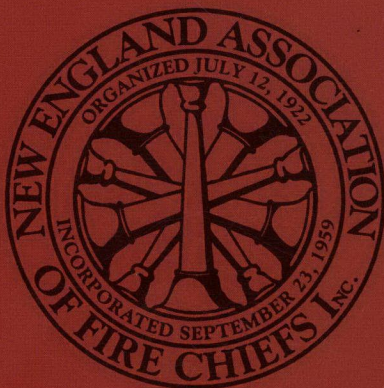


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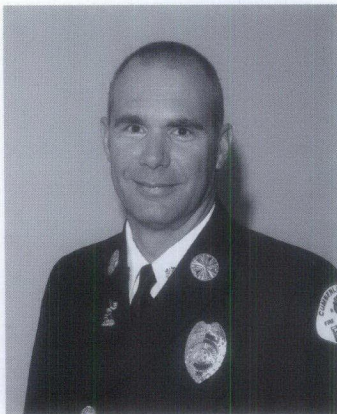
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Officers 2005 - 2006



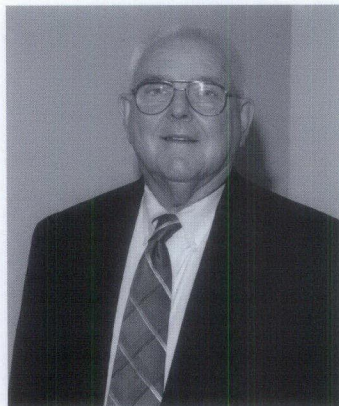
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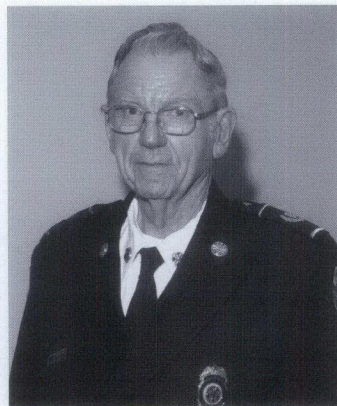
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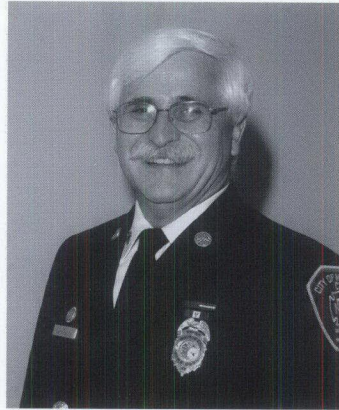


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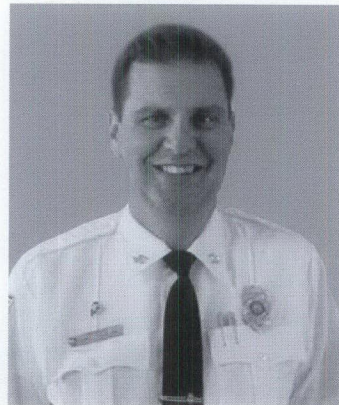
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**Chief Brian Comeau,
New Hampshire**



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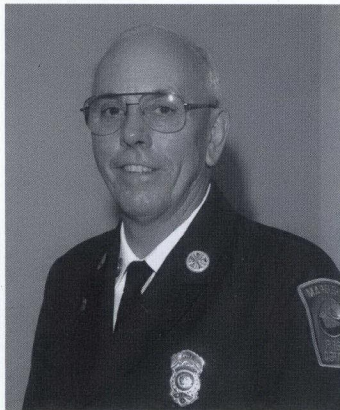


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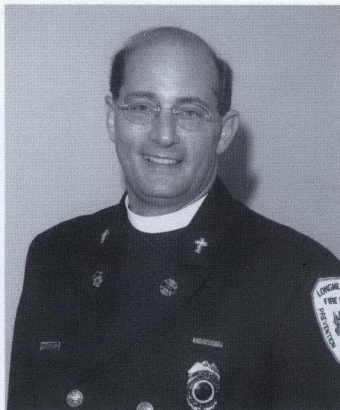


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**Chief Charles F. Maurais,
Exhibits Chairman**



**Rev. Lawrence Provenzano,
Chaplain**



**Rev. Michael Leckie,
Chaplain**

Dedication



This year's Red Book is dedicated to:

Chief Gerald P. Landry

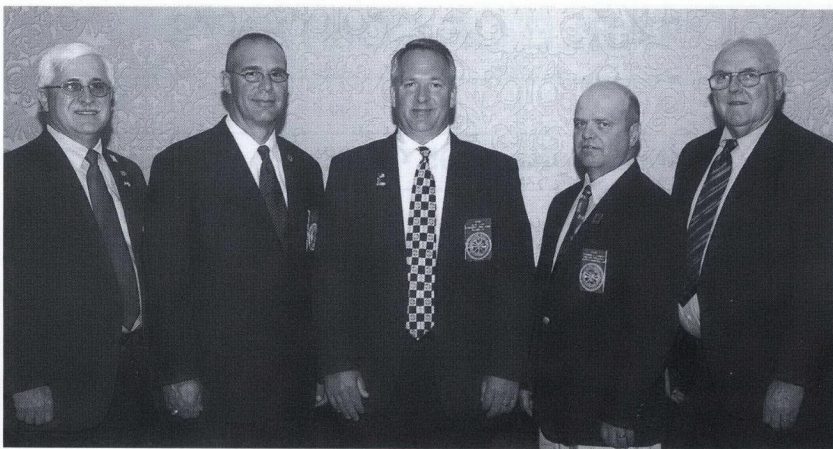
President 1988 -1989

Woonsocket, Rhode Island

2006-2007 President Richard Susi dedicates this year's Red Book to our 67th President for his exceptional ability to lead by example and show that a good Fire Chief could, and should, be involved in important regional activities and organizations, such as ours.

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Officers 2006 - 2007

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Chief James M. Trainor – CT, 2nd Vice President

Chief Richard A. Susi - RI, President

Chief Alan J. Roy - MA, Immediate Past President

Chief Thomas S. Lambert – NH, 1st Vice President

Chief Richard K. Wehter- MA, Secretary/Treasurer

Directors 2006 - 2007

(L-R) Chief Robert J. Ross, CT; Chief Brian Comeau, NH;

Chief Wendall M. Mansfield, VT; Chief Stuart Pearson, RI;

Chief Thomas Coulombe, MA; Chief Darrel Fournier, ME



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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-Fifth Annual Conference

Sheraton Springfield Hotel & Eastern States Exposition

Springfield & West Springfield, Massachusetts

Thursday June 21st to Sunday June 24th, 2007

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, BELLOW 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
- NO. 84 - SHERATON HOTEL, SPRINGFIELD, MA.; JUNE 22-24, 2006
PRESIDENT - CHIEF ALAN J. ROY, PALEMR, MA

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WEDNESDAY JUNE 21

- 3:00 p.m. MEMBER REGISTRATION, King George Suite, 3rd floor, until 5:00 p.m., (closed 9-10 a.m.)
4:00 p.m. Networking Suite open in Middlesex Rm
5:15 p.m. Board of Directors meeting
6:00 p.m. Directors & Guest committees meetings

THURSDAY JUNE 22

- 7:00 a.m. 16th Annual GOLF CLASSIC
Chicopee Country Club, Chief David Barkman, Chair. Shotgun start at 8 a.m.
8:00 a.m. Reading of proposed BYLAW CHANGES
Middlesex Room
8:00 a.m. MECHANICS SEMINAR, West
Springfield Station 4 at Eastern States Expo Center, NEFAMA
Class One Electronics, S-Key Multiplexing
8:00 a.m. EXHIBITOR registration and display set-up at the Eastern States Expo Center
9:30 a.m. MEMBER REGISTRATION, King George Suite, 3rd floor, until 5 p.m., (closed 9-10 a.m.)
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, light appetizers only, tickets required.
9:30 p.m. Networking suite open in Middlesex Room

FRIDAY JUNE 23

- 8:00 a.m. MECHANICS SEMINAR, West
Springfield Station 4 at Big E grounds.
8:30 a.m. SEMINAR #1 - KEYNOTE SESSION
Janet Wilmoth, editor of Fire Chief magazine discusses "The Chief at Home," at the Sheraton **GUESTS INVITED**
9:00 a.m. Guest event: Tour Northampton and two treatments at the Brooks & Butterfield Day Spa, until 4 p.m.
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. OUTING AT THE GROVE, Six Flags picnic area. Lobster & Chix Bake. Due to parking restrictions, bus transportation strongly recommended.

SATURDAY JUNE 24

- 8:30 a.m. SEMINAR #2 KEYNOTE SESSION *The Guys*, a stage drama about an FDNY captain and the writer who helps him write the eulogies for eight of his men.
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
Noon GUEST LUNCH
Storowton Tavern at the Big E
5:00 p.m. MEMORIAL SERVICE
Old First Church, Court Square (located at rear of the Sheraton)
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
MIDDLESEX ROOM CLOSED DURING BANQUET

SUNDAY JUNE 25

- 7:30 a.m. CATHOLIC MASS at hotel.
The Rev. Michael Leckie, Chaplain
7:30 a.m. PROTESTANT SERVICE at hotel
The 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 p.m.
11:30 a.m. SPECTACULAR
10th ANNIVERSARY
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



Opening ceremony –
President Alan J. Roy
officially opens the
84th Annual
Conference

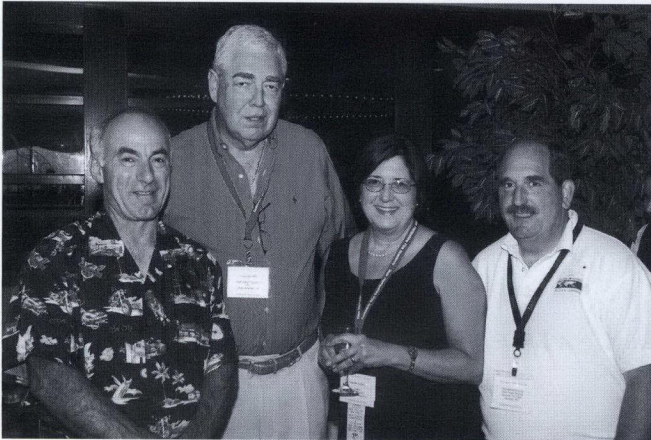
Reverend Lawrence
Provenzano delivers
the invocation



Ethel Lee sings the
National Anthem

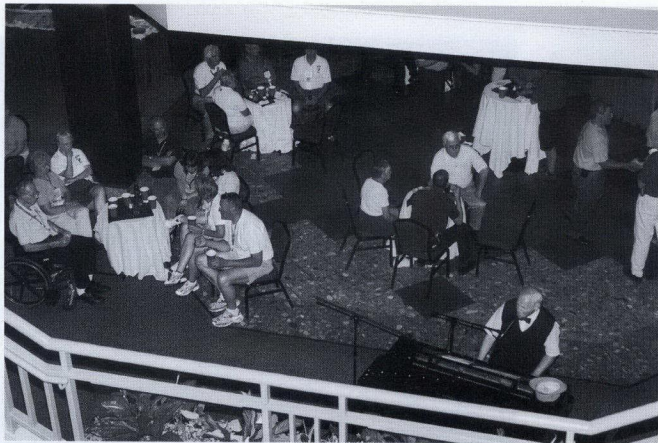
Welcome Reception

Welcome Reception –
Nancy & Ed Webster
in foreground with
Dolores & Sid
Thurston

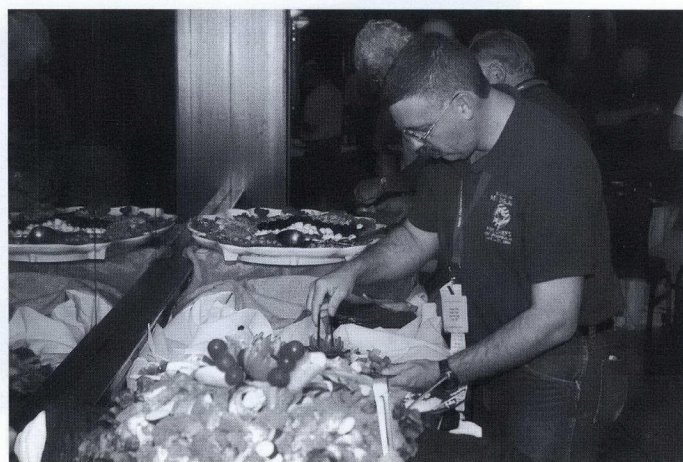


L-R) Chief Bob DiPoli,
Past President IAFC,
Chief Julian Taliaferro
IAFC Treasurer,
Janet Wilmoth, Editor,
Fire Chief Magazine, &
Chief Roger Bradley
NEDIAFC International
Director.

