peace.





Chief Michael LaJoie, NEDIAFC with the acknowledgements.



Members sing the National Anthem

[The bell was rung 20 more times.]  
[Taps played by Frank Tamburro, Trumpeter.]  
[“A Hymn of Thanksgiving” sung by all, standing.  
“Now Thank We All Our God (stanzas one and two).]

SPEAKER: At this time I'd like to call  
Chief Mike Lajoie.

CHIEF MICHAEL LAJOIE: Good evening,  
everyone. After the impact of September 11, 2001,  
on the World Trade Center in New York, the Second  
Vice President of the New England Division received  
a request from the International Association of  
Fire Chiefs to respond with a team to assist that  
New York Fire Department. The Second Vice  
President and five other members of the Division  
responded that evening and worked at Ground Zero  
with the Fire Department.

After a few days, the IFC had a  
conference call with the President and the  
Secretary from the New England Division and of the  
Eastern Division and requested that each Division  
work with one other and send in two person teams to  
New York City for a seven week rotation.

The work consisted of seven 12 hour  
days. The teams would work at with the National  
Fallen Fire Fighters Foundation, under the  
Direction of FEMA and the Fire Fighters Support  
Group. The first teams to respond had to set up,  
get the necessary paperwork, set up stations. The  
following groups gathered from the responding fire  
fighters personnel prior to deployment at Ground  
Zero. Other duties consisted of locating medical  
supplies, equipment, and vehicles for the  
response. The New England Division incurred five  
two men teams to respond to New York. Of the five  
teams, three actually responded to the New York  
Fire Department through FEMA.

This morning I spoke to a number of the  
individuals that took part in the deployment. And  
what stood out the most, possibly three items, what  
stood out the most, the first one was the  
devastation, the disbelief, you could not  
comprehend the magnitude. The second one the  
commitment from the team members and all fire  
fighting community to help in any way that they



could. The third, after their commitments were met, a sense of self-worth, dedication; however, each one of them indicated that the most important part was to leave the area and come home, but still wanting to help.

What impact does that have on the Fire Service today? Well, since 9-11, as all of you know, many things have changed. We probably have challenges today, mountains to climb beyond comprehension. However, that's a challenge for all the people in the future. And I'm sure as we go along, we will continue to move ahead and hopefully gain control.

I just wanted to share a little something which I was going to do in closing, but something brought to mind before I came up here, and this won't take too long. This morning I attended a breakfast seminar, and Deputy Director Joseph Higgins from the New York Office was talking about the New York Fire Department since September 11.

One of the interesting things that he said that really caught me is the fact that the first building to fall, totally collapse, collapsed took 18 seconds. Eighteen seconds is not a very long time. So I will suggest that for all of us, take a good opportunity of the time you have today at the present, remember tomorrow very well, because I guess we never know what tomorrow is going to bring.

Right now I would like to thank all the Associations that took an active part in this year's conference, all the committees, the people involved. And from what I saw today, it's going to be an excellent conference. So thank you very much, and a special thank you to all of you here this evening at the Memorial Service. God Bless America.

SPEAKER: Honor Guard, would you post the colors, please? We will now sing the National Anthem. We'll sing both versus.

[All stood and sang Star Spangled Banner.]

REVEREND LAWRENCE C. PROVENZANO: For the Benediction Prayer, I would share with you the prayer of Father Michael Judge, Chaplain, at the

FDNY. "Lord, take thee where you want me to go. Let me be who you want me to be, tell me what you want me to say, and keep me out of your way. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make mistakes and shine upon you and be gracious onto you. The Lord look upon you kindly and give you his peace."

[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 Trumpet Tune and March, Jeremiah Clarke (1663-1707).]

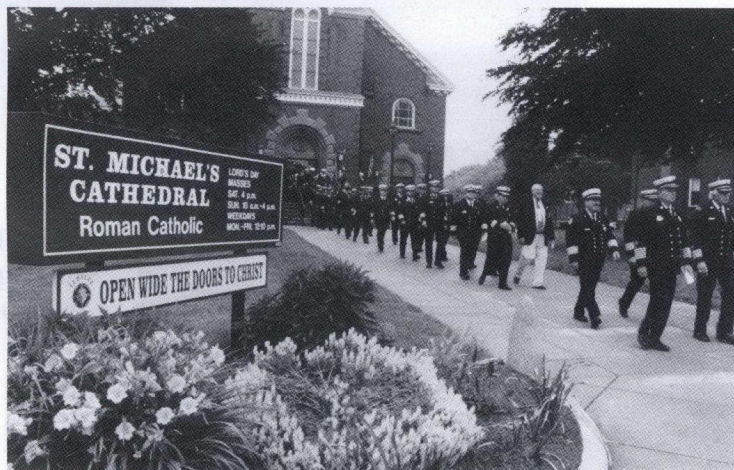
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
COUNTY OF HAMPDEN

I, Vicki L. Britt, Licensed Shorthand Reporter, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate transcript of my stenographic notes to the best of my knowledge and ability.

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Vicki L. Britt  
Licensed Shorthand Reporter



Processional leaves St. Michael's Cathedral



## New England Division IAFC Annual Meeting



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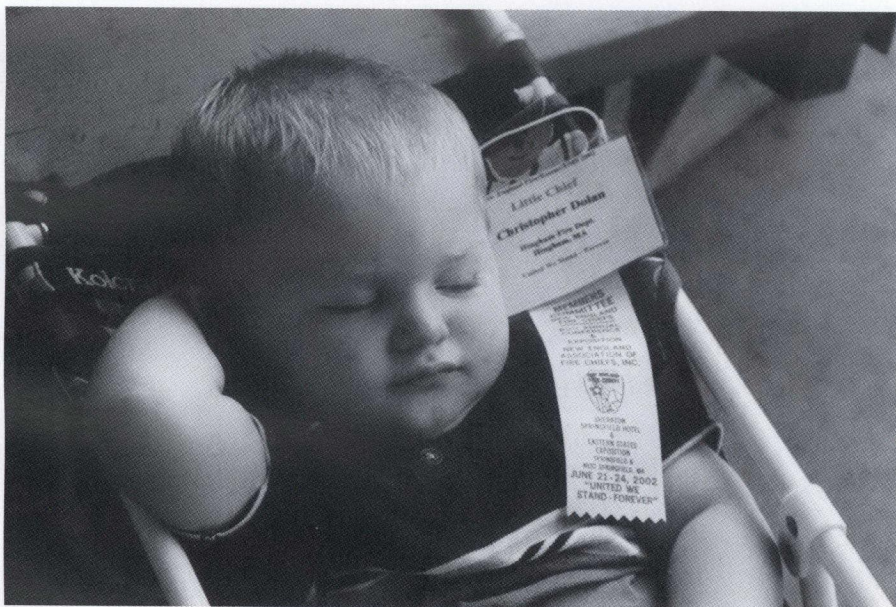


Members  
listening to the  
issues.





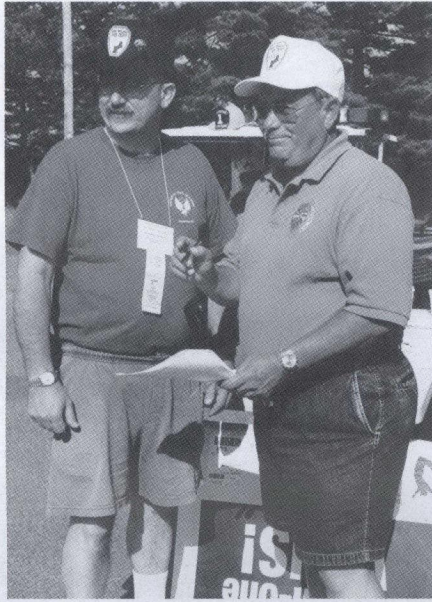
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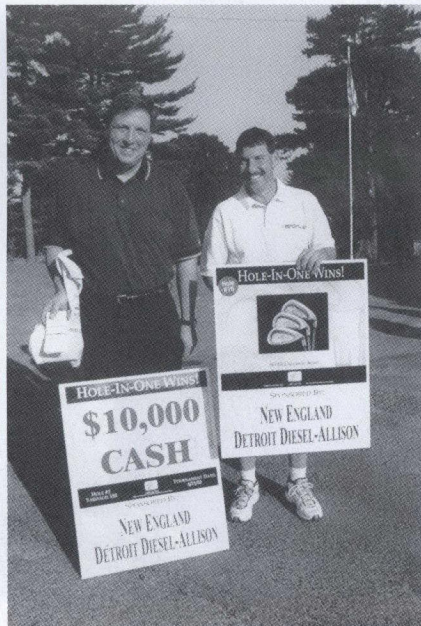
Lil' Chief Christopher Dolan taking a quick snooze.



## Annual Golf Classic



Golf committee Chairman, Chief Ken Pelonzi of Beverly, MA, confers with President Howard as the 12th Annual Golf Tournament begins at the Chicopee Golf Club.

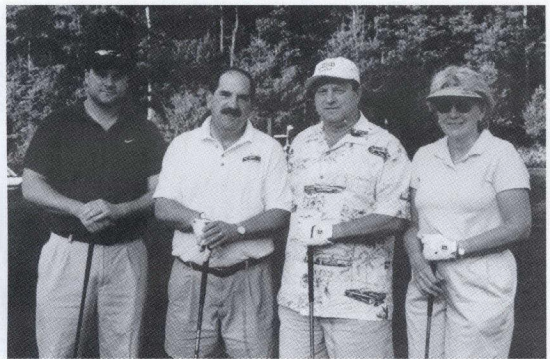
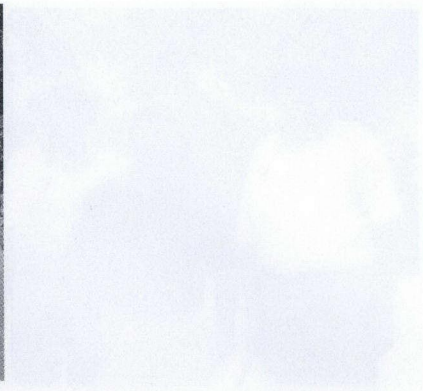


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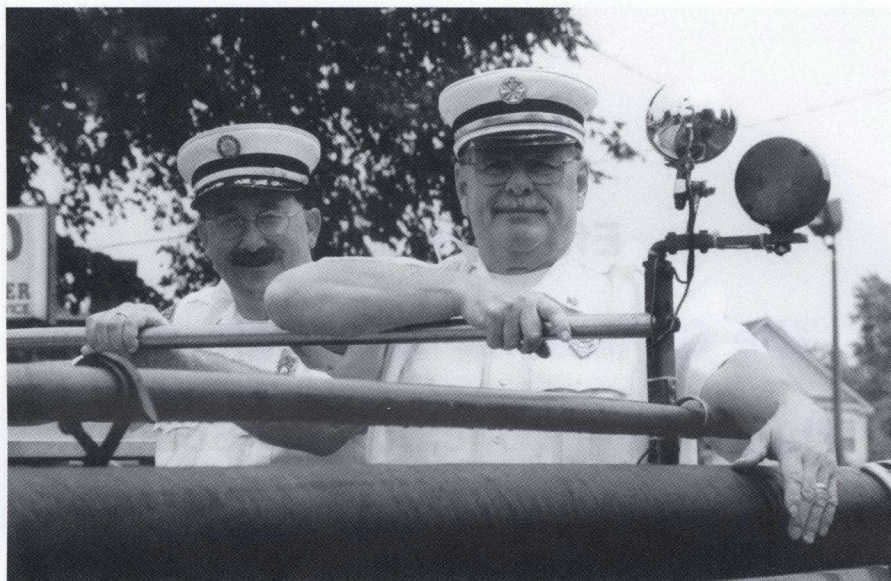
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Thursday & conclude on Sunday.**

**The Exhibits will be open 9:30-4:00  
Friday – Saturday – Sunday**

<b>Annual Banquet</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
<b>Annual Meeting</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>Golf</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
<b>NEDIAFC Meeting</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
<b>Memorial Service</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
<b>Welcome/Theme</b>	<b>Thursday</b>



## 6th Annual Apparatus Parade



6th Annual Apparatus Parade with the Presidents of the NEAFC & NEDIAFC leading the procession.

