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# **EIGHTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT**

**of the**

*New England Association  
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Fire Chiefs, Inc.*

*Annual Conference & Exposition*

**June 23 - June 26, 2005**

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# **The President**

**2004 - 2005**

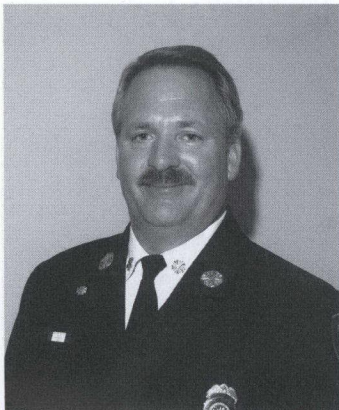
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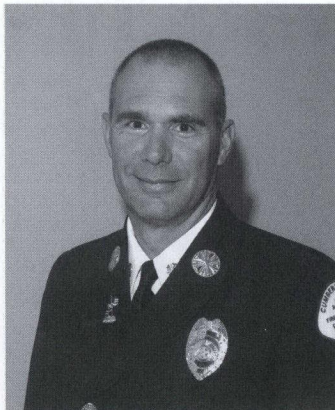
**CHIEF JON E. BARTON  
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GRAY, MAINE**

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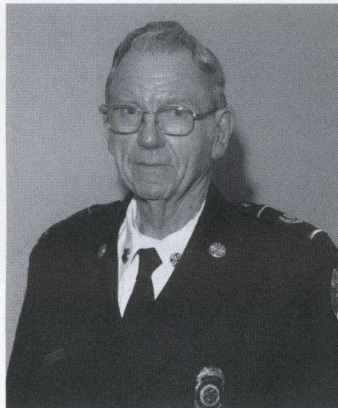
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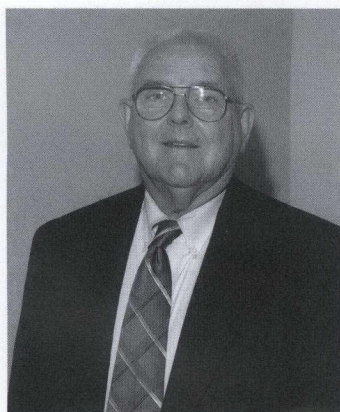
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1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**



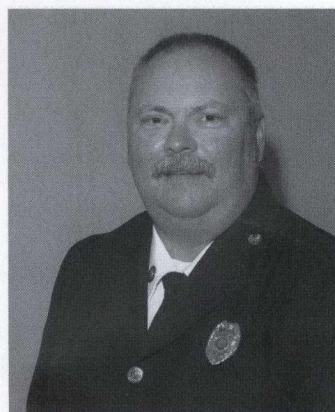
**Chief Richard A. Susi,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**



**Chief Jon E. Barton,  
President**



**Chief Richard K. Wehter,  
Secretary/Treasurer**

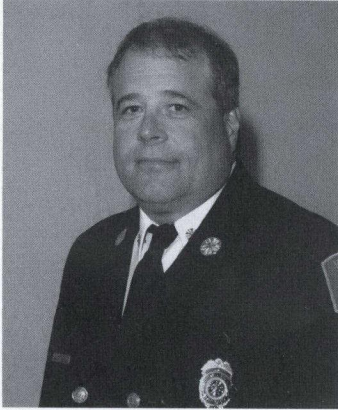


**Chief Edwin W. Webster, Sr.,  
Immediate Past President**

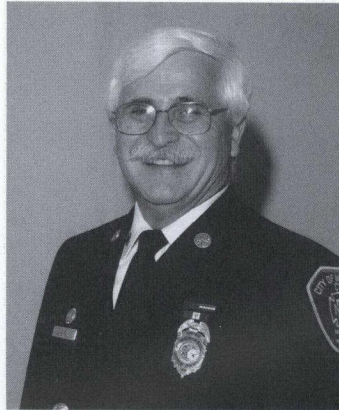


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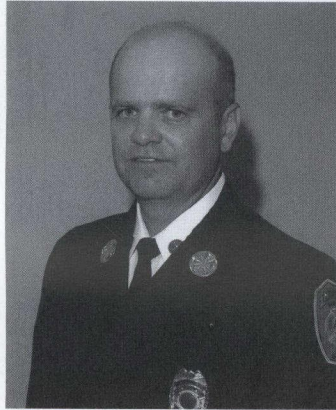
## Directors 2004 - 2005



**Chief Thomas Coulombe,  
Massachusetts**



**Chief James Trainor,  
Connecticut**



**Thomas S. Lambert,  
New Hampshire**

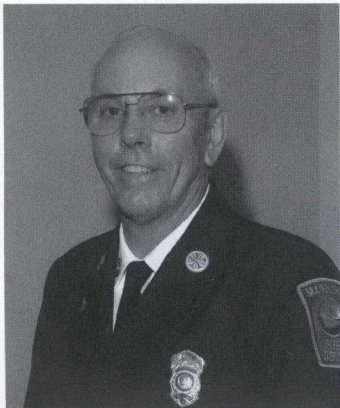


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Vermont**

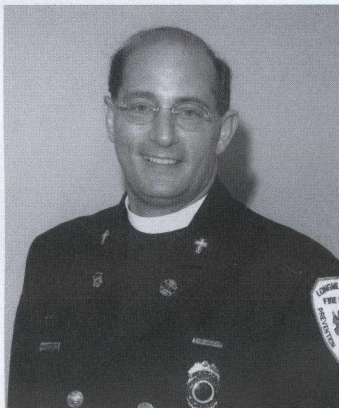


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Rhode Island**

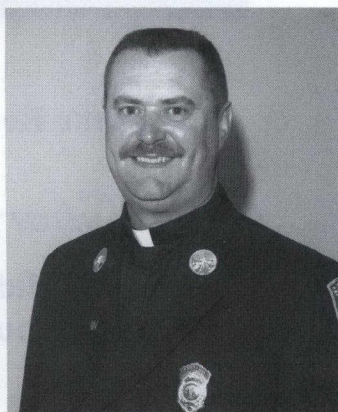
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**Chief Charles F. Maurais,  
Exhibits Chairman**



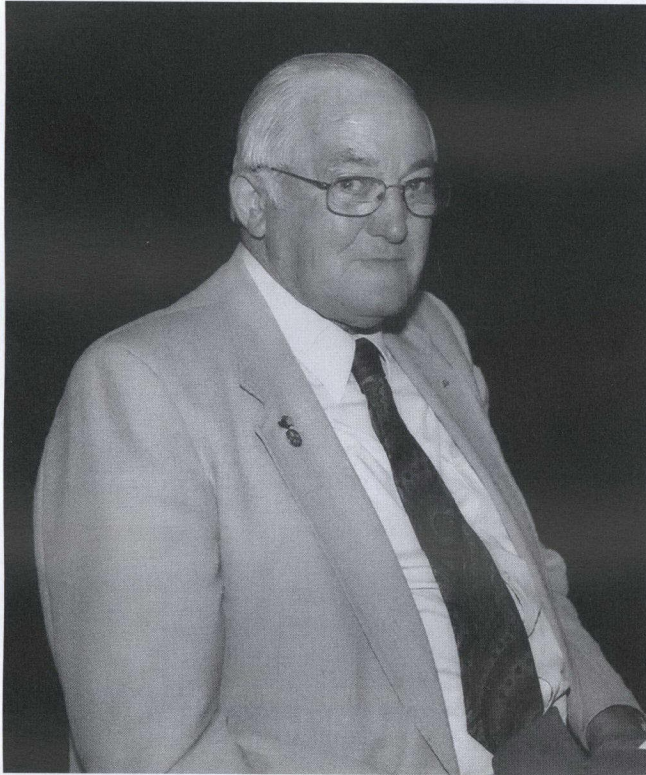
**Rev Lawrence Provenzano,  
Chaplain**



**Rev. James Seymour,  
Chaplain**



## *Dedication*



**This year's Red Book is dedicated to:**

*Chief Charles D. McInerney*

**Middletown, CT**

**For his continuous generosity and support.**

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### **Officers 2005 - 2006**

**(L-R)**

**Chief Thomas S. Lambert – NH, 2nd VP**

**Chief Richard K. Wehter – MA, Secretary/Treasurer**

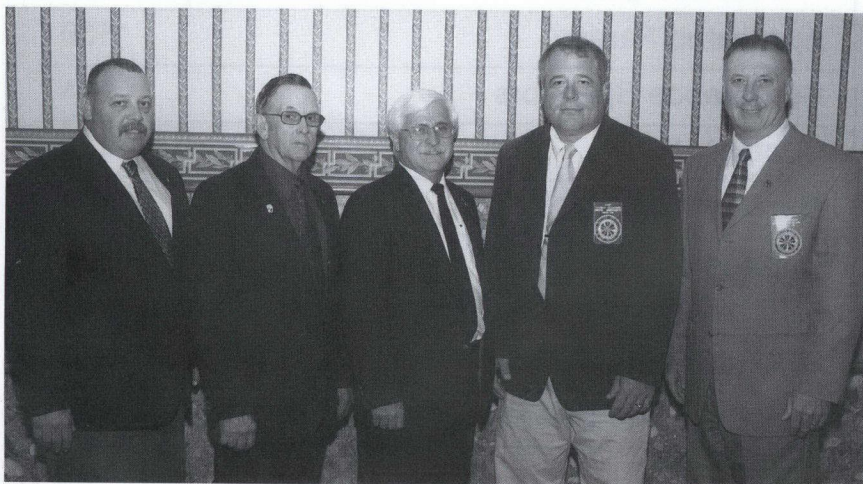
**Chief Alan J. Roy – MA, President**

**Chief Jon E. Barton – Maine, Immediate Past President**

**Chief Richard A. Susi – RI, 1st VP**

### **Directors 2005 - 2006**

**(L-R) Chief Brian Comeau, NH; Chief Wendall M. Mansfield, VT; Chief James M. Trainor, CT; Chief Thomas Coulombe, MA; Chief Stuart Pearson, RI; Chief Darrel Fournier, ME (missing from photo)**



**NEW ENGLAND ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS, INC.**

**OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 2005 - 2006**

**President**

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

**First Vice President**

**Chief Richard A. Susi, Cumberland Hill, Rhode Island**

**2nd Vice President**

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

**Secretary/Treasurer**

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

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**Chief Thomas Coulombe, Ware, Massachusetts**

**Chief James Trainor, Meriden, Connecticut**

**Chief Wendall M. Mansfield, Stowe, Vermont**

**Chief Stuart Pearson, Harmony, Rhode Island**

**Chief Brian D. Comeau, Exeter, New Hampshire**

**Chief Darrel Fournier, Freeport, Maine**

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**Sergeant-At-Arms**

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

**Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms**

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

**+Chaplains+**

**Reverend Lawrence Provenzano, Longmeadow, MA**

**Reverend Michael Leckie, Hope Valley, RI**

**Historian**

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

**Eighty-Fourth Annual Conference**

**Sheraton Springfield Hotel & Eastern States Exposition**

**Springfield & West Springfield, Massachusetts**

**Thursday June 22nd to Sunday June 25th, 2006**



## PLACES AND DATES OF PAST CONVENTIONS

- NO. 01 - BRIDGEPORT, CT., JUNE 20,21,22, 1923  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF JOHN P. DOYLE, WELLESLEY. MA.
- NO. 02 - BOSTON, MA., JUNE 24,25,26, 1924  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF JOHN C. MORAN, HARTFORD, CT.
- NO. 03 - PITTSFIELD, MA.; JUNE 23,24,25, 1925  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF PATRICK HURLEY, HOLYOKE, MA.
- NO. 04 - MANCHESTER, NH.; JUNE 23,24,25, 1926  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF DANIEL E. JOHNSON, BRIDGEPORT, CT.
- NO. 05 - PORTLAND, ME.; JUNE 21,22,23, 1927  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF CHARLES H. FRENCH, MANCHESTER, NH.
- NO. 06 - BURLINGTON, VT.; JUNE 26,27,28,29, 1928  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF WILLIAM C. SHEPARD, PITTSFIELD, MA.
- NO. 08 - NEW HAVEN, CT.; JUNE 25,26,27, 1929  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF OLIVER T. SANBORN, PORTLAND, ME.
- NO. 08 - RUTLAND, VT.; JUNE 24,25,26,27, 1930  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF LAWRENCE E. REIF, NEW HAVEN, CT.
- NO. 09 - BOSTON, MA.; JUNE 23,24,25,26, 1931  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF SELDEN R. ALLEN, BROOKLINE, MA.
- NO. 10 - NEWPORT, RI.; JUNE 21,22,23,24, 1932  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF JOSEPH LAWTON, NEWPORT, RI.
- NO. 11 - LEWISTON, ME.; JUNE 20,21,22, 1933  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF ALFRED H. KOLTONSKI, RUTLAND, VT.
- NO. 12 - BURLINGTON, VT.; JUNE 26,27,28,29, 1934  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF DANIEL B. TIERNEY, ARLINGTON, MA.
- NO. 13 - NEW BEDFORD, MA.; JUNE 25,26,27, 1935  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF JOHN S. PACH, NEW HAVEN, CT.
- NO. 14 - HARTFORD, CT.; JUNE 23,24,25, 1936  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF DAVID H. DECOURCY, WINCHESTER, MA.
- NO. 15 - THE BALSAMS, DIXVILLE NOTCH, NH, JUNE 22,23,24, 1937  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF CARL D. STOCKWELL, BURLINGTON, VT.
- NO. 16 - BURLINGTON, VT.; JUNE 21,22,23, 1938  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF JOSEPH W. RANDLETTE, RICHMOND, ME.
- NO. 17 - PROVIDENCE, RI.; JUNE 20,21,22, 1939  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF THOMAS F. BURNS, BRIDGEPORT, CT.
- NO. 18 - THE BALSAMS, DIXVILLE NOTCH, NH., JUNE 25,26,27, 1940  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF SAMUEL J. POPE, BOSTON, MA.
- NO. 19 - BOSTON, MA.; AUGUST 18,19,20,21,22,23, 1941  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF THOMAS H. CUTTER, PROVIDENCE, RI.
- NO. 20 - CANCELLED BECAUSE OF WORLD WAR II  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF WILLIAM C. MAHONEY, PEABODY, MA.
- NO. 21 - RUTLAND, VT.; WAR CONFERENCE, JUNE 22,23,24, 1943  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF WILLIAM C. MAHONEY, PEABODY, MA.
- NO. 22 - THE BALSAMS, DIXVILLE NOTCH, NH.; JUNE 27,28,29, 1944  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF M.W. LAWTON, MIDDLETOWN, CT.
- NO. 23 - CANCELLED BECAUSE OF WORLD WAR II  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF ALLEN F. PAYSON, CAMDEN, ME.
- NO. 24 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 25,26,27, 1946  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF ALLEN F. PAYSON, CAMDEN, ME.
- NO. 25 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 24,25,26, 1947  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF FRANK J. CALLAHAN, CENTRAL FALLS, RI.
- NO. 26 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 22,23,24, 1948  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF ARTHUR W. SPRING, LACONIA, NH.
- NO. 27 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 21,22,23, 1949  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF WILLIAM H. HILL, BELMONT, MA.
- NO. 28 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 20,21,22, 1950  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF STUART M. POTTER, GREENWICH, CT.
- NO. 29 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 19,20,21,22, 1951  
PRES. CHIEF - WILLIAM H. CLIFFORD, CAPE ELIZABETH, ME.

- NO. 30 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 23,24,25,26,1952  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF JOSEPH E. SCANLON, LYNN, MA.
- NO. 31 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 22,23,24,25,1953  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF ANTHONY J. MOLLOY, NASHUA, NH.
- NO. 32 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 21,22,23,24,1954  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF HENRI E. FORTIER, MANVILLE, RI.
- NO. 33 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 20,21,22,23,1955  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF GEORGE C. GRAHAM, BRISTOL, CT.
- NO. 34 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 25,26,27,28,1956  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF JOHN F. KEEFE, BELLOWS FALLS, VT.
- NO. 35 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 23,24,25,26,1957  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF HORACE S. JOSE, SO. PORTLAND, ME.
- NO. 36 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 23,24,25,26,1958  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF THOMAS H. SLAMAN, WELLESLEY, MA.
- NO. 37 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 22,23,24,25,1959  
PRES. CHIEF - GEORGE F. SALISBURY, CENTRAL FALLS, RI.
- NO. 38 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 20,21,22,23,1960  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF GUY L. FOSS, WOLFEBORO, NH.
- NO. 39 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 19,20,21,22,1961  
PRESIDENT- CHIEF FRANCIS J. DAGON, EAST HARTFORD, CT.
- NO. 40 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 18,19,20,21,1962  
PRES. CHIEF - ALFRED T. WRIGHT, WHITE RIVER JUNCTION, VT.
- NO. 41 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 17,18,19,20,1963  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF RICHARD FRATES, BATH, ME.
- NO. 42 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 28 - JULY 2, 1964  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF BARTHOLOMEW A. CURRAN, SCITUATE, MA.
- NO. 43 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 21,22,23,24,1965  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF THOMAS E. DUCKWORTH, WARWICK, RI.
- NO. 44 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 20,21,22,23,1966  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF RALPH G. SEAVEY, ROCHESTER, NH.
- NO. 45 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 19,20,21,22,1967  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF JAMES L. CROTE, CHESTER, CT.
- NO. 46 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 23 - 27,1968  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF CARM J. DUSO, ENOSBURG FALLS, VT.
- NO. 47 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 22 - ,26, 1969  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF GEORGE A. BULGER, RUMFORD, ME.
- NO. 48 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 21 - 25, 1970  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF ROBERT ULM, EASTHAMPTON, MA.
- NO. 49 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 13 - 17, 1971  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF ROMEO D. MONAST, PAWTUCKET, RI.
- NO. 50 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 18 - ,22, 1972  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF JOHN F. DONOVAN, DURHAM, NH.
- NO. 51 - MT. WASHINGTON HOTEL, BRETTON WOODS, NH., 6/27-28, '73  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF THOMAS J. HAYES, EAST HAVEN, CT.
- NO. 52 - MT. WASHINGTON HOTEL, BRETTON WOODS, NH., 6/23-27, '74  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF ALBERT B. GOLFETTI, BARRE, VT.
- NO. 53 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 22 - 26, 1975  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF JOSEPH R. CREMO, PORTLAND, ME.
- NO. 54 - MT. WASHINGTON HOTEL, BRETTON WOODS, NH.; 6/27-7/1, '76  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF EDWARD B. BOROWEIC, CHICOPEE, MA.
- NO. 55 - DUNFEY'S, HYANNIS, MA.; JUNE 19,20,21,22,23, 1977  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF EARL ANDREWS, LINCOLN, RI.
- NO. 56 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 25,26,27,28, 1978  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF MERTON S. DYER, PETERBOROUGH, NH.
- NO. 57 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 24,25,26,27, 1979  
PRESIDENT CHIEF CARL P. SAWYER, GROTON, CT.
- NO. 58 - DUNFEY'S, HYANNIS, MA.; JUNE 22,23,24,25, 1980  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF PATRICK BROWN, BURLINGTON, VT.
- NO. 59 - THE WENTWORTH, PORTSMOUTH, NH.; JUNE 28 - JULY 1, 1981  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF JAMES F. RULMAN, WESTBROOK, ME.

- NO. 60 - MARRIOTT 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 - MARRIOTT 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
- NO. 81 - SHERATON HOTEL, SPRINGFIELD, MA.; JUNE 19-22, 2003  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF EDWARD N. RICHARDS, ENFIELD, CT
- NO. 82 - SHERATON HOTEL, SPRINGFIELD, MA.; JUNE 24-27, 2004  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF EDWIN W. WEBSTER, SR., HYDE PARK, VT
- NO. 83 - SHERATON HOTEL, SPRINGFIELD, MA.; JUNE 23-26, 2005  
PRESIDENT - CHIEF JON E. BARTON, GRAY, ME

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## WEDNESDAY JUNE 22

- 3:00 p.m. Member registration open in Middlesex Room 4th floor until 5:00 p.m.
- 4:00 p.m. Networking Suite open in Middlesex Rm
- 5:15 pm. Board of Directors meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Directors & Guest committees meetings

## THURSDAY JUNE 23

- 7:00 a.m. 15th Annual GOLF CLASSIC  
Chicopee Country Club, Chief David Barkman, Chair. Shotgun start at 9 a.m.
- 8:00 a.m. Reading of proposed BYLAW CHANGES  
Middlesex Room
- 8:00 a.m. MECHANICS SEMINAR, Young Building,  
Eastern States Expo Center, NEFAMA  
F-6 Allison Automatic Transmission
- 8:00 a.m. EXHIBITOR registration and display  
set-up at the Eastern States Expo Center
- 9:30 a.m. MEMBER REGISTRATION, Middlesex  
Room, 4th floor at the Sheraton
- 3:30 p.m. NEDIAFC ANNUAL MEETING at the  
Sheraton, Middlesex Room closed
- 6:00 p.m. OPENING CEREMONIES - WELCOME  
RECEPTION 6 - 7 pm  
at the Sheraton, tickets required
- 9:30 p.m. Networking suite open in Middlesex Room

## FRIDAY JUNE 24

- 8:00 a.m. MECHANICS SEMINAR, Young Bldg,  
Eastern States Expo Center. NEFAMA  
F-6 Allison Automatic Transmission
- 8:30 a.m. SEMINAR #1 - KEYNOTE SESSION  
Chief **Jack W. Snook** discusses  
leadership and shares relevant case  
studies, at the Sheraton
- 9:00 a.m. Guests' bus trip to Shelburne Falls
- 9:30 a.m. REGISTRATION open at the main  
parking area entrance info center
- 9:30 a.m. EXHIBITS, Expo Center open until 4 p.m.
- 3:00 p.m. State Caucus meetings at the Sheraton
- 3:30 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting
- 4:00 p.m. ANNUAL MEETING NEAFC  
at the Sheraton
- 6:00 p.m. THEME NIGHT - Steak & Chicken  
Barbeque at the Elks Pavilion- West  
Springfield

## SATURDAY JUNE 25

- 8:30 a.m. SEMINAR #2 KEYNOTE  
SESSION **Mary Ellen Dorsett**  
discusses the art of influencing  
people through the use of  
constructive forms of persuasion
- GUESTS' INVITED
- 9:30 a.m. REGISTRATION open at the main  
parking area entrance info center
- 9:30 a.m. EXHIBITS at Expo Center  
open until 4:00 pm
- 11:30 a.m. GUESTS' BRUNCH  
Storrowton Tavern
- 5:00 p.m. MEMORIAL SERVICE  
Old First Church, Court Square  
Downtown Springfield
- 6:30 p.m. PRE-BANQUET RECEPTION at  
the Sheraton Springfield Hotel
- 7:00 p.m. ANNUAL BANQUET, AWARDS  
CEREMONY & INSTALLATION  
OF OFFICERS at the Sheraton  
Springfield Hotel  
*MIDDLESEX ROOM CLOSED  
DURING BANQUET*

## SUNDAY JUNE 26

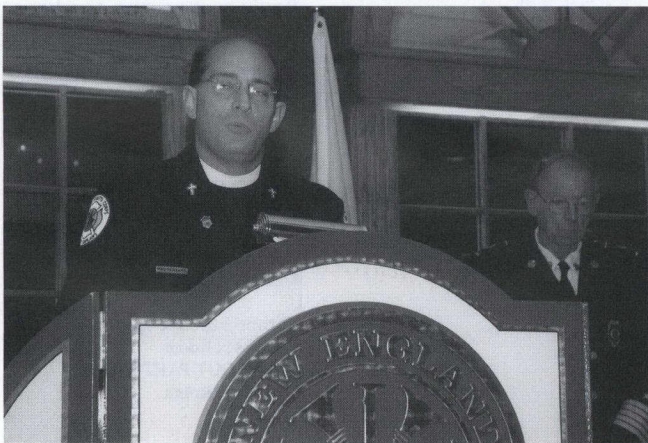
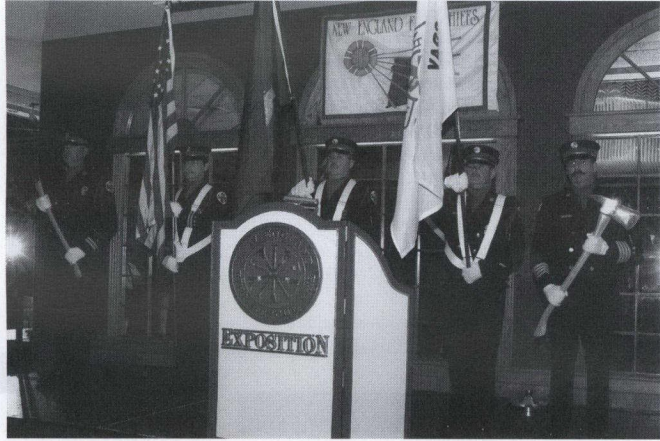
- 7:30 a.m. CATHOLIC MASS at hotel.  
Rev. James Seymour, Chaplain
- 7:30 a.m. PROTESTANT SERVICE at hotel  
Rev. Larry Provenzano, Chaplain
- 9:30 a.m. REGISTRATION open at the main  
parking area entrance info center
- 9:30 a.m. EXHIBITS at Expo Center open  
until 4:00 p.m.
- 11:30 a.m. SPECTACULAR 9th ANNUAL  
APPARATUS PARADE -  
Springfield Tech. Comm. College to  
Eastern States Expo Center via the  
hotel on Boland Way
- 4:00 p.m. Networking Suite open in the  
Middlesex Room
- 5:00 p.m. CLOSEOUT PARTY at the  
Middlesex Room.