Piano entertainment
in the 2nd floor
atrium foyer.



Welcome Reception



84th
ANNUAL CONFERENCE
of the
NEW ENGLAND ASSOCIATION OF
FIRE CHIEFS, INC.

ANNUAL MEETING

President: Chief Alan J. Roy
Palmer, Massachusetts

Sheraton Springfield Hotel
Springfield, Massachusetts

Friday, June 23, 2006

4:00 P.M.

MONICA L. CAMERON
Shorthand Reporter
489 Hillside Avenue
Holyoke, MA 01040



Officers & Directors for the 2006 Conference



Rev. Provenzano delivers the invocation.

Springfield, Massachusetts
Friday, June 23, 2006

PROCEEDINGS
Annual Meeting

PRESIDENT ALAN J. ROY: I'd like to call to order the 84th Annual Meeting. Please turn your cell phones and pagers off during the course of the meeting. If you are going to use the mike, please state your name and the community that you're from as we'll be tape recording this meeting. Please stand for the Pledge to the flag.

(The Pledge of Allegiance was said.)

Invocation by Reverend Provenzano.

REVEREND LAWRENCE PROVENZANO, CHAPLAIN
(Longmeadow, MA): The Lord be with you.

(And also with you.)

Let us pray. Good and gracious God, as we gather in this place, we are mindful of all your good gifts in our lives, for our families and our loved ones, for the communities that we serve.

As we gather in the safety and security of this place, we're mindful of the members of our Armed Services serving throughout world, particularly those in Afghanistan and Iraq. We pray this evening for the Babineau family as they mourn the loss of their son and for the people of this community of greater Springfield as they mourn his loss as well.

As we gather in this place for this annual meeting, we're mindful of all of our brothers who are not with us, those who have gone before us, who we will remember in our time of memorial service. We ask you, Lord, to bind us together with them in this time of gathering.

We ask that your holy spirit be at work in us as we gather as an association. Help us to make good and wise decisions and in all that we do to give glory to you and for the building up of the members of the fire service throughout New England.

Lord, bless this time that we share together. Allow it to be good and fruitful. In this we pray in your most holy name, Amen.

(Amen)

PRESIDENT ALAN J. ROY: Thank you, Reverend. The Secretary's Report.



Chief Richard Wehter of Hingham, MA gives the Secretary's Report.

CHIEF RICHARD K. WEHTER, RETIRED (Hingham, MA):

Thank you, Mr. President.

To the Officers and members of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, Incorporated, I herewith submit the report of the Secretary for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2006.

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 29 & 30, 2005; November 17 & 18, 2005; February 9 & 10, 2006; and May 18 & 19, 2006. Three meetings were held at the Sheraton Springfield Hotel and one at the Sturbridge Host Hotel in Sturbridge, MA. Several sub-committee meetings were also held throughout the year.

The Directors meeting format followed last years pattern so that the members came in the night before the meeting which allowed the various committees to meet face to face. 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 online 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.

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 7,700 tri-fold flyers were mailed out in

May. Posters were also mailed in the June edition of 1st Responder Newspaper.

This year, the Association sponsored a live web cast through Firehouse Magazine featuring John Salka, thus another new concept in advertising our conference. 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, just to the rear of the Sheraton Hotel. The Welcome Reception was held on Thursday night and a Lobster/Chicken Bake will be held at Six Flags New England in Agawam tonight.

Special thanks to Chief Coulombe and our Education Coordinator Chief Carl Winslow and his committee for once again arranging an 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 \$18,000 per year plus tax on a new 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 help cover parade expenses. The Association notes a special thanks to all the sponsors of this year's conference.

President Roy, with Board approval, re-appointed Retired Chief Otis C. Wyatt, Jr. to the position of Historian. Reverend Michael Leckie and Reverend Lawrence Provenzano were appointed Chaplains. Chief Dave Jorsey of East Berlin, CT, was re-appointed Sergeant-at-Arms, and Chief Anthony Jarvis of Ludlow, MA, was re-appointed the Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms.

The Association re-negotiated a new three-year contract with the Mechanics, and we are currently negotiating with the Division. Upon the recommendation of the Site Committee, the Board voted at last year's conference to remain in Springfield for 2007, 2008, with the option for 2009.

In closing, I would like to thank all the Board and Committee members for their support and cooperation throughout the year.

It has been an honor to serve as your Secretary for these past 14 years and hope to do so for many more. Respectfully submitted.

PRESIDENT ALAN J. ROY: You've heard the report. What's your pleasure?

CHIEF JOHN FLAHERTY, RETIRED (West Springfield, MA): I move to accept.

CHIEF OTIS C. WYATT, JR., RETIRED (Narragansett, RI): I move to second that motion.

PRESIDENT ALAN J. ROY: It's been moved and seconded. Any discussions? All in favor?

(Aye)

Opposed? Ayes have it.

The Audit Committee report.

CHIEF JON E. BARTON (Gray, ME): To the Officers, Directors, and members of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, it gives me pleasure to announce that the Audit Committee has met and reviewed the financial statements of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, Incorporated, for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2006.

We also reviewed the audit report of the certified public account, Raymond Kasperowicz, of 760 Chief Justice Cushing Highway, Cohasset, Massachusetts, regarding the financial condition of the Association. The Audit Committee has found all books and financial statements of the Association to be in order. Respectfully submitted, Chief Jon Barton.

PRESIDENT ALAN J. ROY: Thank you, Jon. You've heard the report. What's your pleasure?

CHIEF JAMES M. TRAINOR (Meriden, CT): I motion to accept the Audit Committee report as presented.

DEPUTY CHIEF CRAIG E. BEAUSOLEIL (North Smithfield, RI): I second it.

PRESIDENT ALAN J. ROY: It's been moved and seconded. All in favor.

(Aye.)

Opposed? Ayes have it. Treasure's Report. Chief Wehter.

CHIEF RICHARD K. WEHTER, RETIRED: 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 06/01/05 from all accounts	\$691,360.67
RECEIPTS	
Dues	11,610.00
Conference 2005	44,214.18
Conference 2006	18,597.00
Exhibit Receipts	267,890.00
(of which 77,905.00 was for 2005, and 189,985.00 was for 2006)	
Miscellaneous	1,676.00
Retired Patches	430.00
Interest	18,189.17
TOTAL RECEIPTS	362,607.17
EXPENSES	
Office Supplies and Equipment	8,744.17
Conference 2005	97,360.50
Conference 2006	12,300.31
Postage and Mailing	1,449.06
Telephone	1,632.39
Testimonials	294.48
Memorials	764.33
Legal, Accounting, Insurance,	
Professional Services	6,440.00
Pre-conference Director & Committee meetings	32,859.80
Bank Fee	6.00
Exhibit Committee	76,859.80
Refunds	1,671.00
Seminars, Non-conference	11,250.00
Advertising	14,116.06
Donations	9,750.00
Consulting Fees	42,611.63
TOTAL EXPENSES	326,249.08
SUMMARY	
Balance on hand 06/01/2005	691,360.67
Total Receipts 06/01/2005 to 05/31/2006	362,607.17
Total Expenses 06/01/2005 to 05/31/2006	326,249.08
Balances 05/31/2006	727,718.76
General Operating Fund	\$467,911.43
Certificates of Deposit	\$259,807.33
Total Financial Assets as of 05/31/2006.	

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 reviewed by the Audit Committee.

It has been an honor and pleasure to serve as your Secretary/Treasurer these past 14 years, and I hope to do so for many more. Respectfully submitted.

PRESIDENT ALAN J. ROY: You've heard the Treasurer's Report.

CHIEF CHARLES P. CHACONAS (Ludlow, MA): Mr. President, I move that we accept the Secretary/Treasurer's report as presented.

CHIEF OTIS C. WYATT, JR., RETIRED: I move to second that.

PRESIDENT ALAN J. ROY: It's been moved and seconded. Any further discussion? All in favor?

(Aye.)

Opposed?

(Nay)

One nay.

CHIEF MARCEL G. COMIRE, RETIRED (Lakeland, FL): Is there a copy for us to review? Is there a copy available for the association?

PRESIDENT ALAN J. ROY: Sure, we can get you a copy.

CHIEF MARCEL G. COMIRE, RETIRED: Thank you.

PRESIDENT ALAN J. ROY: It's also published in the Red Book.

CHIEF MARCEL G. COMIRE, RETIRED: That would be ten months from now, right?

CHIEF RICHARD K. WEHTER, RETIRED: The Red Book will be come out around the first of the year.

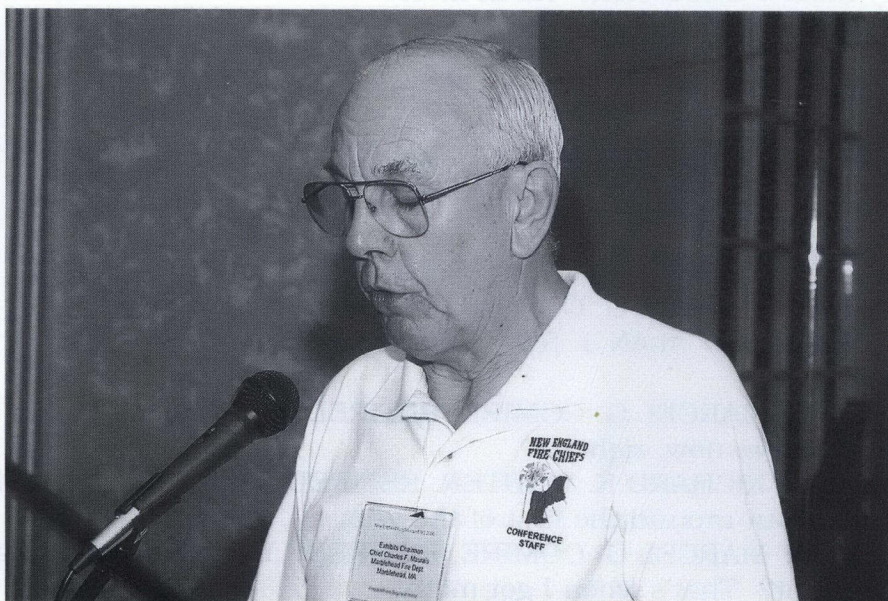
CHIEF MARCEL G. COMIRE, RETIRED: Usually April or May now, right? That's when I got mine.

CHIEF RICHARD K. WEHTER, RETIRED: If you'd like to review the financial statement —

CHIEF MARCEL G. COMIRE, RETIRED: If you can just copy it, I'll pick it up.