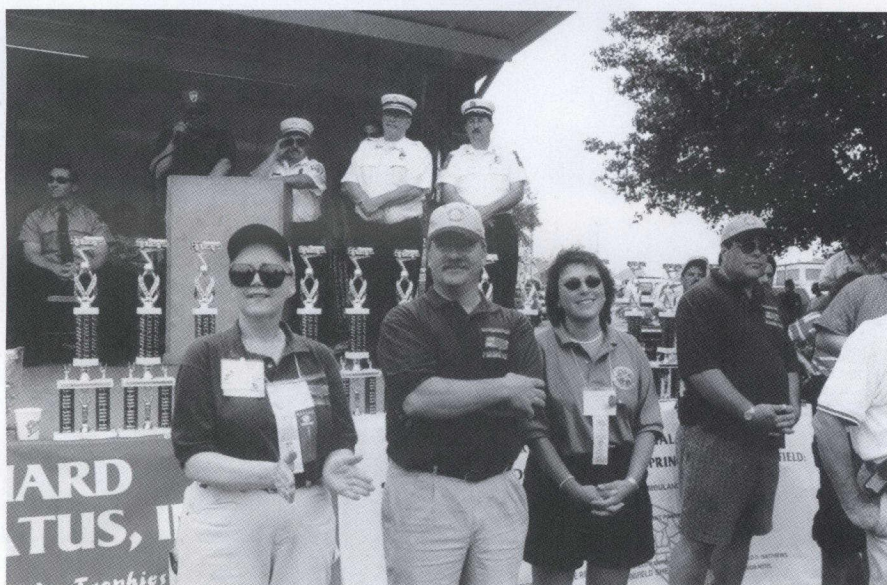


Color Guard salutes FDNY Engine 222 from New York City

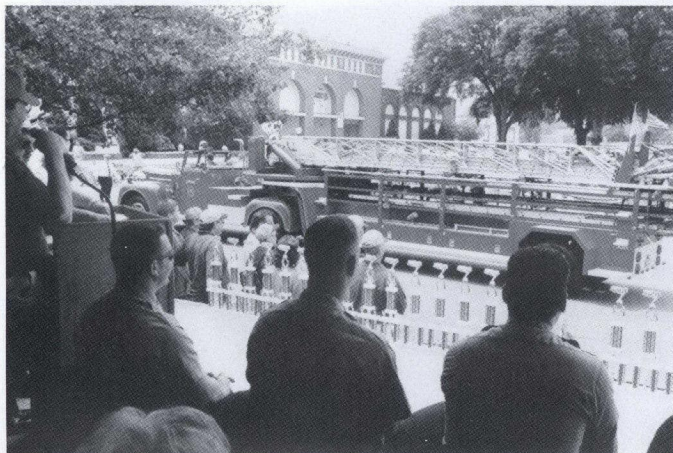




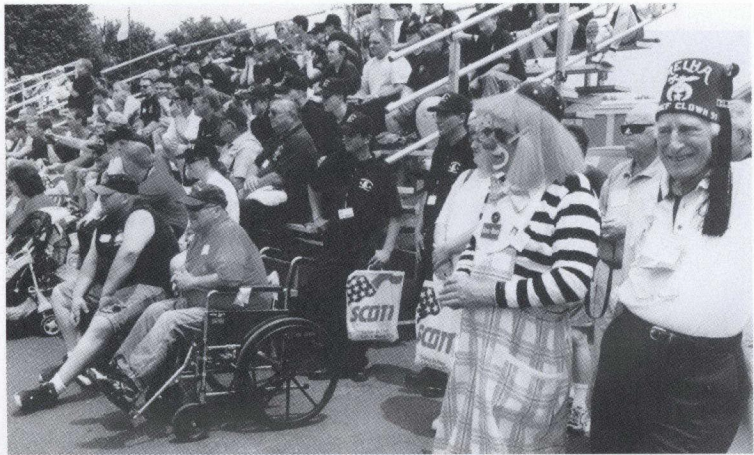
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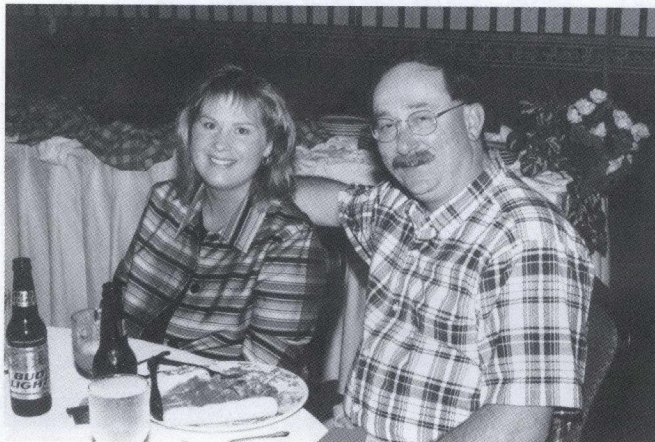






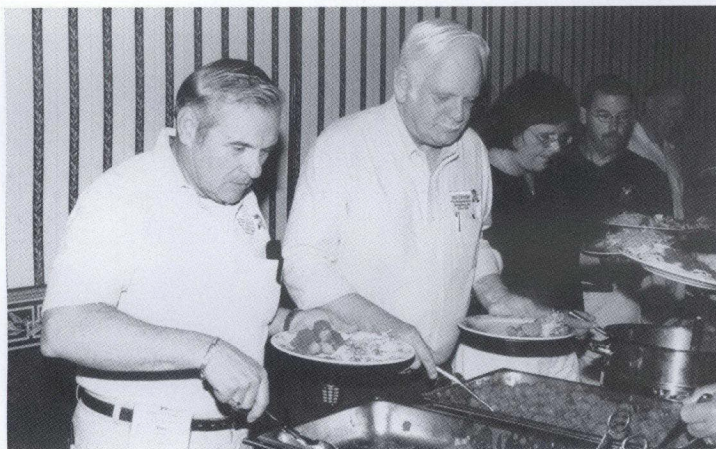


## Welcome Party





## Welcome Party





## Women's Activities



Front row (L-R) Estelle  
Sylvester, Lorry  
Jorsey, Jennifer  
Howard, Jane Barton,  
Claudia Pelonzi  
Middle Row (L-R)  
Nancy Webster, Sally  
Wehter, Gale Misto  
Back Row (L-R) Mary  
Flaherty, Sandra  
Nunes

1st Lady Jennifer  
Howard (left)  
holding her  
daughter & Sally  
Wehter



Ladies prepare to  
board the bus for  
Deerfield



## Women's Activities

Enjoying their  
coffee.



Preparing to take  
craft gifts to the  
Shriners Hospital

The Ice Cream Social





## Theme Night



Steak & Chicken  
Barbecue

Enjoying the meal.

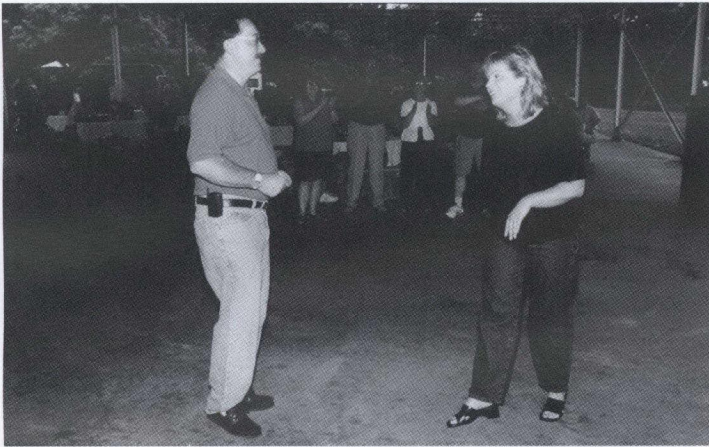


And some  
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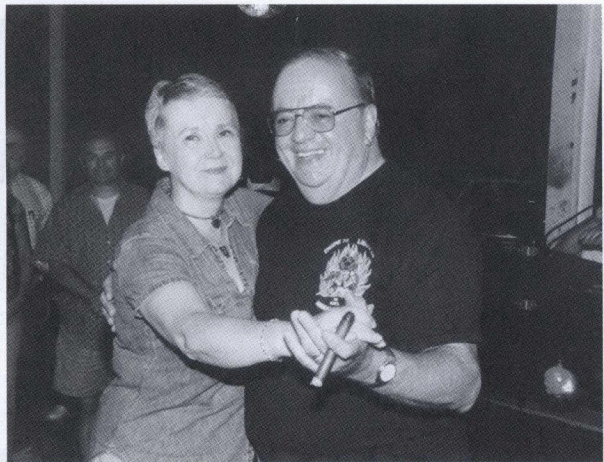
## Elks Pavilion, West Springfield

The Western Mass  
contingent.



Jen & Mike  
Howard taking  
the lead.

Judy Marshall & Joseph  
Higgins, Deputy Director of  
Communications, FDNY  
enjoying the evening.





## Educational Seminars



Chief Alan Roy,  
Education Chairman  
with Chief Carl  
Winslow, Education  
Coordinator

Chief Frank Sylvester  
(L) presents Joseph  
Higgins, Deputy  
Director of  
Communications,  
FDNY, a donation to  
the Fire Bell Club  
and plaque for his  
presentation on the  
World Trade Center  
incident.



Rev. Dan Harris  
presents plaque  
to Director  
Hayden Duggan  
of Onsite  
Academy for his  
presentation  
"Twenty-four  
Hour Residential  
Treatment in  
Recovery from  
Trauma".



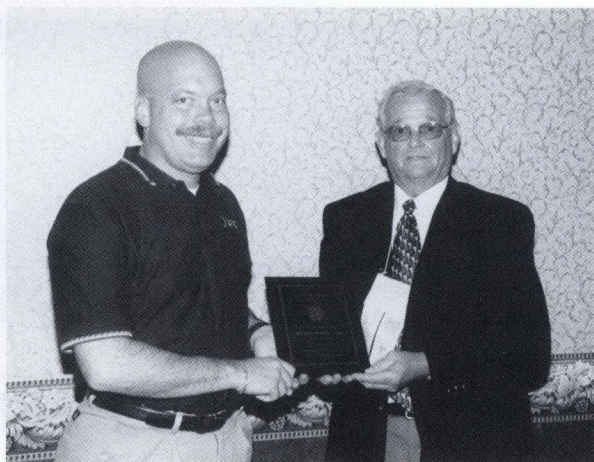
## Educational Seminars

Chief Ronnie Coleman (R), retired California State Fire Marshal & past president of the IAFC receives congratulations & plaque from Chief Tim Wall for his presentation "Too Busy To Put Out Fires"



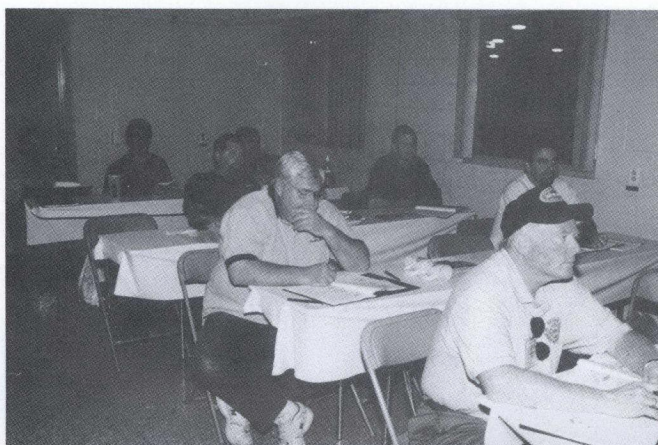
Chief Brian Thibeault (R), present plaque to Chief Dennis Rubin for his presentation on "Customer Service".

Rick Patrick (L) of VFIS, receives congratulations & plaque from Chief Carl Winslow for his presentation on "Developing & Implementing SOP's/SOG's."

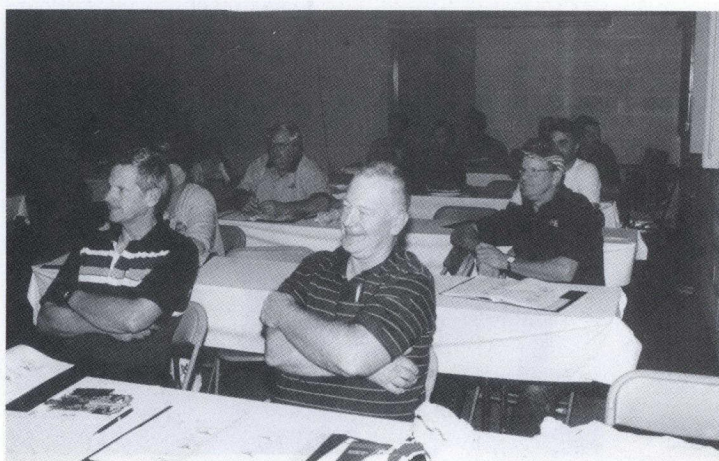
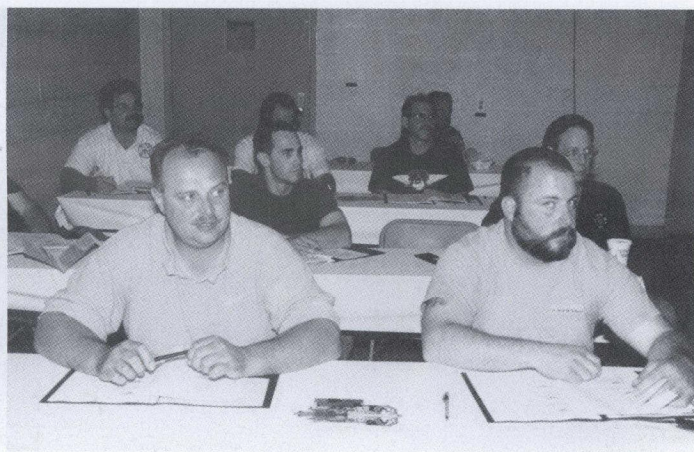




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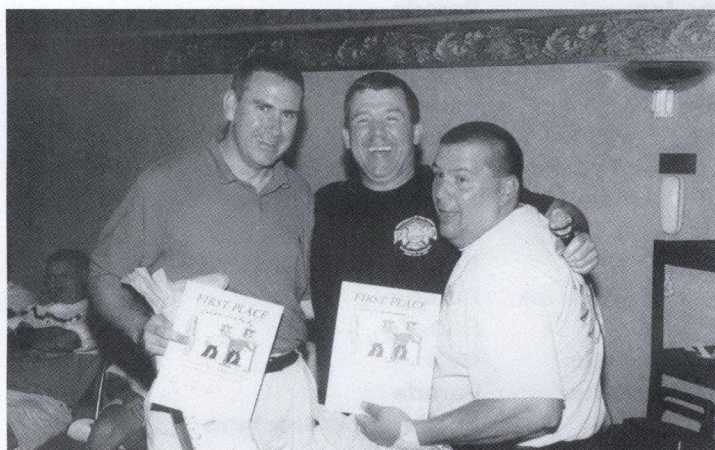
Chief Robert  
Calkins (R) retired  
California State Fire  
Marshal & past  
secretary of the  
IAFF represents  
congratulations &  
thanks from those  
who have for the  
past several years  
been in full  
force.