## Opening Ceremony



Procession into the opening ceremony led by Chief Jon E. Barton, NEAFC (R) and Chief William Weston, NEDIAFC.

Gray, Maine Color Guard post the colors



Reverend Lawrence Provenzano delivers the invocation.



## Opening Ceremony

Chief Jon E. Barton  
officially opens the  
83rd Conference of  
the New England  
Association of Fire  
Chiefs.



Welcome from Paul  
Lamoureux, President  
of the New England  
Fire Apparatus  
Maintenance  
Association

Greetings from Paul  
Grondalski, President  
of the New England  
Fire Equipment  
Exhibitors Association

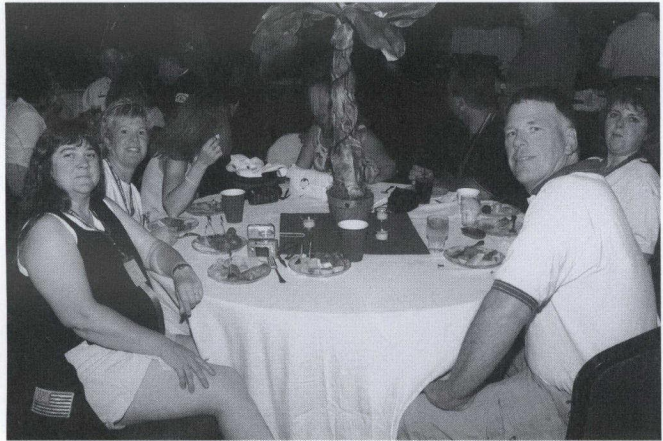


## Welcome Reception



Incoming 2nd VP,  
Chief Thomas Lambert  
of New Hampshire

Everyone is having a  
good time at this  
table.



(L-R) Mark Hooper 1st  
VP & Judy Marshall  
S/T of the Exhibitors  
Association



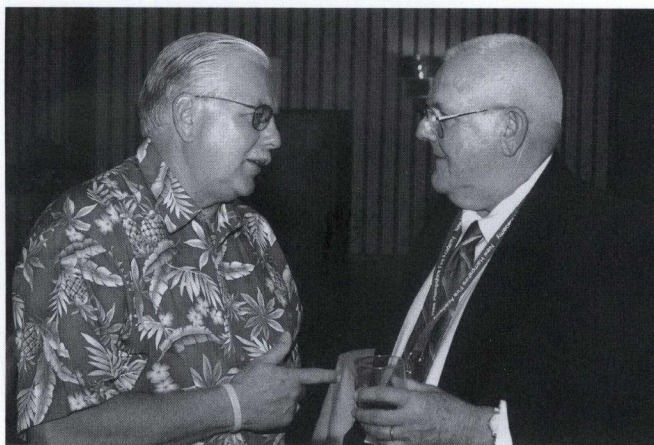
## Welcome Reception

Chief "Buddy" Thibeault of Plymouth, NH wins the door prize raffle as Chief Frank Sylvester looks on.



(L-R) Sgt. At Arms Dave Jorsey, Chief John Flaherty, Chief David Barkman, & Rev. Provenzano.

Chief Bob Wallace of East Longmeadow makes a point to Chief Wehter.



## Annual Meeting



Rev. Seymour delivers the invocation at the Annual Meeting.

Members listening intently.



Incoming President Chief Alan Roy acknowledges a "job well done" to Chief Barton.

83rd  
ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
of the  
NEW ENGLAND ASSOCIATION OF  
FIRE CHIEFS, INC.

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ANNUAL MEETING

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President: Chief Jon E. Barton  
Gray, Maine

Sheraton Springfield Hotel  
Springfield, Massachusetts  
Friday, June 24, 2005  
4:00 PM

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Springfield, Massachusetts  
Friday, June 24, 2005

P R O C E E D I N G S  
Annual Meeting

PRESIDENT JON E. BARTON: [Gray, ME] At this time, I'd like to lead the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

[Pledge of Allegiance was said.]

Invocation by Reverend Seymour.

REVEREND JAMES SEYMOUR: [Scituate, MA ] Good afternoon. I figure the Episcopalians have been taking over for long enough the past couple of days, so I'll take the podium now for the rest of the weekend.

Larry told me I am in charge of the weather, and I heard you like it hot, so we'll probably make it close to a hundred tomorrow. How is that? The parade on Sunday morning will be beautiful.

From time to time, I get things that come across Email, and I'd like to share with you just a very brief story. There was a man who was very, very ill, and he had hospice care, and he was near death. He was in his bedroom, and he could smell cookies in the kitchen being baked. No else was around. So, he snuck down out of bed, kind of bounced down the stairs, slid into the kitchen, and he looked, and he saw these big huge pans of cookies all freshly baked. They were hot; they were beautiful. He looked for his favorite one, the chocolate chip cookie. As he reached out to grab a cookie off the counter, his wife slapped him on the hand and said, those are not for you; those are for the guests after the funeral. Do not touch.

[Laughter.]

Now you got it. Okay? So, no matter what happens, she's in charge. Don't you forget that.

Almighty and ever living God, we give you thanks for the gift of this gathering. We give you thanks for the gift of our time together. May you bless the leadership of our six states as we come together, that we work together for the common good of the Fire Service in New England and beyond.

We ask your blessings on those who have travelled here, that our weather continues to be wonderful, and that our times and our meals and all of our meetings together be blessed with peace, joy, and happiness through the guidance of your spirit.

We lift up all of those who are in the Fire Service who are indeed ill; those locally that are struggling; and all of our family and friends, those who may be serving abroad, protecting our freedoms and ensuring our liberties for those in the military. We make this prayer in your name. Amen.

[Amen.]

PRESIDENT BARTON: Secretary's Report.

CHIEF RICHARD K. WEHTER, RETIRED: [Hingham, MA]  
Report of the Secretary for the Fiscal Year June 1, 2004 through May 31, 2005.

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 1, 2005.

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 3 and 24, 2004, November 19 and 20, 2004, February 3 and 4, 2005, and May 19 and 20, 2005. Three meetings were held at the Sheraton Springfield Hotel and one at the Holiday Inn West in Portland, Maine. Several sub-committee meetings were also held throughout the year. The Directors 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. The Board also held a meeting on the Thursday night to act on business of the NEAFC, which freed up more time for the Friday morning meeting. The New England Division, New England Fire Equipment Exhibitors Association, and the New England Fire Apparatus Maintenance Association were represented at these meetings. Various officers and directors of the Association throughout the year attended testimonials and Memorial services.

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, and the conference pocket program. The Secretary also maintained the web site. The site has a wealth of information about the Association as well as all conference information for attendees and exhibitors. More and more exhibitors are now using the on-line registration. 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 24-page color brochure was produced by the Advertising Committee and mailed to all the fire departments in New England. The day pass attendees were merged into the previous year's list and 6800 tri-fold flyers were mailed out in May. Posters were also mailed in the June Edition of 1st Responder Newspaper. Chief Susi did an excellent job in preparing these brochures.

This year we have continued the Friday, Saturday, and Sunday format for the exhibits as it received a very favorable response again last year. The banquet will be on Saturday night in the Sheraton Hotel following the Memorial Service at the Old First Church in Court Square, Springfield. The Welcome Reception was held on Thursday night, and a barbecue will be held at the Elks Pavilion in West Springfield tonight.

Special thanks to Chief Roy and our Education Coordinator, Chief Carl Winslow, and his committee, for once again arranging our excellent educational program.

Chief Maurais and his wife Linda continue to do 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 slightly over \$17,000 per year on the last year of a two year contract.

Again, this year, I sold ads to help support the cost of the pocket program. Judy Marshall of the Parade Committee has again been very instrumental in getting donations to cover parade expenses. The Association notes a special thanks to all the sponsors of this year's conference. President Barton, with Board approval, reappointed Sergeant-at-Arms and Chief Anthony Jarvis of Ludlow, MA, was reappointed the Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms.

The Conference Site Committee sent out RFP's for the years 2007-2009. The Board of Directors will make their decision at this conference. The Exhibitors Association is being solicited for their opinion today.

In closing, I would like to thank all the Board members for their support and cooperation throughout the year, with special thanks to President Barton and his wife Jane for their constant communications throughout the year, 1st Vice President Roy



and Education Committee Coordinator Chief Winslow, Chief Maurais, Chief John Wood, Secretary/Treasurer of the NEDIAFC, Judy Marshall, Secretary/Treasurer of the NEFEEA, all the Directors, Mr. John T. Walsh, Jr., our accountant since 1992, who has retired, and a very special thank you to my wife Sally and all my daughters for their patience and help in preparing the many mailings and conference registration packages.

It has been an honor to serve as your Secretary for these past 13 years and hope to do to for many more.

Respectfully submitted.

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

CHIEF OTIS WYATT, RETIRED: [Narragansett, RI] I move it be accepted as read.

PRESIDENT BARTON: Move it be accepted as read, Otis Wyatt. Second.

CHIEF JOHN E. PAROW: [Chelmsford, MA] Second.

PRESIDENT BARTON: Moved and seconded. All those in favor?

[Aye.]

Opposed? So voted.

Audit Committee, Chief Webster.

CHIEF EDWIN W. WEBSTER, SR.: [Hyde Park, VT] Members of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, the Audit Committee has met and reviewed the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, Incorporated, books for the Fiscal Year ending May 31, 2005. We also received and reviewed the audit report of the Certified Public Accountant, Raymond Kasperowicz of 760 Chief Justice Cushing Highway, Cohasset, Massachusetts, regarding the financial condition of the Association. The Audit Committee has founds all books of the Association to be in order. Respectfully submitted, Chief Edwin Webster, Senior Chairman.

PRESIDENT BARTON: You've heard the report of the Audit Committee. Your wishes?

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

CHIEF ROBERT P. WALLACE: [East Longmeadow, MA] Seconded.

PRESIDENT BARTON: Been moved and seconded to be accepted. All those in favor?

[Aye.]

Opposed? So voted.

Treasurer's report, Chief Wehter.

CHIEF WEHTER, RETIRED: Annual Report of the Treasurer for the Fiscal Year June 1, 2004 — May 31, 2005.

To the Officers and Members of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, Incorporated, I herewith submit the report of the Treasurer for the Fiscal Year ending May 31, 2005.

Balance on hand 6/1/04 from all accounts \$573,488.24

RECEIPTS

Dues	12,940.00
Conference 2004	41,854.00
Conference 2005	23,788.00
Exhibit Receipts (\$99,341.00/2004- 211,400.00/2005)	310,741.00
Miscellaneous	1,007.50
Retired Patches	155.00
Interest	8,004.96

TOTAL RECEIPTS 398,790.46

EXPENSES

Office supplies and equipment	3,243.22
Conference 2004	58,470.91
Conference 2005	12,380.79
Postage and mailing	1,301.82
Telephone	1,573.35
Testimonials	266.06
Memorials	951.15
Legal, Accounting, Insurance, Professional services	5,438.00
Pre-conference Director & Committee Meetings	58,495.32
Retired sleeve patches	0.00
Bank fee	3.00
Exhibit Committee	68,134.08
Refunds	520.00
Advertising	12,099.77
Donations	9,250.00
Consulting fees	40,582.56
TOTAL EXPENSES	280,098.03

SUMMARY

Balance on hand 6/1/2004	573,488.24
Total receipts 6/1/2004-5/31/2005	398,790.46
Total expenses 6/1/2004-5/31/2005	280,098.03
Balances 5/31/2005	

General Operating fund \$438,532.24

Certificate of Deposits \$252,828.43

Total financial assets as of 5/31/2005 691,360.67

All financial records of the corporation are reviewed and subject to a full audit if receipts exceed \$250,000.00 by a certified public accountant on an annual basis and this has been done. His findings and a copy of all the expense and receipt records have been given to the Audit Committee for review.

It has been an honor and pleasure to serve as your Secretary/Treasurer these past thirteen years, and I hope to do so for many more.

Respectfully submitted, Richard K. Wehter, Treasurer.

PRESIDENT BARTON: What's your pleasure?

CHIEF JOHN FLAHERTY: [West Springfield, MA] I move that the Treasurer's report be accepted.

CHIEF ROBERT DIPOLI: [Needham, MA] Second.

PRESIDENT BARTON: Moved and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report. All those in favor?

[Aye.]

Opposed? So moved.

Exhibit Committee, Chief Maurais.

Thank you.

CHIEF CHARLES F. MAURAI, RETIRED: [Marblehead, MA] June 24, 2005. President Barton, Board of Directors, and Members: I herewith submit the report of the Exhibit Committee for the 2005 New England Fire/Rescue/EMS Expo.

The Committee consisted of Chief Wendell Mansfield, Chief Thomas Lambert, Chief Darrel Fournier, Sidney Thurston, Chief William Weston, Chief Roger Bradley, Judy Marshall, Paul Grondalski, and Jack Morris.

July 6, 2004, our vendor list consisted of 708 listings. We deleted 78 names who had not exhibited in the past three years, leaving a total of 630. Eighty-seven new names have been added to our database for a total of 717.

August 5, 2004, thank you letters with preregistration forms were mailed to 277 exhibitors. Seventy-one vendors preregistered by that time.

On April 18, 2005, Conference packets were mailed to 689 vendors. An additional 23 were mailed out on April 15 to new vendors for a total of 712.

June 24, 2005, 167 letters were sent out as a reminder for payments, contracts, registration forms, or insurance certificates.

We have 59 new exhibitors displaying this year and 28 new exhibitors from last year that have returned to exhibit this year.



Approximately 1360 vendor name badges were printed prior to the opening of the Expo and approximately 400 badges were made during the Expo, for an approximate total of 1760.

Contracted Exhibit Space:

Inside 8' x 10'	286
Inside 10' x 10'	47
Vehicle Spaces	142
Total	475

There were 289 companies represented at this year's Expo.  
Total Receipts \$286,540.00

I would like to thank President Barton for appointing me as Chairman of the Exhibit Committee and for all his support, Committee members, Chief Wehter for all his work for the Committee, 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 Paul Grondalski and Judy Marshall of the New England Fire Equipment Exhibitors Association for supplying all the name badge covers and for all their help and support during the past year. I would like to thank the Chiefs from the New England Association, New England Division, and Paul Lamoureux and Jack Morris from the New England Fire Apparatus Maintenance Association, for all their help setting up the exhibits during the Expo and removing the vehicles after the Expo concludes. I would like to thank Oti and Pat Wyatt, Harold Roeder, Judy Marshal, Maryanne and Paul Grondalski, and Bobby Bishop for their help on Wednesday marking out the parking lot and stuffing the packets for the Exhibitors.

Many thanks go to Mary Anne Flaherty, Pat and Oti Wyatt, Wendell Mansfield, Nancy Webster, Pat Parow, Diane Farrell, Lorry Jorsey, Phyllis Mansfield, Jane Barton, Eileen Trainor, Estelle Sylvester, Kathleen Tucker, and Charley Bradley for all their help with the Exhibitors Registration area for the last two days. The smooth operation of the vendor's office could not have been achieved without the tremendous support from all organizations.

Respectfully submitted, Charles Maurais, Chairman.

PRESIDENT BARTON: You've heard the report of the Exhibit Committee, your wishes?

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

PRESIDENT BARTON: So moved. Do we hear a second?

CHIEF ROBERT DIPOLI, RETIRED: Seconded.

PRESIDENT BARTON: Been moved and seconded and accepted as read. All those in favor?

[Aye.]

Opposed? So voted.

Education Committee Report from Chief Roy.

CHIEF ALAN J. ROY: [Palmer, MA] Thank you, Mr. President. The Education Committee Report for the year 2005. I would like to recognize our Committee, Chief Tom Lambert, Chief Mike Howard, Chief Ed Webster, and Chief Tom Coulombe from the New England Association, Chief Tim Wall from the New England Division. And by the way, Tim does an extremely good job for us on the Division level. Judy Marshall and Brad Preston from the New England Fire Equipment Exhibitors Association, Jack Morris from the New England Fire Apparatus and Maintenance Association, and our Retired Chief Carl Winslow, Education Coordinator.

The Committee met at quarterly meetings to establish quality programs, topics, and speakers for this year's conference. An "Educational Grant Program" was implemented last year to financially assist State Associations of Fire Chiefs. And this year, awards included the Vermont Fire Chiefs Association, Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts, and the Rhode Island Fire Chiefs Association.

At the November meeting, two seminars were selected and confirmed: Chief Jack Snook — "Who you are is what they represent;" Mary Ellen Dorsett — "The Art of Influencing and Persuading."

Professional seminars were provided by the New England Fire Apparatus Maintenance Association. The New England Fire Equipment Exhibitors provided various demonstrations at the Expo center.

The Committee would like to extend our appreciation to the many individuals who have helped us throughout the year and a special thanks to the New England Fire Equipment Exhibitors Association for their donation of \$1,000 to sponsor the keynote sessions.

As Chairman, I sincerely appreciate the expertise of Carl Winslow, our Educational Coordinator, Committee Members, and individuals who joined together in assisting and planning this year's programs. Thank you. Respectfully submitted.

PRESIDENT BARTON: You've heard the report of the Education Committee. Wishes?

FROM THE FLOOR: I move we accept the report of the Education Committee as read.

PRESIDENT BARTON: Do we have a second?

CHIEF ROBERT WALLACE: [East Longmeadow, MA] Seconded.

PRESIDENT BARTON: Been moved and seconded. All those in favor?

[Aye.]

Opposed? So voted.

Advertising Committee with Chief Susi.

CHIEF RICHARD A. SUSI: [Cumberland, RI] Thank you, Mr. President. I'm pleased to report that the Advertising Committee accomplished the goals it set earlier in the year by our members. This year our goals were to once again complete and introduce the official program brochure for the 2005 Conference and Exhibition, the tri-fold day pass brochure, and create a new poster that would be heavily stocked to be distributed and posted in fire stations across New England.

First the conference brochure: That was completed and sent out by April 1, 2005. T.C.I. Press from Seekonk, MA, printed 4,000 and mailed approximately 2,500 from our mail list. Another 750 were given to the Exhibit's Chairman to be included in the vendor's packets, while the remaining were made available for distribution as needed.

The cost breakdown is as follows: Brochure printing, \$3,781; postage \$2,500; and bulk mail \$655.40. Total brochure costs \$4,436.40. We actually saved a few hundred dollars from last year. We were able to get a little bit more done on the computer, and it actually cut some of what the printer had to do.

Advertising income from ad space sold in the brochure was sold at the rate of \$1,100 per page. All available ad space was sold. Total of 11 ads were sold, for a total of \$7,898.00.

The tri-fold day pass mailing, that brochure for the day pass has been completed and mailed by May 14, which was also printed at TCI Press in Seekonk, Massachusetts. 8,000 were printed to be sent out, and that's over 6,500 on our day pass list. This was an increase of over 2,000 new attendees added to the list. Once again, we sold our sponsorship ads to the New England Fire Equipment Exhibitors Association for \$750.00. Sponsorship, I'd like to thank again Judy Marshall for again securing that. She does a lot of work for us, and we really appreciate all the work she does.

The cost breakdown for the tri-fold is as follows:

Tri-fold printing costs \$1205.29. The postage was \$1,981.08. So, the total tri-fold cost was \$3,186.37, which was up a bit because we printed more, and we had obviously mail out more to cover that extra 2,000.

The poster: This was a new ad piece this year. It was an idea to have the poster in every fire station in New England. We came up with having a poster inserted into the First Responder Newspaper, thereby, being distributed into 8,200 papers delivered to fire stations throughout New England. The printing cost for the poster, and we had 10,000 of them printed, cost \$1,675.00. The cost of insertion into the First Responder Newspaper was \$750.00, which we thought was a really good deal. And shipping — we had to ship them from our printer to their printer to insert them — was \$135.00; for a total cost of \$2,560.00.

Other advertising — advertising includes the following publications and/or web sites: First Responder New England and New York, \$2,670.00. First Responder on-line \$100.00. Firehouse.com was no charge, and Fire Apparatus magazine was a barter for booth space. Approximate cost for other advertising \$2,770.00.

Summary: Conference brochure, \$4436.40; tri-fold, \$3186.37. Totals are \$2,560.00. Other advertising — \$2,770.00; for a total expenses of \$12,952.77. And this is only the advertising that our committee was responsible for. It does not include the Red Book or anything like that.

Other advertising income: Conference brochure \$7,148.00; and the tri-fold sponsorship from the Exhibitors \$750.00, for a total income of \$7,898.00. Total net cost — I give the net cost to the New England Association of \$5,054.77.

Once again, I'd like to thank the members of the Advertising Committee for their help with obtaining the needed information in a timely manner. A special thank you will always go to my wife Holly, who is responsible for a big part of our designs and our layouts. As I said last year, she can't always make the meetings of the Guest Committee, but she definitely does her part on this committee. Respectfully submitted, Richard A. Susi.

PRESIDENT BARTON: You've heard the reading of the Advertising Committee.



CHIEF FRANK SYLVESTER: [Lincoln, RI] I move it be accepted as presented and a fine job done by the Advertising Committee.

PRESIDENT BARTON: Been moved and seconded?

CHIEF JOHN G. WOOD, JR.: Seconded.

PRESIDENT BARTON: All those in favor?

[Aye.]

Opposed? So moved.

Parade Committee, Mr. Flaherty.

CHIEF JOHN J. FLAHERTY, RETIRED: [West Springfield, MA] The Parade Committee, I believe we're all set. I talked to Bernie today; everything is all set to go. Because Father is here, Father Jim, he promises the weather is going to be fine. We'll hold him to that promise, because Father Larry says that you've got to watch him. But we're all set for the parade. We're just hoping for a good turnout, and we expect you back at the firehouse for some hamburgers and hot dogs after the parade. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BARTON: Thank you, John. Your wishes.

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

PRESIDENT BARTON: Is it seconded?

CHIEF RAYMOND A. GODIN: [Turners Falls, MA] Seconded.