PRESIDENT ALAN J. ROY: We'll do that for you. Thank you. Exhibit Committee report. Chief Maurais.

CHIEF CHARLES F. MAURAS, RETIRED (Marblehead, MA): Thank you, Mr. President. President Roy, Board of Directors and Members: I herewith submit the report of the Exhibit Committee for the 2006 New England Fire/Rescue/EMS Expo. The Committee consisted of Chief Wendell Mansfield, Chief Darrel Fournier, Sidney Thurston, Chief Brian Comeau, Chief Stephen Allen, Judy Marshall, and Jack Morris.



Chief Charles Maurais of Marblehead gives the Exhibits Committee Report.

July 12, 2005, our vendor list consisted of 731 listings. We deleted 84 names who had not exhibited in the past three years, leaving a total of 647. Ninety-two names had been added to our database for a total of 739. Just a side note, I do delete those that don't attend for three years. That way there, we don't keep sending stuff that's frivolous and doesn't have any return. It keeps our list consistent and up to date.

August 1, 2005, thank-you letters with preregistration forms were mailed to 294 exhibitors. Seventy-one exhibitors preregistered by that time.

Again, September 6, 2005, we mailed 131 second notice letters to exhibitors that had not preregistered as of that date.

On April 17, 2006, conference packets were mailed to 702 vendors in the United States and Canada. An additional 33 were mailed out after April 15th to new vendors for a total of 735.

Approximately 1135 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 1535.

Contracted exhibit space:

Inside 8' x 10'	311
Inside 10' x 10'	39
Vehicle spaces, (both inside and out)	144
Total	494

There were 285 companies represented this year at this year's Expo. The total receipts — this is only as of right now; we do have some outstanding, but not a lot — \$297,458.00.

I would like to thank President Roy 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. She puts up with me.

I would like to thank Paul Grondalski and Judy Marshall of the New England Fire Equipment Exhibitors Association for all their help and support during the past year.

I would like to thank the Chiefs from the New England Association, the 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, Judy Marshall, Mark Hooper, and Dawna Hooper-Lewis for their help on Wednesday for 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, Lorry Jorsey, Phyllis Mansfield, Jane Barton, Eileen Trainor, Estelle Sylvester, Kathleen Tucker, Jennifer Howard, Ann Ryan, Charley Bradley, Dolly Thurston, and Mary Flaherty 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.

I would also like to thank all the help and support of Special Event Rentals and the Eastern States Exposition for setting up and maintaining the buildings and grounds.

Respectfully submitted, Charles F. Maurais, Chairman.

PRESIDENT ALAN J. ROY: Thank you Charlie. You've heard the report. What's your pleasure?

FROM THE FLOOR: I make a motion to accept the report as presented.

CHIEF DAVID R. BARKMAN (West Springfield, MA): I'll make a motion to second it.

PRESIDENT ALAN J. ROY: It's been moved and seconded. Any discussion? All in favor?

(Aye.)

Opposed? Ayes have it. Education report. Chief Coulombe.

CHIEF THOMAS COULOMBE (Ware, MA): Thank you, Mr. President. To the President, Directors and Officers, and members of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, I present the following report for the Education Committee for the year of 2006:

First, I'd like to thank my Committee members, Chief Tom Lambert, Chief Mike Howard, Chief Ed Webster, Chief Michael O'Neil, Chief Tim Wall, Mark Hooper from the New England Fire Equipment Exhibitors, Jack Morris from the New England Fire Apparatus Maintenance Association, and especially Retired Chief Carl Winslow, our Educational Coordinator for the fine job they do.

The Committee met at quarterly meetings to establish quality programs, topics, and speakers for this year's conference. Educational Grant Programs were implemented two years ago to help assist the fire chiefs' organizations of different states, and

this year, we awarded two of them. Only two states asked for grants, Rhode Island and Vermont.

At the November meeting, two seminars were selected and confirmed. Today's topic was Janet Wilmoth, who is the editor of Fire Chief magazine. The topic was "The Chief at Home." Tomorrow morning, we'll have a stage play of "The Guys." The significant others, spouses, or guests are also invited to attend that.

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.

This year, we sponsored a web cast live training on firehouse.com, "Responsibility, Who Can Stop the Line of Duty Deaths?" We are looking into the possibility and had it pretty confirmed that we'll be sponsoring another one of these web casts in the coming year. There will be more leave time so that we can get the notice out earlier so more people will be able to take advantage of that. We did that kind of on a — we had the opportunity and seized it, but there wasn't a lot of time to advertise.

We also are looking at the possibility of doing annual training with the New England Division on Training the Trainer Program here, and we should be able to report on that by the first part of next year.

The Committee would like to extend our appreciation to the many individuals who've helped us through the year, and as the chairman, I really appreciate Chief Carl Winslow's help. He made my first year as chairman much easier, so thank you Carl. Respectfully submitted.

PRESIDENT ALAN J. ROY: Thank you, Chief Coulombe. You've heard his report. What's your pleasure?

CHIEF JOHN E. PAROW (Chelmsford, MA): I move to accept the report as written.

CHIEF JOHN G. WOOD, JR., RETIRED (West Hartford, VT): I second it.

PRESIDENT ALAN J. ROY: It's been moved and seconded. All in favor?

(Aye.)

Opposed? Ayes have it. Advertising Committee. Chief Susi.

CHIEF RICHARD A. SUSI (Cumberland, RI): Good afternoon. The New England Association of Fire Chiefs Advertising

Committee Report, June 23, 2006. Basically, this report is covering the conference brochure, the tri-fold, our online advertising, and also the poster that we sent. It's basically a description of that.

The conference brochure was completed and sent out by April 1, 2006. T.C.I. Press from Seekonk, MA, printed approximately 4,000 brochures and mailed approximately 3,031 from our mail list. This also includes another 550 from our New York list that was added to that. There were 750 sent to the Exhibits Chairman to be included in the vendors' packets while the remaining brochures were made available for distribution as needed.

The cost breakdown is as follows: Brochure printing from T.C.I. Press, \$4,083.27; postage for the bulk mailing was \$841.72. The total brochure costs were \$4,924.99. It was up a little bit from last year. Last year was \$4,436.40.

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. A total of 11 ads were sold for a total of \$7,423.00.

The tri-fold day pass mailing was sent out about a month ago. The tri-fold brochure, the day pass list has been completed and was presented. This was also printed by T.C.I. Press of Seekonk. Ten thousand were printed to be sent out to over 6,500. I think I reported earlier, I believe, 7,700. This is an increase of about 2,000 new attendees on the list.

Once again, we sold a sponsorship ad to the New England Fire Equipment Exhibitors Association for \$750.00. The cost breakdown is as follows: Tri-fold printing, approximately \$1,450.00; postage, \$1,681.28; a total cost of \$3,131.28. It's just about the same as last year.

Poster: The poster was sent out a little earlier this year. It was, once again, inserted into the First Responder newspaper in the May edition, therefore being distributed to over 8,200 papers throughout New England.

Printing costs for that was \$1,792.00. The insert cost, \$800.00 — which is really a good deal to get out to 8,200 pieces — shipping to First Responder, \$206.79; a total of \$2,798.79. It's a little bit more than last year because we upped it this year by a considerable amount.

Other advertising included the following publications and/or web sites, First Responder Online for New England and New York, \$2,940.00. That was six ads at \$490.00 a piece over three

months for each of the New England papers and the New York papers.

First Responder Online, \$100.00. Firehouse.com was no charge, and Fire Apparatus magazine was a barter for booth space here at the conference. It cost approximately \$3,040.00.

Summary: Conference brochure, \$4,924.99; tri-fold, \$3,131.28; poster, \$2,798.79; other advertising, \$3,040.00; total expenses, \$13,895.06.

Other advertising income was the conference brochure, \$7,423.00; and the tri-fold, \$750.00; a total income of \$8,173.00. Net cost to the Association turned out to be \$5,722.06. It's just slightly over last year by about \$800.00.

It should also be noted that the Board voted to purchase an Advertising Committee laptop computer and printer this year. The equipment, which is also being used to help coordinate things here this week, such as the banquet layout, was much needed and greatly appreciated.

I would also like to thank the Board and especially President Roy for creating a stipend for the advertising position. It was totally unsolicited but very much appreciated by me.

Once again, thanks to the members of the Advertising Committee for their help in obtaining the needed information in a timely manner. The work that gets done in the Advertising Committee is a committee effort, but when we get home, it's absolutely a partnership, I have to tell you people, and my wife is absolutely the senior partner in this company, so there's no — that's the truth.

So a special thank you will always go to my wife Holly who is responsible for a big part of our designs and layouts.

Respectfully submitted, Richard Susi, Advertising Chairman.

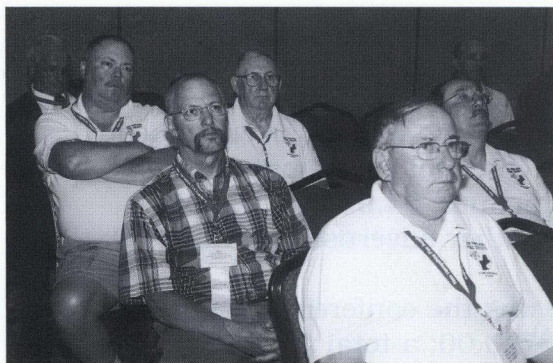
PRESIDENT ALAN J. ROY: Thank you, Rick. You've heard his report.

CHIEF FRANK SYLVESTER, (Lincoln, RI): Mr. President, I move to accept the report as presented, and I also want to thank the Chief's wife for doing a heck of the job.

CHIEF OTIS C. WYATT, JR., RETIRED: I second that recommendation, and I think we should do well to point out that we had an excellent first day today, and a part of that could certainly be attributed to the excellent advertising.

PRESIDENT ALAN J. ROY: So noted. It's been moved and seconded. Any further discussion? All in favor?

(Aye.)



Opposed? Parade Committee. Anybody from the Parade Committee? Judy?

JUDY MARSHALL: I don't have the exact figures, but I think it's a little shy of \$6,500 in sponsorship. Expenses, we'll know in a few months exactly where we stand. It looks like we have registration, about 65 to 70 apparatus. It's going to be a little bit of a shorter parade, but we're going to have a parade.

PRESIDENT ALAN J. ROY: Thank you. You've heard Judy's report.

CHIEF OTIS C. WYATT, JR., RETIRED: We accept the report of the Parade Committee.

CHIEF PETER LAMB (Newport, NH): I second it.

PRESIDENT ALAN J. ROY: It's been moved and seconded. Any further discussion? All in favor?

(Aye.)

Opposed? Registration Committee. Chief Wehter.

CHIEF RICHARD K. WEHTER, RETIRED: Registrations are down again this year. We have 84 members that are registered and 50 spouses. That's down from about 115 last year. We had 122 sign up for the welcome party last night. We have 208 for the theme night tonight at Six Flags, 220 for the banquet; 83 signed up for the Seminar 1 and 98 signed up for Seminar 2 tomorrow.

On the ladies' bus trip, 29 signed up, 44 are scheduled for the lunch. I understand that we had 1700 day passes today. That's excellent for what I consider the off-day — Saturday and Sunday are the big days — compared to sometimes anywhere from 900 to 1200 on odd days, so 1700 is a great day. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ALAN J. ROY: You've heard the report.

CHIEF RAYMOND A. GODIN (Turners Fall, MA): I move to accept as read.

CHIEF OTIS C. WYATT, JR., RETIRED: I move to second that report.