Mark Patrick (L) a  
retired firefighter  
presents from the  
Winston-Salem  
Fire Department  
Developing  
Implement



## Hospitality & Networking Suite





## ***CONFERENCE SPONSORS 2002***

<b>Air Cleaning Specialists</b>	<b>Parade</b>
<b>American Fire Equipment</b>	<b>Pocket Program</b>
<b>American LaFrance of NE</b>	<b>Conference Brochure</b>
<b>American Test Center</b>	<b>Pocket Program</b>
<b>Atlantic Detroit Diesel</b>	<b>Pocket Program</b>
<b>Bay State Gas Company</b>	<b>Parade</b>
<b>Baystate Health Systems</b>	<b>Parade</b>
<b>Baystate Medical Center</b>	<b>Parade</b>
<b>Best Western Hotel</b>	<b>Parade</b>
<b>Blanchard Fire Apparatus</b>	<b>Parade</b>
<b>Chicopee Savings Bank</b>	<b>Parade</b>
<b>COMSTAR</b>	<b>Parade</b>
<b>Cortina Tile</b>	<b>Parade</b>
<b>deRenzy Document Solutions</b>	<b>Parade</b>
<b>Dot Lortie Realty, Inc.</b>	<b>Parade</b>
<b>Ed Lyons Fire Equipment</b>	<b>Conference Brochure</b>
<b>Ed Lyons Fire Equipment</b>	<b>Pocket Program</b>
<b>Elkhart Brass Mfg. Co.</b>	<b>Parade</b>
<b>Field Service, Inc.</b>	<b>Parade</b>
<b>Firematic Manufacturing, Inc.</b>	<b>Conference Brochure</b>
<b>Firematic Supply Company</b>	<b>Parade</b>
<b>Fire Tech &amp; Safety of NE</b>	<b>Parade</b>
<b>Fire Tech &amp; Safety of NE</b>	<b>Conference Brochure</b>
<b>Gerald B. Matthews, Attorney</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>KME of New England</b>	<b>Conference Brochure</b>
<b>KME of New England</b>	<b>Pocket Program</b>
<b>L.W. Bills Company</b>	<b>Golf</b>
<b>L.W. Bills Company</b>	<b>Pocket Program</b>
<b>L.W. Bills Company</b>	<b>Parade</b>
<b>L.W. Bills Company</b>	<b>Conference Brochure</b>
<b>Maguire Group Associates</b>	<b>Parade</b>
<b>Microsystem</b>	<b>Parade</b>
<b>National Fire Protection Assn.</b>	<b>Pocket Program</b>
<b>National Fire Protection Assn.</b>	<b>Conference Brochure</b>
<b>New England Detroit Diesel</b>	<b>Golf</b>

## ***CONFERENCE SPONSORS 2002***

<b>New England Division IAFC</b>	<b>Parade</b>
<b>NE Communications Systems</b>	<b>Pocket Program</b>
<b>NE Fire Eq. Exhibitors Assn.</b>	<b>Pocket Program</b>
<b>NE Fire Eq. Exhibitors Assn.</b>	<b>Keynote Seminar</b>
<b>Odyssey Automotive Spec.</b>	<b>Parade</b>
<b>Pufco</b>	<b>Pocket Program</b>
<b>Quaker Safety</b>	<b>Pocket Program</b>
<b>Quality Emergency Vehicles</b>	<b>Conference Brochure</b>
<b>Quality Emergency Vehicles</b>	<b>Parade</b>
<b>Sheraton Springfield</b>	<b>Parade</b>
<b>Shipmans Fire Equipment</b>	<b>Parade</b>
<b>Specialty Vehicles, Inc.</b>	<b>Conference Brochure</b>
<b>Springfield Parking Authority</b>	<b>Parade</b>
<b>Student Prince Café</b>	<b>Parade</b>
<b>Tatonka Capital Corp.</b>	<b>Conference Brochure</b>
<b>Tatonka Capital Corp.</b>	<b>Pocket Program</b>
<b>Tatonka Capital Corp.</b>	<b>Parade</b>
<b>The Alarm Room</b>	<b>Parade</b>
<b>Tri State Fire Apparatus</b>	<b>Parade</b>
<b>United Cooperative Bank</b>	<b>Parade</b>
<b>United Plastic Fabricating</b>	<b>Conference Brochure</b>
<b>United Plastic Fabricating</b>	<b>Hospitality</b>
<b>United Plastic Fabricating</b>	<b>Parade</b>
<b>United Plastic Fabricating</b>	<b>Pocket Program</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>Whelen Engineering</b>	<b>Memorial Service</b>
<b>Yankee Fire &amp; Rescue</b>	<b>Parade</b>



## New England Association of Fire Chiefs 80th Annual Meeting



New England Association of Fire Chiefs, Inc.

80th Annual Conference

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

June 24, 2002 – 10:30 A.M.

President – Chief Michael J. Howard  
Hooksett, New Hampshire

Sheraton Springfield Hotel  
Springfield, Massachusetts

Chief Richard K. Wehter, Ret.  
Secretary/Treasurer

The minutes of the Annual Meeting were (electronically by computer) recorded by Heather A. Pellerin, RPR, CRR. During the process of transferring the information to a new computer the recorded minutes were lost. Efforts to retrieve the data were not successful. Below is the notarized letter received from Ms. Pellerin.

September 19, 2002

New England Fire Chiefs Association  
P.O. Box 497  
Hingham, MA 02043-0497

To the member of the Fire Chiefs Association:

My name is Heather A. Pellerin. I was the court reporter assigned to cover the annual meeting on June 2, 2002, at the Springfield Sheraton. Not long after taking down the testimony of the Association I bought a new computer/software system. During the lengthy process of transferring my untranscribed documents from one system to another I inadvertently erased the proceedings of the Association that were held on June 2. I have provided a typed record of the statements that were read into the record. I truly apologize for any inconvenience this has caused the members of the Fire Chiefs Association.

Sincerely,

*Heather A. Pellerin*

Heather A. Pellerin, RPR, CRR

*Vicki L. Britt*  
Vicki L. Britt, CSR, Notary Public  
My Commission Expires: April 24, 2007



Below are the abbreviated minutes of the Annual Meeting held on June 24, 2002.

Chief Michael J. Howard, President, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. President Howard led the members in the pledge to the flag and the invocation was delivered by Reverend Harris.

**Report of the Secretary** – Chief Richard K. Wehter, Ret.,  
Hingham, MA

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY**

**FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JUNE 2001 - MAY 31, 2002**

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, 2002.

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 6 and 7, 2001, November 29 and 30, 2001, February 7 and 8, 2001, and May 23 and 24, 2002. These meetings were held at the Sheraton Springfield Hotel in Springfield, MA. Several sub-committee meetings were also held throughout the year. The director's meeting format followed last year's 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. The Board also held a meeting on Thursday night to act on business of the NEAFC, which freed up more time for the Friday morning meeting. The New England Division had two representatives at most of these meetings, as well as the New England Fire Equipment Exhibitors Association and the New England Fire Apparatus Maintenance Association. Various officers and directors for the Association throughout the year attended testimonials and memorial services. We have also been approached by the New England Association of Fire Marshals to join our conference. After a trial period they will make their final decision.

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.

The Secretary maintained 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 20-page color brochure was produced and mailed to the fire departments in New England.

During the year the Site Committee sent out 14 RFPs for the years 2004, 2005, with an option for 2006. There were five replies to the RFP. After several visits and meetings the committee voted to recommend to the Board of Directors that we stay in Springfield and West Springfield at the Eastern States Exposition. The Board of Directors ratified that recommendation. Sites visited and/or considered included Providence, RI; Worcester, MA; Springfield/West Springfield, MA; the World Trade Center, and the Bayside Expo Center in Boston. Given the current size of our exhibits, we are very limited to where we can go. The Boston locations have plenty of exhibit space but are also much more expensive.

The Conference Format Committee also met to discuss ways to enhance the current show at this location. The Board of Directors has endorsed the Committee's recommendation to start the conference one day earlier on Thursday and have the Exhibits open Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Next year the banquet will be on Saturday Night following the Memorial Service. The Welcome Party and Theme Night will be combined, and we are looking at 6 Flags or the new Basketball Hall of Fame to hold this event. Friday night will be an open night. Not finalized at this time is the closing-night activity, which would be some type of wind-down party.

Preliminary figures indicate the 2002 conference to be a great success. Special thanks to Chief Roy and our Education Coordinator, Chief Carl Winslow, and his committee for arranging our excellent educational 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 I sold 14 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 a special thanks to all the sponsors of this year's conference. President Howard, with board approval, re-appointed Retired Chief Otis C. Wyatt, Jr. to the position of Historian, and Reverend Foley and Reverend Harris were re-appointed Chaplains. Chief Dave Jorsey of East Berlin, CT was appointed Sergeant-at-Arms, Chief Anthony Jarvis and Chief Frank O'Brien as Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms. During the year the Board discussed several bylaw proposals and are recommending an affirmative vote on the questions being presented at this meeting. Most of the changes are as of the result of the recommendation of our attorney who did an extensive review of our bylaws last year.

In closing, I would like to thank all the Board members for their support and cooperation throughout the year, with special thanks to President Howard, 1st Vice President Richards, 2nd Vice President Webster, Education Committee Coordinator Chief Winslow, Chief Maurais, Chief John Wood, Secretary/Treasurer of the NEDIAFC, Judy Marshall, Secretary/Treasurer of the NIEFEEA, all the directors, and a very special thank-you to my wife Sally and my daughters for their patience and help in preparing the many bulk mailings and conference registration packages. It has been an honor to serve as your Secretary for these past ten years and I hope to do so for many more.

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard K. Wehter, Chief  
Secretary/Treasurer



**Report of the Audit Committee** – Chief Frank M. Sylvester,  
Chairman

June 24, 2002

The Audit Committee has met and reviewed the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, Inc. books for the fiscal year 2002. 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 the books of the Association are in order. Respectfully submitted, Chief Frank M. Sylvester, Chairman; Chief Edward N. Richards; Chief Edwin W. Webster, Sr.

**Treasurer's Report** – Chief Richard K. Wehter, Ret., Treasurer  
Fiscal year June 1, 2001-May 31, 2002:

Revenues from Operations:

Membership Dues . . . . .	\$12,645.00
Conferences and Exhibits . . . . .	285,287.00
Other Income . . . . .	2,475.00
Interest Income . . . . .	9,524.51
Total Revenues from Operations . . .	\$309,931.51

Program and Administrative Expenses:

Meetings and Seminars . . . . .	\$17,478.19
Conference and Exhibits Expenses	130,927.12
Telephone . . . . .	1,581.05
Postage . . . . .	1,340.91
Printing . . . . .	6,965.51
Office Expense . . . . .	4,783.55
Memorials and Patches . . . . .	3,887.31
Professional Fees . . . . .	3,444.00
Contributions . . . . .	1,159.86
Insurance . . . . .	2,293.00
Miscellaneous . . . . .	290.95
Dues/Obligations . . . . .	11,000.00
Refund Fees . . . . .	1,114.00
Bank Service Charges . . . . .	378.00
Advertising . . . . .	16,663.81
Filing Fees . . . . .	85.00
Consultants . . . . .	34,740.00
Total Program and	
Administrative Expenses . . . . .	\$238,132.26

Surplus from Current Year Activity . . . . . \$71,799.25

Total Funds Provided by

Operating Activities . . . . .	\$71,799.25
Net Increase in Cash . . . . .	\$71,799.25
Cash-June 1, '2001 . . . . .	\$340,430.93
Cash-May 31, 2002 . . . . .	\$412,230.18

**Exhibit Committee Report** - Chief Charles F. Maurais,  
Marblehead, MA

President Howard, Board of Directors and Members, I herewith submit the report of the Exhibit Committee for the 2002 New England Fire/Rescue/EMS Expo. August 1, 2001 thank-you letters with preregistration forms were mailed to 241 exhibitors. 138 vendors preregistered by that time. On April 16, 2002, conference registration packets were mailed to 640 vendors. An additional 58 were mailed out after April 16th to new vendors, for a total of 698. 1161 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 1461.

Contracted Exhibit Space:

Inside 8' x 10'	296
Inside 10' x 10'	22
Vehicle Spaces	115
Total	433

There are 273 companies represented at this year's Expo.

Total Receipts	\$240,800.00
Outstanding	2,860.00
Committed	\$243,660.00

I would like to thank President Howard for appointing me as Chairman of the Exhibit Committee and all his support, and Chief Wehter for all his work for the Committee. I would also like to thank the Committee members and the Board of Directors for their support throughout the year along with my wife, Linda, for all her hard work. I would like to thank Judy Marshall of the New England Fire Equipment Exhibitors Association for all their help and support and a special thank you to Jerry Lipman for the portable radios.

I would like to thank the Chiefs from the New England Association, 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 Oti Wyatt, Bob Bishop, Wendell Mansfield, Sandy Nunes, Joan Wallace, Carol Wood, Gale Misto, Gale Sylvester-DeMello, Jane Barton, Lorrie Jorsey, Mary Flaherty, Kathleen Coulombe, Nancy Webster, Michelle O'Neil, Claudia Pelonzi, Estelle Sylvester, Cheryl Roy, Charlie Bradley, and Jen Howard for all their help with the Exhibitors Registration area. The smooth operation of the vendors' office could not have been achieved without the tremendous support from all organizations, and we thank you all.

**Education Committee Report** – Committee Chairman Chief Alan Roy of Palmer, MA introduced Chief Carl Winslow, Ret., Education Coordinator

Chief Winslow – Thank you, Alan. I want to thank Rick Mason for his work on the A/V equipment for all of the seminars. A special thanks to Rev. Harris for coming up with a program for the Mass Academy which had been scheduled without any knowledge by the Academy. Thanks to Jon Barton and Tom Lambert for handling the tickets for the seminars. The seminars were fairly well attended with about fifty at each of the keynote speakers. I want to thank the vendors for donating the door prizes. A helmet by Fire Tech and Safety, four gift certificates by Anton Enterprises, a miniature fire alarm box by L. W. Bills, a flashlight by Tatotka Capital, a clock by Kussmaul Electronics, and two Super Adjustamounts by Performance Advantage. I have enjoyed serving the Association as Educational Coordinator and with your support look forward to doing so another year.

**Advertising Committee Report** – Chief Joseph Misto, Westerly, RI  
On a motion duly seconded, it was voted to accept the report of the Advertising Committee

**Parade Committee Report** – Chief Edward N. Richards, Enfield, CT  
On a motion duly seconded, it was voted to accept the report of the Parade Committee



**Registration Committee Report** – Chief Richard K. Wehter, Ret.

Pre-Registration Members . . . . . 111  
Pre-Registered Guests . . . . . 45

Registered at Conference:

Members . . . . . 3  
Guests . . . . . 0

Total Members . . . . . 114  
Total Guests . . . . . 45

Day Pass Registration:

Saturday . . . . . 1500  
Sunday . . . . . 2700  
Monday (estimated) . . . . . 800

Total for Day Passes . . . . . 5000

**Golf Committee Report** – Chief Kenneth Pelonzi, Beverly, MA

On a motion duly seconded, it was voted to accept the report of the Golf Committee

**Historian Report** – Chief Otis C. Wyatt, Jr., Ret.

During this past year this committee has handled the sale of retired chief patches. This program has been quite successful, and we have mailed patches to many states. Some departments in the larger cities have ordered patches for all of their retired chief officers. I believe that the largest single order was for 30 patches. Since this program began in late 2000 we have sold some 315 patches. I have 175 currently on hand. All receipts for patches have been sent to the Secretary/Treasurer, and I understand that all invoices for these patches have been paid. I want to thank the Massachusetts Association of Fire Chiefs and the International Association of Fire Chiefs for their promotions on behalf of the patch program. I again thank Retired Chief Merton Dyer of Peterborough, New Hampshire, for his work in this program.