PRESIDENT BARTON: Moved and seconded to accept the report of the Parade Committee. All those in favor?

[Aye.]

Opposed? So voted.

Registration Committee with Chief Wehter.

CHIEF RICHARD WEHTER, RETIRED: We had 104 preregistered members for the conference, plus 56 spouse guests. Today, when I left the Expo, we were in box number 1500, so it's fair to say that we did 1500 people today at the Expo. And if the weather — and we're counting on you — holds out, I'm sure we're going to have a great weekend.

I know Charley was telling me that the exhibitors are very happy today. I saw a lot of chiefs there from my area and Massachusetts because I know a lot of chiefs from Massachusetts, and it was a good turn out for chief officers today. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BARTON: You heard the report of the Registration Committee.

CHIEF FRANK SYLVESTER: I move it be accepted as presented.

PRESIDENT BARTON. So moved. Seconded.

CHIEF JOHN E. PAROW: [Chelmsford, MA] Seconded.

PRESIDENT BARTON: Moved and seconded to accept the report of the Registration Committee. All those in favor?

[Aye.]

Opposed? So voted.

Golf Committee, Chief Barkman.

CHIEF DAVID R. BARKMAN: [West Springfield, MA] I don't have the final report on the golf yet until we go through all the numbers, but I think we did well on that. I don't think we could have asked for a better day. I think the course was in great shape. Everybody who has mentioned or talked about it was happy about it. We had 116 golfers, and it went great, so thank you.

CHIEF FRANK SYLVESTER: Question, Mr. Chairman, on the Golf Committee: Is it true that Chief Pearson from Rhode Island hit a hole-in-one?

CHIEF DAVID BARKMAN: Maybe he did, but nobody witnessed it. Let's put it that way.

[Laughter.]

PRESIDENT BARTON: You've heard the report of Chief Barkman.

CHIEF CHARLES MAURAS, RETIRED: I make a motion to approve it as presented.

PRESIDENT BARTON: So moved.

CHIEF OTIS WYATT, RETIRED: I'll second that.

PRESIDENT BARTON: Been moved and seconded to accept the report of Chief Barkman of the Golf Committee. All those in favor?

[Aye.]

Opposed? So moved.

Site Committee Report, Chief Wehter.

CHIEF RICHARD WEHTER, RETIRED: In accordance with the Bylaws, the Board of Directors are responsible to announce the site for next year. Next year is the third year of our contract here with Springfield.

During the past year, R.F.P.'s were sent out to Boston, Providence, Springfield, and Hartford for the years 2007, 2008, with an option for 2009..

The Site Committee has met maybe a couple of times. We've reviewed the proposals. The Board of Directors, at our meeting in May, allowed the New England Fire Equipment Exhibitors Association to give their input. We were given a survey this

morning, which we will find out the results sometime later today.

The Site Committee will meet on Sunday morning and will present their findings to the Board of Directors on Sunday morning, who will make the decision on where we will go in 2007, 2008, and 2009. The two candidates are here again in Springfield and Providence. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BARTON: You've heard the report of Chief Wehter of the Site Committee.

CHIEF JOHN FLAHERTY, RETIRED: I move that the Site Committee Report be accepted as presented.

PRESIDENT BARTON: Move to be accepted as reported.

CHIEF JOHN PAROW: I second the report.

PRESIDENT BARTON: Moved and seconded to accept as presented. All those in favor?

[Aye.]

Opposed? So moved.

CHIEF JOHN WOOD, JR.: [White River Junction, VT] Just so the people could talk about it a little bit, is there a chance you could, Dick, give some of the facts on the two different places, just so that the membership would know a bit about the differences between Providence and Springfield in terms of cost, if we go for either one of those, just so the membership knows?

We understand that the Board has the authority to vote this in, just a little bit to hear about the different costs for each place and what the pros and cons are.

CHIEF RICHARD WEHTER, RETIRED: I'll just give a brief overview. Some of the main areas, of course, are hotels, hotel costs. There is a fairly significant difference between Springfield and Rhode Island.

As far as exhibit space, the costs are probably within five to six thousand dollars for the exhibit space. There is a question in some minds about the amount of exhibit space that is available in Providence; obviously, we know what's available here. We've been here for nine years.

We look at some of the smaller things, like bussing. In Providence the proposal is to host at the Marriott, which is about a half a mile, mile down the street, and they're offering some type of free transportation.

Here, we have bussing. It costs us approximately \$3,900.00 to run those buses for three days. It goes from the hotel here over to the Hilton Gardens and the Best Western on Route 5 in

West Springfield. It makes the rounds first thing in the morning and then back and forth every half hour to the Expo Center.

Other areas that we looked at were security, union versus nonunion shop, parking. At the Sheraton here, the current parking is \$9.95 a day; at the Marriott in Providence, it's free outside parking. Let's see. Parking at the Expo is \$5.00 at the Eastern States. It's \$8.00 at the Rhode Island Convention Center, or if you stayed overnight the whole night there, it would be \$16.00.

And the other things were the security, cost of electricity and any extra space that was available, outside space, inside space.

Anything else you want me to say, John?

CHIEF JOHN WOOD, JR.: I'm on the Site Committee for those of you who don't know. I just thought it would be good for the membership to hear whatever the pros and cons might be. The overall package is, how does it fall out in the overall package is the main thing. The exhibit space there is around \$5,000, and the rooms are, the hotel rooms are —

CHIEF RICHARD WEHTER, RETIRED: The hotel rooms, there's a difference of about \$70.00 a night.

CHIEF JOHN WOOD, JR.: Across the Board from hotel to hotel or just the headquarters?

CHIEF RICHARD WEHTER, RETIRED: The proposed hotel for this area is the Sheraton, and the proposed hotel from Rhode Island was the Marriott. There's a \$70.00 per night difference. That's inclusive of taxes. It went from like \$112.00 to \$180.00. But the difference — we asked in the R.F.P. that they submit prices that were firm and not with built in percentage increases. The Sheraton here gave us firm prices. Rhode Island gave us percentages, anywhere from two to five percent increases. I have factored that into my matrix here.

The Rhode Island Convention did give us a \$10,000.00 concession. Was that the convention center or the convention bureau? Where is Mr. Pearson?

CHIEF STUART PEARSON, DIRECTOR: Rhode Island Convention Center.

CHIEF RICHARD WEHTER, RETIRED: They gave us a \$10,000.00 concession on their fees.

There was talk also about buildings, the number of spaces. As you know, here, over at Eastern States, we use the Better Living Center, the Young Building, and the outside space, which is known as Apple Way, Apple Valley.



The Young Building this year is completely full. We're sold out. We were sold out six, seven weeks ago, Charley, and had a waiting list. This is the biggest year we've ever had. We do have room for expansion there. There are other buildings if we wanted to go that route.

And I guess one of the big questions the Site Committee has had now and before, how far do we want to go with this? Do we ever want to downsize? Some people have said, well, we've been here for nine years. This is a long period of time. But if you look in the Red Book here in the front section, it tells you where we've been for the last 83 years. And you'll see that there were a lot of years that we spent up in New Hampshire, Wentworth By the Sea, and other places.

But as you look at each place, the Association and the Conference has grown, to the point where if we ever really wanted to go big time, we'd have to go to Boston. And, of course, if we go to Boston, that's a huge expense; not only to us, but to the people who make it all possible, our exhibitors.

So, the Board of Directors will have to make that decision, and we certainly welcome your input too. Thank you.

ASSISTANT CHIEF CRAIG E. BEAUSOLEIL: [North Smithfield, RI] I have a question. I was under the impression that we had sponsorships up over \$50,000 to offset the cost, and I hear that's coming close to a \$100,000. I don't know if that was brought forth or not. I didn't hear anything about that in the report.

CHIEF RICHARD WEHTER, RETIRED: We don't know anything about any \$50,000 sponsorship. Nothing was given in writing in the R.F.P.

CHIEF RICHARD A. SUSI: Mr. President, just to answer the question: It is true that Rhode Island had sponsorships. We thought it in the best interest in trying to compare apples with apples and oranges with oranges that we not mention things that someone could say may not happen due to the corporation changing its mind. We thought we would keep it on an even keel.

But what Chief Beausoleil says is absolutely true. It was just not put forward because we didn't feel that that would be a fair representation to say, hey, we can do it for \$50,000 or a \$100,000 less because sponsorships would come down in three years.

But I would, just while answering that question, I would like to clarify — I don't know if it was put in the R.F.P. incorrectly when Providence moved back — I'm not sure if coming back from the Marriott incorrectly or not, but the latest word I heard from the Marriott is that they were guaranteeing a flat rate for their total rooms at \$150.00 and \$154.00. I think it was \$154.00. So, I would take exception to the portrayal of the \$180.00 a night for Rhode Island; that kind of jacks it up quite a bit more.

And I think that there are others in this room that would agree that some of the information that got put out in the vendors' survey was already, in my opinion — and I will speak for myself and only myself — slanted. It's slanted very much towards Springfield. So, I just don't want to at this meeting, once again, and we haven't mentioned that, but, once again, we're showing a \$30.00 a night increase again to Rhode Island, not from what it is. And maybe the information wasn't put in the R.F.P. from Rhode Island, but that's the latest word I got.

We're not trying to pull anything, and that's why we didn't include the sponsorships. These are not sponsorships from political people, political organizations. These were corporate sponsorships that we thought might be a good idea. It's certainly something good to have in your pocket if it was going to get voted to come to Rhode Island with an even comparison, but we just didn't think it should be something that would be included in the proposal. Thank you.

CHIEF RICHARD WEHTER, RETIRED: The R.F.P. from Rhode Island, from the Marriott Hotel, listed the base price for a hotel room in 2006 at \$156.00 for 2007, 2008, they gave — it would be a fixed rate for both years, plus the taxes. And a percentage increase; then there would be another percentage increase in 2009. The base rates in 2006 was \$156.00. But we're not going there in 2006; we're going there in 2007, which reflected a percentage increase somewhere between, all hotels down there gave a percentage increase of varied between two and five percent.

CHIEF JOHN PAROW: I find it very interesting that we have a questionnaire going out to the vendors, I think that's very true. I know we're in the 11th hour for the Site Committee for the next three years up to 2009. But have we given any thought in future site committees to sending a questionnaire out to the membership and getting some input from the membership to see what they think about the whole process? Just a suggestion.

CHIEF RICHARD WEHTER, RETIRED: Jack, I think we did something like that the last time. It went out; we got about that many responses (indicating), whether or not there wasn't a big interest in it at that time —

PRESIDENT BARTON: Any other comments?

CHIEF ROBERT W. SELTZER: [Coventry, RI] First Vice President of the Rhode Island Association of Fire Chiefs. I just want to address the Board of Directors quickly and the membership to let you know that the Rhode Island Association of Fire Chiefs is 100 percent behind supporting the Expo in Providence, if it does come there.

We think we have a lot to offer. We've got Newport. We've got a lot going on downtown. I know the mayor of Providence is very supportive of this; our legislature is very supportive of this. And we know we have a lot of corporate backing as well. So, we would like to have the opportunity to show our hospitality to our New England States. Since this is the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, we would certainly like you to consider us for one of the sites. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BARTON: Chief Flaherty.

CHIEF JOHN FLAHERTY: I was on the previous Site Committee that looked at Providence, and also at that time, it was just the two, Providence and Springfield. And I went down and looked at the facilities, and the vendors also looked at the facilities and talked to the mayor at that time and the senators there. And there were all kinds of promises, you know, for financial help and whatever.

And it was funny, at a retirement party not too long after, I was told by my good friend, Frank, that the senator lost the election and the mayor was in jail.

But that has nothing to do with the beauty of Providence. Providence is a very beautiful city. I think it just comes down to, you know, what is a financial decision that this association has to make on where they should be. And that decision is based on what is financially feasible, not only for the chiefs, but of the vendors.

If you listen to Chief Wehter's report, he only has about a little over a hundred that are registered here at the hotel. But if you look at the number of room nights that we have, you'll see that most of the nights are paid by the vendors; it's paid by the vendors and the helpers of the vendors.

So, it is a very strong financial consideration to the vendors on where they go, because it's very expensive if they have to pay

\$50.00 extra a night on their room. I know that the vendors are making the decision, and I know that the site —

But I feel that the Site Review Committee is there to make a financial decision in the best interest of the Association, and I think they should be allowed to do their job. Thank you.

CHIEF FRANK SYLVESTER: Mr. President and distinguished members of the Board of Directors, there's a few things I'd like to comment on, Chief Flaherty. John and I go way back and have a real close personal friendship. But what I do want to say, John, as far as the mayor goes, I certainly miss him; I'll tell you that right now. And I do want the members to know that they brought 29 charges against the mayor, and they found him innocent on 28, but he couldn't get by the Rico and that's how they got him. And I hope he gets out pretty soon. He's doing a heck of a job in the Army because they've got him at Fort Dix; he's leaving there. He's coming to Fort Devens, so maybe he'll be coming here to one of our conferences here in Springfield, Massachusetts. Thank you.

CHIEF GARY CASSANELLI: [Springfield, MA] Mr. President and Board of Directors and any fellow Chiefs, just to kind of follow-up on what John said. First of all, I'd like to thank the New England Chiefs and the Division and all the Chiefs and the Board of Directors for making a commitment to Springfield for all these many years. And I can tell you on my behalf and all the chiefs around here, we stand ready to support this conference. And we obviously want to see you come back here to Springfield and West Springfield.

One thing I will say, we have been guided — I know John and I have talked about this — by what is in the best interest of the organization, and we want to continue to see this organization grow. I don't know if it would continue to do that in Providence. I don't have an answer to that. We'll have to rely on the Site Committee and the recommendation made to the Board of Directors and the good wisdom made to Board of Directors.

But I can tell you this, I've had a lot association with West Springfield, and the Big E, I think, beside from the hotel rooms here, which are very reasonably priced, the Big E is a real jewel. And I can honestly tell you that if the organization decides to move from the Big E, you very well may not get that slot back if you decide to come back. That's not being a threat; that's just a reality. The Big E is a very popular venue; it's suited our needs extremely well. And I think it's a very difficult decision.



I don't envy the decision you have to make. I've been to Providence; I love Providence. If we could dig a trench and get water/fire up to West Springfield, Frank, we'd be digging right now. It's one of the greatest things I've ever seen. It's a terrific city, and 28 out of 29 isn't bad, Frank. But I thank you very much. I thank you for your commitment to coming here. And, again, we stand ready to make this conference as great as it can be. So with that, thank you.

PRESIDENT BARTON: Any other comments? Well, as we said earlier, we will be meeting as a Site Committee at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday. And following that, the Board of Directors will be meeting, and I'm sure if there's still questions and whatever that have to be answered, what have you, they'll be done certainly with no arbitrary decision being made until that information is obtained. And I'd leave that to my successor to make sure that happens.

Old Business.

CHIEF JOHN PAROW: I think we still need to vote on the Site Committee report.

PRESIDENT BARTON: What are your wishes on the Site Committee report?

CHIEF JOHN PAROW: It's already been seconded. We just need to vote on it.

PRESIDENT BARTON: Call for the vote. All those in favor?  
[Aye.]

Opposed? So voted. Thank you.

Now, we'll move on to Old Business. If not, let's go to New Business?

CHIEF THOMAS COULOMBE: Mr. President, I would make a motion that the New England Association of Fire Chiefs endorses Chief Calvin Cochran for Second Vice President of the International Association of Fire Chiefs.

FROM THE FLOOR: Seconded.

PRESIDENT BARTON: Been voted and seconded that we endorse the name of Calvin Cochran for Second Vice President of the International. All those in favor?

[Aye.]

Opposed? So voted.

CHIEF FRANK SYLVESTER: Is the floor still open under New Business, Mr. President? I move that the New England Association of Fire Chiefs make a \$1,000 donation towards his campaign.

CHIEF JOHN FLAHERTY: Seconded.

PRESIDENT BARTON: Been moved and seconded that we donate \$1,000 for his campaign. All those in favor?

[Aye.]

Opposed? So voted.

CHIEF JOHN FLAHERTY: Mr. President, I'm looking to ask the Association to make a donation. I don't know whether it should come under New Business or go Good of the Association. Maybe I'll give you the story.

Last night, you had the Opening Ceremony, and the bagpiper, if you notice, was wearing glasses. One of his bagpipers, Danny Boyle, isn't expected to live very long, and he was in tears. And I don't know if this is the place or if you want to do it later, I'd like a donation of \$250.00. I guess he's going on vacation tomorrow, and I don't think he's going to last much longer, so something from the Association.

CHIEF FRANK SYLVESTER: Let's form a motion, John. I would second that motion.

PRESIDENT BARTON: Been moved and seconded we donate the sum of \$250.00 to the bagpiper. Any further discussion?

All those in favor?

[Aye.]

Opposed? So voted.

Any other new business?

CHIEF ROBERT W. SELTZER: [Coventry, RI] The Rhode Island Caucus had a discussion earlier and in light of the fact that there's a significant amount of funds available to the Association, we'd like to suggest and make a motion that the Directors from each state be allowed as a committee to review the funding and propose a program that can be used for training and fire fighter safety, through some of that funding, to go back to the states and support the fire service. We feel there's quite a bit of funding there. And we thought that if we could get some of our money back into the states, see what the Association is doing for all of our members, maybe actually get more members involved with the organization, and support the fire service in New England.

PRESIDENT BARTON: I stand to be corrected, but I would think that would fall under our present educational grant that the various states applied for. Each state is allowed up to \$2,000 a year. It could be a total of \$12,000 for all six states. That would be my observation, and that certainly would meet under that criteria. Would you want to set up a separate one?

CHIEF ROBERT SELTZER: Yes, a separate committee. What we ask is that a separate committee be formed to and empowered to come back with a program to the Board of Directors and to the Membership to establish a better funded, and something that's more targeted towards firefighter safety in the fire service or beyond just that \$2,000 program for training.

And I don't know what that program maybe, but it seems the Organization needs to put something back into our New England states to support the fire service. Because, quite honestly, I'm a new comer for the last three years, but other than the Expo, I'm not sure this organization is reaching out to the fire service in today's environment and all that's going on in the fire service and the commitment to fire safety, etc. I think there's a lot more the organization can do.

And in light of almost \$6,000 money we have available, I'm sure some of that could go back into the supporting the New England states and supporting our firefighters' safety in general.

CHIEF TOM COULOMBE: I would take exception to that remark in the fact that we do have a \$2,000 educational grant that's available for every state and has been available for two years. The first year of the education grant, one state took advantage of that. All of us as Board of Director members knew this and brought it back to organization and still we did not get any money.

This year we have three. So, there's money out there that is available for the organization. I think I could support that if every state was using \$2,000 and then coming back and saying, you know, what we want to do more, so can we get more? But I think doing something, and we can't give away the money that is available now, is a useless committee.

CHIEF RICHARD SUSI: I think maybe a clarification should be made. I think that the request had to do with firefighter safety and training, and I think the \$2,000 grants are very specific to professional development for our members. It's 50 percent. I mean, it's a matching grant to up to \$2,000 for a professional development seminar or whatever it is that we have put together from each state.

As we just put in for the State of Rhode Island a grant for matching funds for \$2,000. But it is for professional development and has really nothing to do with firefighter safety and training, unless you consider our own professional development of our chiefs, firefighter safety and training.

I think the concept was specific in firefighter safety and

training. And being at the Caucus and not being there for the remainder of the conversation, I believe what the focus was is that there is, the Association has quite a good deal of money. And I think we've discussed this in our Board of Directors meetings and will discuss it further and will certainly discuss it further in the next year, and at least two years that I know of anyway, on where are we going? What are we taking in all this money for? Not that we shouldn't — this is a great show; it makes money. What are we going to do with it?

We've got \$691,000, and I understand, Billy, that some of that is committed for bills. I know you like to say that, and that is absolutely correct. But we say it every year, and we're going up each year an average — if you look at the past six years — we go up an average of, I think, before I looked at it, before today's figure, it was \$75,000 a year. We just had a good year, that the difference from one year to the next was \$117,000 or \$119,000; I can't remember can. That will obviously bring up the average from probably \$75,000 to probably \$80,000 or \$85,000 over those six years. We take in a lot of the money.

And I think the notion and the idea and the concept was to have the director from each state sit as a committee to decide, where is this organization going with its funding? What are they going to do to give back to the fire service in each state in New England? They do give back in the form of a show to provide the Expo, to provide the information on all the latest equipment and the educational training with all the latest people that can give it to us and whatever we'd like to spend towards our speakers. But we're still making a lot of money, and where are we going with that? And that's the point.

Because in a few years, gentleman and ladies, we're going to have a million dollars here. It's not going to be that long.

When I started out five years ago, the bottom line was, I think, \$250,000 or so at the end of Dick's report and now it's up to \$691,000, I believe.

So, that's my comment on it. I don't think it was meant for anything Chief Coulombe to take exception or anything. I think it was something different. It wasn't professional development; that was the point.

CHIEF RICHARD WEHTER, RETIRED: I'd like to make a clarification about the available money. Yes, we do have \$690,000. \$252,000 of that is in CDs. It's a default fund in case we default on the conference, not by our own fault, but by



some act of whatever, that we have to scrub this conference and pay this hotel \$30,000. The Expo Center \$30,000, whatever, just conference cost. That's a lot of money. So, we do have that four hundred something in general fund money.

But if you go back to about the year 2000, we made about a total of \$12,000 in this conference. It's only been in the last two years that we started to make money, because we increased the exhibitors' fees, and that's because the conference has grown, and we're maxed out; right now, we're maxed out. And that's why we've gained this money.

The discussions on the grant, the educational grant money, Chief Fournier from Maine made a motion to give more than \$2,000; I think it was \$5,000. It was decided to try this thing and see what was going on, what the response was from the states. You know, as has been stated, it hasn't been that great yet. But this is a Fire Chief's conference, and we started to develop this program for the Fire Chiefs Associations and the various states.

It's not to say that we can't understand it. A few years ago we did have seminars during the year, a couple of them actually, that were open to all the members of this association.

CHIEF FREDERICK STANLEY: [Hope Valley, RI] I'd like to second the motion so we can have a discussion on it.

CHIEF WILLIAM N. WESTON: [Bellows Falls, VT] I just want to make a comment on the educational program. It is a new program, and we in Vermont have taken advantage of it from day one. It works excellent. There is a committee that runs it. There was a cap of \$2,000; they already made a comment on that. It's the existing program. It works very well, and we've used it in Vermont for educational opportunities up our way. Maybe the thing to do is expand it, as Chief Wehter was saying.

But just as an awareness thing, very few people seem to be applying for it. So, if there's an interest to get it in your state, I would encourage you to apply for it; show the need like we do in Washington, and maybe we can go from there.

But there is that program. It works excellent. We've used it in Vermont for the two years it's been in existence. It really works well. Thanks.

CHIEF JOHN FLAHERTY, RETIRED: I almost think I'm a fixture here, I'm up talking so much, Frank, almost like you. But the Board of Directors should look at what they have available in grants and that, but that should be done by the

Board of Directors. And there are various fire departments within their state giving their Board of Directors direction as to what areas they want the Board of Directors to look into as far as firefighter safety. You know, officer preparedness or what. And let the Board of Directors take a vote, and if they have the money and they can make a successful program, go ahead and do it.

I think they are absolutely right, that we're not here to bank money. We do have to have money, as Dick Wehter pointed out, for a bad conference. It's on our behalf to do that. If we have extra money and there is a need out there, I think the money should be put in a position where you can do some good for the fire service of New England. Thank you.

CHIEF TOM COULOMBE: Thank you, Mr. President, and, Chief, I agree with you wholeheartedly. That's what we're about. We're about safety of the firefighters and education for the fire chiefs here in New England. And I agree, the \$2,000 grant is a matching grant that we have here by the New England Association.

I would make a suggestion, hopefully, respectfully submit to you people that we form a subcommittee of just the Directors from each state to look into what's going on within their state.