PRESIDENT ALAN J. ROY: It's been moved and seconded. Any discussion? All in favor?

(Aye.)

Opposed? Golf Committee. Chief Barkman.

CHIEF DAVID R. BARKMAN: With your permission, I'll submit a formal report once I get all the numbers on the finances. I think we had a great day. Chicopee was in terrific condition. We had 121 golfers. I do have some thank-you's, but

with your permission, again, I'll wait until I submit my report so I can include everybody. We definitely ran in the black, so everything worked out great.

PRESIDENT ALAN J. ROY: Okay. Thank you, Chief. Moving on. Old business should come before the meeting. Any old business? New business. I'd like to call upon Chief Thibeault. Do you want to say a few words?

CHIEF BRIAN J. THIBEAULT (Plymouth, NH): On behalf of the New England Division, I thank you. I thank you for attending the meeting yesterday.

Just a couple of things that I'd like to note today: The elections for the IAFC officers are open, and it's electronic ballots. If you have any trouble getting through to that, you need to contact Joy Elbee at Member Services, or contact me in the office, and I can tell you how to do that.

Traditionally, the votes cast in New England are the highest percentage of any division in the IAFC. I'd like to see that tradition hold through and continue on. Right now, even though they're electronic, the ballot returns are down, so go back and check your emails on that. The majority, over 95 percent or 98 percent, are done electronically, so you need to do that.

It was really good to see that many people at the conference today.

CHIEF JAMES M. TRAINOR: Chief, what's the closing date on the ballots?

CHIEF BRIAN J. THIBEAULT: The 21st? Roger?

CHIEF ROGER E. BRADLEY (Hanover, NH): The ballots?

CHIEF BRIAN J. THIBEAULT: Yes. The 21st?

CHIEF ROGER E. BRADLEY: It came out June 15.

CHIEF BRIAN J. THIBEAULT: What's the closing date?

CHIEF ROGER E. BRADLEY: I believe it's this Thursday.

PRESIDENT ALAN J. ROY: Thank you, Chief. Is Paul here? Would you like to say — no? Would you like to say a few words on behalf of the vendors?

JUDY MARSHALL: I had a lot of really wonderful comments from vendors as I was walking through the hall today. This is, as usual, a very well-organized conference. I look forward to the Rhode Island delegation taking control. That's going to be a lot of fun. As usual, it's going to be a lot of work.

Usually, when I see people that come here for the first time, I tell them, look around you, because what you see is probably 95 percent done by volunteers, and that says an awful lot about what goes on. Again, thank you very much.

PRESIDENT ALAN J. ROY: Thank you, Judy. Frank.

CHIEF FRANK M. SYLVESTER: Mr. President, on new business, I would like to make a motion that the New England Association of Fire Chiefs endorse the candidacy for the Second Vice President, year of 2007, of Jack Parow out of Chelmsford, Mass. I make that a formal motion, Mr. President.

CHIEF JOHN J. FLAHERTY, RETIRED: I second it.

PRESIDENT ALAN J. ROY: It's been moved and seconded. Any further discussion? All in favor?

(Aye.)

CHIEF JOHN E. PAROW: Thank you.

PRESIDENT ALAN J. ROY: Thank you, Jack. Good luck.

(Applause.)

CHIEF FRANK M. SYLVESTER: Mr. President, I also have another motion. I'd like to make a motion that the New England Association of Fire Chiefs contribute \$1,000 to the candidacy of Jack Parow.

CHIEF MICHAEL HOWARD (Norwood, MA): I second that.

PRESIDENT ALAN J. ROY: It's been moved and seconded. Roger, discussion?

CHIEF ROGER E. BRADLEY: Under discussion, specify what it's for, his candidacy. Candidate for — you need to say Second Vice President of the International Association of Fire Chiefs.

CHIEF FRANK M. SYLVESTER: For the candidacy of Second Vice President for the International.

PRESIDENT ALAN J. ROY: Okay. Thank you for the clarification. We're done with discussion? All in favor?

(Aye.)

Opposed? Thank you. Good luck, Jack.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT ALAN J. ROY: Any other new business to come before the meeting? Okay. We'll move on to election of officers and directors. I'd just like to make a note that all the positions are not contested for the — I'll give you the list who's going to be up for re-election.

We have the President from Rhode Island; First Vice President, New Hampshire; Second Vice President, Connecticut; Secretary/Treasurer, currently serving a three-year term, and then the states will announce the Massachusetts Director and also the Connecticut Director. What's your pleasure?

CHIEF BRIAN HOXSIE (Coventry, RI): Mr. President, on behalf of the Rhode Island Association of Fire Chiefs, I'd like to

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nominate for candidacy for President of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, my friend and colleague from the kind-of-okay State of Rhode Island, Rick Susi.

CHIEF MARCEL G. COMIRE, RETIRED: I second it.

PRESIDENT ALAN J. ROY: It's been moved and seconded. Any discussion? All in favor?

(Aye.)

Opposed? Thank you.

(Applause.)

CHIEF PHILIP H. MORRILL, JR. (Wolfeboro, NH): On behalf of the great State of New Hampshire, I'd like to nominate Tom Lambert for First Vice President.

CHIEF RICHARD A. MASON (Concord, NH): I second it.

PRESIDENT ALAN J. ROY: Okay. It's been moved and seconded. All in favor?

(Aye.)

Opposed? Congratulations, Tom.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT ALAN J. ROY: Connecticut.

CHIEF TIMOTHY S. WALL (Wallingford, CT) Tim Wall, Volunteer Fire Chief of the North Farms Volunteer District for Jim Trainor for Second Vice President.

CHIEF JOHN J. FLAHERTY, RETIRED: I second it.

PRESIDENT ALAN J. ROY: It's been moved and seconded. All in favor?

(Aye.)

Opposed? Thank you. Congratulations, Jim.

(Applause.)

Secretary/Treasurer.

FROM THE FLOOR: He's in the middle of —

PRESIDENT ALAN J. ROY: The states can be announced for directors, please. Massachusetts.

CHIEF DAVID R. BARKMAN: We elect Tom Coulombe to serve for another three years as Director.

PRESIDENT ALAN J. ROY: Chief Tom Coulombe, congratulations.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT ALAN J. ROY: Connecticut.

FROM THE FLOOR: I would like to nominate Robert Ross.

CHIEF TIMOTHY WALL: I second it.

PRESIDENT ALAN J. ROY: Congratulations. Welcome aboard.

(Applause.)



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PRESIDENT ALAN J. ROY: Just stand so everyone can be recognized.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT ALAN J. ROY: Next business, set salary of the Secretary/Treasurer.

CHIEF JOHN J. FLAHERTY, RETIRED: What is that figure now?

PRESIDENT ALAN J. ROY: Currently, it's \$26,625.38. It will be increased to \$27,956.65.

CHIEF OTIS C. WYATT, JR., RETIRED: Is that the recommendation of the Board, please?

PRESIDENT ALAN J. ROY: This is the recommendation of the Board.

CHIEF OTIS C. WYATT, JR., RETIRED: I move we accept the recommendation of the Board and establish the Secretary/Treasurer at that figure you just quoted.

CHIEF JOHN J. FLAHERTY: I second the motion.

PRESIDENT ALAN J. ROY: It's been moved and seconded. Any discussion? All in favor?

(Aye.)

All opposed? Thank you.

These were voted and approved by the Board of Directors. Five percent for the Exhibit Chairman; current is \$13,312.69, and it went to \$13,978.32. Education Coordinator currently is \$3,472.88, and it went to \$3,646.52. Advertising Chairman, which is a new position — not new position, but it's new as far as for pay. Currently it's \$3,472.88, and it will go to \$3,646.52.

Next we'll have a presentation from —

CHIEF RICHARD A. SUSI: I can take it from here. Next we'll have a presentation from Chief —

PRESIDENT ALAN J. ROY: He just wanted to say that to himself.

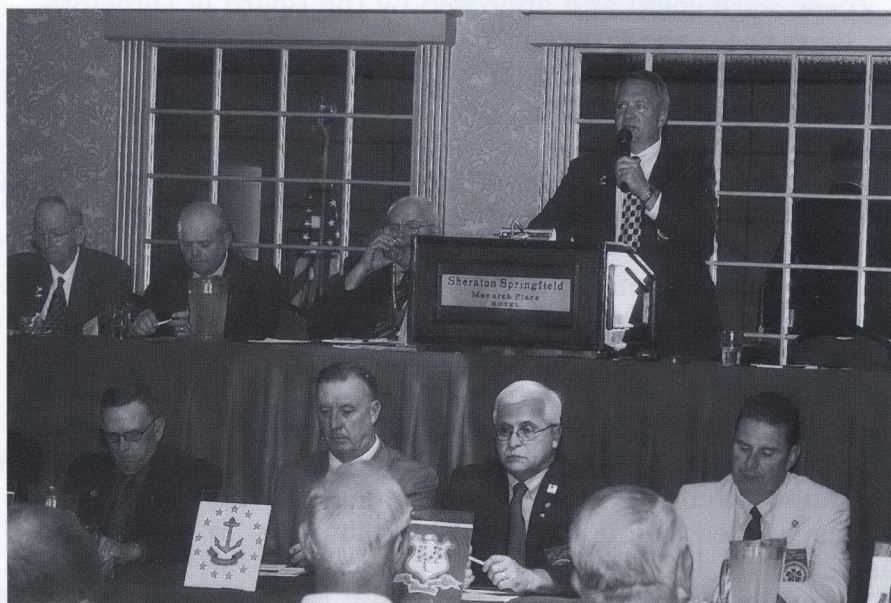
(Laughter)

CHIEF RICHARD A. SUSI: Since you just got me a stipend, I really have to get up here now. Really, I think everybody in this room knows that this Association made quite a bit of progress this year under the direction of Chief Alan Roy from Palmer, Mass.

I've worked extremely well with Alan, and we've become good friends, and I'm very happy to report that we had an excellent year under Alan's leadership; I think we would all agree. And on that note, I'd like to present Alan with a nice five-point ring for



President Alan Roy (R) receives Presidents ring from Chief Susi.



Chief Roy expresses his thanks to everyone for their assistance during his year as President.

him to wear. Congratulations, Alan.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT ALAN J. ROY: Thank you very much. It has been a quick year, real quick, but I leave here with a great deal of pride and accomplishment as I finish my term as President.

All the New England organizations have been working together towards a common goal, to provide a conference and exposition that provides a resource and a valuable service for the Fire Rescue and EMS personnel.

The membership spoke last year, and we listened. I'm excited to report that we have and will continue to host firefighter safety web casts and concerns and state education grants to increase firefighter safety throughout the region.

We have provided and will continue to fund expenses for chiefs that are interested in attending the Congressional Fire Service Institute in Washington D.C. Past IAFC President Bob DiPoli's goal was to increase our participation in Washington. We will continue to support his and the IAFC's endeavor.

I will take this opportunity to thank President Buddy Thibeault from the New England Division, President Paul Grondalski from the New England Equipment Exhibitors, and President Paul Lamoureaux from the New England Fire Apparatus Maintenance Association.

It's been a productive year, and I'm sure it will continue with the new board coming in. As you've heard, it's a Rhode Island year next year, so be careful.

(Applause and laughter.)

I'd also like to thank — it's been an honor to work with the Board here from the Association and also with Secretary/Treasurer Dick Wehter. He's really an aide to the president, but thank you, Dick. Thank you for all your services. Enjoy the rest of the conference. Thank you.

(Standing ovation.)

Remarks from the Incoming President. By the way, the same with Rick, we've really developed a nice working relationship. He's going to take this organization and all of our organizations to common ground and do a good job for you.