The Red Book Program is still very much active, although since our last conference we have received very few additional copies. The current sets are located with the Secretary, Mert Dyer, Harold Roeder, and me. We are still very much in need of some of the earliest books — 1923, 1924, 1927 and 1935. This would

# **The President**

**2002 - 2003**

## **81st Annual Conference**



**Chief Edward N. Richards**

**Enfield Fire District #1**

**Enfield, Connecticut**

give us four complete sets of red books. I again ask all members to be on the lookout for copies, particularly the old ones, that may be in old fire stations, libraries, or older members who have passed away, and the family could make a donation of any copies that he may have had to our cause. It is anticipated that we will compose a short article for the next Red Book to continue a brief resume of our history, as space permits, and that succeeding years we can review the happenings of this association.

That, Mr. President, is the report of the historian.

### **Old Business - None**

### **New Business**

On a motion, duly seconded, it was voted to expend \$500.00 on golf balls for the Brian Trudeau golf benefit in Vermont.

On a motion, duly seconded, it was voted to donate \$300.00 to the Holyoke Bag Pipers.

Bylaw Changes - The proposed bylaw changes recommended by the Board of Directors, duly posted in accordance with the bylaws and mailed to each member with the annual dues notice was presented by Chief Wehter. After several minutes of discussion the bylaw proposal to have staggered three-year terms for the Directors was so voted as: Addition to Article III.

Article III, Section 1 (end of 2nd paragraph add). Directors shall serve for a term of three (3) years or until their successor is duly elected. The term of the Directors shall be that not more than one-third of the Directors are elected in any one year.

After discussion, the following proposed additions were tabled for further consideration by the bylaw committee.

#### **Article III, Section 1**

The following new paragraph should be inserted after the second paragraph:

An Officer or Director of the Corporation shall not serve as an officer or director of any other organization directly connected to the operation of the Annual Conference and Exposition of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, Inc.





Chief Howard (L) receives Chiefs Trumpet  
in recognition for his outstanding service as the 80th President.

## Article III, Section 2

**Conduct** All Officers and Directors of the Corporation must act in the best interests of the Corporation, uphold all bylaws, policies and procedures of the Corporation and refrain from taking any action which undermines or threatens the continued existence of the Corporation. An Officer or Director shall not make any verbal statement, or distribute any written statement, which undermines the Corporation's ability to achieve its purposes or goals, or which undermines the integrity and reputation of the Corporation or the integrity and reputation of any Officer, Director or member of the Corporation.

Violation of this Section shall be grounds for a hearing, investigation and possible suspension by a three fourths (3/4) vote of the Board of Directors who may recommend termination of membership under the provisions of Article VII, Section 6, at a special or regular meeting of the Corporation.

## Article VII, Membership

### Section 7 Conduct

**Conduct** All Members of the Corporation must act in the best interests of the Corporation, uphold all bylaws, policies and procedures of the Corporation and refrain from taking any action which undermines or threatens the continued existence of the Corporation. A member shall not make any verbal statement, or distribute any written statement, which undermines the Corporation's ability to achieve its purposes or goals, or which undermines the integrity and reputation of the Corporation, or the integrity and reputation of any member, Officer or Director of the Corporation.

Violation of this Section shall be grounds for a hearing, investigation and possible suspension by a three fourths (3/4) vote of the Board of Directors who may recommend termination of membership under the provisions of Article VII, Section 6, at a special or regular meeting of the Corporation.

### Election of Officers and Directors:

The following were elected without contest on a voice vote to have the Secretary cast one ballot.

President – Chief Edward N. Richards, Enfield, Connecticut  
1st Vice President – Chief Edwin W. Webster, Sr., Hyde Park, Vermont

2nd Vice President – Chief Jon E. Barton, Gray, Maine

The following were elected Directors at the respective state caucus meeting:

Chief Alan Roy – Massachusetts

Chief Thomas Weber – Connecticut

Chief Richard Susi – Cumberland Hills, Rhode Island

Chief Wendall Mansfield – Stowe, Vermont

Chief Thomas Lambert – Northampton, New Hampshire

Chief Darrel Fournier – Freeport, Maine

President Howard presented the Board's recommendations of \$23,000.00 for the salary of the Secretary/Treasurer for the FY-2003 budget year. He noted that this was a 5+% increase. He also noted 5+% increases for the Exhibits Committee (\$11,500.00) Chairman and the Education Coordinator (\$3,000.00) which were granted by the Board of Directors. The salary of the Secretary/Treasurer was so voted at \$23,000.00.

**President's Presentation** – Chief Edward N. Richards, Enfield, CT First Vice President, Chief Edward N. Richards of Enfield Fire District #1, presented President Michael J. Howard with the Presidents Trumpet in appreciation for a job well done as the eightieth President of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, Inc. President Howard thanked the membership for their cooperation during his term of office. Incoming President Richards expressed his thanks and was looking forward to the next year.

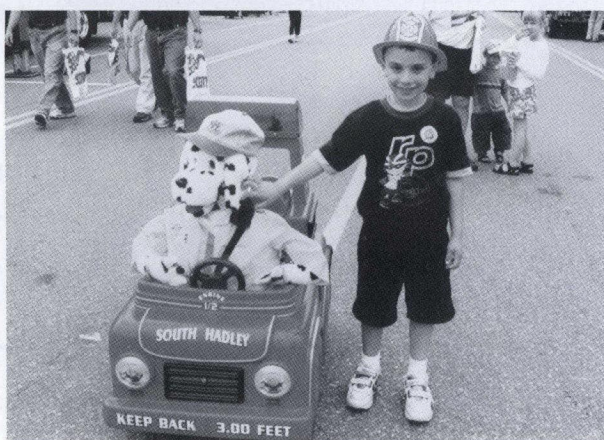
### **Remarks for the good of the Association**

On a motion by Chief Frank Sylvester, Lime Rock Fire District, Lincoln, RI, duly seconded, it was voted (majority vote) to have a letter sent to Chief David Bibber concerning his support of a certain IAFC second vice presidential candidate.

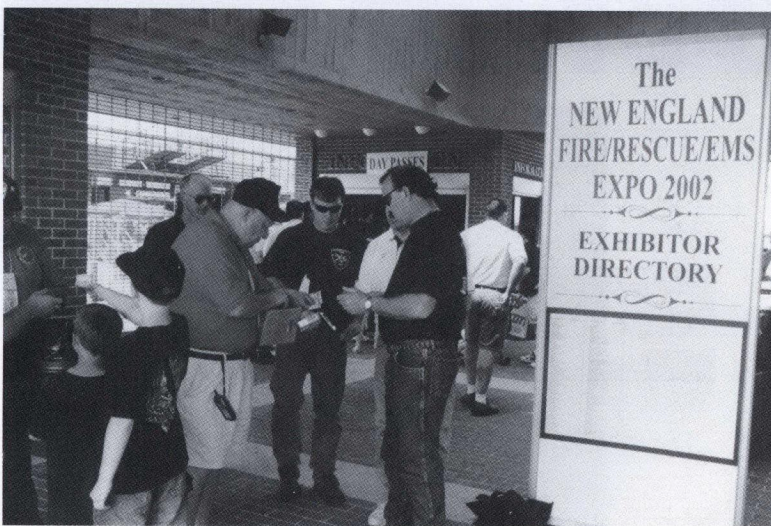
With no further business to come before the membership the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.



## Exhibits at the Eastern States Exposition Center



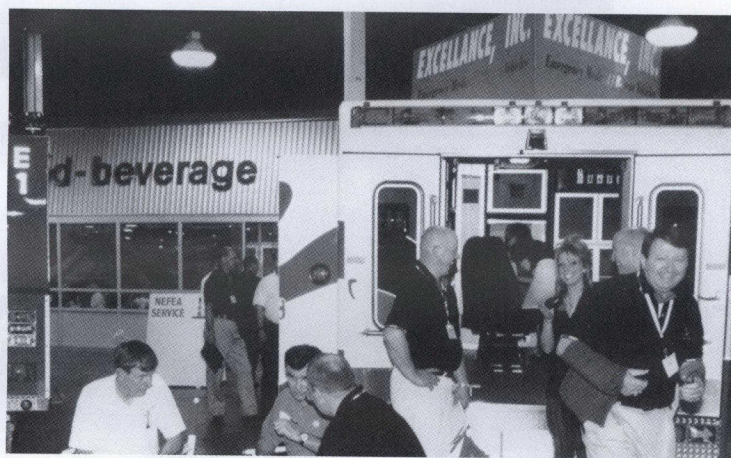
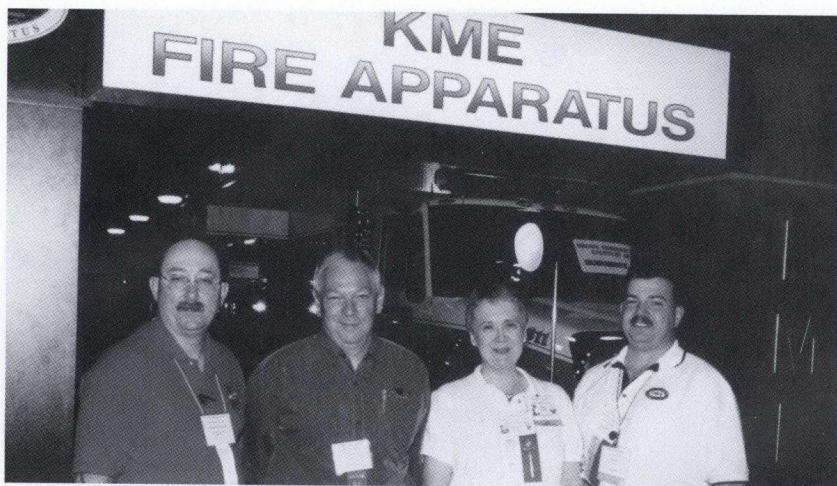












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**NEW ENGLAND ASSOCIATION  
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**80<sup>TH</sup>  
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**PRESIDENTS  
CHIEF MICHAEL J. HOWARD - N.E.A.F.C.  
CHIEF RICHARD MCDONOUGH - N.E.D.I.A.F.C.  
JUNE 24, 2002  
SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS**



## **New England Association of Fire Chiefs, Inc.**

### ***President***

**Chief Michael J. Howard, Hooksett, NH**

### ***1st Vice President***

**Chief Edward N. Richards, Enfield, CT**

### ***2nd Vice President***

**Chief Edwin W. Webster, Sr., Hyde Park, VT**

### ***Secretary/Treasurer***

**Chief Richard K. Wehter, Ret., Hingham, MA**

### ***Directors***

**Chief Alan J. Roy, Palmer, MA**

**Chief Thomas S. Lambert, North Hampton, NH**

**Chief Jon Barton, Gray, ME**

**Chief Wendall Mansfield, Stowe, VT**

**Chief Joseph A. Misto, Sr., Westerly, RI**

**Chief Arthur S. Gold, Bloomington, CT**

### ***Immediate Past President***

**Chief Frank M. Sylvester, Lincoln, RI**

### ***Sergeant-at-Arms***

**Chief David Jorsey, East Berlin, CT**

**Chief Anthony Jarvis, Ludlow, MA**

**Chief Frank O'Brien, Westfield, MA**

### ***Exhibit Committee Chairman***

**Chief Charles F. Maurais, Ret., Marblehead, MA**

### ***Chaplains***

**Reverend Stephen C. Foley, West Hartford, CT**

**Reverend Daniel S. Harris, Weymouth, MA**

### ***Historian***

**Chief Otis C. Wyatt, Jr., Ret., Narragansett, RI**

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## **New England Fire Apparatus Maintenance Association**

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**As we close our Eightieth 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.**

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# **BANQUET PROGRAM**

## ***Master of Ceremonies***

**Richard A. Mason, Director**

New Hampshire Fire Standards & Training

## ***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.

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

Chief Michael J. Howard, President

Hooksett, New Hampshire

## ***Introduction of Guests***

Master of Ceremonies

## ***Dinner is Served***

## ***Presentations***

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***Shriner's Presentation*** – President Howard

# 2002 CONFERENCE

## ***Guest Speaker***

Donald Bliss

New Hampshire State Fire Marshal

## ***Swearing in Ceremony***

Officers/Directors - NEAFC & NEDIAFC

NEAFC – NEDIAFC Presidents

NEAFC & NEDIAFC Officers/Directors/State VP's

***John Buckman*** – President IAFC

***Garry Briese*** - Executive Director – IAFC

## ***New President(s) Address***

NEAFC

Chief Edward N. Richards, Enfield, Connecticut

NEDIAFC

Chief Michael Lajoie, Lewiston, Maine

## ***Closing Remarks***

Chief Richard McDonough - NEDIAFC - PRESIDENT

Chief Michael J. Howard - NEAFC - PRESIDENT

## ***Closing Hymn***

"America the Beautiful" by Chief John P. Jenkins

***Benediction*** - Rev. David M. Farland, Chaplain  
Springfield Fire Dept.



## **PRESIDENT(S) MESSAGE**

### **N.E.A.F.C. - Chief Michael J. Howard**

As the journey comes to a close on my term as President of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs for the year 2001-2002, and I reflect on our conference theme "United We Stand...forever!", I would like each of you to know that it has been an honor to have served you during these difficult times for our Nations Fire Service. I ask that all of us pause to reflect on the men and women who paid the ultimate sacrifice on September 11, 2001 and all those serving in our armed forces.

As the New England Fire-EMS-Rescue conference continues to grow, so does the dedication and commitment of the many committees and organizations involved. Without the Board of Directors and Officers whom I serve with, the New England Division of the IAFC, the New England Fire Apparatus Maintenance Association and the New England Fire Equipment Exhibitors Association this premier conference would not be what we have come to enjoy over these past few days. I also want to thank the New England Association of Fire Marshals whom also participated in this year's conference.

Many committees are continuing to work on upcoming improvements and conference format schedules that are necessary due to the success of the conference over the past few years and I am confident that this will continue to assure future growth for all who attend in the years to come.

I want to recognize the New Hampshire Association of Fire Chiefs, The Town of Hooksett, NH and Administrator Michael Farrell, the Officers and members of the Hooksett Fire-Rescue Department for the support they have shown me in particular during this past year. I could not have accomplished any of this without you. On behalf of my wife Jennifer and our daughters we would like to thank all of you for the support you have shown us during these past six (6) years. Thank you! It has been a pleasure serving as the 80<sup>th</sup> President of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs

Chief Michael J. Howard-80<sup>th</sup> President

### **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

New England Division  
of the I.A.F.C.