These people here, these Directors know what's going on within their state, and let them make the decision on what we could do and further educate and make it a safer place for the firefighters and also help our fire chiefs.

CHIEF STUART D. PEARSON: [Harmony, RI] Mr. President, I'd like to make that into a motion.

PRESIDENT BARTON: It is my understanding we do have a motion on the floor for the \$2,000 that the Board of Directors would look at, a subcommittee, and have their own committee review and look it. I believe it was seconded.

CHIEF FRANK SYLVESTER: I'll second that amendment, and we vote on the amendment of the motion, I believe, the amendment first.

PRESIDENT BARTON: We have a motion and it was seconded. Now, if you'd like to make an amendment to it; that's the next step.

CHIEF RICHARD WEHTER, RETIRED: I'm not clear about what you're saying about a committee. The Bylaws of Association directed the President to appoint all committees with the approval of the Board of Directors.

CHIEF JOHN FLAHERTY: I'm going along with the Director from Rhode Island and suggesting that the President appoint the Directors of the six New England States as a committee to report back to all the Directors on the proposal.

So, that would be instead of us doing it; you do it at your meeting, your Board of Directors meeting, just have you or the Incoming President, you know, form a committee of the Directors of the New England Association, and they have a committee amongst yourselves to come back and make any recommendations to the body. Does that make sense?

So, the amendment is for instead of having the committee come from the various fire departments, have the committee come to your Board. So have a committee, but have the President appoint the committee from the Board.

CHIEF FREDERICK STANLEY: I'll withdraw my second.

FROM THE FLOOR: I'll withdraw my further motion.

PRESIDENT BARTON: Original motion and seconded has been withdrawn.

CHIEF JOHN FLAHERTY: Would you make mine the motion?

PRESIDENT BARTON: The motion now would be?

CHIEF JOHN FLAHERTY: The motion now is the Board of Directors from the six New England States to assess the need and make appropriate actions.

CHIEF FRANK SYLVESTER: I'll second it.

PRESIDENT BARTON: Moved and served. Any further discussion?

FROM THE FLOOR: Seconded.

CHIEF RICHARD WEHTER, RETIRED: I'm not sure it's the purview of the meeting to direct the President to appoint the committee. It's his prerogative to appoint the committee.

CHIEF JOHN FLAHERTY: We're suggesting it.

CHIEF RICHARD WEHTER, RETIRED: And there are only six directors. There's no problem with increasing the money. All we need is some direction and input on spending it. I'm all in favor of spending some of that money, trust me.

CHIEF JOHN FLAHERTY: Mr. President, the general consensus of the body is they'd like to see this happen. I think that you can make it happen. You know what the consensus of the body is. I don't think you need a motion to do that, so, we're not ordering you do that, but we'd be quite upset if you didn't.

But I think, John, that you're just looking next to you there, that let him worry about it.

I'm willing to withdraw the motion and just let it go with the committee taking the appropriate action. All right?

CHIEF FRANK SYLVESTER: Mr. President, there's a motion on the floor. The motion has been made and seconded. The gentleman from West Springfield, who is somewhat of a parliamentarian, wants to withdraw his motion, but I just don't want to withdraw my second. I think we made it where the membership wants to vote on it. I don't think it's a motion that's going to cost any amount of money. What it is is just asking for you people to look into it and appoint the committee or directors to look into it.

Am I correct John, is that what you want? I think what we should do, in all fairness, it's been directed to call for a vote. I think we should at least call for a vote on the motion made by Chief Flaherty.

PRESIDENT BARTON: Well, I think we have to review what does the Bylaws say we can do and can't do; we want to research that. We are governed by certain things we can do. I think we certainly hear what the body would like to do. And I don't see why we can't try to encompass that, whether we have to do A, B, and C.

CHIEF FRANK SYLVESTER: It's simple, Mr. President. It's either a vote up and vote down one way or another. I certainly have an awful lot of respect for Mr. Flaherty as far as his knowledge on his being a parliamentarian. I certainly have enough respect for his knowledge. It's either vote up or vote down, one or the other.

CHIEF RICHARD A. SUSI: [Cumberland, RI] Aren't the key words that you're making a suggestion?

FROM THE FLOOR: I believe in most organizations, the President appoints the standing committee. But this is a special request from the membership. So, this is a special committee, if you want to look at it this way, and the President still has the authority to appoint it through the membership's asking the President to do that. So, we haven't taken anybody's power away. We've added something beyond the standing committee. I don't see where this should be a problem. I'm assuming following Roberts Rules of Order, and if it doesn't conflict with the bylaws, it shouldn't be a problem. It's just a request from the membership.

FROM THE FLOOR: Just vote on it.

CHIEF TOM COULOMBE: My question is, there's an



Education Committee in place already, so, would this go to that Education Committee, or are you asking for two Educational Committees?

FROM THE FLOOR: The President can do whatever he wants.

PRESIDENT BARTON: I'd like to call for a vote.

PRESIDENT BARTON: Okay, all those in favor, signify please?

[Aye.]

Opposed?

[No.]

PRESIDENT BARTON: The ayes have it.

CHIEF RICHARD WEHTER, RETIRED: I'm not against it, but the bylaws have a purpose.

CHIEF JOHN PAROW: Point of order there is this body of the Association. I think if we ask the Board of Directors to do something, they should listen to the body to do that. I mean, I don't think we're way out of line.

[Applause.]

Thank you.

CHIEF RICHARD WEHTER, RETIRED: Jack, it's no different than making a bylaw change. You can't change the bylaws without —

CHIEF JOHN PAROW: Did we do that? Did we change the bylaws?

CHIEF RICHARD WEHTER, RETIRED: We changed the bylaws a couple of years ago.

CHIEF JOHN PAROW: The motion didn't change the bylaw?

CHIEF RICHARD WEHTER, RETIRED: It went against the bylaw, which says the President should make the appointment. That's all I'm saying. That's all I said. I'm not against it.

CHIEF MICHAEL HOWARD: [Hooksett, NH] I'd like to make a motion that the New England Association give \$1,000 to the Division for the Hospitality Room at FRI to honor our President Bob DiPoli from the International Association of Fire Chiefs.

PRESIDENT BARTON: Been moved. So, do we have a second?

CHIEF FREDERICK STANLEY, RETIRED: Seconded.

PRESIDENT BARTON: Been moved and seconded that we give \$1,000 to the Hospitality Room for Chief Bob DiPoli. All those in favor?

[Aye.]

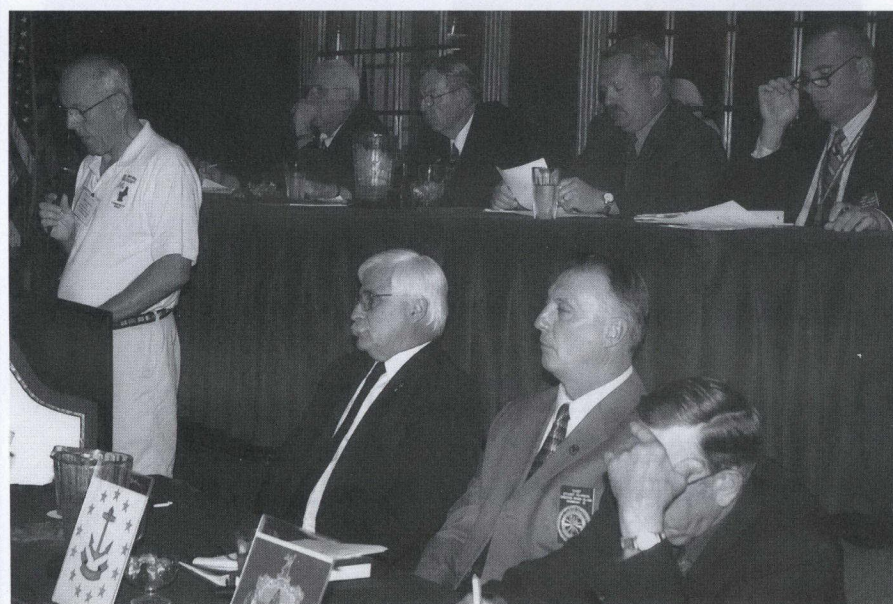
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## NEAFC Annual Meeting Officers & Directors



Opposed? So voted.

Anything else? Election of Officers and Directors. The President will be from Massachusetts this coming here; First Vice President from Rhode Island; Second Vice President New Hampshire.

CHIEF RICHARD WEHTER, RETIRED: Mr. President, whereas there are no contested positions for office, I move the nomination and election of Chief Alan Roy, Palmer, Massachusetts, for President; Chief Richard A. Susi of Cumberland Hill, Rhode Island, for First Vice President; Chief Thomas S. Lambert of North Hampton, New Hampshire, as Second Vice President, and that the Secretary cast one ballot for each member.

CHIEF RAYMOND A. GODIN: [Turners Fall, MA] Second.

PRESIDENT BARTON: Been moved and seconded the Secretary cast one ballot for Chief Roy from Massachusetts as President; Chief Susi from Rhode Island as First Vice President; and Chief Lambert from New Hampshire for Second Vice. All those in favor?

[Aye.]

Opposed? So voted.

[Applause.]

PRESIDENT BARTON: For Secretary/Treasurer, he is in his second year, which is a three-year term, so we're all set there. We do have two Directors this year to be announced; one from Maine and one from New Hampshire.

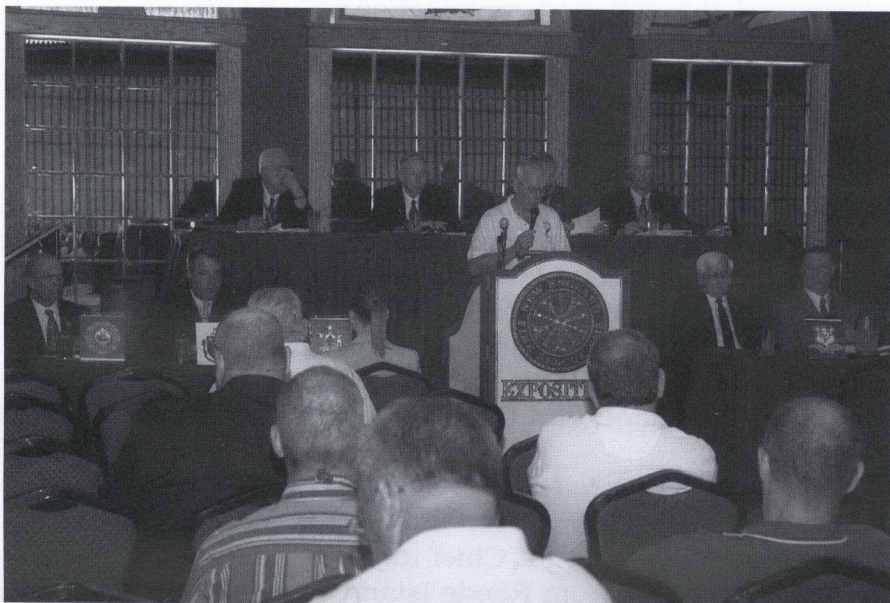
CHIEF CARL H. WINSLOW, RETIRED: [Yarmouth, ME] Mr. President, I'm pleased to announce Chief Darrel Fournier from Maine as Director.

DIRECTOR RICHARD A. MASON: [Concord, NH] Mr. President, New Hampshire is pleased to announce Chief Brian Comeau from Exeter, New Hampshire, as our Director.

[Applause.]

PRESIDENT BARTON: I'm sure most of you probably know that Darrel was in a serious accident here about three weeks ago now this weekend on his motorcycle. Both he and his wife were riding, and there was a vehicle pulled out of a driveway right in front of him; and thankfully Diane was able to lay her bike on the pavement and only had a few minor bruises and scratches. But Darrel thought he was going to be able to avoid it, and the next thing he knew, he was going over the hood and had a considerable damage to his back and is going to be in a brace for





Chief Maurais gives the Exhibits Committee report.



Chief Brian Comeau, Exeter, NH,  
incoming Director from New Hampshire



probably anywhere between one and two months, along with a lot of suffering and pain. So, with that, we all wish him a speedy recovery.

The next item would be set the salary of the Secretary/Treasurer. And the Exhibit Chair and the Education Coordinator. The Secretary/Treasurer, the Board is presenting that 5 percent for all the three positions. The current salary for Secretary/Treasurer is \$25,357.50; it would increase to \$26,625.38. The Exhibit Chair, the current is \$12,678.75; it would increase \$13,312.69. And the Education Coordinator, the current is \$3,307.50 to \$3,472.88. The Board recommends this increase.

CHIEF ROBERT DIPOLI: Mr. President, I move we accept the recommendation of the Board.

PRESIDENT BARTON: So moved.

CHIEF JOHN PAROW: Second.

PRESIDENT BARTON: Moved and seconded. Any further discussion? All those in favor?

[Aye.]

Opposed? So voted.

CHIEF RICHARD WEHTER, RETIRED: Thank you.

CHIEF ALAN J. ROY, INCOMING PRESIDENT: [Palmer, MA] President Barton, I'd like to make this presentation to you. On behalf of the Association and all of us here, I'd like to present you with this watch. It's just a token of our appreciation for your hard work and dedication to this organization.

[Applause and standing ovation.]

PRESIDENT BARTON: Time is running on here, but a couple of reminders — I'd like to thank my fellow officers, directors, and members that have supported me throughout. Thanks to the New England Division of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, the New England Fire Apparatus Maintenance Association, and without saying, the New England Fire Equipment Exhibitors Association. I would like to thank all my committee chairman and members who have made this year's conference a success.

Through these conferences, the New England Chiefs will prosper in the knowledge that they receive at the seminars and the various technology that will better serve our needs. It has been my pleasure to serve as the 83rd President of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs. Thank you.

[Applause.]

INCOMING PRESIDENT, CHIEF ALAN J. ROY: I guess I'm up. I'll be brief. I started off on the wrong foot today. I was talking with Reverend Provenzano, and we were talking about the church and the weather, and he says, "You know, too bad it couldn't be air conditioned." And I said, "Yeah, you know, there's a lot of hot air coming off that alter," and he took it the wrong way.

I'd just like to thank the membership for your support as I come in as the 84th President of this Association.

Six, seven years ago, Chief Flaherty approached me — and John is a good friend — and I agree, so John, thanks; maybe not a thank you, but by the time it's over with, but I'm thanking you now.

President Barton, thank you. It's been a pleasure serving with you. Also, I'd like to thank my fellow fire chiefs in the State of Massachusetts, Fire Goods Associates in Massachusetts, and also my good friends from the Western Mass. Association of Fire Chiefs. Thank you very much for support.

Believe me, I've been listening throughout this conference to all of your concerns. I've had a pad and paper with me. I've been writing down all our concerns and your interests.

So, my goal is to strengthen our relationship between all of our partner organizations; that's my main goal. We work on it every year. We work hard.

As you can see today, we've run through some hard times, but we'll get through it, and we'll strengthen this organization.

So, I look forward to another year next year to a good successful conference. And believe me, I'm all ears. I want to hear from you of what your concerns are, and that's all I have to say. Have a good night, and thank you very much. Thanks.

[Applause.]

PRESIDENT BARTON: One thing I neglected under the salary schedule is that over the past, we have made a couple of donations, and the recommendation from the Board is to donate \$2,500.00 to the Shriners Burn Hospital and \$500.00 to the Shriners Orthopedic Hospital.

CHIEF FRANK SYLVESTER: Do you want that in the form of a motion? I'll make the motion we donate the money to the Shriners and the Burn Center.

PRESIDENT BARTON: Been moved.

CHIEF JOHN FLAHERTY: Second.

PRESIDENT BARTON: Thank you. All those in favor?

[Aye.]

Opposed? So voted. Any other new business? Remarks for the good of the Association.

Our Past President Ed Webster has left us. He's been telling me how he's going to be a has-been. I guess he's right. I don't think he'd like to leave so quick. I'd like to show a round of applause for him. He's certainly been very dedicated to the organization over the past year.

[Applause.]

PRESIDENT BARTON: If there's nothing else, I would say we're in order for an adjournment.

FROM THE FLOOR: So moved.

[Annual meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.]

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
COUNTY OF HAMPDEN**

I, Vicki L. Britt, hereby certify that the foregoing transcript of the 83rd Annual Meeting of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs is a true and accurate transcription of my stenographic notes to the best of my knowledge and ability.

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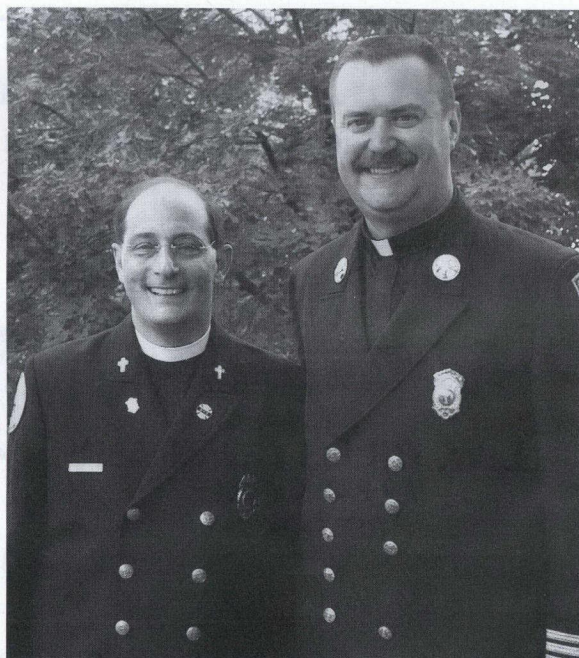
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## Memorial Service



Memorial Service procession from the Sheraton to the Old First Church in Court Square

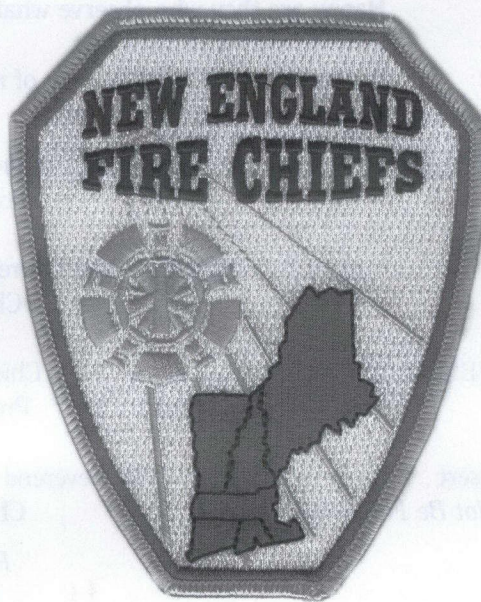


Fr. Larry & Fr. Jim



**NEW ENGLAND ASSOCIATION  
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**EIGHTY-THIRD  
ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE  
SATURDAY JUNE 25, 2005  
1700 HOURS**



**Chaplains**

**The Reverend Lawrence Provenzano  
The Reverend James Seymour**

**OLD FIRST CHURCH  
SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS**



# *Memorial Service*

PRELUDE: Canzona per sonare No. 4  
Gloria – Sinfonia Sacra

Giovanni Gabrieli  
Daniel Pinkham

Brass and organ

PROCESSIONAL, with colors

*March Triomphale – “Now Thank We All Our God”*

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

OPENING HYMN: (SUNG BY ALL, STANDING)

*Please see insert*

*O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

Materna

CALL TO WORSHIP (STANDING)     The Reverend James Seymour, Chaplain

Leader:             Give thanks to the Lord for He is good,  
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**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.**

SALUTE TO THE FLAG (STANDING)

Led by Chief Jon E. Barton  
President - NEAFC

GREETING

The Reverend Lawrence Provenzano  
Chaplain - NEAFC

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Chief Jon E. Barton  
President - NEAFC

PRAYER - see insert

*“May They Not Be Forgotten”*

The Reverend James Seymour  
Chaplain - NEAFC

ANTHEM

*Psalm 121*

*Please see insert*

Keith Chapman

SCRIPTURE READING

The Reverend James Seymour  
Chaplain - NEAFC

MEMORIAL ANTHEM:

*“Behold, I Make All Things New”*

Allen Pote

MEMORIAL ADDRESS

The Reverend Lawrence Provenzano  
Chaplain - NEAFC

MEMORIAL HYMN: (SUNG BY ALL, STANDING)

*“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”*

St. Anne

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

PLAYING OF TAPS

ANTHEM: *"The Lord is My Shepherd"*

John Rutter

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Chief William Weston, President - NEDIAFC

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM (SUNG BY ALL, STANDING)

*See insert*

*"O Say, Can You See?"*

Star Spangled Banner

BENEDICTION (ALL SEATED) The Reverend Lawrence Provenzano, Chaplain

RECESSIONAL

*"The Lord God Reigneth"*

Johann Pachelbel



## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We are grateful to the Reverend Thomas Gough, Pastor, and the people of Old First Church for allowing us to conduct our Memorial Service in this historical setting.

We are grateful to Charles Page, Minister of Music, and the Old First Church Choir for being a part of our Memorial Service again. Likewise, we express sincere gratitude to Whelen Engineering Company, John F. Olson, President and Chief Executive Officer, for sponsoring the participation of the Old First Church Choir again this year.

We also acknowledge and thank "The New England Brass" - John Smialek (Trumpet), Brooks Holmes (trumpet), Kenneth Longstreeth (Trombone), and Stephen Glover (Trombone).

We thank the Color Guard from the fire departments of Berlin, Connecticut, the official color guard of the New England Fire/Rescue/EMS Conference for their continued support and participation. We also thank the Holyoke Bagpipers.

May we also remember in a special way the fire service members who have been called to duty in the armed services of our nation fighting for democracy and freedom on foreign lands.

# 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*

# Memorial Roll Call

Chief Joseph J. Fletcher, Plainville, CT

Chief Charles W. Curran, Scituate, MA

Chief Donald T. Meninger, Everett, MA

Deputy Chief Ray E. Davison, Vergennes, VT

Chief Stuart L. Johnson, Sterling, MA

FF Herman Leroy Jones, Newport, RI

Chief Carmi J. Dusi, Enosburg Falls, VT  
Our 46<sup>th</sup> President 1967 -1968

Chief Howard L. Johnson, Otis, MA

Chief Joseph T. Steede, Waltham, MA

~In The Line of Duty~

Lt. Christopher R. DeWolf, Newington, NH

AND FOR ALL OUR DECEASED MEMBERS

May They Rest in Peace

June 25, 2005

# “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.

Read by Rev. James Seymour, Chaplain



NEW ENGLAND ASSOCIATION OF  
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MEMORIAL SERVICE

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Chaplains: Reverend James Seymour  
Reverend Lawrence Provenzano

President: Chief Jon E. Barton, Gray, Maine

OLD FIRST CHURCH  
Court Square  
Springfield, Massachusetts  
Saturday, June 25, 2005

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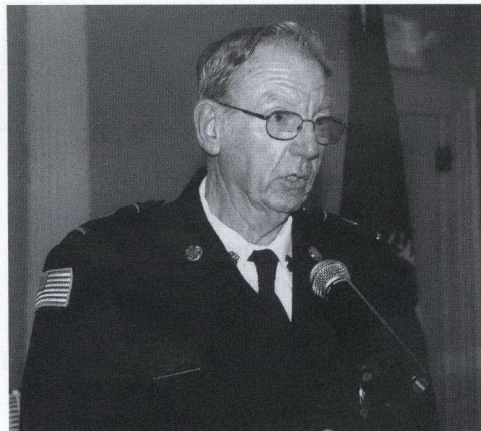
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Fr. Seymour delivers the Call to Worship



Rev. Provenzano welcomes the congregation.



President's Welcome – Chief Jon Barton

Springfield, Massachusetts  
Saturday, June 25, 2005

P R O C E E D I N G S  
MEMORIAL SERVICE

[PRELUDE FOR ORGAN AND TRUMPET]

[All stood as Old First Church Choir entered the church,  
followed by the Processional with the Color Guard.]