CHIEF JOHN J. FLAHERTY, RETIRED: Go Rick.

(Applause.)

CHIEF RICHARD A. SUSI, INCOMING PRESIDENT: We're going to keep this very brief. We've gotten through this meeting. We're going to keep it very brief. We'll have a few more things to

say tomorrow night, but, obviously, what I said before about this being a progressive and a positive year, what I said about Alan, I really meant, and I hope that we can be as progressive this coming year.

There are a few things that I have in my head that I'd like to work on. I look forward to working with Chief Brian Hoxsie from the Division, and I know we will work well together. Yes, we're both from Rhode Island. No, this isn't a coup. We're not taking over.

(Laughter.)

So we're going to work well together though, and we've already got a meeting scheduled for July 20th with the Vendors Association and the Mechanics Association. So we're going to try and start off on the right foot communicating from day one.

Alan has led the way and has shown us how we can do it. This is not to say that we didn't do this before. We get better every year. We learn and we get better. We're going to try and get a little bit better as we go on throughout this year.

I look forward to being your president, and, hopefully, we'll say a few more things tomorrow night, but we'll move this along. Thank you very much for your vote of confidence.

FROM THE FLOOR: You're a real scrapper.

(Applause and laughter.)

PRESIDENT ALAN J. ROY: Thank you, Rick. Remarks for the good of the Association. I just would like to acknowledge and recognize Retired Chief Charlie McInerney from Middletown, Connecticut. He was in the Red Book. You saw his picture in there, and the Red Book was dedicated to him. He always donates the flowers for the Memorial Services. It's been happening for a long time. We just want to recognize Charlie for that. Thank you.

(Standing ovation.)

CHIEF CHARLES D. MCINERNEY: Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT ALAN J. ROY: Thank you, Chief. Any other remarks for the good? Just a little announcement. Make sure you bring your tickets tonight for Six Flags. There's passes and wristbands. Parking only at the main — if you're taking your car, there's only parking at the main lot. You'll have to walk through the park and over the bridge to get to that area.

The main lot closes at ten o'clock, so if you do use that, you'll need to have your car there by ten, otherwise you'll be locked in. That's why, again, we encourage everyone to take the bus. It's a

better way to go, and it keeps all you guys off the road too.

(Laughter.)

The bus will take you directly right to the pavilion, so that's another plus.

CHIEF JOHN J. FLAHERTY, RETIRED: That leaves at what time?

PRESIDENT ALAN J. ROY: Quarter of six.

FROM THE FLOOR: There's two busses.

PRESIDENT ALAN J. ROY: John?

CHIEF JOHN J. FLAHERTY, RETIRED: What time do they return? Is there going to be rotating?

PRESIDENT ALAN J. ROY: There's going to be rotating busses out of there if you want to come back.

CHIEF JOHN J. FLAHERTY, RETIRED: So about eight, nine o'clock, they'll start rotating back?

CHIEF RICHARD K. WEHTER, RETIRED: One bus will be making a return trip as needed.

CHIEF JOHN J. FLAHERTY, RETIRED: Okay.

PRESIDENT ALAN J. ROY: Okay. With that, do we have a motion for adjournment?

CHIEF BRIAN HOXSIE: I move we adjourn.

CHIEF JOHN G. WOOD, JR., RETIRED: I second it.

PRESIDENT ALAN J. ROY: Thank you.

(Annual Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.)

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I, MONICA L. CAMERON, hereby certify that the foregoing transcript of the 84th 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.

Monica L. Cameron
Shorthand Reporter

In Memoriam



His wisdom and courage inspired us all.

Chief Jon E. Barton

Gray, Maine

Our 83rd President

**NEW ENGLAND ASSOCIATION
OF FIRE CHIEFS**

**EIGHTY-FOURTH
ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE
SATURDAY JUNE 24, 2006
1700 HOURS**



Chaplains

**The Reverend Lawrence Provenzano
The Reverend Michael Leckie**

**OLD FIRST CHURCH
SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS**

Memorial Service

PRELUDE: The Heavens Are Telling *Benedetto Marcello*
Brass and organ

PROCESSIONAL, with colors
Heroic Music *Georg Philipp Telemann*

OPENING HYMN: (Sung by all standing – see insert)
O Beautiful for Spacious Skies *Materna*

CALL TO WORSHIP (Standing) The Reverend Lawrence Provenzano, Chaplain
Leader: Give thanks to the Lord for He is good,
His kindness endures forever.
**People: Happy are they who observe what is right,
Who do always what is just.**
Leader: Remember us, O Lord, in time of need.
People: Visit us with your saving help.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG Led by Chief Alan J. Roy
President-NEAFC

GREETING The Reverend Lawrence Provenzano
Chaplain - NEAFC

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME Chief Alan J. Roy
President – NEAFC

PRAYER - see insert The Reverend Lawrence Provenzano
“May They Not Be Forgotten” Chaplain-NEAFC

MEMORIAL ANTHEM *C. Hubert H. Parry*
He Comes to Us as One Unknown *Arr. John Ferguson*

SCRIPTURE READING The Reverend Lawrence Provenzano
Chaplain - NEAFC

MEMORIAL ADDRESS The Reverend Michael Leckie
Chaplain - NEAFC

MEMORIAL HYMN: Sung by all standing – see insert
O Spirit of the Living God *Forest Green*

FIREFIGHTER'S PRAYER (said by all) Led by Chief David Jorsey
Sergeant-at-Arms

ROLL CALL Chief Richard K. Wehter, Secretary/Treasurer NEAFC

BELL TOLLER Chief John G. Wood, Jr., Secretary/Treasurer – NEDIAFC

PLAYING OF TAPS

ANTHEM: “The Lord is My Shepherd” *Thomas Matthews*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS Chief Brian Thibeault, President - NEDIAFC

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM (sung by all, standing) See Insert
“O Say, Can You See?” *Star Spangled Banner*

BENEDICTION (all standing) The Reverend Michael Leckie, Chaplain

BENEDICTION RESPONSE:
The Lord Bless You and Keep You *John Rutter*

RECESSIONAL *Sigfrid Karg-Elert*
March Triumphale



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, Director, and the Old First Church Choir (Brad Alm, Lexi Alm, Kim Craig, Karen Craig, Ruth Denham, Elizabeth Dominick, Denise Gendron, Emily Harnish, Barbara Huber, Kim Jones, Amanda Levreault, Amanda Mole, Meg Pash, Eileen Rannenberg, Sabine Prather, Marge Walsh, Marco Allodi, Jonathan Cade, George Cobleigh, Jr., Scott Craig, Bruce Johnson, Greg Lopes, Phil Prather, and Elizabeth Nogueira) 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.

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 around the world.

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

NEW ENGLAND ASSOCIATION OF
FIRE CHIEFS, INC.

84th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Chaplains: Reverend Lawrence Provenzano

Reverend Michael Leckie

President: Chief Alan J. Roy, Palmer, Massachusetts

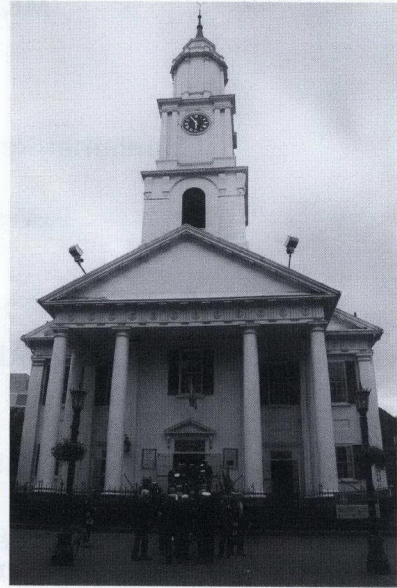
OLD FIRST CHURCH
Court Square
Springfield, Massachusetts
Saturday, June 24, 2006
5:00 P.M.

MONICA L. CAMERON
Shorthand Reporter
489 Hillside Avenue
Holyoke, MA 01040



Lt. Richard Cop & the
Berlin, CT Color Guard
lead the Memorial
Procession from the
Sheraton Hotel to the
Old First Church in
Court Square.

The Old First Church



Chaplains greet the
procession.
Rev. Michael Leckie (L)
& Rev. Lawrence
Provenzano

Springfield, Massachusetts
Saturday, June 24, 2006

PROCEEDINGS
MEMORIAL SERVICE

(PRELUDE FOR ORGAN AND BRASS)

(All stood as the Old First Church choir entered the church followed by the Processional with the Color Guard.)

(All sang "O Beautiful For Spacious Skies.")

REVEREND LAWRENCE PROVENZANO, CHAPLAIN, NEAFC (Longmeadow, MA): CALL TO WORSHIP (standing)

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His kindness endures forever.

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

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

People: Visit us with your saving help.

(The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all and led by Chief Alan J. Roy, NEAFC.)

REVEREND LAWRENCE PROVENZANO: My brothers and sisters, I greet you in the name of the Lord, and I encourage you in heart and body and spirit to enter into this time of prayer and remembrance as we are gathered for this 84th Annual Memorial Service.

All that you will need for this time of prayer is in the bulletin that has been provided for you. We encourage you to fully participate in this time of our worship and remembrance of those who have gone before us. I now call upon the President of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, Alan Roy. Please be seated.

CHIEF ALAN J. ROY, PRESIDENT, NEAFC (Palmer, MA): Good evening ladies and gentlemen, clergy, fire chaplains, firefighters, officers, and brother fire chiefs. It is my honor to welcome you to the 84th Annual Memorial Service.

I welcome everyone to take part in this service of remembrance for all those who have gone before us and have answered their last alarm. I would also ask that we remember our men and women of the Armed Forces who have made the ultimate sacrifice to protect our freedom, a freedom that we often take for granted.



Reverend Provenzano delivers the greetings.



President Alan Roy welcomes the congregation.



President Roy presents a plaque to Dr. Charles Page, Director of Music, for his many years of service to the Memorial Program.

We thank Reverend Provenzano and Reverend Leckie for organizing this beautiful service, Charles Page and the magnificent choir, the Berlin, Connecticut, Fire Department Honor Guard which is our official New England Fire/Rescue/EMS Color Guard, and for all those who participated to make this service such a tribute. On behalf of all of our New England organizations, we thank you for your participation.

We have a presentation to Dr. Charles Page. Surprise, surprise. I'll read the plaque. "In grateful appreciation for many years of dedicated and faithful service to the Annual Memorial Service, the New England Association of Fire Chiefs recognizes Dr. Charles Page for his generous gift of time and talent and compassionate and thoughtful care of all of our members. June 24, 2006."

(Chief Alan Roy presented a plaque to Dr. Charles Page.)

DR. CHARLES PAGE: Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

REVEREND LAWRENCE PROVENZANO:

(May They Not Be Forgotten)

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

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

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

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

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



The Reverend Michael Leckie delivers the Memorial Address.

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.

(Memorial Anthem, "He Comes to Us as One Unknown," sung by the Old First Church Choir.)

REVEREND LAWRENCE PROVENZANO: A reading from the Book of Sirach.

I give thanks to you, O Lord and King. I praise you as my God and Savior. I give you thanks for you have helped me and protected me. You have rescued me from death, from dangerous lies and slander. You helped me when no one else would.

In your great mercy, you saved me from the many troubles I have known, from the glaring hatred of my enemies who wanted to put an end to my life, from suffocating in oppressive smoke rising from fires that I did not light, from death itself, from vicious slander reported to the king.

I was once brought face to face with death, enemies surrounded me everywhere. I looked for someone to help me, but there was no one there. But then, O Lord, I remembered how merciful you are and what you had done in times past. I remembered that you rescued those who rely on you, that you saved them from their enemies.