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Chief James Farrell, Augusta, ME

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***In Memoriam***

Chief Clayton Baker, Topsham, ME

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**I.A.F.C. CONFERENCE-AUGUST 23 - 26, 2002-KANSAS CITY, MO**

**JUNE 19 - JUNE 22, 2003 JOINT CONFERENCE**

**N.E.A.F.C. - 81<sup>st</sup>**

**N.E.D.I.A.F.C. - 35<sup>th</sup>**

**N.E.F.A.M.A. - 47<sup>th</sup>**

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## **New England Fire Equipment Exhibitors Association N.E.F.E.E.A.**

On behalf of our Vendor Members, we sincerely wish to thank the Officers and Directors of the **New England Association of Fire Chiefs, Inc.**, the **New England Division of the I.A.F.C.** and the **New England Fire Apparatus Maintenance Association** for their hard work, dedication and continuing support of the **N.E.F.E.E.A.** fire service Vendors and Exhibitors. We also extend our welcome to the **New England Association of Fire Marshals** to this year's Conference.

To the incoming Officers and Directors, we congratulate you and look forward to working together for the growth and success of the **2003 New England Fire/Rescue/EMS EXPO and Conference.**



NEW ENGLAND ASSOCIATION  
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80th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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ANNUAL BANQUET

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Presidents  
Chief Michael J. Howard - NEAFC  
Chief Richard McDonough - NEDIAFC

Master of Ceremonies: Richard A. Mason, Director  
New Hampshire Fire Standards & Training

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Sheraton Springfield Hotel  
Grand Ballroom  
Springfield, Massachusetts  
Monday, June 24, 2002  
7:00 p.m.

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The President & First Lady lead the processional into the Banquet.

Springfield, Massachusetts  
Monday, June 24, 2002

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

### Annual Banquet

MR. RICHARD MASON, DIRECTOR: [Master of Ceremonies] Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. I'd like to welcome you to the 80th Annual Banquet of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs and the 34th Annual Banquet of the England Division of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, United We Stand Forever, a very fitting motto for this year's conference.

If I can ask everyone to stand, please, while we welcome the Officers of the Division and the Association. Starting with the Sergeant-At-Arms of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, Chief David Jorsey, Retired, and his wife Lorrie Jorsey.

[Applause]

CHIEF MASON: Association President  
Chief Michael Howard and his wife Jennifer Howard.

[Applause]

Division President Chief Richard  
McDonough; Chaplain Reverend Daniel Harris.

[Applause]

Division First Vice President Chief  
Michael Lajoie and his wife Rita Lajoie.

[Applause]

Association First Vice President Chief  
Edward Richards and his wife Michelle Richards.

[Applause]

Association Secretary-Treasurer Chief  
Richard Wehter, Retired, and Mrs. Sally Wehter.

[Applause]

President of the International Association of  
Fire Chiefs John Buckman; Executive Director of the  
International Association of Fire Chiefs Garry Briesse.

[Applause]

Springfield Fire Department Host Chief  
Gary Cassanelli; Division Secretary-Treasurer John Wood.

[Applause]

Immediate Past Association President  
Chief Frank Sylvester and Estelle Sylvester.



## The Head Table



[Applause]

Incoming Division Second Vice President  
Bill Weston. Our Guest Speaker tonight, New  
Hampshire State Fire Marshal Donald Bliss.

[Applause].

Exhibit Chairman Chief Charles Maurais,  
Retired, and Linda Maurais.

[Applause]

Division Second Vice President Chief  
Jack Parow and Mrs. Patricia Parow.

[Applause]

Association Second Vice President Chief  
Edwin Webster, Sr. and Mrs. Nancy Webster.

[Applause]

New England Division International Association  
of Fire Chiefs Director Roger Bradley and Charley Bradley.

[Applause]

Now I wish to announce all the Division Vice  
Presidents, accompanied by their wives or guests.

[Applause]

And now if we could have the Association  
Directors, accompanied by their wives or guests.

[Applause]

For a moment we would like everyone to  
remain standing. Once again, I welcome you to the  
80th Anniversary Dinner of the England Association of Fire  
Chiefs, as well as the 34th Annual Dinner of the New England  
Division of the International Association of Fire Chiefs.

I would like to introduce Reverend  
Daniel S. Harris, Chaplain, from Weymouth,  
Massachusetts, to lead the Invocation.

REVEREND DANIEL S. HARRIS, CHAPLAIN:  
[Weymouth, MA] I obviously also bring you the  
greetings of Father Steve Foley.

Let us pray. Almighty God, throughout  
history, you've always led men and women of  
compassion and courage to come to the aide of those  
who suffer injury, pain, or loss. Tonight we meet  
again to give you thanks for all who serve in the  
Fire Service.

We pray particularly for those who serve  
as Chief Officers, give them wisdom and courage.  
We are also grateful for all who serve in support





Master of Ceremonies, Director Richard Mason making the introductions.



of the Fire Service; for those who service and maintain our vehicles and equipment; for those who supply that equipment and keep us abreast to change and improvement in the tools of our trade. And most importantly, we ask your protection and nurture of our families.

And, finally, as always, our hearts go out to all who suffer the loss of their loved ones due to fire. And, particularly, this year, the families of the 343. Grant them your healing love.

We also give you thanks for the gifts we're about to receive, and make us ever mindful of the needs of others in the name of God we pray. Amen.

[Amen]

DIRECTOR MASON: If we could also remain standing, I'd like to ask Chief John P. Jenkins of West Barnstable, MA, to sing the National Anthem.

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

[Applause]

DIRECTOR MASON: If we could have the Association President, Chief Michael Howard, lead us in the pledge.

[The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Michael J. Howard.]

CHIEF KENNETH PELONZI: [Beverly, MA] Thank you. You may be seated. We're going to do our Annual Raffle for the golf prize. Once again, this year we had a wonderful Golf Tournament. We had 121 players; had great weather.

And I would like to acknowledge the fact that some of the vendors sponsored the tournament. Bill Pellegrini from New England Detroit Diesel sponsored a Hole In One for ten thousand dollars. He also sponsored the Longest Drive and a Closest to the Pin. Tim O'Neil sponsored two Closest to the Pins.

I would like to also acknowledge the efforts of Bob Nunes and his brother, George, John Flaherty, and Dave Jorsey, without whose help it would have been difficult to put the tournament on.

We now have some donations. We have

three donations in fact, two clubs from Fred Sorrento, Air Cleaning Specialists, that we're going to raffle off. We have a set of irons from Harold Roeder from L.W. Bills.

Now, if there's anyone who played in the tournament and has not received a ticket, please raise your hand, and we'll make sure you have one. I see one that's lying.

[Laughter]

Is there anyone else that played? First prize will be a Big Bertha wood. The last four numbers 1492; last four numbers, 1492, for a Big Bertha. Going once, last four number, 1492; going twice. Not only did he win a prize, once again he's the unofficial winner of the tournament for the 12th year in a row, Bob Nunes. Reverend Harris picked it out.

Should we let the Reverend pick another one? The last four numbers 1504, the last four numbers.

And now for the complete set of woods and irons from Harold Roeder, 1503, it sounds close. Alan Roy.

We now have a drawing for a fruit basket donated by the Greater Springfield Convention Bureau. And the way we're going to do this is we have 23 tables, I believe, out there. There's a ticket for each table. Whichever table wins, the person on that table whose birthday is closest to this date will get the basket. Table number 3.

One more note on the Golf Tournament next year, for those of you who do not know, the format is going to change. We'll be having a shotgun start. The conference is starting one day earlier next year. And the Golf Tournament will be on Thursday, June 19, at 9:00 a.m., shotgun start. We hope to see more participants. Thank you very much.

[Applause]

[Dinner is served]

[The Banquet commenced.]

DIRECTOR MASON: We'll get started. We've got quite a schedule ahead of us tonight. The first thing I'd like to do is, we do have some special guests here this evening that I'd like to make note of. We have the Berlin Connecticut Fire

Department Honor Guard, who also acts as the Official Color Guard for this conference, and they're sitting at table six. Please stand up and be recognized.

[Applause]

I'd like to thank President Howard for inviting me to be the Master of Ceremonies tonight. It's certainly an honor and distinction that I sincerely appreciate.

Before I jump into the program, just a few very short remarks about Mike that a lot of people don't know, that there are a lot of things that we like to call Mike-isms. A typical thing that Mike would say is, if he were going after bank hours to make a deposit, he's going to the night suppository.

[Laughter]

Most of us work on a fiscal year, not Mike, he works on a physical year.

[Laughter]

Yesterday, while we were at the Big E, we saw just how much stress that Mike isn't under, in fact, I don't think he's under any stress at all. Talking with Bill Weston at the front gate, Mike came out, he said we're going to go do something in a minute, he turned around and he walked in the ladies room. That's a true one.

[Laughter]

After today's meetings, for those that were there, we know that Robert's rules of order usually take precedence, now we've got Mike's rules of disorder.

[Laughter]

And I promised I wouldn't be too bad. Mike has done 23 years in the New Hampshire Fire Service; 27 years altogether. He started off as a fire fighter in the City of Nashua, rising to the rank of Superintendent in charge of training; moved on to the beautiful vacation town of Wolfeboro, New Hampshire, by Lake Winnepausaukee. A few years ago he was hired as the Fire Chief in Hooksett.

Mike believes in professional development. Fire Fighter Three, Officer Certified, Executive Fire Officer with the National Fire Academy, a very active instructor with our Fire Academy. And just a note, when we run our





Sally Wehter (L)  
presenting gift to  
First Lady, Jennifer  
Howard



Jennifer Howard  
(L) presenting gift  
to Linda Maurias  
for all her service  
to the Exhibits  
Committee.



Jennifer Howard  
presents flowers  
to incoming first  
lady, Michele  
Richards

recruit schools, it's a residency program, and it's very typical that we run three or four o'clock in the morning drills in one of our burn buildings, and Mike has always been the one who volunteers to be the lead instructor for that. So even though Hooksett is right next door, there's many nights he gets to bed very late, has to get up very early, and we run them two nights in a row, so very dedicated.

He also, as anybody saw yesterday, the New Hampshire Fire Explorers were at the Big E. Mike always volunteers to instruct courses at the Explorer Fire Academy, which is going on this week, and we certainly appreciate that.

A really unique thing, and I don't know if it's smart or not, but this year, simultaneously, Mike helped two very major positions, one being the President of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, but also he was the New Hampshire Association of Fire Chiefs President. And I know how stressful both jobs could be, and I think he handled them very, very nicely, and I think that's a real kudo for Mike.

From all your friends around New England and especially New Hampshire, Mike, congratulations.

At each table you were asked to find out who has the closest birthday, and throughout the night if you didn't figure that out, if you could, and the nice centerpiece that you have at your table, that person can take home. So at every table there's a winner. Some people get to win twice.

The first presentation we'd like to have this evening, Incoming Association First Lady Michelle Richards will make a presentation to the Outgoing First Lady Jennifer Howard.

MRS. MICHELLE RICHARDS: Jennifer, on behalf of the Ladies Committee, we'd like to give you these as our appreciation and dedication and the great job and the real hard work that you did this year. You did a fabulous job. Thank you.

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

[Applause]

DIRECTOR MASON: And now I would ask the

Outgoing Association First Lady, Jennifer Howard, to make a presentation to the Incoming First Lady Michelle Richards.

MRS. JENNIFER HOWARD: It is a great pleasure that I give this, and I wish you the best next year.

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

[Applause]

DIRECTOR MASON: At this time I would like to ask Mrs. Sally Wehter to make a presentation to the Outgoing First Lady Jennifer Howard.

MRS. SALLY WEHTER: Jennifer, on behalf of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, we want to present you with this gift for the wonderful job you did. We loved working with you.

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

[Applause]

DIRECTOR MASON: And a couple more, Outgoing First Lady Jennifer Howard to make a presentation to Mrs. Sally Wehter.

MRS. JENNIFER HOWARD: On behalf of Ladies Committee and the Special Committee, Sally, thank you for all your efforts.

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

[Applause]

DIRECTOR MASON: And Outgoing First Lady Jennifer Howard will now make a special presentation to Mrs. Linda Maurais.

MRS. JENNIFER HOWARD: On behalf of the Ladies Committee, this is for your two years of hard work.

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

[Applause]

DIRECTOR MASON: We'll now call on Charley Bradley to make a presentation to the Incoming First Lady Rita Lajoie.

MRS. CHARLEY BRADLEY: Can I just say to the people out there, the part that you missed most during the last presentation was Mike Howard's little girl just smiling from ear to ear every time her mommy came up here to the microphone.



Absolutely wonderful.

Rita, these are for you on behalf of the tradition, for all that you're going to miss, and when your husband misses things next year, think of these.

[Mrs. Bradley presented a bouquet of flowers to Mrs. Lajoie.]

[Laughter and applause]

DIRECTOR MASON: The next presentation we have is Incoming Division President Michael Lajoie to make a presentation to the Outgoing Division President Richard McDonough.

CHIEF MICHAEL LAJOIE: [Lewiston, ME] Chief McDonough, on behalf of the Board of Directors of the New England Division of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, I would like to present you with this memento of our presentation. It's been engraved "New England Division of International Association of Fire Chiefs, Chief Richard McDonough, President June 30, 2000 to June 21, 2002." Thank you.

[Chief Lajoie presented a plaque to Chief McDonough.]

[Applause]

DIRECTOR MASON: Incoming Association President Edward Richards to make a presentation to Outgoing President Michael Howard.

CHIEF EDWARD N. RICHARDS: [Enfield, CT] It's a tradition we give the Outgoing President a helmet. I don't know if you're allowed to wear it or not. But on behalf of all the great work you did for the Association this year, from the Board of Directors and the Association, there you go.

[Chief Richards presented the Presidents Helmet to Chief Howard.]

[Applause]

FROM THE FLOOR: Put it on, Mike.

[Applause]

DIRECTOR MASON: At this time we'd like to recognize all of the Past Association and Division Presidents, if they would all stand please, and be recognized.

[Applause]

The 68th President of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs served from 1989 to 1990. He retired from the Merrimack, New Hampshire



Traditional Chief's helmet with gold leaf front is presented to outgoing President Michael Howard by incoming President Edward Richards.

Fire Department a few years ago. He works part-time for the New Hampshire Fire Academy and serves on the New Hampshire House of Representatives, Chief Charles Hall.

[Applause]

CHIEF CHARLES HALL, RETIRED: [Merrimack, NH] We can't imagine how fast 12 years go by. When I retired as a Fire Chief, I thought I'd see what the other side of the political arena was, got elected as a State Representative. So it kind of does one small thing for me, it gives me a chance to recognize a good friend from a comrade at arms in the fire service.