[All sang "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies.]

REVEREND JAMES SEYMOUR, CHAPLAIN - NEAFC: CALL  
TO WORSHIP (standing)

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord for He is good,  
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People: Happy are they who observe what is right,  
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Leader: Remember us, O Lord, in time of need.

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[The Pledge of Allegiance was said and led by Chief Jon E.  
Barton, President - NEAFC.]

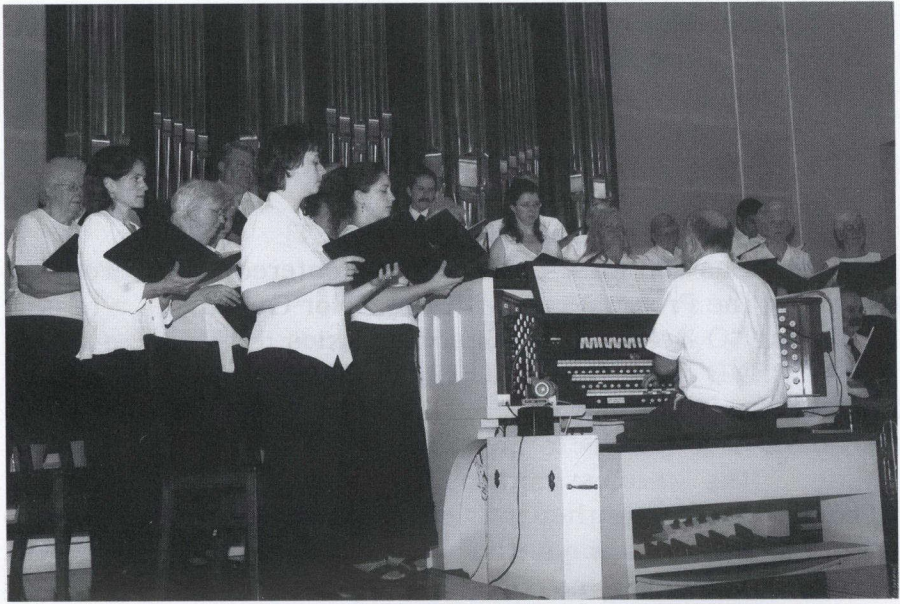
REVEREND LAWRENCE PROVENZANO, CHAPLAIN —  
NEAFC: The Lord be with you.

Friends, I welcome you to this 83rd Annual Memorial Service. I greet you in the name of Father Seymour and myself and all those involved in the ministry to the fire service. And on behalf of Father Seymour and I, I would like to invite the members of the fire service to remove your coats, if you wish, as a way of comfort, that we can pray together at this time. So, before you are seated, I'd ask you to please remove your coats.

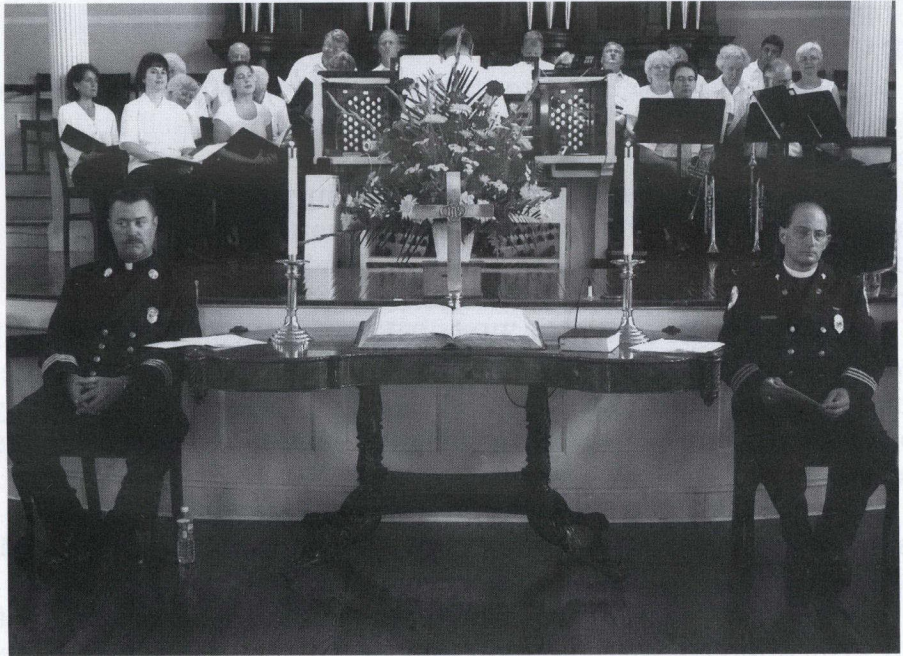
CHIEF JON E. BARTON, PRESIDENT — NEAFC: [Gray, ME]  
Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. It is my honor to welcome you to our 83rd Annual Memorial Service. We gather here today to remember our friends and colleagues who have left us during the past year.

As we're having our own countdown to 20 months, I would ask that each and every department review their operations and strive to improve and improve especially on our own desk.

I would also ask that we remember those men and women of our armed forces, with the total now being 1700 plus, who have made great sacrifices to protect our freedom and continue to serve us with great pride.



Charles Page & the Old First Church choir.





REVEREND JAMES SEYMOUR, CHAPLAIN: [Scituate, MA]

["May They Not Be Forgotten"]

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

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[Anthem — Psalm 121, Keith Chapman, sung by The Old First Church Choir.]

REVEREND JAMES SEYMOUR, CHAPLAIN: My friends, Lord be with you.

[And also with you.]

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down one's life for his sheep. The hired hand who is no shepherd nor owner of the sheep catches sight of the wolf coming and runs away, leaving the sheep to be snatched and scattered by the wolf; that is because he works for pay. He has no concern for his sheep.

I am the good shepherd. I know my sheep and my sheep know me. And in the same way the Father knows me and I know the Father. For these sheep I will give my life. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must lead them too. They shall hear my voice. They shall be one flock then and one shepherd. The Gospel of the Lord."

[Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.]

[Memorial Anthem, "Behold, I Make All Things New," Allen Pote, sung by The Old First Church Choir.]

REVEREND LAWRENCE PROVENZANO, CHAPLAIN: In the name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In the days following



the attacks of September 11, we all had the chance to read the written copies of the cell phone messages sent from passengers on the planes to their spouses and families in those desperate last minutes. We also have had the opportunity to read the spiritual advice apparently given to the terrorists by one of their clerics, thoughts that should be in their minds as they approached the death they had chosen for themselves and for others. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Rhode Williams has said, as he experienced the attacks of 9/11 in St. Paul's Chapel, "The chill of September 11 lies in the contrast of those two different sets of words."

The religious words are in the cold light of day, the words of murderers, which they are saying to themselves to make a martyr's drama of a terrible crime. The nonreligious words are a testimony to what religious language should be. The triumph of gratuitous love, the affirmation of faithfulness and connectiveness, even in the face of knowing that there was nothing that could be done or salvaged.

Many of us Chaplains have found ourselves caught in that very contrast. No, not encouraging murder, but rather discovering that the language of religion, the language that we are so used to using, that language that implies a deeper understanding of God, at times is not suitable in the face of gracious love and self sacrifice that gives new expression and new meaning to religion and faith filled living.

When we stand with you on the fire ground, there is almost simultaneous translation at work. Interpreting the movements and directions of the incident commander as he or she attempts to walk the balance became of suppression of the fire and protection of firefighters. Hearing the language of rehab and recognizing the face of unconditional love and support for one another; watching the back slaps and nods and hugs that translate fear and anxiety into reassurance.

And when those times come that we must face death, the recognition that tradition, walking in uniform, muffled drums, bagpipes, are the messengers of comfort, hope, and faith.

Today, as we gather in this historic church, there is a holy melding together of religious and the nonreligious; and a recognition that as we mourn those who have gone before us, all of our actions, all of our words give expression to our oneness in God, our service to God's people, and our gratitude to those who have gone before us.

My friends, never make the mistake of thinking that we up here are the holy ones. Some of you already know that well.

[Laughter.]

There are always moments like this. We have not cornered the market on selfless love, duty, honor, service. Each of us have had the tremendous privilege of watching you at work; watching you care deeply for your departments, your communities, your families. We have watched you and prayed with you as you have had to deliver the hard news to a family or members of your own departments. We have watched your faces as we have entered debriefings with your fire fighters and recognize the anguish on your face, that same anguish of a pastor struggling to support a flaw.

And, moreover, within the confines of our unique relationship of Chiefs and Chaplains, we have watched many of you quietly endure the criticism of the troops and the void of support from your towns and cities.

Although many of you will retreat from this notion, the words you say, the actions you perform, the services you provide may not be considered religious, but they are unquestionably holy. Thank you for the example that you give to all of us.

We are here today to remember those who have gone before us, those who have died in the line of duty, and those for whom the tour has ended after many years of faithful service. What we do and say here today must carry with it the remembrance of the unique holiness of each of them whom we will name, and we must honor their part in this continuing work we do.

I would like to leave you with this image of those who have gone before us. It is a story that blends religious faith and baseball, and I will be quick to add that it has nothing to do with the Red Sox or the Yankees. It is a story about a minor league team outside of St. Louis, Missouri, several decades ago.

During home games, whenever a home team player hit a fly ball into the outfield, the entire stadium would stand up and simultaneously scream at the ball, "Go on, get up, get out of here," in support of their team, and in hopes that they might conjure the ball over the fence.

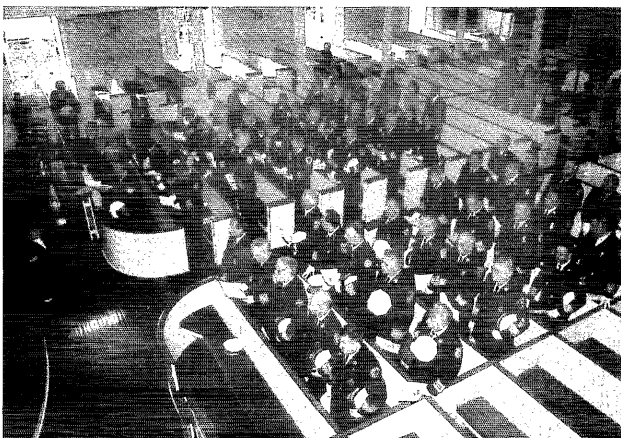
Can you imagine all those whom you've served with in the fire service standing with all of you and with us, that every time we face a tough situation, a hard decision, a bad call, the death of a fire fighter, for all of those standing around conjuring and supporting us, "Go on, get up, get going, be safe."



Chief William Weston, NEDIAFC with the acknowledgements



Last Alarms read by Chief Wehter as Chief Wood tolls the bell



Singing of the National Anthem

As we continue this time of prayer, I ask you to remember those who have gone before us, not just mourning their lost, but recognizing and cherishing their continued encouragement of us. And let us never, ever forget the part we play together in serving God's holy people in this unique, strange, and wonderful service we call the fire service. Amen.

[Memorial Hymn, sung by all standing, "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"]

CHIEF DAVID JORSEY, SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: [East Berlin, CT] Would you join me in reciting the Firefighter's Prayer found on back of your program.

When I am called to duty God,  
Wherever flames may rage,  
Give me strength to save some life,  
Whatever be its age.  
Help me embrace a little child,  
Before it is too late,  
Or save an older person from The horror of that fate.  
Enable me to be alert,  
And hear the weakest shout,  
And quickly and efficiently,  
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.

CHIEF RICHARD K. WEHTER, RETIRED,  
[SECRETARY/TREASURER — NEAFC] During the past year the following have answered their last alarm:

Chief Joseph J. Fletcher, Plainville, Connecticut.  
Chief Charles W. Curran, Scituate, Massachusetts.  
Chief Donald T. Meninger, Everett, Massachusetts.  
Deputy Chief Ray E. Davison, Vergennes, Vermont.  
Chief Stuart L. Johnson, Sterling, Massachusetts.  
Firefighter Herman Leroy Jones, Newport, Rhode Island.  
Chief Carmi J. Dusi, Enosburg Falls, Vermont,  
Our 46th President.

Chief Howard L. Johnson, Otis, Massachusetts.  
Chief Joseph T. Steede, Waltham, Massachusetts.

In the line of Duty: Lieutenant Christopher R. DeWolf,  
Newington, New Hampshire.

And for all our deceased members, may they rest in peace.

[The bell was rung 20 more times by Chief John G. Wood, Jr.,  
Secretary/Treasurer — NEDIAFC.]

[Playing of Taps by Trumpeter.]

[Anthem: "The Lord is My Shepherd."]

CHIEF WILLIAM WESTON, PRESIDENT — NEDIAFC: We have some acknowledgments, in recognition to so many people, companies that made the Memorial Service possible. We are grateful to the Reverend Thomas, the Pastor here, and the people of the Old First Church for allowing the Memorial service to happen here. We're also grateful to Charles Page, the Minister of music, and the Choir here at the Old First Church. We're also grateful to Wheel Engineering Company and John Olson, who is the President and CEO, who made it possible. And to the New England Brass Ensemble here that's here with us on stage, I'm sure you would say they did a great job.

I'd like to personally thank whoever went out and bought these fans today, because for once it really paid off being in the front row. We have to thank the Color Guard again from Berlin Fire Department every year. They did an excellent job. To our troops overseas and those people who are protecting our homeland, who are overseas at this time. And last but not least, we'd like to thank Charley McInerney for providing the wonderful bouquet of flowers for our altar.

[All stood and sang Star Spangled Banner.]

REVEREND JAMES SEYMOUR, CHAPLAIN — NEAFC: Almighty and ever living God, we give thanks for this time together, this opportunity to gather in prayer to remember those who have gone before us. We ask you to bless all who gathered this weekend at the New England Fire Chief's Expo. We ask you to bless those who have gone before us.

We ask a special blessing for those who serve our nation throughout this world ensuring our freedom and protecting our liberties. We ask your blessing in guiding and on those involved in public safety throughout New England and beyond; watch over and bless each of them. Grant them the wisdom and the strength and the courage to fulfill what has been entrusted to them. We make this prayer in your holy name. Amen.

[Amen.]

[All stood as the Color Guard left the church, followed by the Chaplains, Old First Church Choir, and the processional to the music of "The Lord God Reigneth."]

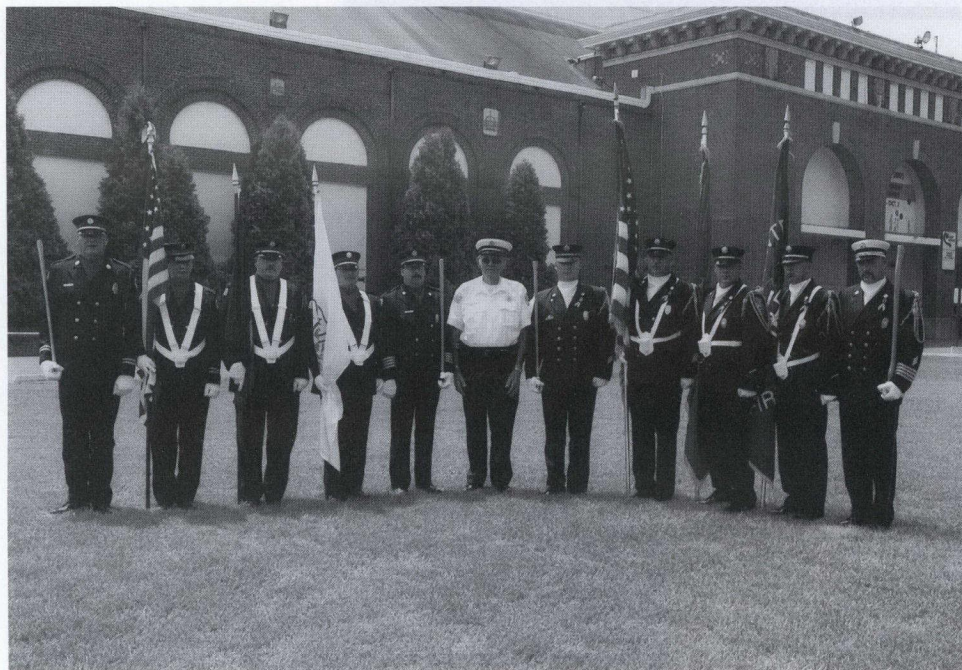
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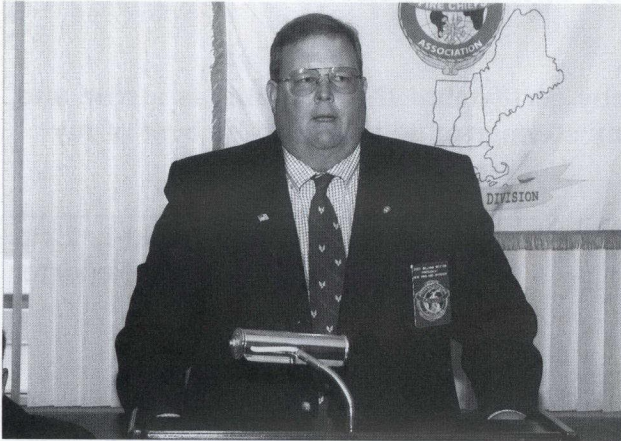
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President Barton with the Gray, Maine & Berlin, CT color guards

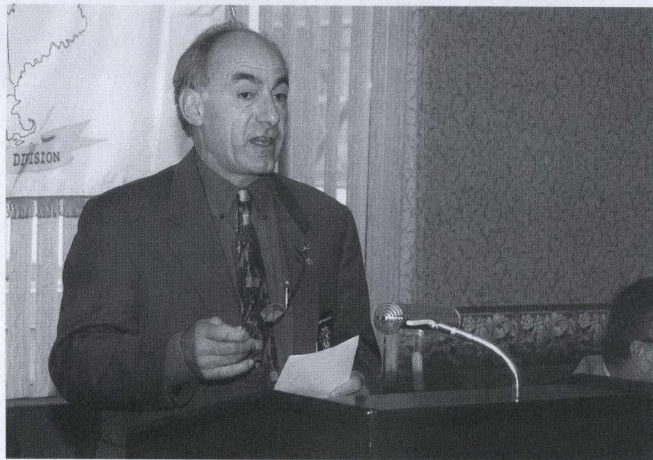


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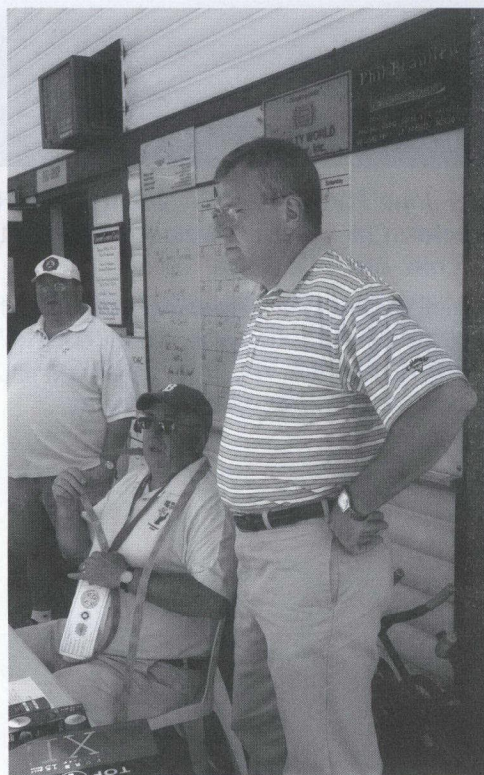


(Seated L-R) Chief John Parow, Past President; Chief Roger Bradley, International Director; Chief William Weston, President; Chief Brian Hoxsie, 2nd VP; Chief Brian Thibeault 1st VP.

(Standing L-R) Chief Gerard Dio, Massachusetts VP; Chief Michael O'Neil, Vermont VP; Chief Timothy Wall, Connecticut VP; Chief Stephen Allen, New Hampshire VP; Chief David Sayles, Rhode Island VP; Chief John G. Wood, Jr., Secretary/Treasurer



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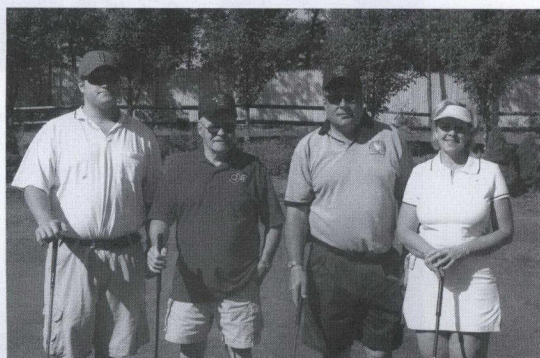


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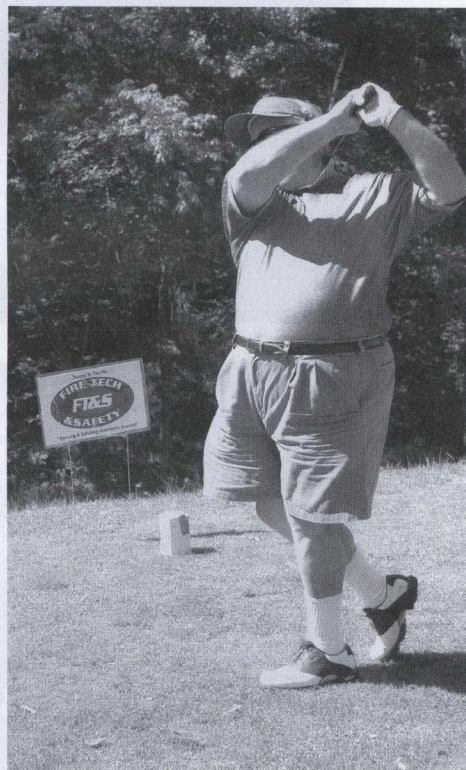


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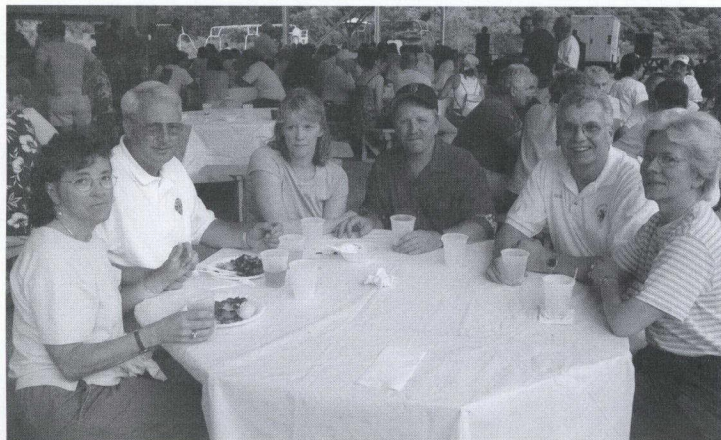