Then, from here, on earth, I prayed to you to rescue me from death. I prayed, O Lord, you are my Father; do not abandon me to my troubles when I am helpless against arrogant enemies. I will always praise you and sing hymns of thanksgiving. You answered my prayer and saved me from the thread of destruction, and so I thank you and praise you, O Lord, I praise you. The Word of the Lord.

(Thanks be to God.)

REVEREND MICHAEL J. LECKIE, CHAPLAIN, NEAFC (Hope Valley, RI): It is said that there are no atheists in foxholes, and I believe that it can just as truly be said that there are no atheists on the fire grounds.

In our recent conferences, as fire chaplains, we have been encouraged to be sensitive to different religions that we are now



Chief David Jorsey, Sgt. At Arms, leads the congregation in the Firefighters Prayer.

finding, to Muslims, to Native Americans, to the Oriental religions. But I think for every firefighter who has come to face death, there has always been this prayer lifted up to God, to Yahweh, to Allah, to the Prime Mover, to whatever we choose to call the one who is our Father, the one who, as this word of scripture says, is our rescuer.

At CISM, we hear over and over how difficult it is to get rescue personalities to accept help. We're the helpers. We're the ones who respond. We don't need help. But we all know, and especially those of you in command positions know, that that is not true; and that as this word of scripture says, when all others have abandoned us, when we have nowhere else to turn, we can turn to our God. He is there for us no matter what.

We think of the prayers that rose from those Twin Towers, those 343 voices who had nothing else to rely on but their God. We think of the hose team in your district, the grizzled veteran, the young rookie, advancing that line to do battle with the red dragon; and you know that on their lips are prayers.

And we know, too, that the names that we will hear shortly of those who have answered their final call, that as they approached the end of their earthly life that they, too, raised their hearts, if not their voices, in prayer to the One who would lead them home for the last time.

We have a God. When all else fails us, when we are left alone, when our equipment doesn't work, where the strategies fall flat on their face, when all the rules go out the window, a God who is there with a hand on our shoulder, saying, go ahead, you can do it; I am with you.

That's what brings us here tonight, to give thanks, to praise my God and my Savior who has helped me and protected me, who has rescued me, yes, even from death, when no one else would, from the hatred of my enemies, from suffocation of oppressive smoke from fires that I did not light. I was once brought face to face with death, and when I looked for someone to help me, I remembered Your mercy.

That's our faith. As Christian, Jew, Muslim, it doesn't matter; that is our faith, if we have a God who is there with us, if we have a God who is our rescuer and our savior. And so we come here tonight, as I hope we do every day of our lives, to sing hymns of praise and thanksgiving, for He has answered our prayers, and He has saved us from destruction, and for that I give you thanks, O Lord, and for that, I give you praise.



Chief Richard Wehter,
Secretary/Treasurer
reads the "Last Alarm"
names as
Chief John Wood,
Secretary/Treasurer of
the New England
Division tolls the bell.



Chief Brian Thibeault,
President of the
NEDIAFC with the
acknowledgements

(Memorial Hymn, sung by all standing, "O Spirit of the Living God.")

CHIEF DAVID JORSEY, SERGEANT-AT-ARMS (East Berlin, CT): Please recite with me the Firefighter's Prayer found in the back of your program.

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

CHIEF RICHARD K. WEHTER, RETIRED,
SECRETARY/TREASURER, NEAFC: The following have
answered their last alarm since our last meeting:

Chief C. Warren Lincoln, Hingham, Massachusetts.

Chief Robert D. Teece, our 66th President, from Randolph,
Massachusetts.

Chief Stephen Sears, Milford, New Hampshire.

Chief Robert A. Peterson, Harwich, Massachusetts.

Chief Richard H. Dimick, West Pawlet, Vermont.

Chief Edwin R. Emerson, Ipswich, Massachusetts.

Chief Albert P. Denelli, North Adams, Massachusetts.

Deputy Chief Morton D. Shurtleff, Brockton, Massachusetts.

Chief Arthur W. Toth, Plantsville, Connecticut.

Chief Thomas F. Brennan, Waterbury, Connecticut.

Captain Stanley Trelowicz, Bellows Falls, Vermont.

Chief Howard Stickney, Hampton, New Hampshire.

For all firefighters who have made the supreme sacrifice and



Colors are retrieved as the service concludes.

The National Anthem is sung by all.



Memorial Service ends with a group picture.

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.)

(Taps was played by trumpeter.)

(The Anthem, "The Lord is My Shepherd," sung by the Old First Church Choir.)

CHIEF BRIAN J. THIBEAULT, PRESIDENT, NEDIAFC (Plymouth, NH): On behalf of the New England Fire Chiefs, I'd like to thank the Reverend Thomas Gough, Pastor, and the people of the Old First Church for allowing us to conduct our Memorial Services in this beautiful old New England church.

We are grateful to Charles Page, Administer of Music, and the Old First Church Choir for providing the wonderful music and accompaniment for our Memorial Service again this year.

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On behalf of the New England Fire Chiefs, I would like to personally thank Charles McInerney for providing the beautiful flowers again this year for our memorial.

May we also pray and pay a special remembrance for the fire service members who have been called to duty in the Armed Forces of our nation fighting for democracy and freedom on foreign lands. Thank you.

(All stood and sang The National Anthem, "O Say Can You See.")

REVEREND MICHAEL LECKIE: Let us pray. Loving God, you are the source of all that is good within our lives. We ask your blessing, especially this evening, upon the people in our lives who have given so much to make us who we are today, for their generosity, their selflessness, their dedication.

We thank you especially for those in the fire service who have given us examples in guiding and encouragement, and in

particular, those who have answered the last alarm.

We ask you, Father, to watch over all the men and women in the fire service of our country. Protect them in the performance of their duties. Keep them safe so that they can return to their loved ones and families.

Last of all, Father, we ask your blessing upon those in positions of leadership in the fire service that they may, with justice and equity, treat all the members of their departments; and that everything they do and say be for the building up of the fire service in their own departments, in their states, in this New England, and in our country. We know, Father, that you are always with us. We feel your guiding hand. We know that you are our rescuer and savior, and so we give you thanks and praise forever and ever. Amen.

(Amen.)

(Benediction Response, "The Lord Bless You and Keep You," sung by the Old First Church Choir.)

(Recessional, "March Triomphale," was played. All stood as the Color Guard left the church, followed by the Chaplains, the Old First Church Choir, and the processional.)

(Memorial Service concluded at 5:55 p.m.)

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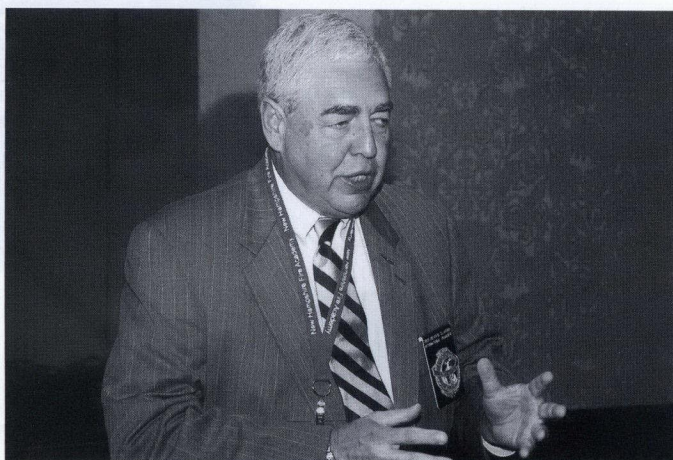
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New England Division IAFC



Chief Brian Thibeault
of Plymouth, NH,
presides over the
New England
Division Meeting

Chief Julian
Taliaferro, Treasurer
of the IAFC gives
financial update to
the Division
meeting. Thank you
Julian for your many
trips to New
England in support
of the Division.



New England
Division IAFC
Officers & Directors
for the 2006
Conference

Back row (L-R) Chief Brian Hoxsie, 1st VP; Chief John G. Wood, Secretary/Treasurer; Chief Timothy Wall, 2nd VP; Chief Gerard Dio, Massachusetts VP; Chief Stephen Allen, New Hampshire VP; Chief Michael O'Neil, Vermont VP. Front Row (L-R) Chief Michael Varney, Connecticut VP; Chief Roger Bradley, International Director; Chief Brian Thibeault, President; Chief David Sayles, Rhode Island VP; Chief William St. Michael, Maine VP

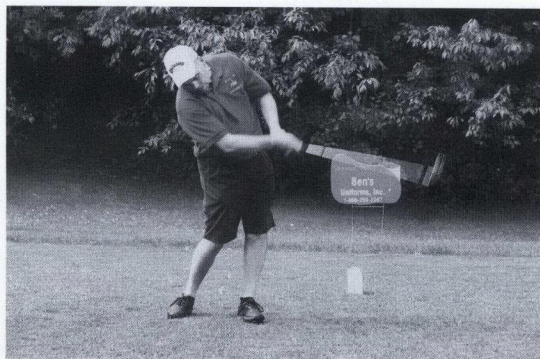
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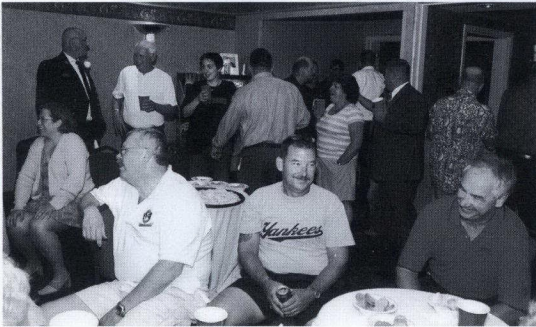
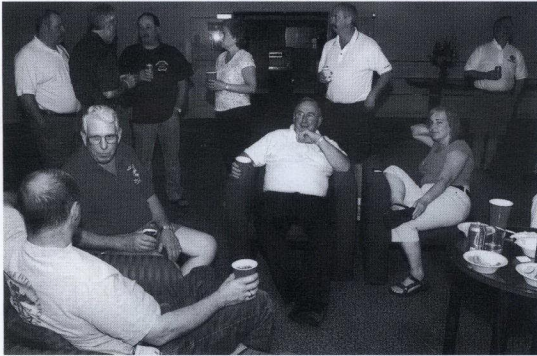
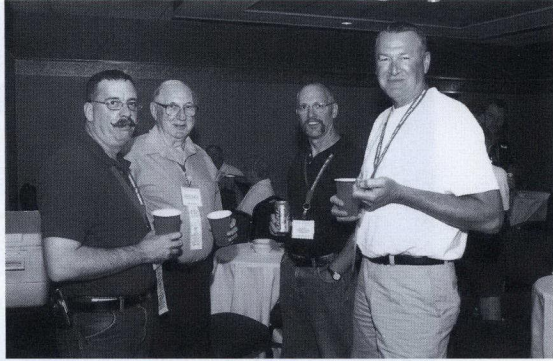
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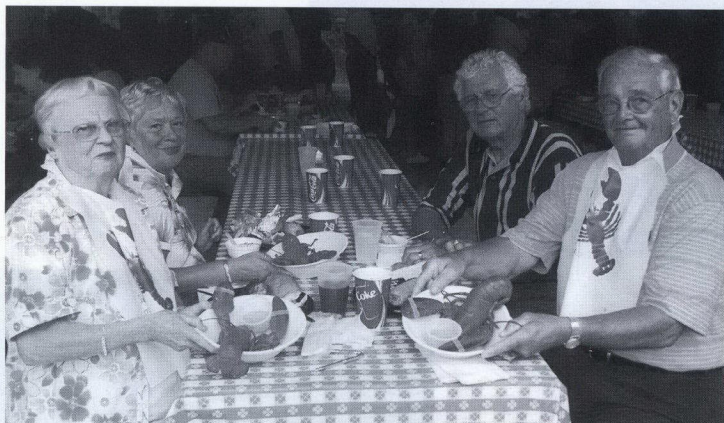
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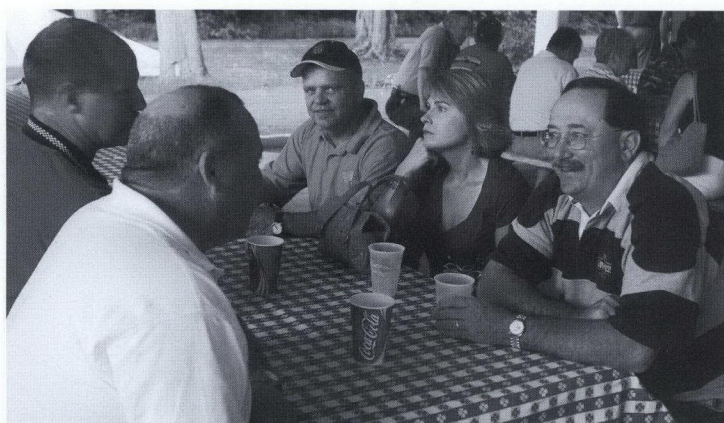
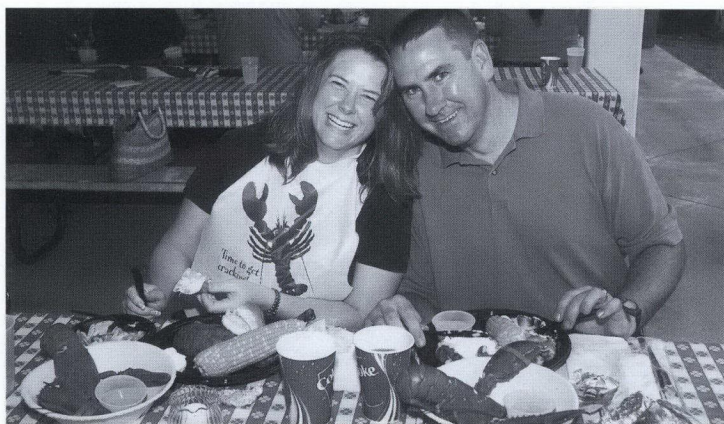
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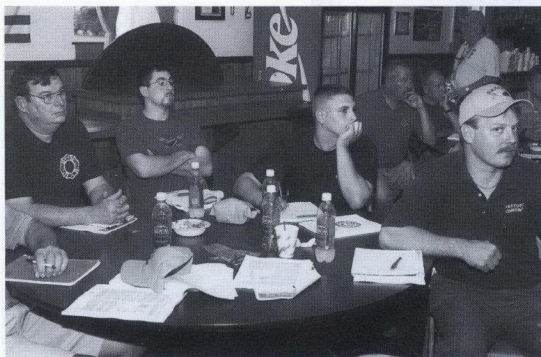