Mike and I go back to a number of years having served on the Fire Standards and Training Commission together. And the one thing I can remember about Mike — and I think it was the Permanent Fire Fighters Association that you represented — was, every time we thought we were going to get done with the Commission meeting, we'd get around to Mike's spot on the table, and he'd have this big yellow pad and start flipping pages, and we'd be there for at least another half an hour. So that was my fondest memory of Mike.

But anyway, on behalf of the House of Representatives, a declaration: "Let it be known that the New Hampshire House of Representatives on this occasion publicly does recognize and does grant its sincere congratulations to Chief Mike Howard of the Hooksett Fire Department, in recognition of his tender as President of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs. And further known that the New Hampshire House of Representatives by virtue of the signature inscribed below does duly extend its highest accolade upon us." And it's signed Gene Chandler, Speaker of the House. Mike, congratulations.

[Applause]

DIRECTOR MASON: As everyone knows, Mike serves as the Fire Chief for the Town of Hooksett, New Hampshire, and Mike Farrell is the Town Manager in Hooksett, and he has a presentation to make as well.

MR. MICHAEL FARRELL: [Town Manager, Hooksett, NH] Liz is going to kill me tomorrow. This is Liz Dinwoodie. She's the Assistant



Administrator in the Town of Hooksett and my right-hand person. And actually the reason why I brought Liz up here is because she actually wrote this letter. I've been on a conference, playing golf, for the last three days.

Well, anyway, "Dear Mike, on behalf of the Town of Hooksett, I wish to congratulate you on a job well done during your tenure as President of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs. Your contributions have been exceptional, particularly, in light of the events in the last ten months. We in Hooksett know that you will be missed as President, but will be an ever present force in the Association. So on behalf of the residents and the Town Council and the Town of Hooksett, we thank you for a job well done."

[Applause]

DIRECTOR MASON: As Director of the New Hampshire Fire Academy, it gives me honor to give Mike a plaque as well. It states: "The New Hampshire Department of Safety Division of Fire Standards and Training hereby honors and commends Chief Michael J. Howard for representing the State of New Hampshire as the President of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, 2001-2002. Congratulations. June 24th."

[Applause]

DIRECTOR MASON: I have two letters, they're very short, that I'd like to read. "Dear Chief Howard, my sincerest congratulations upon serving as President of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs for this past year. I know your dedication and devotion to the fire service is distinguished, and we are proud to have you serve in New Hampshire. As you know, the New Hampshire Department of safety is an advocate of the fire service, and this partnership has been enhanced because of your tenacity and willingness to serve.

I certainly have appreciated your relationship over the past several years, and I look forward to many more. Thank you for all you have done for the New Hampshire Fire Service, and congratulations again in your role as President of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs. Signed Richard M. Flint, Commissioner of Safety."

[Applause]

“Dear Chief Howard, on behalf of the State of New Hampshire, it is a privilege to extend my deep appreciation for your 23 years of loyal and dedicated service to the New Hampshire Fire Fighting Profession in New Hampshire. Those who chose fire fighting as a career are among the most dedicated and compassionate citizens, at times risking their own life to protect the lives of others.

Your record of conduct, performance, and devotion to duty reflect your allegiance to the highest standards of the fire fighting profession. In your 23 years of service, you have displayed outstanding leadership ability in your active involvement with the New England Association of Fire Chiefs. Even more impressive is the fact that you simultaneously served as President of both the New England and the New Hampshire Association of Fire Chiefs this past year.

You have brought efficiency and expertise to challenge of assignments and have been a tremendous asset in each of the communities you have served. Congratulations on this special occasion. May you continue to find challenge and reward throughout your retirement. Very truly yours, Jeanne Shaheen, Governor for the State of New Hampshire.”

[Applause]

And while you're standing, at this time, a few presentations, I think, should be made.

PRESIDENT MICHAEL HOWARD: [NEAFC] I'd like to ask at this time for Chief Flaherty and Chief Sylvester, who are Immediate Past President and the Immediate Past Presidents of the Association, to come up and join me with assisting with these next presentations.

Each year the Association takes the opportunity to recognize members who have made outstanding contributions to the betterment of the Fire Service and the Association. Tonight we start off to recognize two of our members, the first is Chief Robert Nunes.

[A song is played on the organ.]

[Applause and standing ovation.]

PRESIDENT HOWARD: Chief Nunes, who recently retired earlier this month from the



The Banquet was officially declared the "Chief Robert J. Nunes Night" in recognition of his retirement and appreciation of all the effort put forth by Chief Nunes as an active member and participant of the Association.



Associate David Deane, the Association's 64 year senior member, receives a special Honorary Life Membership



Chicopee Fire Department, for the past 18 years has served the Association in many capacities, including President. Bob always has been a worker for the Association, especially at our Annual conference.

It gives me great pleasure to declare this Chief Nunes' night, and ask this day be set aside. At this time we would like to make a special presentation to Chief Nunes.

Bob, on behalf of our Past President Flaherty, Past President Sylvester and myself, it gives us grateful appreciation to Chief Roberts Nunes for your many years of service and dedication to the New England Association of Fire Chiefs. Presented this day, June 24, 2002.

[Applause]

CHIEF ROBERT NUNES: [Chicopee, MA] If I can just say a few words. Honestly, I didn't expect this. But I'm going to tell you the nicest people I ever met and the people that I have fun with, and I can really have a nice time and insult them to the upth degree, and they take it as a pleasure, and especially Flaherty and O'Brien, but we try to get everybody aggravated. I just didn't expect this. And I'm going to thank you very much. And I think my closest friends I ever met in my life, outside of my wife and my children, are the New England Fire Chiefs, and I'd like to thank you very much.

[Applause and standing ovation.]

PRESIDENT HOWARD: Bob, the real question is, we want to know who's going to get the front seat?

[Laughter]

The second presentation we're going to make tonight is an individual that we have recognized before at this podium. And it gives me great honor to call this individual back up tonight, and I'd ask that Sergeant-At-Arms Jorsie will escort Mr. David Dean. I'd ask you to listen carefully, these dates are just amazing.

Dave joined the Association on June 15, 1939, 64 years ago. After six decades of service to fire departments in New England, Dave has decided to retire at the young age of 90.

And at this time, we have a special

presentation to make to Dave. This is a great moment for me. Growing up as a little pup many years ago, Dave used to sell fire apparatus to my Dad when he was Chief, and I never thought I'd see this day.

[Applause and standing ovation.]

Dave, this plaque reads: "From the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, we proudly recognize its most Senior Member, David G. Deanne, for his 64 years of membership service and dedication to the fire service of New England. In recognition of his contributions, the Association enrolls his name in their annuals and awards the status of Honorary Life Membership presented this day, June 24, 2002." Congratulations, Dave.

[Applause]

MR. DAVID G. DEAN: [Exhibitor's Association] I want to thank you all for many years of friendship that I've had with you. And I've seen a lot of changes in the Fire Service since I've been at it. And I think one thing that a Chief many years ago up in Rutland, Vermont said at his retirement party, what were the best two things that came in the Fire Service while he was here, and I'm going to repeat that, and he didn't miss a thing, "An inch and a half hose and Scott air packs." Thank you.

[Applause]

PRESIDENT HOWARD: At this time I would ask the Sergeant-At-Arms to escort our friends from the Shriner's Hospital to the stage.

Earlier today, the Ladies Committee spent, I believe, a couple hours or more at the local Shriner's Hospital here in Springfield, MA. This is a group that over the past many years has provided many benefits to the Fire Service and the people that we service in our communities. And it is with great honor that again, this year, we present a check for \$2,000 to the Shriner's Burn Hospital.

[Applause]

[Representative from Shriner's spoke.]

Thank you. This is wonderful. It was my privilege on Saturday and Sunday to spend two days with a lot of you at the hospital booth at the Big E. I heard a lot of kind words and got to know a lot of you

better. I am very impressed with what I saw and what I heard.

For those of you who are unaware, Shriner's operate 22 hospitals across North America. Nineteen of them treat orthopedic problems in children, such as the hospital in Springfield, just a few minutes from here. Four of those hospitals treat severe acute burns in children such as at our hospital in Boston. Our mission at the Shriner's Burn Hospital in Boston is to be the best children's burn hospital in the world. I think we fulfill that mission.

Because of the research done there, and our outstanding medical staff, we are now able to save lives that would have been lost just a few years ago. At the Shriner's hospitals, children are treated free of charge; no patient, family, insurance company, or third-party is ever billed for care in our hospitals. None of our hospitals has a billing department.

Shriner's have provided medical help for children up to the age of 18 for over 75 years. We don't do it all alone. It is with the help of folks like you that make our work possible.

The Shriner's thank you for everything you do. And let me be the voice of the children who will directly be benefitting from your kindness and your generosity, and on their behalf, I thank you. May God bless each and everyone of you, and may God keep America strong and free. Thank you.

[Applause and standing ovation.]

PRESIDENT HOWARD: I believe this is the final presentation. Sergeant-At-Arms will tell me if I make a mistake. Next up, I would ask for Rich Cop from the Berlin, Connecticut, Fire Department, who is the Conference Official Color Guard, to please come forward for a special presentation. Rich.

Rich, to yourself and to the members of your Color Guard, this plaque reads: "Presented to the Berlin, Connecticut, Fire Department Color Guard for their devoted service as the Official Color Guard of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs and the New England Fire Rescue EMS Annual Conference, presented this day, June 24, 2002." Congratulations, Rich.





New Hampshire State Fire Marshal Donald Bliss was the guest speaker.

[Applause]

MR. RICHARD COP: [Berlin, CT, Color Guard] Thank you, Chief, all the Past Chiefs too, everybody associated with the New England Association of Fire Chiefs. It's our privilege and honor to be asked to do this. A special thanks to Chief Jorsie, because he's the one that asked us for the 75th, and we've been doing it ever since, and it's really an honor for us.

I'd like to just introduce the four members of the Color Guard who actually do all the work. Rich Scalora, Ax Bearer; Tim Skinner carries our Department flag; Bobby LaMountain carries the State flag; Timothy Long carries the American colors. Thanks again.

[Applause and standing ovation.]

DIRECTOR MASON: At this time it gives me the honor to make the introduction of our Guest Speaker, who, once again, happens to be outside the limits of the State of New Hampshire, something that happens quite frequently.

For those people from New Hampshire, the Guest Speaker is our State Fire Marshal. And it really gives me a pleasure to introduce him because he's a great colleague as well.

Don is a former member of the Durham, New Hampshire Fire Department. And then he went on to be the Chief at the University of Connecticut, and I think that was the Storrs. And he came back to New Hampshire to be the Fire Chief of the Town of Salem, and then he was appointed by the Governor of the State of New Hampshire to be the State Fire Marshal.

He's former President of the New Hampshire Association of Fire Chiefs, and presently is the Vice President of the National Association of State Fire Marshals, a friend and colleague, Donald Bliss.

MR. DONALD BLISS: [Guest Speaker - New Hampshire State Fire Marshal] Thank you, Director Mason. It wasn't until this afternoon that I found out that Rick would be introducing me, so on the drive down here the only thing I was really worried about was what was he going to say? So he was relatively mild, so I appreciate that.

A good speech is the exact opposite of

sex, it's only memorable when it's over fast, so I'm going to be brief and to the point, so we can continue with the real business of the Association and have some fun tonight.

[Laughter]

I cleaned up the rest of the speech.

On a more serious note. September 11 is not about how much money the Fire Service deserves, but about how else we can serve; how else we can protect; and how better we do our job. I will return to the question of funding in a moment, but public service comes first. It is who we are; it is what we do; it is why we are here tonight. None of us are in this business to make a buck.

What are the real lessons of September 11? The first lesson is the absolute unyielding importance of prevention. Prevention is not about counting bodies and then acting. It is about seizing terrorists before they hijack another airplane. But equally important, it is in keeping obviously dangerous products off of the market and dangerous practices out of our fire and building codes. I say equally important because we lose more people every year in preventable fires than died in September 11.

What's the dangerous practice? Well, using highly combustible materials in the products that are sold for use in children's rooms; that is beyond irresponsible. How about using cheap protective coatings for steel. Coatings that fall off after a few years place. What good are they if they aren't there, and why are our building codes right now, the ones that are being developed and adopted throughout our country, reducing the standards for passive protection measures like the steel coatings that are timed when they should be strengthened?

And let's stop pretending that smoke detectors are a fire prevention tool, when we should expect and require that all sofas and upholstered chairs be made so they won't burst in flames when guided by a paper match in the hands of a child. And that all cigarettes should be designed to self-distinguish before they can ignite bed clothes. And candles, well, it's kind of obvious, how about making them so they can't tip



over; they won't explode; and they won't be made of things like pine cones, straw and cardboard.

The second lesson of September 11 is that the competition among Government Services must end, and it must end now. The public is fed up with it, and our collective bosses will deal with it severely in the near future. Of course some of them are part of the problem, the way they force competition for dollars. But we are part of the problem too, and we need to show leadership and openness to better more cost effective cooperation.

With the extraordinary technological developments of the past decade, why is it that we don't have a single communications network that allows for cops, fire fighters, paramedics, even the guys that run the water purification plant, to talk at will community to community. We are just now starting to have a serious national discussion on this issue, and even so, we are still competing with the public broadcasters and the cellular phone companies for radio frequency allocations.

The third lesson of September 11 was a reminder, that America loves and respects its fire fighters. Many professions once enjoyed that respect, but one by one they've each lost it. Now if you think about it, the Rodney King incident and the police, the Savings and Loan Scandal and the bankers, the United Way embezzlements, the television evangelists, and now the Catholic churches, their terrible struggles, Medicaid Fraud and doctors, public accountants and Enron, how many separate scandals from our nation's capital?

It's terribly unfair to the many people of integrity, who continue to serve as bankers, accountants, doctors, priests, police officers, or elected officials, it's unfair, but is it a fact? The public trust is ours to squander. How long will it be before a case of fire fighter arson takes on the proportions of the Rodney King scandal? You've seen what happened just last week with the US Forest Service.

In my view, this is the ultimate lesson of September 11. The public trusts us, and they will respond to us. We will be provided with the funds we need to serve if we are clear about what

we need and why we need it.

Has anyone here yet seen an intelligent assessment of how the hundreds of millions of dollars in the fire grants are being used with the monies that have been given to us and how they are helping to serve the public better? Now, I'm not saying that any of the money is being wasted. In fact, in my own State of New Hampshire, I know plenty of examples to where is it being used to the good.

But where is the credible, independent report that shows how all of the money was used to prevent fire losses, improve emergency services and efficiency and to raise our standards for service and integrity. That report needs to be written well enough to compete against all of the other reports that explain where tax dollars have gone for housing, education, law enforcement, transportation, defense, and all the rest. Without that report, we do not deserve the Federal Funding and won't get much more. We do not deserve billions of dollars in Federal support just because we're fire fighters. But we do deserve and will receive support when we present a clear vision of how money will be used to save lives and property.