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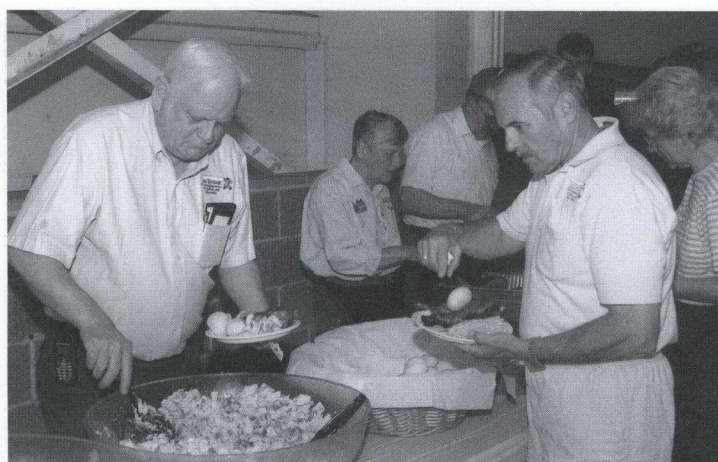
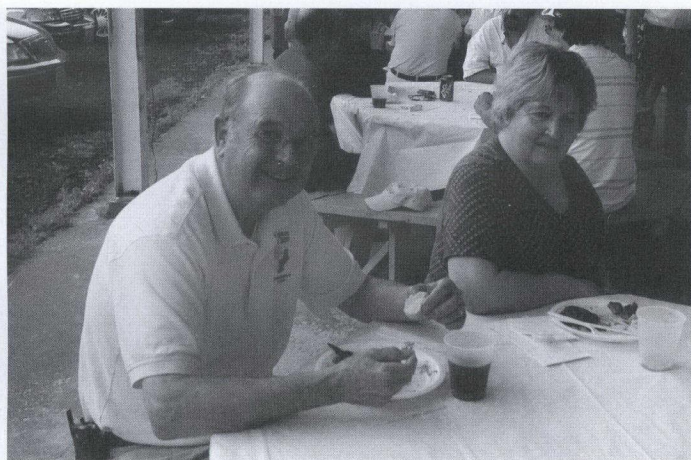


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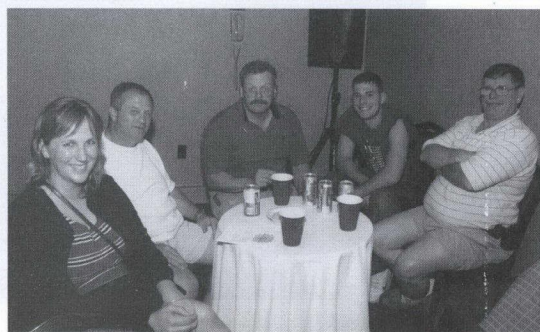
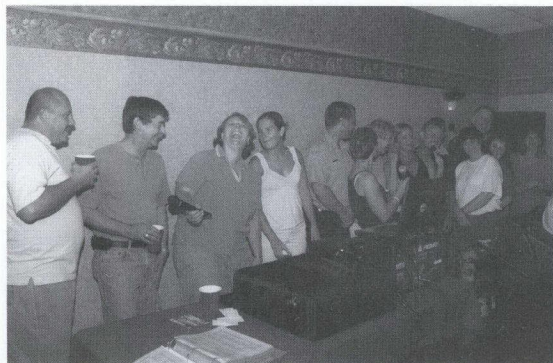




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## Hospitality Suite

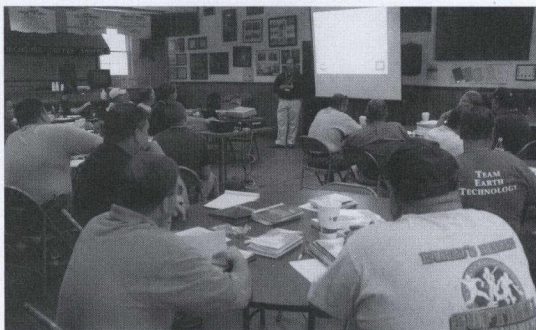
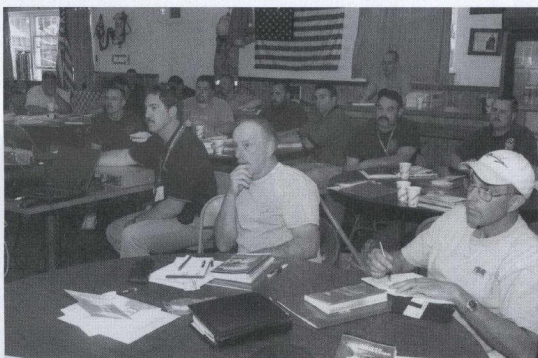
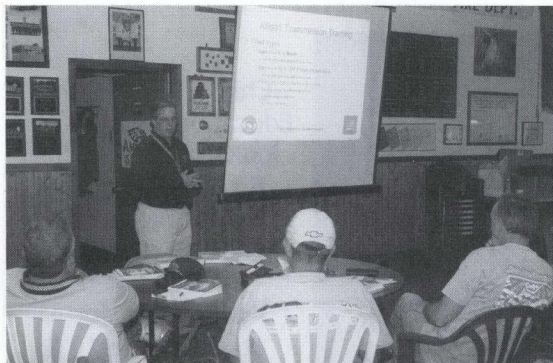




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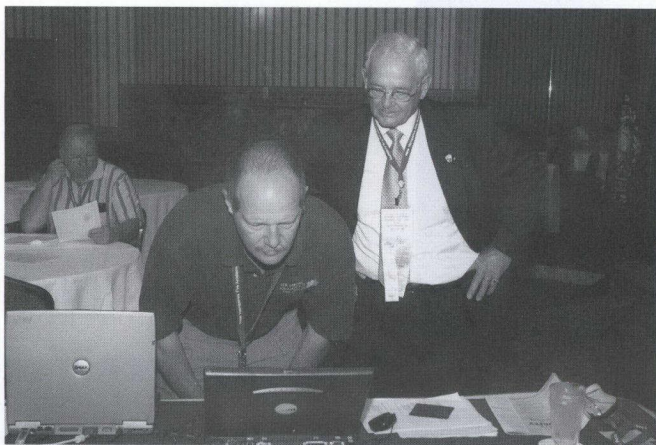


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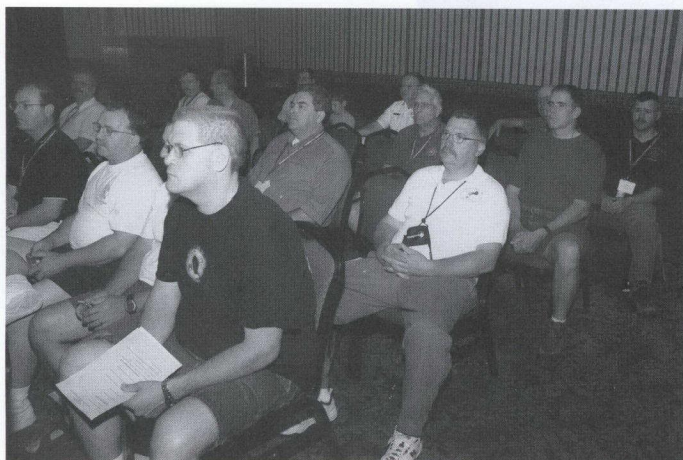
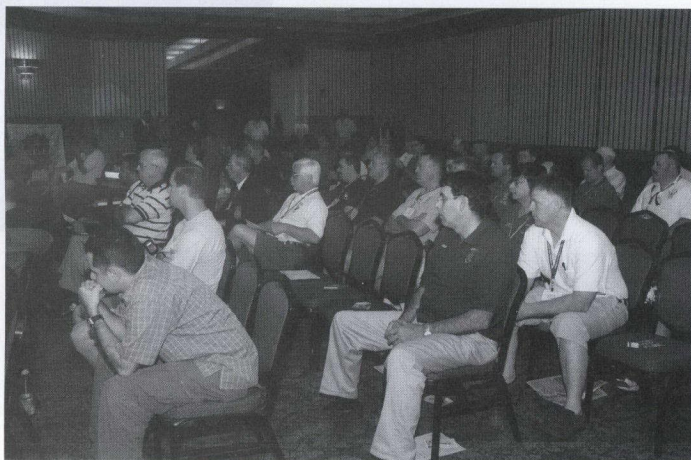




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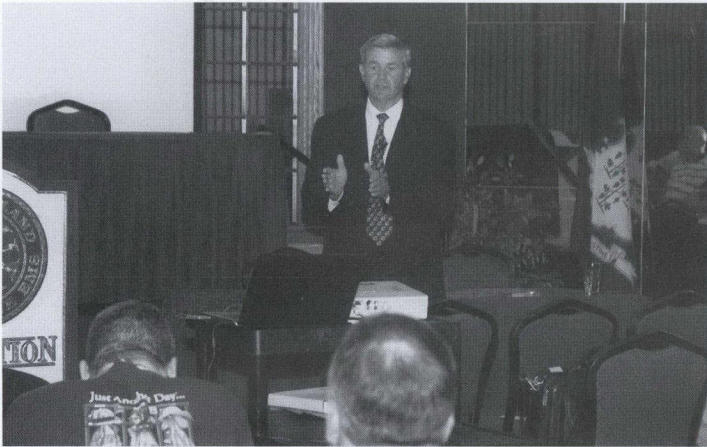
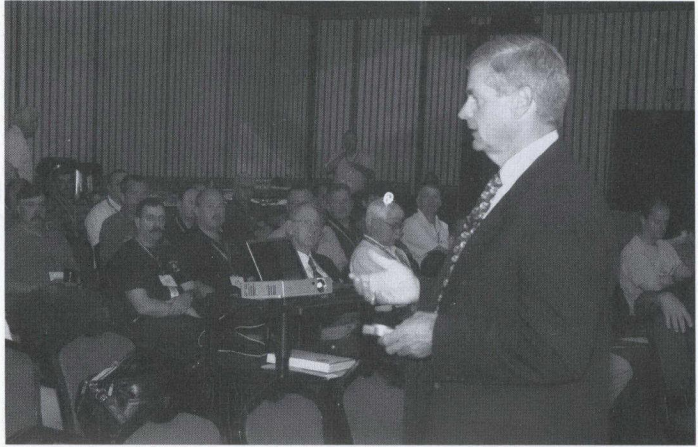


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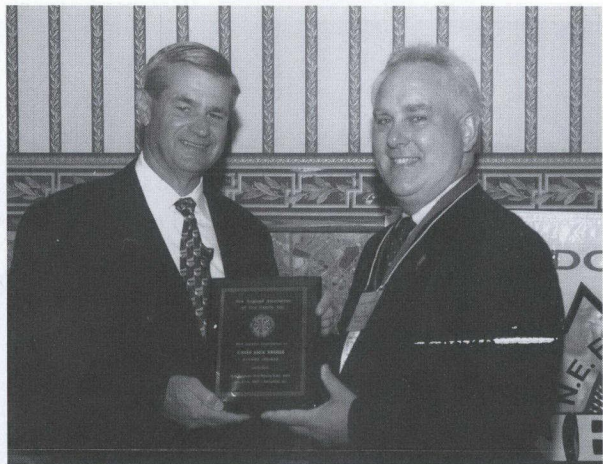
## Professional Development

Chief Jack W.  
Snook, Ret., ESCi  
President, delivers  
Keynote Session



"Who You Are is  
What They  
Represent"

Chief Timothy Wall (R)  
presents Chief Snook with  
appreciation plaque.





## Professional Development



Mary Ellen Dorsett presents the "Art of Influencing People" at Saturday's Keynote Session.

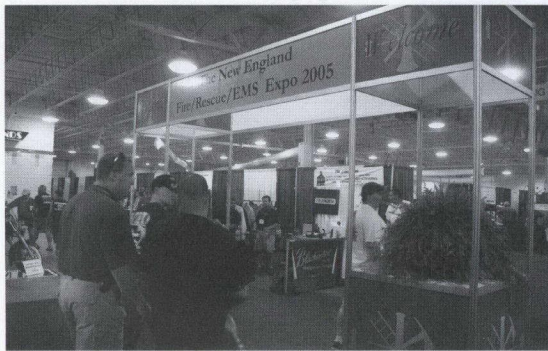
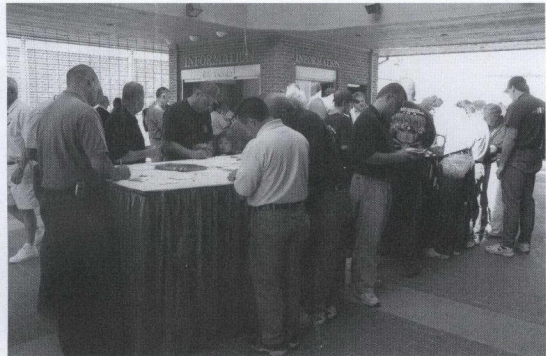
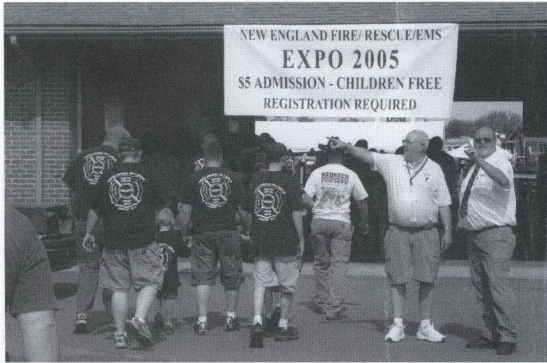


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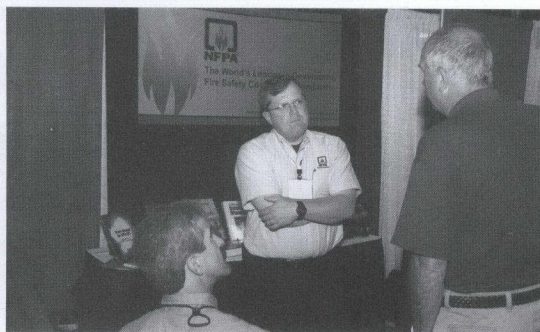
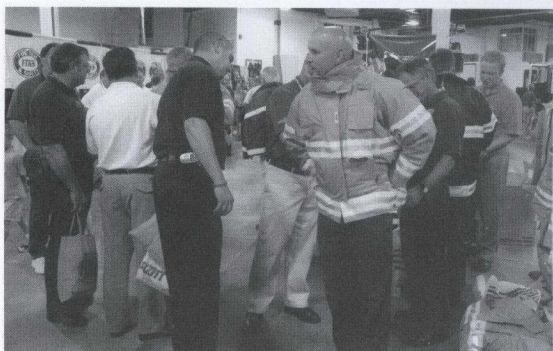
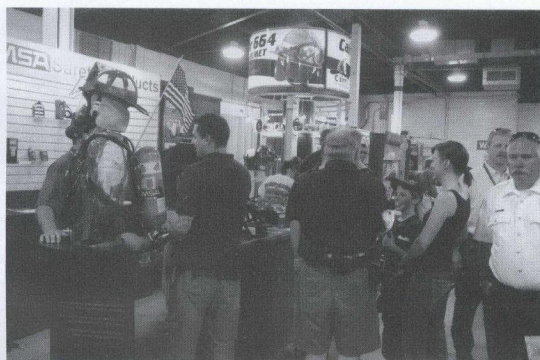
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## Exhibits at Eastern States

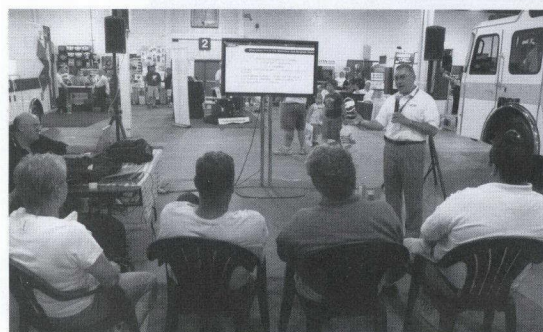
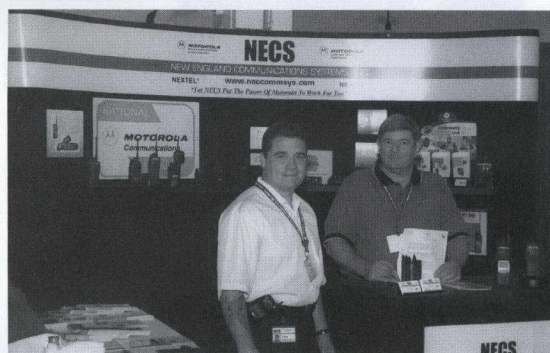
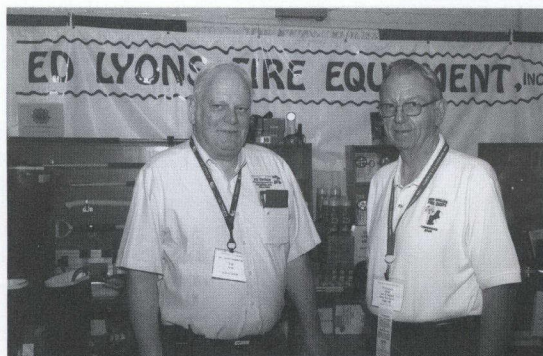
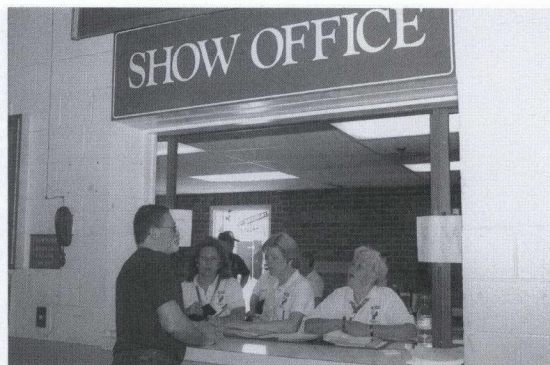




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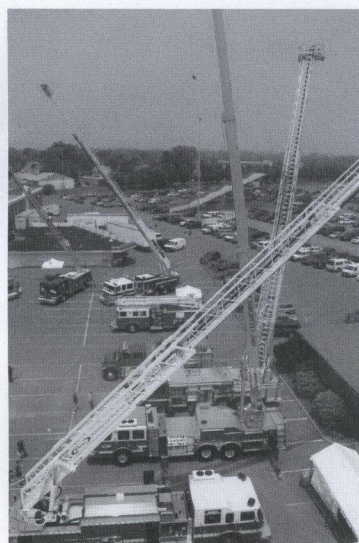
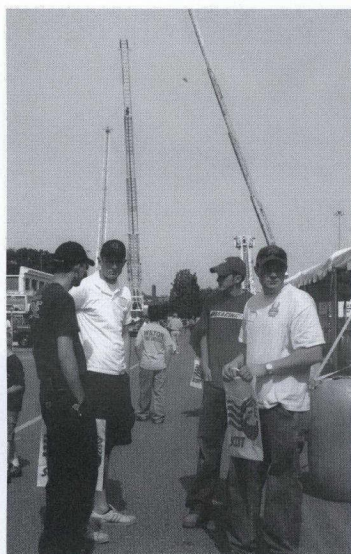
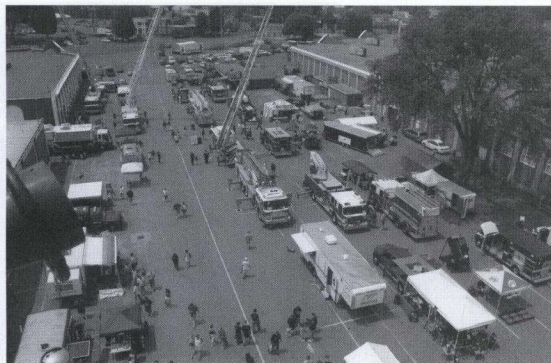


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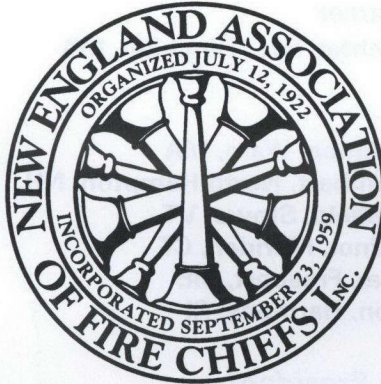


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# **New England Fire/Rescue/EMS 2005**

***"Protecting Our Homeland"***



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

### **83<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL BANQUET**

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OF  
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***“ Dedicated to Professional Development ”***

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

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

**Join us again in 2006 at the Eastern States Exposition Center in West Springfield, Ma. & The Sheraton Springfield Hotel for another milestone in the process of learning.**

**Have a safe trip home...**



# **BANQUET PROGRAM**

## ***Master of Ceremonies***

Chief Carl H. Winslow, Ret - 71<sup>st</sup> President  
Yarmouth, Maine

## ***Welcome of Association(s) Officers & Directors***

- Lead by NEAFC Sgt. at Arms  
Chief David Jorsey, East Berlin, CT and  
Chief Anthony Jarvis, Ludlow, MA

## ***Invocation***

Reverend Lawrence Provenzano, Chaplain  
Longmeadow, Massachusetts

## ***National Anthem***

Chief John P. Jenkins, West Barnstable, MA

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

Chief Jon E. Barton, President  
Gray, Maine

## ***Introduction of Guests***

Master of Ceremonies

## ***Dinner is Served***

## ***Presentations***

Master of Ceremonies and President Barton

# 2005 CONFERENCE

## ***Guest Entertainer***

Tim Sample  
*Comedian*

## ***Swearing in Ceremony***

NEAFC – NEDIAFC Presidents  
NEAFC & NEDIAFC Officers/Directors/State VP's

## ***Incoming President(s) Address***

NEAFC  
Chief Alan J. Roy, Palmer, Massachusetts  
NEDIAFC  
Chief Brian Thibeault, Plymouth, New Hampshire

## ***Closing Remarks***

Chief William Weston - NEDIAFC - President  
Chief Jon E. Barton - NEAFC - President

## ***Closing Hymn***

"God Bless America" by Chief John P. Jenkins

***Benediction*** - Rev. James Seymour, Chaplain  
Scituate, Massachusetts

## **PRESIDENT(S) MESSAGE**

### **N.E.A.F.C. - Chief Jon E. Barton - Gray, Maine**

As I complete my term as President of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs for the year 2004 – 2005, I would like to thank my fellow Officers, Directors, and Members that have supported me throughout. Thanks to the New England Division of the IAFC, New England Fire Apparatus Maintenance Association, and it goes without saying the New England Fire Equipment Exhibitors Association. I would like to thank my committee chairmen and members that have made this 83rd Conference a success. As our theme states, "PROTECTING OUR HOMELAND", is certainly a challenge to all departments whether they are large or small. Through these conferences, the New England Chiefs will prosper in the knowledge they receive at the seminars and the newest technology that can better serve our needs.

It has been my pleasure to serve as the 83rd President of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, Inc.

Jon E. Barton  
President

### **N.E.D.I.A.F.C. - Chief William Weston**

It has truly been an honor to serve the membership of the New England Division of the International Association of Fire Chiefs during the past year. It has been a pleasure to work with the professional and talented staff of all the organizations that are responsible for putting on this great conference. This is a great event for New England and it would not be possible without the efforts of many people.

I would like to take this opportunity to urge all the leadership of the fire service to continue to promote safety in all aspects of our profession so we can substantially reduce or eliminate job related deaths and injuries. We must continue to make sure that our employees return to their homes and families safely when they have completed their tasks serving the public.

I would like to thank the officers and members of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, The New England Fire Equipment Exhibitors Association, the New England Fire Apparatus Maintenance Association and last but not least the New England Division of the International Association of Fire Chiefs for their dedication and support during my term. I couldn't have done it without you. The teamwork and cooperation of all these associations continues to improve this annual conference.

I hope everyone is enjoying their conference experience and taking full advantage of all that it has to offer. Please promote safety every day when you return to your departments. Thank You!