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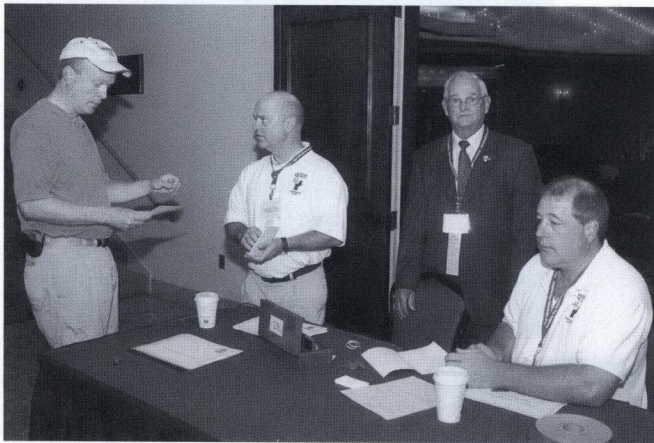


Mechanics Professional Development

Chris Cox, Director
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(left) with Chris Cox
and Chris Cox
Lambert, speaking
seminar attendees

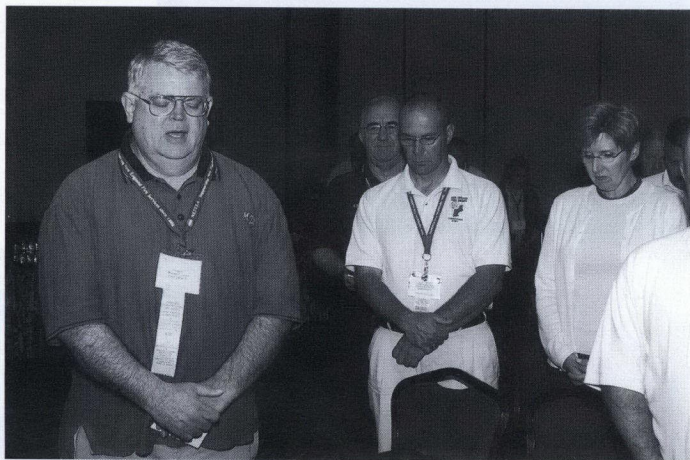


Professional Development



Chief Carl Winslow, Education Coordinator (rear) with Chief Tom Coulombe, Chairman (seated) & Chief Tom Lambert greeting seminar attendee.

Rev. Michael Leckie delivers the invocation to start the Saturday session.



Members & partners attend "The Guys" stage drama.

Professional Development

The actors put on
an inspiring
performance.



Chief Winslow makes
presentation to the crew.



Professional Development



Janet Wilmoth, Editor of Fire Chief Magazine, presented "The Chief at Home" seminar.

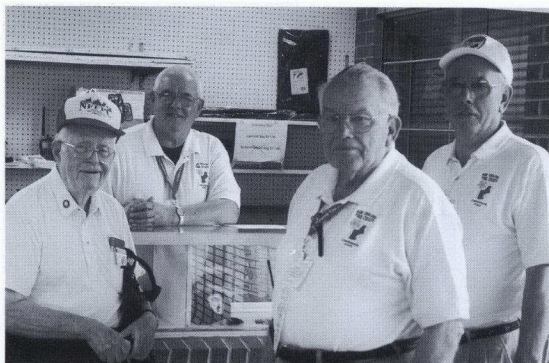
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Chief Tim Wall makes presentation to Janet Wilmoth.

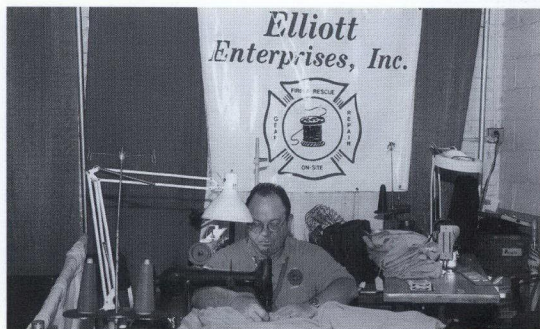
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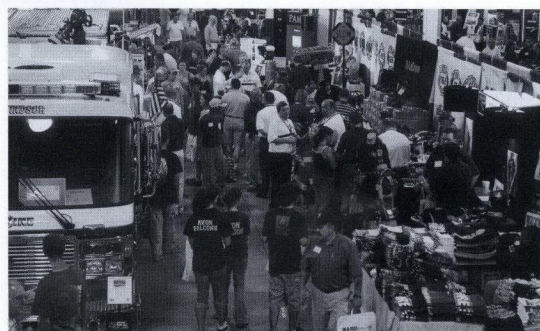
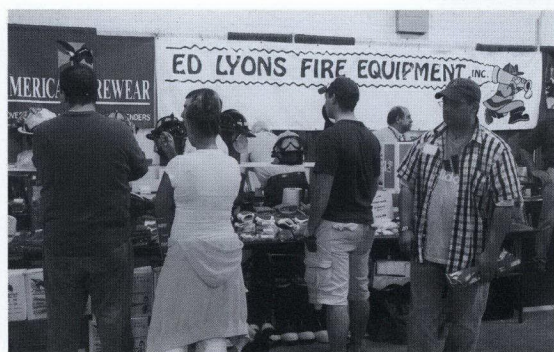


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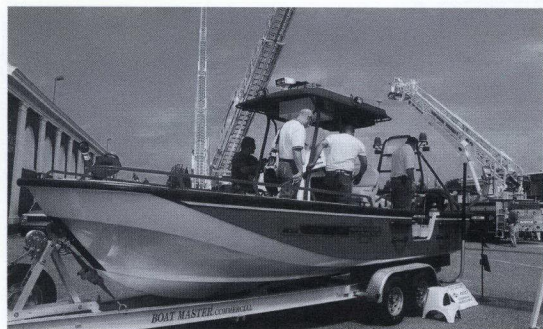
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Marilyn & Gil's Fire Station



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**As we close our Eighty-fourth 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 2007 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 David A. LaFond  
Holyoke, MA

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

***Directors*** - Lead by NEAFC Sgt. at Arms  
Chief David Jorsey, East Berlin, CT and  
Chief Anthony Jarvis, Ludlow, MA  
("A Hymn to New England" – Keith Lockhart  
and the Boston Pops")

## ***Invocation***

Reverend Lawrence Provenzano, Chaplain  
Longmeadow, Massachusetts

## ***National Anthem***

Chief John P. Jenkins, West Barnstable, MA

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

Chief Alan J. Roy, President  
Palmer, MA

## ***Introduction of Guests***

Master of Ceremonies

## ***Dinner is Served***

## ***Presentations***

Master of Ceremonies/President Roy

# 2006 CONFERENCE

## ***Guest Entertainer***

Frank Santorelli

*Comedian*

## ***Swearing in Ceremony***

NEAFC President – by Chief Frank M. Sylvester

NEAFC Officers and Directors by Chief Sylvester

NEDIAFC President – by Chief Steven Westermann

NEDIAFC Officers and State VP's Chief Westermann

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

### NEAFC

Chief Richard A. Susi, Cumberland Hill, Rhode Island

### NEDIAFC

Chief Brian Hoxsie, Coventry, Rhode Island

## ***Closing Remarks***

Chief Brian Thibeault – NEDIAFC - President

Chief Alan J. Roy – NEAFC President

## ***Closing Hymn***

"Proud to be an American" by Chief John P. Jenkins

## ***Benediction***

Rev. Michael Leckie, Chaplain

Hope Valley, Rhode Island

## **PRESIDENT(S) MESSAGE**

### **N.E.A.F.C. – Chief Alan J. Roy – Palmer, MA**

Completing my term as President of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs for the year 2005 – 2006 will be bitter-sweet. My time as President has passed quickly. It has been an honor to work with such dedicated and talented individuals who are focused on providing the best fire service conference and exposition in the northeast. These individuals are members of the New England Division of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, New England Fire Equipment Exhibitors Association, and the New England Fire Apparatus Maintenance Association. I would like to thank these associations and our members, officers, and committee chairmen that have made this 84<sup>th</sup> Conference a success. The teamwork and cooperation of all these associations continues to improve the New England Fire/Rescue/EMS Conference and Exposition.

We believe that “Preparedness Begins at Home”, as our conference theme states. Disasters can strike at any time and anywhere – and when disaster strikes, it’s too late to prepare. We hope that this conference provided ideas and information for you to increase your preparedness at home.

It has been an honor to serve as the 84<sup>th</sup> President of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, Inc.

Chief Alan J. Roy

President - NEAFC, Inc.