September 11 was a frightening tragedy, a wake up call, an event that changed everything. But to the Fire Service, it was simply another opportunity to serve. The fire fighters who survived went to work the next day and served the public; we all did. That is the essence of who we all are and why, when we serve, when we share our vision for a safer world, and when we leave, others will follow.

Mike, your leadership in New Hampshire and in this Association have been extraordinary. It's truly been a pleasure to work with you these many years, and I look forward to working with you for many, many to come. And I know your colleagues, those who are not here tonight, are extremely proud of you. All of us at the New Hampshire State Fire Marshal's Office and the New Hampshire Office of Emergency Management send our best to you, wish you well, and congratulations on a job well done. Thank you.

[Applause]

DIRECTOR MASON: At this time we'd like to officially swear in the New Officers of both the Association and the Division. To swear in the New President of the Association, the President of the Enfield Fire District No. 1, Richard Stevens, will now swear in Chief Edward Richards as the President of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs.

CHIEF RICHARD STEVENS: [Enfield, CT] Thank you and good evening. At this time, I'd like to swear in Chief Edward "Turk" Richards as President of your Association, and, Chief, if you will repeat after me, I, name, Edward N. Richards, hereby swear that I will support the Constitution and Bylaws, and at all times will bear a 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. Congratulations, Chief.

[Applause and standing ovation.]

DIRECTOR MASON: At this time we'd like to have the swearing in of the New President of the New England Division of the International Association of Fire Chiefs. We'd ask that International President John Buckman to come up and now swear in Chief Michael Lajoie as President of the New England Division.

INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT JOHN BUCKMAN: Mike, before I swear you in, congratulations. I look forward to a great year. If where I say my name, you will repeat your name. I, Michael Lajoie, hereby swear that I will support the Constitution and Bylaws, and at all times bear true allegiance to the goals and purposes of the New England Division. And 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 the records of said office, so help me God. Thank you.

[Applause and standing ovation.]

DIRECTOR MASON: At this time, if we could ask the Incoming Presidents of the New England Division, International Association of Fire





Officers & Directors sworn to office by Rev. Harris.

Chiefs to line up in front of the tables, and we'd ask once again if the President of the International, Chief Buckman, could swear in these officers as well.

CHIEF JOHN BUCKMAN: If you gentlemen will raise your right hand and face the audience, they're actually the ones that you're going to be swearing to. Where I insert my name, if you'd repeat your name. I, name, hereby swear that I will support the Constitution and Bylaws, and at all times bear true allegiance to the goals and purposes of the New England Division.

I further swear to perform the duties and responsibilities of my office and to the best of my ability, and at the end of my term return said records to the office, so help me God. Thank you.

[Applause]

DIRECTOR MASON: Now, the directions have been given once. We would now ask that all Incoming Directors of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs please line up in front of the head table in order that they may be sworn in by Reverend Daniel Harris.

REVEREND DANIEL HARRIS: Gentlemen, please raise your right hands and repeat after me, substituting your name for mine. I, name, 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. Congratulations.

[Applause]

DIRECTOR MASON: This year we have the distinct pleasure of having the Officer of the International Association of Fire Chiefs be the Association President, and for a few words right now, Chief John Buckman, President of the International Association of Fire Chiefs.

[Applause]

CHIEF JOHN BUCKMAN: Thank you very much. It's indeed a privilege and a pleasure to be

here, and it's also very lucky. I came from Oregon, where I spent a couple days. And while I was out there, in fact, while I was sitting at the reception before this, Ben, my new friend, and I, started talking about cowboy boots. And I understand while I was at work, I was out horse back riding, and I'm very lucky to be here, because as we were riding on Saturday, things were going pretty well, and all of a sudden the horse started to gallop and took off, and I fell off. And as things have it, my foot got stuck in the stirrup, and the horse wouldn't stop. He keeps galloping, thank God the Wal-Mart Manager came out and unplugged the horse.

[Laughter]

Just to lighten things up a little bit here this evening, before I talk about a couple things that really bother me.

As I get close to the end of my term as President of the IAFC, I've probably been to about 15 funerals. I went to one just this last Wednesday, where I've seen a myriad of emotions; I've seen a myriad of excuses of why fire fighters die in the line of duty. And I'm here to ask you to help me, because there's a couple things that we could do that would save twenty or more lives a year. One of those things is simply demand that your fire fighters wear their seat belts. And if your fire fighters will not wear their seat belts because your officers won't enforce the rule to wear the seat belt, then discipline the officer, because we could just save so many lives.

There's a graphic picture of a Chicago fire truck, where a concrete truck ran into the driver's side of the vehicle, and I have the picture, and I usually ask, who died, and people say the driver died. I said, no, the concrete truck hit the driver's side of the vehicle, but the officer died because the officer was ejected through the windshield and landed on the street. Just one simple thing, wear your seat belts, and make your officers enforce those rules.

Look at the speed in which we drive our vehicles, and ask the question why? Why do we run through red lights without coming to a complete stop? And I'm sitting here to tell you, I mean I



know we have fire fighters in this audience, but it's up to you Mr. and Mrs. Fire Chief, it's up to you to enforce these rules, because that's what we need. We need to reduce the speed. We need to look at that response to a vehicle accident with a fuel spill and nobody is injured and the cop has been on the scene for 30 minutes, does that response need to be emergent? Do we need to run the red lights and siren and drive like we do the same as if it was a house fire when people are trapped?

Look at how we respond our apparatus, if we do that, we could also save lives each and every year. Look at the type of structural fire fighting that we do. Interior structural fire fighting, what's the risk and what's the benefit? How many fire fighters are injured?

And the truth is, not too many fire fighters die in the line of duty due to interior structural fires. But how many are injured, when at the end of the fire, they come in and bring in a bulldozer in anyway? So it's up to us, the Fire Chief, to ask to demand that our officers start doing an evaluation of whether or not it's worth the risk to send people inside to extinguish a fire.

When we look at — and the Fire Marshal mentioned a little bit about funding in his presentation — when we look at what goes on in Washington, DC, I realize in New England and in many states across the country as many as 34 states have significant fiscal crises, that we're still fighting the battle in Washington. And if you didn't, I will repeat some of what the Fire Marshal said, because we'll second his comments about whether or not the money that we get from the Fire Service is doing any good. Where is the benefit? Where is the evaluation process?

We at the IAFC, we are concerned about the fact that we get up to \$900 million, that we start having duplication and waste. So we're going to challenge the Fire Service. This is not the candy store, and Washington money is not about getting more candy. What the money from Washington is supposed to be about is improving the level of service that we provide to our citizens. We see that. We need your help though.

I don't want you to answer this question, I want you to think about it. When is the last time you called your United States Senator or United States Congressman or Congress person and said what are you doing to help the fire fighters? Because here we are a little over nine months past September 11, and we haven't seen a dime. We've been promised a lot of things, but we haven't seen a dime. Because they still talk about providing support to the Fire Service.

Every day you change the world in your community; today is no exception. At the end of this day, things will be different, because of who you are and what you have done. You have an impact. You cannot forget that. The kind of impact you have is determined by you, by no one else. How you make use of this power is how you have an opportunity to change the world. There is no way to avoid it if you make the decision to change the world. The thoughts you think, the words you speak, and the actions you take will and do make a difference. Your choice is whether or not that difference will be a positive one. The choices you make and the actions you take will bring about results. You have a very real opportunity today to make this a better place. Who are you to change the world, you're a Fire Chief. There's no better person on this Earth to change the world. God bless each and everyone of you.

Applause]

DIRECTOR MASON: From the Senior Staff of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, we're very fortunate to have Garry Brieese, the Executive Director here, a dear and longtime friend both, from our Fire Service. And two years ago I had the opportunity to share the stage at the opening ceremony when Fire Rescue International was in Dallas to present Garry with the Distinguished Eagle Scout, which is a very, very important and very unique award, and it was an honor to be able to share the stage with him. Garry Brieese.

[Applause]

CHIEF GARRY BRIESEE: [Executive Director - IAFC] As each of you know, we can get swept up very easily in the rush of our daily lives and in the business of the Fire Service. We live the Fire

Service every day. What I'd like to share with you a story about keeping things in perspective, and I want you to think carefully about the message of this story.

A group of students were asked to list what they thought were the Seven Wonders of the World. Although there was some disagreement, the following got the most votes: Egypt's Great Pyramids, the Taj Mahal, the Grand Canyon, Panama Canal, at that time, the World Trade Center, St. Peter's Basilica, and China's Great Wall.

While gathering the votes, the teacher noted that one student was quiet and hadn't turned her paper in yet with her selections. So she asked the girl if she could help her with her list if she was having trouble, and the girl replied, "Yes, I was having some trouble. I couldn't quite make up my mind because there were so many." The teacher said, "Well, tell us what's on your list and maybe we can help you make a decision." The girl hesitated, and then read, "I think the Seven Wonders of the World are: To touch; to taste; to see; to hear — she paused a minute and then added — to feel; to laugh; and to love. Thank you.

[Applause]

DIRECTOR MASON: Thank you, Garry. Now to hear from our New Presidents. First from the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, Chief Edwards Richards.

[Applause]

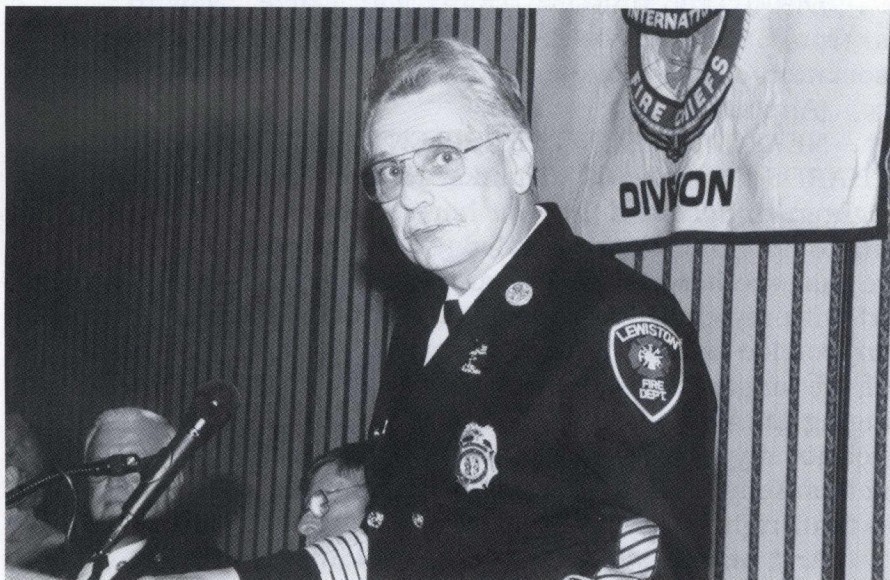
NEAFC INCOMING PRESIDENT CHIEF EDWARD RICHARDS: [Enfield, CT] Thanks, Rick. We're going to lighten things up a little bit here. What I'm going to do is mostly acknowledge some of the folks here that are here to see me, and I'm going to start with my children over there. Dick Wehter has been worried about the banquet attendance lately. Well, we single-handedly rose by ten percent by bringing the kids tonight. So I'm going to introduce my children over there, the oldest of which is Kelly, and they're going to stand up when I do that, right, Kelly?

And next is Maureen, Eddie, Jr., and Hannah, and Sean, who may be asleep. No, he's awake. Sean wants to be a fire fighter by the way, and Madden. That's the gang.





Remarks from incoming President Edward Richards of Enfield, CT



Remarks from incoming NEDIAFC President Michael Lajoie

[Applause]

FROM THE FLOOR: Are you ever in the office?

[Laughter]

PRESIDENT RICHARDS: That's the only way I can escape. Next I'd like to introduce some of the members of my Fire Commission. Unfortunately, I have nine members, so the fire fighting gets pretty interesting sometimes. I'd ask them to stand while I mention them. Fran Bugo, Commissioner Billy Higgins, Commissioner Bob Messenger, Commissioner Tom McGovern, Commissioner Dennis Babcock, Commissioner Scott Prentice, and there's a couple missing.

[Applause].

Over at my children's table is my Administrative Assistant Meg Stie, and her fiancé, and Mike Monson, because I want them to think long and hard about having children.

[Applause]

Stand up, Meg, so everybody can see you. And then over at table seven, I'm very honored to have members of my Department here and also a couple of my neighbor Chiefs.

And I'm specifically honored because at about one this morning, we had a working fire, and those gentlemen mostly were at it, other than the neighbor Chief. Well, listen, maybe, and I've been watching them, they're having a really tough time staying awake. Not only did we have this working fire, a fully involved attached garage, they made a great stop, saved the house. And about two hours into this, we had a very serious accident with extrication — it was a fatal accident to a young gentlemen — so they've been up most of the night. I'm very honored they still took time to come up here and see this. I'll introduce them to you.

[Applause]

My Deputy Chief and Training Officer Paul Dennonshevkey; Assistant Chief Wayne Kenneth; Captain Don Ellis; Captain Scott Ungham; our Lieutenant Pat Carifa; and Fire Fighter Brian Elms.

[Applause]

And to all of my dear friends, the neighboring Fire Chiefs in the Town of Enfield, I

thank you for being here.

[Applause]

This is going to be a brief address, again, like I said, I'm looking forward to a great year. We'll use all your support. We have a great supporting cast. The Host Chiefs not enough can be said about what John Flaherty and Garry Cassanelli do for the conference. You know our continued Associations with the other Association, the New England Division, the New England Exhibitors, the New England Mechanics, just a great bunch of people, everybody, and it's a real team effort.

I think everybody will agree it's a great conference. We had somewhere around 5,000 people come through. The banquet hall is starting to look full again. Did they sling it. That's good though. It's starting to look full. Geez, I think that might be it. I want to thank Mike Howard for a great year as President.

And in the finest tradition of the Association, we're still running. We're like a well oiled machine, I get to steer it for a year, then we'll turn it over to somebody else. Yes, that's right too, I forgot the karaoke winners, Paul Lamareaux and Billy Flaherty, and we have photos, very incriminating photos as a matter of fact. So we'll see you on the streets.

[Applause]

DIRECTOR MASON: The New President of the New England Division for the International Association of Fire Chiefs, Chief Michael Lajoie.