Chief William Weston, President NED-IAFC  
Bellows Falls Fire Department

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**COMING EVENTS**

I.A.F.C. CONFERENCE – AUGUST 11 – 14, 2005 Denver, CO

Chief Robert A. DiPoli, Needham, MA - IAFC President

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JUNE 22 - JUNE 25, 2006 JOINT CONFERENCE

N.E.A.F.C. – 84<sup>th</sup>

N.E.D.I.A.F.C. – 38<sup>th</sup>

N.E.F.A.M.A. – 50<sup>th</sup>

EASTERN STATES EXPOSITION - WEST SPRINGFIELD, MA.  
THE SHERATON SPRINGFIELD HOTEL





*On behalf of our 2005 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.*

*To the incoming Officers and Directors, we congratulate you and look forward to working together for the continued growth and success of the 2006 New England Fire/Rescue/EMS EXPO and Conference.*

2005-06 N.E.F.E.E.A. Board of Directors

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ANNUAL BANQUET

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Presidents:  
Chief Jon E. Barton - NEAFC  
Chief William Weston - NEDIAFC

Master of Ceremonies:  
Chief Carl H. Winslow, Retired - 71st President

Sheraton Springfield Hotel  
Springfield, Massachusetts  
Saturday, June 25, 2005  
7:00 PM

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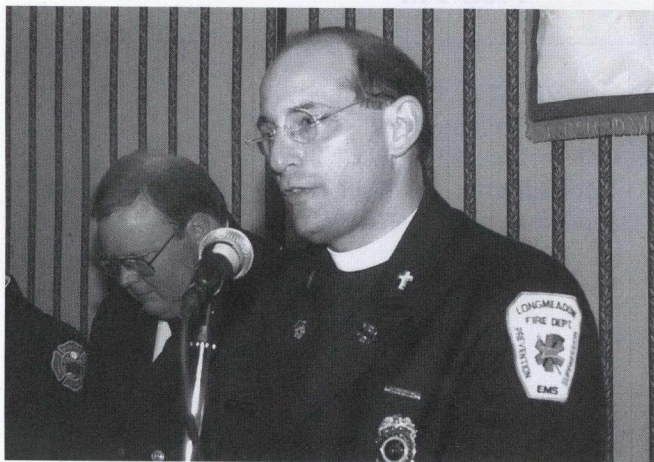
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Asst. Sgt at Arms,  
Tony Jarvis & wife  
Loretta at Banquet  
procession



Followed by  
President Barton &  
First Lady Jane.



Invocation by Rev.  
Provenzano

Springfield, Massachusetts  
Saturday, June 25, 2005

P R O C E E D I N G S  
Annual Banquet

CHIEF CARL H. WINSLOW, RETIRED: [Master of Ceremonies] I would ask you to all to welcome the Officers of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs. Let's have a round of applause for the officers.

[Applause.]

Thank you. I want to welcome you to this 83rd Annual Banquet. At this time, we'll have the Invocation by Lawrence Provenzano, Chaplain, Longmeadow, Massachusetts.

REVEREND LAWRENCE PROVENZANO, CHAPLAIN:  
[Longmeadow, MA] Could we have a show of hands, how many Yankee fans do we have out there? I'd like to thank you all for coming and that concludes our program for this evening.

[Laughter.]

May the lord be you.

ALL: And also with you.

Let us pray. Gracious God, we give you thanks for all your many blessings for your families and our loved ones. We give you thanks for this Association, for all whose lives are connected to it; to all those whose dedication and energy have provided opportunity for us to be together this evening. We ask you gracious God as we gather together to remember our men and women serving the armed services of our nation, particularly those serving in Afghanistan and Iraq.

We give you thanks for the wonderful dedication and service of Jon Barton and his family, for his leadership of the Association. We raise up before you in prayer, Alan Roy and his wife and family, and all those who will be part of leadership of this Association as we move forward.

Lord, continually bless this Association and all who are attached to it; to the Vendor's Association, the Mechanics; the New England Division of the International Association of Fire Chiefs. We ask you, Lord, to bless this time that we'll share together. Allow it to be joyful and holy and fun.

We make this prayer in God's holy name. Amen.

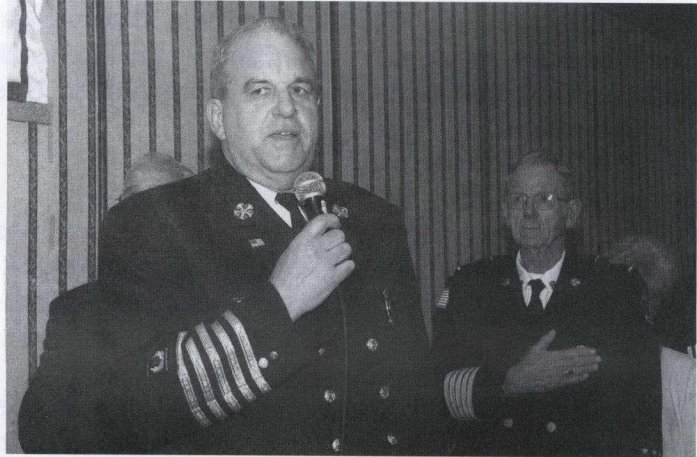
[Amen.]





Laughing at Fr. Larry's  
opening comments

National Anthem  
by Chief John P.  
Jenkins, West  
Barnstable, MA



Master of Ceremonies,  
Chief Carl Winslow  
introduces the head  
table guests.

CHIEF CARL H. WINSLOW, RETIRED: [Master of Ceremonies] We'll now have the National Anthem sung by Chief John P. Jenkins, West Barnstable, MA.

CHIEF JOHN P. JENKINS: [West Barnstable, MA] How many of you are Red Sox fans?

[Applause.]

[The National Anthem was sung by Chief John P. Jenkins, West Barnstable, MA.]

CHIEF CARL H. WINSLOW: [Master of Ceremonies] Now, we'll have the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag by Chief John Barton.

[The Pledge to the Flag was led by Chief Jon E. Barton, President, Gray, ME.]

Thank you. You may be seated. At this time, I would like to introduce the people at the head tables. Starting on my right: Chief Timothy Wall, Second Vice President; Mrs. Patricia Talifero and Chief Julian Talifero, Secretary/Treasurer of the International Association of Fire Chiefs.

[Applause.]

If you'd hold your applause until I do the whole table. Thank you. Ms. Wendy Palumbo and Chief Robert DiPoli, President of the International Association of Fire Chiefs; Sally and Chief Brian Thibeault, First Vice President of the Division; Chief William Weston, President of the Division. And on my far left, Father James Seymour, Chaplain; Mrs. Sally Wehter and Retired Chief Richard Wehter, Secretary/Treasurer of the Association; Mrs. Michelle Roy and Alan Roy, First Vice President; and Mrs. Jane Barton and Chief Jon Barton, President of the Association.

[Applause.]

Now, we'll go to the lower table, not in popularity, just in space. On my far right, Mrs. Charley and Chief Roger Bradley, Division Director of the International Association; Mrs. Pat Parow and Chief Jack Parow, Intermediate Past President of the Division; Mrs. Nancy Webster and Chief Edwin Webster, Immediate Past President of the Association; Retired Charles Maurais, Exhibit Chairman, and Mrs. Linda Maurais; Chief Richard Susi, Second Vice President of the Association, and Mrs. Holly Susi; Reverend Lawrence Provenzano, Chaplain, and Mrs. Jean Provenzano; Chief Gary Cassanelli, Springfield Chief, and Ms. Phyllis Ryan; Mrs. Lorrie Jorsey and Chief David Jorsey, Sergeant-At-Arms.

[Applause.]





Head table NEAFC



Head table NEDIAFC



Gray, Maine Color Guard

I would ask at this time the Vice Presidents of the New England Division to please stand and receive your applause.

[Applause.]

Past Presidents of the Association.

[Applause.]

Paul Lamoureaux, Jr., President of the Mechanics Association.

[Applause.]

Paul Grondalski, President of the Fire Equipment Exhibitors Association.

[Applause.]

At this time, Chief Jon Barton will introduce his family.

CHIEF JON E. BARTON, PRESIDENT: Well, we'll keep things moving right along. I'm really pleased to announce I have my family here tonight and my son Craig.

[Applause.]

His wife Brenda.

[Applause.]

My daughter, Kimberly; her husband, Steve; the grandchildren Amanda, Sarah, and Ryan. I guess I would like to announce that I'm very pleased to announce that Kim and Steve came all the way from Arizona to join us this weekend.

CHIEF CARL H. WINSLOW, RETIRED: [Master of Ceremonies] It's time to eat.

[Dinner is served.]

CHIEF JON E. BARTON, PRESIDENT: I did forget my grandson Ryan.

[Applause.]

Sorry about that.

CHIEF CARL H. WINSLOW, RETIRED: [Master of Ceremonies] Chief Barkman is going to be going around with raffle tickets who played golf, anybody that played golf. Let Chief Barton know who you are. Is there anyone else who played golf that doesn't have a raffle ticket?

MR. SPEAKER: We have a couple of the raffle prizes here that are donated: First, a set of irons donated by Harold Roeder with L.W. Bills. The winning ticket is 176150.

[Applause.]

The next prize is a Calloway driver donated by Air Cleaning Specialists of New England, number 176146. Thank you.

[Applause.]



CHIEF CARL H. WINSLOW, RETIRED: [Master of Ceremonies] First, I have to mention, I made a big boo-boo, but that's not unusual for me.

On my left are the Directors of the New England Association, will you stand, please.

[Applause.]

On my right, the Vice Presidents of the New England Division.

[Applause.]

At this time, I'd like to call the two representatives from the Shriners, from the Boston Burn Center, Chief Spaulding, Jr? And from the Springfield Orthopedics Center, Raymond Dobson. If they would come forward, please.

It gives me great pleasure to make these two donations. We've been doing it for the last 24 years. First, I'd like to present a check for \$500.00 for the Shriners Orthopedic Hospital here in Springfield.

[Applause.]

And to the Shriners Burn Hospital in Boston, \$2,500.00.

[Applause.]

SHRINERS REPRESENTATIVE: On behalf of the Shriners and the children in our hospitals, I certainly would like to thank you for all that you do. You're a very close knit organization, and obviously you know the end results of burns, which we at the Shriners Burn Hospital try to take care of. And it's because of your dedication and your help that we will continue to keep our doors open until the very last child needs our care.

And because you helped to make it possible, you let us do what we do best, and that's taking care of children. We thank you very much.

[Applause.]

SHRINERS REPRESENTATIVE: I would just like to thank all of the firemen in this room and throughout the state of Massachusetts for your donations, because it helps the children in our hospitals. And without your support, we would not be able to give the free care to the children that we're able to do. And it's because of people like you and your donations and through your efforts that we're able to successfully do what we do. And I would like to thank you very much for your help.

[Applause.]

I would like to remind some of the fire chiefs that we have a booth over at the Big E, as you well know. And over there we have some burns pamphlets for Burns Prevention Tips. You're

welcome to stop by the booth, and we'll give you as many cases as you want to take home with you. Thank you very much.

[Applause.]

CHIEF CARL H. WINSLOW, RETIRED [Master of Ceremonies] Chief Jon Barton has a presentation to make to Chief Bob DiPoli of the International Association of Fire Chiefs.

CHIEF JON E. BARTON, PRESIDENT: Bob, it gives me great pleasure to present this flag to you from the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, Distinguished Achievement Award. The New England Association of Fire Chief proudly recognizes this Chief of Chiefs, Chief Robert A. DiPoli, for his united efforts and accomplishments as President of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, 2004-2005. It gives me great pleasure to present this to Bob. It's well deserved.

[Applause.]

There was a rumor here some seven or eight months ago how nice it might be for Bob, when he goes riding on the bike and so forth to have a nice leather jacket, so we were able to get this done for Bob. The National Association emblem on the back; Chief DiPoli on the front. Bob, congratulations.

[Applause.]

CHIEF ROBERT A. DIPOLI, PRESIDENT [International Association of Fire Chiefs] I'm at a loss for words. My God, I didn't expect this. Thank you so much, President Barton, and thanks for the opportunity to break bread this evening with all of you.

It goes without saying, it's very special to address this gathering as the President of the International Association of Fire Chiefs. I'm the first Massachusetts President in about twenty years and the first New England President probably in about ten years or better. But it's even more special to address you as a member of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs and the New England Division of the International Fire Chiefs, because it began here with all of you, with your support early on. And it was a long, drawn out battle; three tries over ten years, and finally succeeding in 2004.

It's been a tremendous honor and a wonderful pleasure serving this past year as the President. And I've had the opportunity to travel virtually to the four corners of the earth and represent the International with great distinction and to meet the wonderful people in the fire service, both in this country, Canada, and across the ocean, and Europe most recently.



President Barton presents plaque of appreciation to Chief Robert A. DiPoli, President of the International Association of Fire Chiefs. Chief DiPoli is from Needham, MA

Also the gift of a leather jacket for his motorcycle rides.



Accepting a plaque of appreciation for the New England Fire Equipment Exhibitors Association is President Paul Grondalski.

Wendy and I have made many, many friends along the way. One very, very special friendship we've made is with Julian Talifero and Pat — that's our distinguished Treasurer — who has made an annual pilgrimage now. I think this is about the fourth or fifth year running he's come up here to share in the New England conferences. But I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart to you.

And during my recent illness back in the spring, as some of you know, I had a battle of cancer in the latter part of the spring. And the cards, the letters I received from you, the flowers, the fruit baskets, the well wishes certainly carried me through that difficult time. So, I don't want to drag this out. This is President Barton's night and President Weston's night outgoing. And my best wishes to President Roy coming in and President Thibeault. I know you're both going to do a fine job, and I look forward to working with you in my year as Immediate Past President.

And my final comment, Reverend Provenzano, wherever you are — you're probably in the bathroom — so much for the Yankees remarks, and I'll withdraw that offer to have you come to Denver.

[Laughter and applause.]

CHIEF CARL H. WINSLOW, RETIRED: [Master of Ceremonies] At this time, I'd like to have Paul Grondalski, President of the Fire Equipment Exhibitors Association, to come forward. Chief Jon Barton has a presentation for him.

CHIEF JON BARTON, PRESIDENT: This plaque presented is from the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, with grateful appreciation to the New England Fire Equipment Exhibitors Association for the gracious support and assistance at the New England Fire/Rescue/EMS 2005.

As I said at the vendors meeting this morning, in the nine years that I've been associated, if it wasn't for the vendors, I don't think we'd be here tonight to do what we're doing. They've been a great supporter of ours, great team leadership over the years, and the relationship is unbelievable. If you ask, we might have our differences now and then, but I think that's true in anything we do. But the end result, the proof of the pudding, and that's what I see as happening and continuing to get better and better every year. With that, Paul, I'd certainly want to present this to you.

[Applause.]





First Lady Jane Barton  
(L) & incoming First  
Lady Cheryl Roy  
exchange roses.



Guest Committee  
gift to 1st Lady  
Barton presented  
by Sally Wehter



Linda Maurais  
receives gift from  
1st Lady Barton

MR. PAUL GRONDALSKI: [New England Fire Equipment Exhibitors Association] Thank you very much all of you, and it's a great honor. And I owe this to a lot of people on our board, Mark Hooper, if you'd stand up, please, from Specialty Vehicles. I don't think Judy is with us evening, but certainly a team effort. We're grateful for the commradery and the support you people have given us, and we're very grateful and appreciate it very much and look forward to a fun future. Thank you.

[Applause.]

CHIEF CARL H. WINSLOW, RETIRED: [Master of Ceremonies] At this time, we have presentation from Cheryl Roy to the Outgoing President's wife Jane Barton. Cheryl.

MRS. CHERYL ROY: Congratulations.

[Mrs. Cheryl Roy presented a bouquet of flowers to Mrs. Jane Barton.]

[Applause.]

CHIEF CARL H. WINSLOW, RETIRED: [Master of Ceremonies] Cheryl, it's too bad you sat down; you've got to get up again. Mrs. Barton and Mrs. Roy.

MRS. JANE BARTON: Cheryl, it gives me great pleasure to present you with this. I know you're going to make a wonderful First Lady this coming year. And you've got plenty of help and just holler if you need anything; I'll be there. Thank you.

[Mrs. Jane Barton presented a bouquet of flowers to Mrs. Cheryl Roy.]

[Applause.]

CHIEF CARL H. WINSLOW, RETIRED: [Master of Ceremonies] Mrs. Sally Wehter, presentation to Mrs. Barton.

MRS. SALLY WEHTER: I thank you, and I appreciate all you have done for the Ladies Committee. It's been a pleasure.

[Mrs. Sally Wehter presented a bouquet of flowers to Mrs. Jane Barton.]

[Applause.]

CHIEF CARL H. WINSLOW, RETIRED: [Master of Ceremonies] Mrs. Wehter, don't go anywhere. Mrs. Barton has a presentation from Mrs. Wehter.

MRS. JANE BARTON: Sally, it's been joy working with you too this year.

CHIEF CARL H. WINSLOW, RETIRED: [Master of Ceremonies] At this time I'd like to have Linda Maurais come forward, please.

[Mrs. Jane Barton presented a bouquet of flowers to Mrs. Linda Maurais.]

[Applause.]





Vermont State VP  
Michael O'Neil (R)  
presents plaque to  
NEDIAFC President  
William Weston



Traditional Chiefs  
Trumpet presented  
by 1st VP Brian  
Thibeault



President Barton  
receives Maine State  
Fire Marshals citation  
from Deputy Chief  
Robert Ryan.

CHIEF CARL H. WINSLOW, RETIRED: [Master of Ceremonies] At this time I'd like to have Mike O'Neil come forward, please, to make a presentation to the Outgoing Chief William Weston of the New England Division.

CHIEF MICHAEL E. O'NEIL: [Colchester, VT] Brother Bill, on behalf of the Vermont Fire Chiefs Association, we'd like to present you with this award on behalf of your service dedication for the New England Division over the years and dedication to this conference and the fire service. Thanks, again, Bill.

[Applause.]

CHIEF CARL H. WINSLOW, RETIRED: [Master of Ceremonies] At this time, we'd like to have Chief Brian Thibeault come forward to make a presentation to Chief William Weston.

CHIEF BRIAN J. THIBEAULT: [Plymouth, NH] Bill, on behalf of the New England Division and all Fire Chiefs in New England, I'd like to present you with this: "The New England Division of the IAFC, Chief William Weston, President, 2004-2005."

[Applause.]

CHIEF CARL H. WINSLOW, RETIRED: [Master of Ceremonies] At this time, I'd like to have Deputy Chief Robert Ryan, Gray Fire Department, to make a presentation to Chief Barton.

DEPUTY CHIEF ROBERT RYAN: [Gray, ME] I'd like to read some things that I received for the Chief from the State of the Maine Department of Public Safety.

"Dear, Chief Barton, as you come to your conclusion of your tenure as President of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, I want to take this opportunity to thank you, all that you have contributed to the Fire Service in the more than 44 years you have served.

I know that you have been very involved in the regional approach to response and training issues within coastal Mutual A groups, also involved men with the Cumberland County Fire Chiefs Association, especially on the Juvenile Fire Center Issue, has been felt all the way up to the state level.

Your participation in activities in the New England Association of Fire Chiefs has proven to be a great resource for fire service and men.

On a personal note, my office and I have always enjoyed the warm, personal, professional relationship with you. I always look forward to seeing you at the various meetings we attend and value your input on the topics.

As you complete your term, you should take pride in what you have accomplished, take an opportunity to rest a bit, and





The President's family.

then look forward to what still lies ahead of you.

Congratulations and thank you for all you have done in Maine and New England Region Fire Service.

Office of the Fire Marshall, Certificate of Appreciation presented to Jon Barton. In recognition of your tireless efforts and outstanding leadership while serving as the President of New England Association of Fire Chiefs, John Dean, State Fire Marshall."

[Applause.]

This one is from the State of Maine. "Be it known to all that we, the members of Senate and the House of Representatives, join in recognizing Fire Chief Jon Barton, Chief of the Gray Fire Rescue, a member of the Gray Fire and Rescue for more than 44 years. Chief Barton has served as the past year President of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, a member of that organization for more than 10 years. Chief Barton has also served as a member in good standing with the Cumberland County Fire Chiefs Association and Coastal Mutual Aid, a group dedicated to offering training in fire, rescue teams to several surrounding towns.

We join in the New England Association of Fire Chiefs and acknowledge Chief Barton's years of dedicated service and his past year of service as the President. And be it ordered that this official expression of sentiments be set forthwith on behalf of the 122nd legislature and the people of the state of Maine."

[Applause.]

This one is from his home. "Gray Fire Rescue, Chief Jon E. Barton. Dear, Chief Barton, on behalf of the members of Gray Fire Rescue Association, I would like to take this opportunity to extend to you our congratulation. We want you to know how very proud we are of you and your many years of dedication to the service of the Department, Association, Town of Gray, the New England Association of Fire Chiefs.

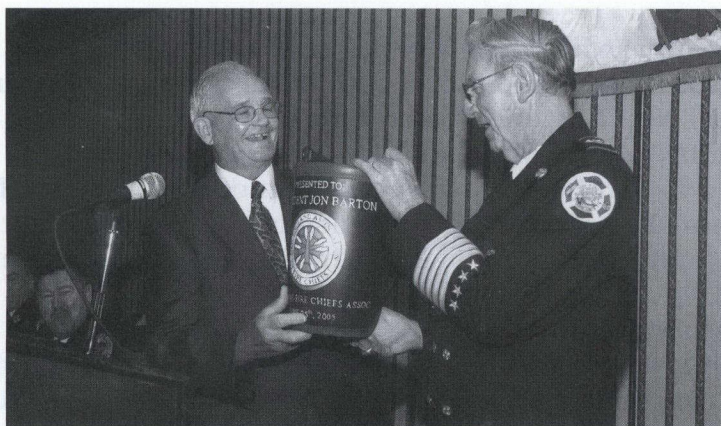
Your commitment to the Gray Fire Rescue has been extraordinary, and it's what's made our department something we are all proud of. We look forward to looking with you in many years of dedicated service and continue our path of improvement of success for the future. Respectfully, Dean Adler, President; Kathy Harold, Vice President.

[Applause and standing ovation.]

CHIEF JON E. BARTON, PRESIDENT: After all those words, I think it's time for me to retire for good.

[Laughter.]

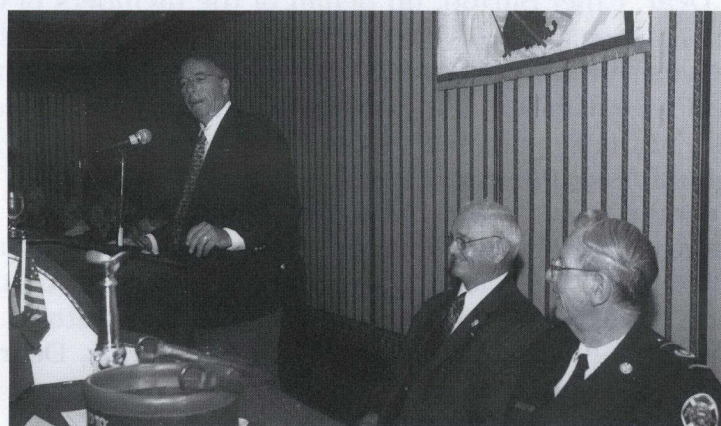




Maine Chiefs Fire Bucket presented by Chief Winslow



Chiefs Trumpet presented by 1st VP Chief Alan Roy.



Entertainment by Maine humorist Tim Sample

CHIEF CARL H. WINSLOW, RETIRED: [Master of Ceremonies] Chief Barton, would you please step up here once more, please? It's my pleasure on behalf of the Maine Fire Chiefs Association to give you a present. They read in the paper that Gray was buying a new fire truck, so, we thought probably you could finally retire your old bucket.

[Laughter and applause.]

CHIEF CARL H. WINSLOW, RETIRED: [Master of Ceremonies] At this time, the Incoming President Chief Alan Roy has a presentation for the Outgoing President Jon Barton.

CHIEF ALAN ROY, INCOMING PRESIDENT: Chief, on behalf of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs and all the Fire Chiefs here, we present you, Jon, with this trumpet. In honor of your leadership, your hard work, your dedication to get the job done. Thank you very much.

[Applause.]

CHIEF CARL H. WINSLOW, RETIRED: [Master of Ceremonies] That takes care of all the presentations. We are very pleased to introduce tonight's key speaker. Maine's premier native humorist, Tim Sample, was born and raised in the State of Maine. Over the past 30 years, Tim's books, CDs, and videos of humor have sold over 2 million copies.

From 1993 till 2003, Tim was correspondent of the Emmy award winning TV "CBS News Sunday Morning." Tim Sample's latest album has just been released. Please welcome the man Steven King has called "America's Best Humorist." I give you Mr. Tim Sample.

[Applause.]

[Guest Entertainer, Tim Sample, Comedian, performed.]

CHIEF CARL H. WINSLOW, RETIRED: [Master of Ceremonies] Chief Barton and Jane would like to have the person sitting at the table whose birthday is closest to June 25 to have the table center pieces; so you can decide amongst yourselves.

At this time, we're going to do the swearing in ceremony. Would the Officers and Directors of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, please stand and come forward. President and First Vice President and all the Directors, First Vice President, Second Vice President, and Directors, please.

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 Association of Fire Chiefs, Incorporated.





New England Division  
VP's sworn in by IAFC  
President Bob DiPoli

New England  
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Chief Brian  
Thibeault of  
Plymouth, NH  
sworn in by IAFC  
Treasurer Julian  
Taliaferro



Master of Ceremonies  
Chief Carl Winslow  
swears in Chief Alan  
J. Roy as the 84th  
President of the New  
England Association  
of Fire Chiefs.

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 off, so help me God.

[Applause.]

At this time, we'll do the Officers and Directors of the New England Division. If you'd take the same position that the Directors and the Association took. Chief Bob DiPoli will do the swearing in.

CHIEF ROBERT DIPOLI: Gentlemen, raise your right hand, please. I, state your 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 Division of the International Association of Fire Chiefs.

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.

Congratulations, gentlemen.

[Applause.]

CHIEF CARL H. WINSLOW, RETIRED: [Master of Ceremonies] At this time, Chief Julian Talifero will swear in President Brian Thibeault.

CHIEF JULIAN TALIFERO: Raise your right hand, place your left hand over your heart, and repeat after me.

I, Brian Thibeault, hereby swear that I will support the Constitution and Bylaws, and at all times bear true allegiance to the goals and purposes of this Division and the International Association of Fire Chiefs.

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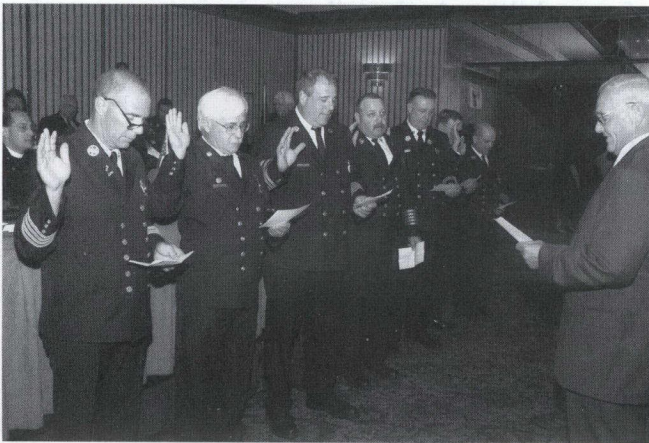
[Applause and standing ovation.]

CHIEF CARL H. WINSLOW, RETIRED: [Master of Ceremonies] Now we'll have Chief Alan Roy.

Raise your right hand. I, Alan Roy, hereby swear that I will support the Constitution and Bylaws at all times, and at all times bear true allegiance to the goals and purposes of 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





NEAFC Directors  
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Congratulations.

[Applause and standing ovation.]

CHIEF CARL H. WINSLOW, RETIRED: [Master of Ceremonies] At this time, Chief Alan Roy will give his Incoming President's address.

NEAFC INCOMING PRESIDENT CHIEF ALAN J. ROY: [Palmer, MA] Good evening, everyone. I'm honored to be elected the 84th President of the Association of Chiefs. It's really an honor.

It's been a privilege for the last five years to serve with all of the members of the Association, the New England Division, the Exhibitors Association, the Fire Apparatus Maintenance Association, and the past Presidents Flaherty, Sylvester, Howard, Richards, Webster, and this year with President Barton. Thank you.

I have a few introductions: First of all, my wife of 20 years, Cheryl.

[Applause.] We celebrated our anniversary June 15; 20 years, huh? Also, I'd like to acknowledge Retired Chief John Flaherty. He was the recruiter at the time he asked me. I appreciate that, John, I think. Here we are. And also my good friends from the Western Mass. Fire Chiefs, President Coulombe, and the Western Mass. Fire Chiefs, thank for your support, and also the Fire Chiefs of Massachusetts, thank you for their support.

At the start of my term as President, it's going to be my priority to strengthen our relationship with our partner organization. Tonight I welcome from the International Association of Fire Chiefs, President Bob DiPoli; the New England Division; and the New England Division, also President Thibeault and his staff, thank you; and from the Exhibitor's Association, President Paul Grondalski, and his staff; and from the New England Fire Apparatus and Maintenance Association, President Paul Lamoureaux and his staff. That's your team for 2005/2006, and I look forward to working with all of you.

Also, the committees that work so hard for this conference and make it so successful, I look forward to a successful year, and I look forward to a productive year with all of you this year, and thanks, and enjoy the rest of your conference. Thank you very much. Thank you.

[Applause.]



I wish to acknowledge some people that came here to see me this morning and tonight. First, my boss Elizabeth Corrow, who is here with her husband Craig. The Town of Plymouth has supported me very, very nicely, and allowed me the liberties to do what I can for the Division.

Sally for all your help, especially telling me when I'm wrong; my brother Steve; my sister-in-law Paulette; my brother Alan; sister-in-law Mary; my nieces Amy and Suzie, thank you; my son Justin; his girlfriend Jenny; my son Jeremy, who works for Hanover Fire, and his fiancée Faithanna, thank you. And last but not least, I have to thank my mother Janet for teaching me to believe that there's nothing that I can't accomplish. Thank you, mom. Thank you and good evening.

[Applause.]

CHIEF CARL H. WINSLOW, RETIRED: [Master of Ceremonies] At this time we'll have some remarks from Chief William Weston.

CHIEF WILLIAM N. WESTON, OUTGOING PRESIDENT: [Bellows Falls, VT] I'll make it brief. I know everybody is anxious to get to the hospitality room, including myself.

It's been a pleasure and an honor to serve as President of the New England Division over this last year. When I went to my first conference at Dunphy's in Hyannis down in Cape Cod, I had no idea I'd be up here doing this.

But everybody told me the year would pass quickly and it has. You get busy throughout the year. Obviously, I couldn't have done it without the support of the Division, the members. And, again, you hear it time after time after, the Division, the Association, the Mechanics Association, the Vendors Association, a lot of people work very hard to put this event on. I appreciate the Association especially to let us partner with them in such an outstanding event, and I'm sure everybody would agree that it is a great event.

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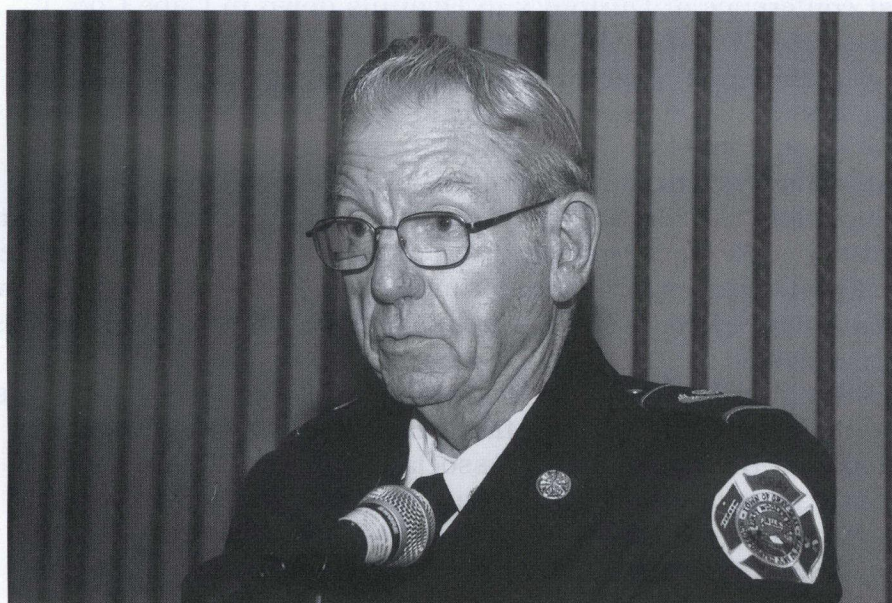
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Outgoing message from NEDIAFC President Bill Weston



Chief Barton expresses his thanks as he leaves office as the 83rd President

The IAFC has made an initiative last week to have a Stand Down Day for fire fighter safety. I just hope everybody participated in that. And it's not a one day thing. I hope you can go back to your departments, like I've been saying all through the conference, take what you've learned, the contacts you made, the equipment you purchased and make it a daily event of fire fighter safety.

If we continue to make that a priority, I think it will have an impact. Everyone knows as fire service leaders, we need to reduce those injuries and death, which we really need to do.

As I step down, I'm very enthusiastic to turn this Presidency over to Chief Thibeault in a long line of fire service leaders that are coming up behind him in the Presidency of the Division. I have complete faith that they'll carry out the goals and objectives for the Division and deal with fire fighter safety, as well as many other issues that face this modern fire service of today.

Again, thanks so much for your support, and please promote the fire fighter safety every day, not just once in a while. Thanks.

[Applause and standing ovation.]

CHIEF CARL H. WINSLOW, RETIRED: [Master of Ceremonies] Now we'll hear from Chief Jon Barton.

CHIEF JON E. BARTON, OUTGOING PRESIDENT NEAFC: Thank you, Carl. I'd like to just take a minute. I have a great representation down here from my own department this year, something like 21 or 22 members. My neighboring town of Cumberland, the Chief was here on Friday, and met me in the Exhibition Center, and he said, "How are things in your area?" I said, "They were great when I left." He said, "Is everything all taken care of?" I said, "It better be because we're relying on you two this weekend."

So with that, I would like to acknowledge Deputy Chief Bob Ryan and his wife Ann; Captain Will Plummer and his wife Rochelle; Richard Hawkins and his wife Linda; Training Officer Gary Latno and his wife Lisa; and Sandy Day; EMT Charlotte Hallworth, and her husband Richard; Fire Fighter EMT Joe Carroll and his guest Amanda; Fire Fighter Tad Redway and his wife Dianne; Fire Fighter Kurt Elkanich and his wife Ann; and the Fire Fighter photographer Nathan Tsucruff.

I certainly want to thank Chief Malanson and his wife Cindy from North Yarmouth for coming tonight, for being here, and Chief Lajoie and his wife Rita from Oyster. So I think we've had a very good representation down here.



CHIEF JOHN P. JENKINS: Thank you, John, for your kind words. I appreciate it very much, and congratulations to both the Outgoing Presidents and the Incoming Presidents. I apologize, I'm on the tail end of a cold, but we'll make the best of it.

[Closing Hymn, "God Bless America," was sung by Chief John P. Jenkins.]

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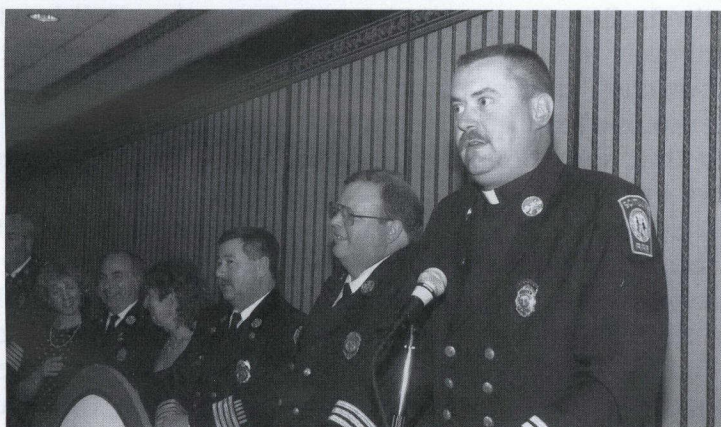
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Banquet attendees



NEAFC Directors table



Rev. Seymour delivers the Benediction.

Good and gracious God, we give you thanks for the gift of life, the gift of love, the gift of your wisdom in serving communities throughout New England and beyond. Continue to watch over those in public safety. Watch those who are serving throughout the world in our military; particularly lift up those who have gone before us; particularly those who have lost their lives in the performance of their duty.

All mighty and ever living God, please continue to bestow upon Yankee fans the faith that you have bestowed upon Red Sox fans for the last 82 years, that indeed, one day again, they may win the World Series in Father Provenzano's lifetime. Amen.

[Laughter and applause.]

CHIEF CARL H. WINSLOW, RETIRED: [Master of Ceremonies] On behalf of all our Officers, Presidents of the Association, and the Division, I want to thank you all for coming tonight and that concludes our program.

[Annual Banquet adjourned at 10:03 p.m.]

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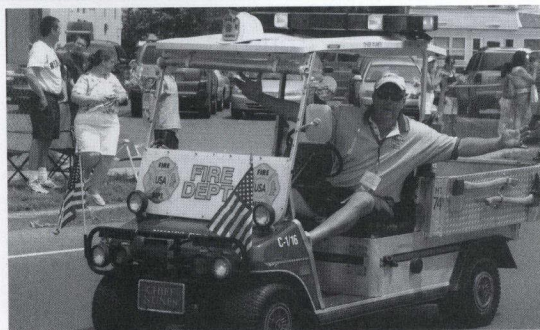
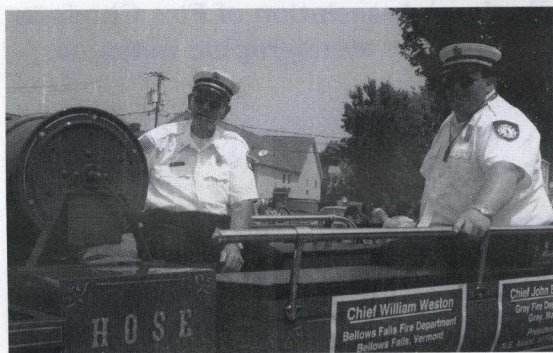
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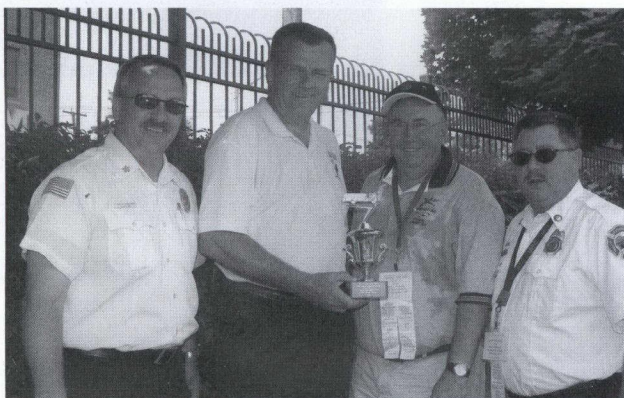
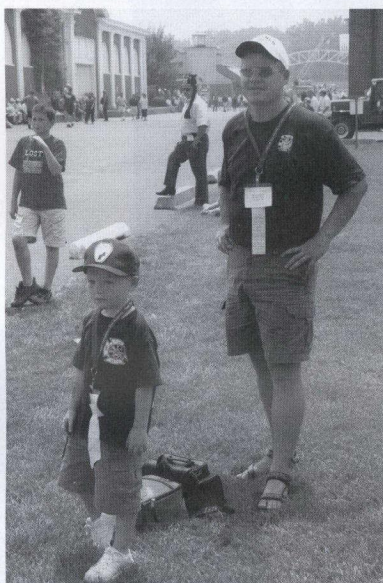


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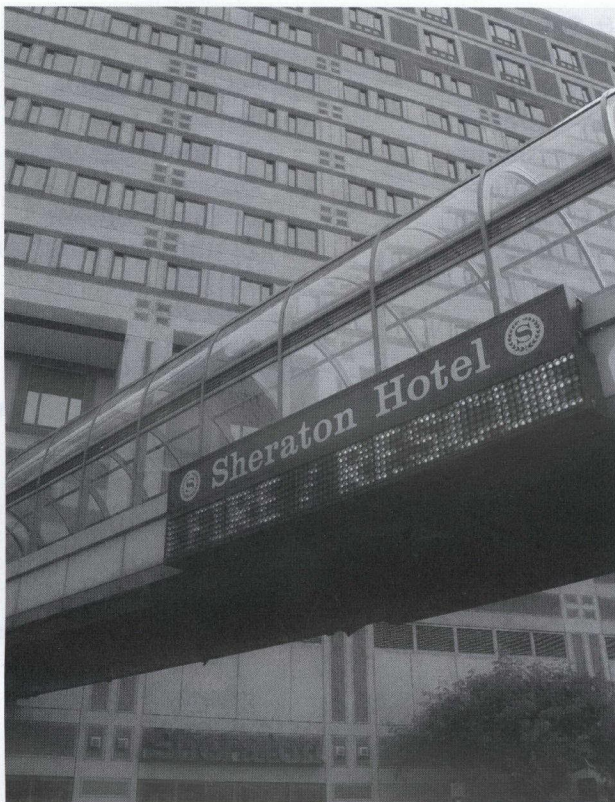




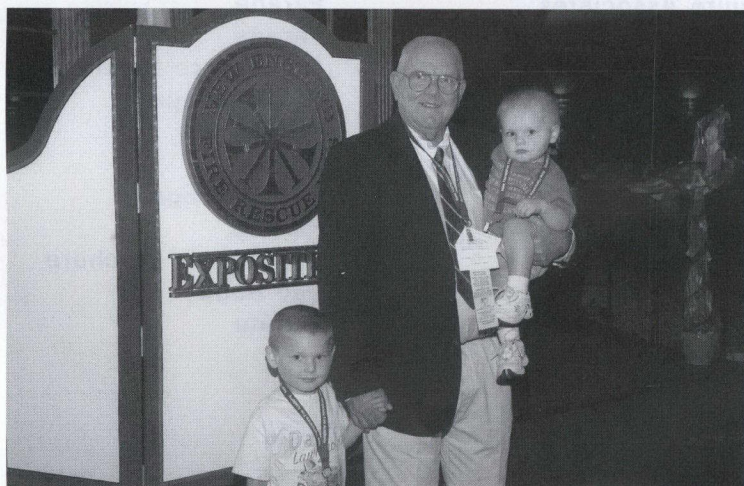
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# **BYLAWS – NEW ENGLAND ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS, INC.**

**As amended 06/20/03**

## **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. Any request for a donation to a candidate running for office must be submitted to the Board of Directors for a recommendation to the Annual Meeting at least thirty (30) days prior to said meeting.

I. 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. The election of Directors will be at the respective states caucus held during the Annual Meeting/Conference with the results announced at the Annual Meeting.

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.

E. Special Honorary Life Membership maybe conferred by approval of the Board of Directors for Associate/Vendor members.

### 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. Sergeant-at-Arms
- B. Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms
- C. Exhibit Chairman

Chaplain (s)

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

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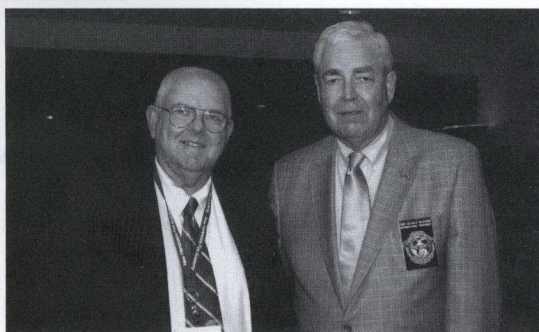
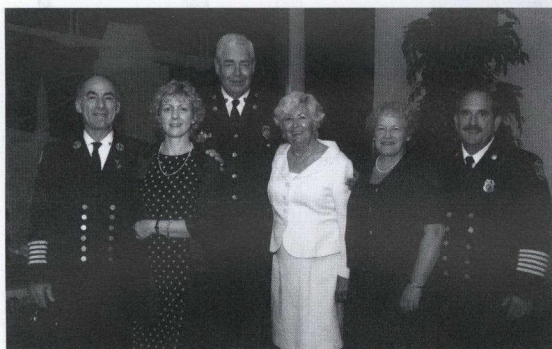
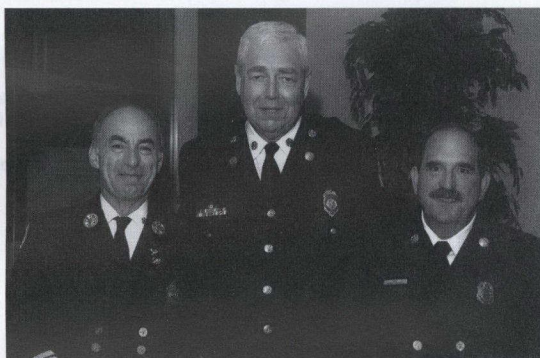
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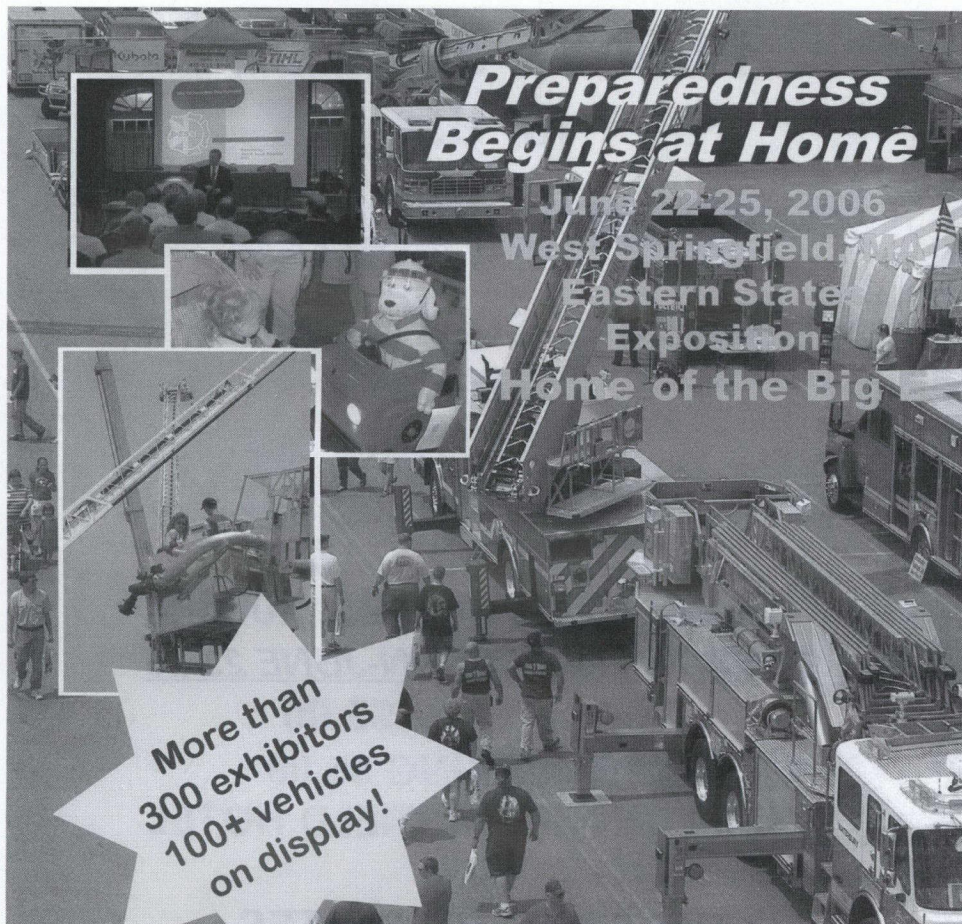
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