[Applause]

CHIEF MICHAEL LAJOIE, President of the NEDIAFC: [Lewiston, ME] Thank you. Good evening. It's with great pleasure that I accept the International Association of Fire Chiefs. Today, more than ever, we have some challenges facing the Fire Service, and some of them recurred from this that we've heard from this evening such as the Fire Prevention Program. I know in my state, I don't know about other states, I don't know — I hope there's no City Manager here so I offend anybody — I think they had a conference, and during the conference they established the goal and eliminated the fire prevention program.

Two other cities in my state were also

affected in this same manner. It's hard to believe and really it's hard to fathom that that would happen, when we have these concerns through the Fire Service. However, those are charges that we have to face. And I think through all the Associations within the Fire Service, and especially the New England, with the New England Division and the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, those are changes that we're going to have to work on.

In accepting this position I have to say that I'm not alone; I have the Board members. Since I have been a Board member, I have learned a lot. We have camaraderie in the Fire Service. We also have camaraderie in the Division. We always work as one. We discuss all that. We don't always agree; however, whenever we go out the door, we always go in the same direction and we accomplish our task. Therefore, I'm looking forward to working with the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, along with all the other Associations involved, like the Exhibitors, the Mechanics Associations, in the New England area.

In closing, I'd like to thank John Buckman, President of the IFC, Garry Briesse, Executive Director of the IFC, and especially Gary Martin. Becky, would you stand up, please?

[Applause]

Becky was here this conference to analyze, but probably report back to the IFC as to how we performed. But I hope you go back with a good performance for us, and we didn't corrupt you in any way. It's yet to be seen, but I think I'm okay.

FROM THE FLOOR: Please accept my thanks for attending this wonderful conference. Thank you very much.

CHIEF LAJOIE: I would also like to thank the New England Fire Chiefs Associations and again the Mechanics and the Vendors Associations for taking place in this year's convention. Thank you very much, and I look forward to working with every one of you. Thank you.

[Applause]

DIRECTOR MASON: Over the last two years, the past two years, it's been a pleasure to



get to know Chief McDonough President of the New England Division of Fire Chiefs. He's made the trip to New Hampshire for our famous corn beef and cabbage for the past two years, and for some closing remarks, Chief McDonough.

[Applause]

CHIEF RICHARD MCDONOUGH: [NEDIAFC - PRESIDENT] As most of you know, my speeches are very short, and I'm not going to disappoint you by going any longer.

Chief Buckman, Director Briese, thank you for coming. We appreciate you for being here. My date for tonight, Reverend Harris, who is keeping me in line, telling me my remarks had to be very brief. Mike Lajoie; Eddie Richards, my condolences for all the members of the Mechanics Associations and the Vendors. It has been my pleasure ladies and gentlemen.

I've met some wonderful people, and I loved every minute of it. To my Board of Directors, I can't tell you how much you've done for me, how they keep me in line. Thanks to John Woods. It's almost a full-time job. It's almost like my wife, keeping me in line.

John Flaherty, who I've enjoyed being with. Gary Cassanelli for all the help you do. Frank Sylvester because I've had a two year term. Mike Howard, this week I've been kind of a shadow and missing, and he's filled in for me and covered all the things I was supposed to do.

I've enjoyed working with all the groups and all the people here. Thank you very much.

[Applause and standing ovation.]

DIRECTOR MASON: When I first started the presentation tonight, I meant to make a couple of comments about Chief Howard's wife, Jen, and how proud the State of New Hampshire is to have her fulfill the role she did over the past year. It has been said that behind every successful man, there's an astonished woman, and I'm sure she is. She not only has two very young full children, she holds down a full-time position in the State of New Hampshire. We want to congratulate you for a great year.

[Applause]

And I apologize for not saying that

earlier.

It's a privilege right now to introduce the Outgoing President of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, Chief Mike Howard, from Hooksett, New Hampshire.

[Applause]

CHIEF MICHAEL J. HOWARD: [NEAFC - PRESIDENT] I'll make it brief as well. I'll have a hard time topping you, Rich. I just want to echo also what Rick said, without my wife Jennifer this year, as well as for the last five years, we would have never accomplished what we have, and I thank you for everything.

[Applause]

I want to thank Director Mason for become the Master of Ceremonies, Rick, you did a great job. Thank you.

[Applause]

Also, I want to take a minute to thank Marshal Bliss. Don, we really appreciate you coming down, and I thank you very much for being a guest speaker.

[Applause]

At this time I'd like to continue with what Chief Richards did and introduce some family members, as well as colleagues and people that I work for, that keep me in line. First, I'd like to start here with the front table, I'd like to ask them to stand up as I read their names, and we will applaud afterwards, except for Meghan and Hannah.

First, I'd like to introduce Jennifer's mom, Madeline Rice. Next, I'd like to introduce her husband Jack Rice. I'd like to introduce my sister Ann Marie. Next, I'd like to introduce my brother Mark, who is a Lieutenant for the City of Keene, New Hampshire Fire Department, his wife Stacey. Our daughter Caitlin, who is headed for Holy Cross in September. Our oldest daughter Meghan, and Hannah will be four tomorrow. Rachel and Meghan goes to Hesser College in Manchester, and Hannah is with us at home. Jen's sister Katrina, her son Ben and her daughter Aliza. That's Chief Buckman's partner tonight.

Next, I want to introduce the Town Officials, the person that puts up with me every day. Most of you know what that's like. He does



President Howard's farewell address.



The Hooksett, NH delegation.

too. My boss and friend, Town Administrator Mike Farrell.

[Applause]

Next to him, this is the person that puts up with the both of us, a good friend, and the Town Administrative, Assistant Town Administrative Liz Dinwoodie. Our Highway Director, as well as part Recreational Manager, Dale, thank you. Gary Sleeper, Retired Captain from our Department, who continues to work for us as our Communication Coordinator for a new radio system, Gary, and his wife Eva.

[Applause]

And the next group that has to put up with me, other than the time I spent up on the hill, I'll start with Forest Fire Warden and our senior member of the Department, as well as our Town, Harold Murray. Next to him, his wife Barbara.

[Applause]

Fire Fighter Mike Johnson.

[Applause]

Lieutenant Stephanie Planchet.

[Applause]

Captain Steve Mandaville, and his wife

Alice.

[Applause]

And the person that watches over us each and every day, our Chaplain Patricia Bona.

I just want to thank the Officers and Directors of the New Hampshire Association of Fire Chiefs at this time. I'd ask that they stand and the people that are still present. My next door neighbor and good friend, Chief Al Dionne and his wife.

[Applause]

Bureau Chief Department of the Fire Stands and Safety Training, Dennis Rosolen. And Chief Charles Hall and his wife Carly was up here earlier, Chief Hall and his wife. Thank you very much for coming.

[Applause]

Quickly I'd like to finish up by recognizing the Officers and Directors of both the New England Association, the New England Division all of which are in front of you. Special thanks



to Chief Woods, Rich, to the Division. Special thanks to Sally and Dick from the Association for all their work this year and helping Jen and I. It's a great honor that we were fortunate tonight to have Chief Buckman and Garry Brieze, we appreciate you coming.

Also, I'd like to take a minute to recognize, and I would ask that you stand as I call these groups. I know a lot of people have recognized them, but as President, you have no idea the amount of work that these other Associations perform. I would ask that the New England Fire Apparatus and Maintenance Association Personnel to stand, Walt, Arthur, Paul, and all the other Officers, please stand.

[Applause]

The next group I would ask to stand would be the New England Exhibitors Association, better known as our Vendors. I would ask that Ed Lyons and Judy Marshall. This is an organization this year that raised over \$8,000 for the Association for various aspects of this conference. We thank you.

[Applause]

Next I would ask some additional time to ask that the Otie Wyatt and his wife. They've provided an unbelievable amount of support this year. Otie, you and your wife, please stand. Chief Wyatt.

[Applause]

Family that you've heard about from Karaoke and other things, I'd like to recognize the Flaherty family tonight, John, Mary, Bill, Mary-Ann, and Eileen, who is baby-sitting our youngest daughter, we thank you for your help.

[Applause]

Also, next to them, I'd like to recognize Claudia and Chief Ken Pelonzi from the City of Beverly, MA. Ken is going to retire here on July 14th. Ken, congratulations, please stand.

[Applause]

Next, we saw him earlier tonight, I think he's still here. We saw Bob earlier tonight. But I do want it noted that I recognize Bob, again, Bob is an unbelievable supporter, and we thank him and Sandy.

And, finally, to wrap things up, final thanks — we know we've done this a couple times earlier tonight — once again, I would ask the Color Guard from the Berlin Connecticut Fire Department to stand.

[Applause]

Finally the group that keeps us all in pace, this has been an extraordinary conference. The average person that sits on these Boards, particularly some of the Officers, I think it's fair to say, most people would agree with me, we average getting up in the morning around six, going to bed around midnight, one in the morning. I thought I was going to work tomorrow; I'm not coming to work tomorrow, Mike. I'll be there Wednesday.

But it's been an extraordinary year. The work gets harder every year, and I appreciate that. And we have what I call the three Musketeers, if we could have the three Sergeant-At-Arms stand. Without these people, I think the Division and the Association would agree, we would never get through this.

[Applause]

And, finally, to the members of the Ladies Committee, thank you for all the work you ladies have done this year, for all the work the ladies have done this year. It's been a great year, and I thank everybody for coming, and God Bless.

[Applause and standing ovation.]

DIRECTOR MASON: At this time I'd like to have the closing hymn.

CHIEF HOWARD: I just need one more second, I'd ask that a lady that's been with us how many years — Dick might be able to help me — Vicki, would you please stand. Vicki does all of our stenography for our conferences. Thank you, Vicki, for all your work.

[Applause]

DIRECTOR MASON: At this time we'd like everybody to stand for the closing hymn and remain standing for the benediction afterwards, after which time we will stand closed. For the closing hymn, "America the Beautiful," Chief John Jenkins.

CHIEF JOHN P. JENKINS: I'd like to

cancel something the Master of Ceremonies just said. I'd like for you to sit down because I'm going to do two things here, so sit down and enjoy for a minute.

As I, like the rest of the world, sat listening to the events of September 11, and shedding an awful lot of tears, I wrote some things which are a little reflection that kind of goes with America the Beautiful tonight.

On September 11, 2001, our lives changed forever. Life as we knew it before that day will never be the same. Just as Americans will not forget where they were or what they were doing, November 22, 1963, or on December 7, 1941, we will never forget where we were and what we were doing at nine o'clock in the morning on that fateful day.

September 11, 2001, yet another day in the dream. We cannot erase the images that are so indelibly etched in our minds. Jet planes turned into missiles, loaded with innocent families and commuters, hurling through the air to render their devastation to majestic sky scrapers, symbols of our engineering and financial strength.

The Pentagon, that quintessential symbol of our military life. The field in Pennsylvania, we will never know what structure and how many lives were spared by those instant heroes that forced that the jetliner into the ground.

The images of thousands fleeing for their lives, while hundreds of fire fighters, police officers, and other emergency service workers still rushed upward to perform their instinctive duty, in buildings that could never lapse.

The dust, the rubble, the death for so many. It was our darkest day, yet it was our brightest day, for it brought Americans together in the spirit of the patriotism never before witnessed.

Terrorists sought to destroy us, to crush our hearts and our spirit, but they failed, for although they were able to identify some of our weaknesses, to successfully penetrate some of our defenses, they failed in their mission, for they grossly underestimated American resolve and inner

strength. They failed to recognize the power of democracy and freedom. They barely scratched the surface. Our wounds are healing. We are and will continue to be stronger than ever.

In the words of the Cape Codder,  
Falmouth, Massachusetts, Native Kathleen Bates,  
“God shed his grace on thee. America, America, God  
shed his grace on thee.” God bless America.  
United we stand forever.

[Closing Hymn “America the Beautiful”  
sung by Chief John P. Jenkins, with accompaniment.]  
[Applause and standing ovation.]

DIRECTOR MASON: And now for our  
Benediction, Fire Chaplain from Hooksett, New  
Hampshire, Reverend Pat Bona.

REVEREND PAT BONA, CHAPLAIN: [Hooksett,  
New Hampshire] We heard from the lips of those who  
took oaths tonight, “So help me God, so help me  
God.” Words not spoken lightly.

Those of you who are husbands, wives of  
those in the Fire Service with children, I invite  
you tonight, as we close in prayer, to say a  
special prayer to uphold the oath that these men  
took before us, not just to say words, but it’s now  
our responsibility to uphold them to fulfill their oath.  
So would you bow your heads with me in prayer.

Precious heavenly Father, we come before  
you tonight, so thankful, Lord, that indeed you  
have been a help to those who tonight are stepping  
out of the shoes of their offices, Lord. A job well done  
thanks to your grace; thanks to your presence.

And, Father, we lift up those who stood  
here tonight before you and called out your name,  
Lord, and said, “So help me God.” Father, we ask  
that you would grant them the wisdom, the patience,  
and the strength. Because Lord, it is on their  
shoulders that the welfare of all of our fire  
fighters rests. We don’t know what lies ahead,  
Lord, but you do, and we thank you for selecting  
these men for this time.

Lord, we ask that you would keep us  
mindful of our daily need to uphold them before  
you; that they might know that they are not alone,  
and that come this time next year, Lord, we can



again say thank you for a job well done.

Go with us as we go our separate ways tonight, Lord, and grant us safe traveling mercies your protection. Be with family and friends, Lord, as they say good night and part again for perhaps another year. But let us come back again thankful and rejoicing for what you have done in and through those whom you have chosen. In your precious name we pray, Amen.

[Amen]

DIRECTOR MASON: Thanks for coming.

Have a safe year.

[80th Annual Banquet concluded at 10:15 p.m.]

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STATE	ACTIVE	RETIRED	ASSOCIATE	LIFE	VENDOR	TOTAL
MASSACHUSETTS	173	215	43	7	29	467
CONNECTICUT	60	47	51	1	6	165
RHODE ISLAND	32	36	22	0	1	91
NEW HAMPSHIRE	32	39	13	2	3	89
MAINE	19	17	21	0	3	60
VERMONT	19	19	14	1	1	43
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# **BYLAWS - NEW ENGLAND ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS, INC.**

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## **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. Directors shall serve for a term of three (3) years or until their successor is duly elected. The term of the Directors shall be that not more than one-third of the Directors are elected in any one year.

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 offices.

## **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**

### **Section 1. Appointees**

- A. SergeantArms
- B. Assistant Sergeant-At-Arm(s)
- C. Exhibit Chairman

Chaplain (s)

Parliamentarian

Education Program Coordinator

### **Section 2. Standing Committees**

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