### **N.E.D.I.A.F.C. – Chief Brian Thibeault**

As my opportunity to serve the Fire Chiefs of New England comes to an end I wish to thank all of the Fire Chiefs for their support over the past years. It has truly been a privilege to work with so many professional and talented people so dedicated to the fire service.

I would like to thank the members of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, the New England Fire Equipment Exhibitors Association and the New England Fire Apparatus Maintenance Association for strengthening our partnerships and working tirelessly to make our dangerous profession safer for our personnel. I would like to acknowledge the State Associations for improving Government Relations in having over one hundred Fire Chiefs attend Congressional Fire Service Institute activities in Washington, DC this April.

I wish to thank all of you for attending these festivities and hope you enjoy the evening.

Thank You!

Brian J. Thibeault, EFO, CFO

President



## **New England Division of the IAFC**

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COMING EVENTS

I.A.F.C. CONFERENCE-September 14-16, Dallas, Texas

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JUNE 21 - JUNE 24, 2007 JOINT CONFERENCE

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



*On behalf of our 2006 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.A. fire services Vendors and Exhibitors.*

*To all incoming Officers and Directors, we congratulate you and look forward to working together for the continued growth and success of the New England Fire/Rescue/EMS EXPO and Conference for 2007.*

2006-07 N.E.F.E.A. Board of Directors

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ANNUAL BANQUET

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Presidents:

Chief Alan J. Roy, NEAFC

Chief Brian J. Thibeault, NEDIAFC

Master of Ceremonies:

Chief David A. LaFond

Sheraton Springfield Hotel

Springfield, Massachusetts

Saturday, June 24, 2006

7:00 P.M.

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MONICA L. CAMERON  
Shorthand Reporter  
489 Hillside Avenue  
Holyoke, MA 01040





Entering the grand ballroom are: Chief Brian Thibeault, NEDIAFC President with Sally Cheney; Chief Richard Susi, 1st VP with Holly; Chief Richard Wehter, Secretary/Treasurer; Chief Alan Roy, President with Cheryl.

The Reverend Lawrence Provenzano delivers the invocation.



NEAFC Officers

Springfield, Massachusetts  
Saturday, June 24, 2006

PROCEEDINGS  
Annual Banquet

CHIEF DAVID A. LAFOND (Master of Ceremonies, Holyoke, MA): Welcome to the 84th Annual Banquet Awards Ceremony and the Installation of Officers for the year 2006 to 2007. My name is David LaFond, and I'll be your host tonight. Please help me welcome the Officers of the New England Fire Chiefs. I'd ask you all to stand to welcome the guests and the New England Fire Chiefs.

(Applause.)

Come on, let's hear it for them.

(Applause.)

We have to start this again. Let's hear it again. Here they come.

(Applause.)

Please remain standing as I call the Reverend Lawrence Provenzano, Chief Chaplain of the Massachusetts Corps of Fire Chaplains. Father Larry comes to us from St. Andrew's Church in Longmeadow, Massachusetts. He will start off our celebration tonight with the Invocation.

REVEREND LAWRENCE PROVENZANO, CHAPLAIN

(Longmeadow, MA): Let us pray. Good and gracious God, we give you thanks for all your many blessings in our lives, for our families and our loved ones. On this evening, we give you thanks for this Association on this 84th Annual Conference. As we gather in this place, gracious Lord, we are mindful of those who serve our nation in the Armed Forces, particularly those in Afghanistan and Iraq, for their families and their loved ones. We give you thanks for all the members of this Association, for the New England Chiefs, for the New England Division, for the Exhibitors and Vendors Association, for the Mechanics Association, for all whose lives are touched by the work and faithfulness of those gathered in this room and those whose lives are attached to us through this work. As we gather in this place, Lord, we're grateful for your grace and mercy in our lives. We ask you to bless this celebration that we will partake in tonight. Bless the food that we're about to receive and us to



Chief John P. Jenkins  
sings the National  
Anthem.



NEAFC Officers &  
Directors.



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your service. In this in your most holy name, Amen.

(Amen.)

Just one moment while I have the microphone. I want to make a confession on behalf of Father Leckie and I.

(Laughter.)

All during the weekend, we've been playing with the chiefs about the weather, and I need to share with you that, in fact, we have no control over the weather. In fact, Father Leckie and I ought to really be members of the Vendors Association because, you see, we're really in sales, not management, and it's only by God's grace that the weather has held out. We've had a wonderful celebration up to this point and a wonderful Expo, and we pray, God, that it does not rain tomorrow. We're grateful for all of you who put up with our playfulness, and it's been a really wonderful and joyful day except for when Chief DiPoli reminded me that the Red Sox won today.

(Applause.)

CHIEF DAVID A. LAFOND (Master of Ceremonies): Please remain standing as we call Chief John Jenkins, Retired, from the West Barnstable Fire Department in Massachusetts, to sing our National Anthem.

(The National Anthem was sung by Chief John P. Jenkins, West Barnstable, MA)

(Applause.)

CHIEF DAVID A. LAFOND (Master of Ceremonies): At this time, I'd like to call President Alan J. Roy to the podium to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

(The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chief Alan J. Roy, President, NEAFC, Palmer, MA.)

CHIEF DAVID A. LAFOND (Master of Ceremonies): God Bless America. Please be seated. As I stated earlier, my name is Dave LaFond. I hail from the City of Holyoke which is a couple of cities away from Springfield. It's my pleasure to be here with you all. I was given my instructions from your President. He instructed me in the five Bs, "Be Brief, Brother, Be Brief." I'll do my best to be brief. I'll do my best to keep you brief as we've instructed the D.J. that if the speeches get too long, it's going to be like the Emmy Awards and the Oscars, the music is going to come up, and we'll get some beautiful women to escort you off into a back room someplace and take your picture. I do want to spend just a moment to thank Alan for this distinct honor to host or be the speaker of the house on this grand occasion.





Master of Ceremonies, Chief David A. LaFond of Holyoke & his wife Nora celebrating their 29th wedding anniversary.

Alan asked me a year and a half ago, perhaps, maybe even longer; we were at a professional development conference, and I gave it no thought, "Absolutely, Alan, whatever I can do to help you." As the day approached, I kept on asking, "When is this thing anyway, Alan? I know it's at the end of June." I started getting nervous because there's a special date that I'm always concerned with, and when you're young and you're smart, you write the date inside your wedding band so you never, ever forget it. Of course, it's my anniversary. So as we're getting closer, I said, "Alan, when is this thing?" He said, "Well, it's June 24th." I said, "I can't do that; that's my anniversary. It's my 29th anniversary." And I asked myself, and I think all firefighters and fire chiefs and fire service people that we all are would ask ourselves the same question, "Do you want to go to the Bahamas on your 29th anniversary or do you want to come to a fire thing?" The answer is pretty simple. Here we are.

(Laughter.)

This is my beautiful wife Nora. This is the night of our anniversary.

(Applause.)

She is an absolute best firefighter's wife anyone could ever have. She's very understanding, and as 29 years ago, I said I do, I still do. With that, Honey, I've got a little flower for you. I'm sorry to embarrass you, but it is our anniversary, and there's no other place I'd rather be than right here with the fire family and with my wife of 29 years. She's going to start crying.

(Applause and laughter.)

This is not the honeymoon, mind you, but we do have a nice flower for you, and somebody has managed to get a flower for me, and I'm not much of a flower guy, but I'll certainly wear it tonight.

(Chief LaFond presents flower to his wife Nora.)

(Applause.)

If you feel the need to sing "Happy Anniversary," bring it on.

(All sang "Happy Anniversary".)

CHIEF DAVID A. LAFOND (Master of Ceremonies): Thank you so much. Good night now. We've got a room booked on the 12th floor with a Jacuzzi, champagne.

(Laughter. Audience clinks glasses.)

Whoa, I like this.

(Chief LaFond kisses his wife Nora.)

I'm glad I came. Thank you. That's nice. We've got business

to do here. We're going to be brief because we need to eat. With us tonight, folks, is Frankie Santorelli. He's a fantastic actor, a fantastic comedian. We want to get through the presentations as quick as we can with dignity so Frankie can do his thing and make us all laugh. It's my pleasure right now to introduce the head table. Starting at my right and your left, we have Mrs. Charlene Bradley, who is with the New England Division Director, Roger Bradley. They hail from New Hampshire. We have the Treasurer of the IAFC, Julian Taliaferro from Carolina — Virginia. Charlottesville, Virginia. What do I know, we won the war back in 18-whatever.

(Laughter and applause.)

Also with us, the Second Vice President of the IAFC hailing from the great State of Missouri, Steve Westermann; Second Vice President of the New England Division, Tim Wall from Connecticut; First Vice President, New England Division, Brian Hoxsie from Rhode Island.

(Applause.)

Guest, Mrs. Sally Cheney. I was nervous when I saw Cheney on the agenda here since we're all democrats in the room. Aren't we?

(Laughter and applause.)

We have the President of the New England Division, Brian Thibeault, from New Hampshire. We have the President of the New England Association, our own President, Chief Alan Roy from Palmer, Massachusetts, with his lovely wife, Cheryl Roy.

(Applause.)

We have the First Vice President of the New England Association, Chief Richard Susi, from Rhode Island and his lovely wife, Holly Susi. We have my good dear friend, Secretary/Treasurer of the New England Association, Dick Wehter and Sally Wehter.

(Applause.)

On the lower row, we have Mrs. Carol Wood with the New England Division Chief John Wood from Vermont. We have Springfield, Massachusetts, Fire Chief and our great host, Chief Gary Cassanelli with his guest Phyllis Ryan; the Exhibit Chairman, New England Association, Chief Charlie Maurais and his wife, Linda Maurais; Second Vice President of the New England Association, Tom Lambert, from New Hampshire.

(Applause.)

We have the Catholic Chaplain hailing from the great State of

Rhode Island, Father Michael Leckie. We have Reverend Larry Provenzano and his wife, Jeanne Provenzano, from Longmeadow, Massachusetts. We have the Sergeant-At-Arms, Dave Jorsey, and his wife, Lorry Jorsey. We have the Past President of the New England Association, Chief Jon Barton, and his wife, Jane Barton.

(Applause.)

At this time, I'd like the State Directors of the New England Association and their wives, please, to stand up and receive your applause. I guess they're not here. There we go.

(Applause.)

State Vice Presidents, New England Division of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, please stand and take your applause with your wives.

(Applause.)

Past Presidents of the Association, please stand with your wives.

(Applause.)

Right now, I'd like to acknowledge Paul Lamoureux, President of the New England Fire Apparatus Maintenance Association, and if your wife is with you, please stand.

(Applause.)

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

(Applause.)

We also have with us tonight, folks, is my President of the Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts, Billy Scoble and his wife Paula.

(Applause.)

I also want to mention the immediate Past President, my good friend from the Needham Fire Department, Past President of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, Bob DiPoli.

(Applause.)

I want to spend a moment on my good friends from the Western Mass. Fire Chiefs, very supportive of Chief Alan, if you wouldn't mind standing up Western Mass. Fire Chiefs with your wives and take a bow.

(Applause.)

I also have a very special guest to introduce to you. Some of you know him; some you of don't, but I'll say this, he is our biggest supporter up on the Hill. He is one terrific friend of the firefighters. Earlier I mentioned that he is the best Senator in the whole country. We have Steve Brewer, representing Central



Massachusetts. He took some time out of his very busy schedule to come over and talk to us for a couple minutes. Senator, would you come forward, please?

(Applause.)

SENATOR STEPHEN BREWER: Thank you for those very, very kind words and happy anniversary to the both of you. My advice, get a room.

(Laughter.)

I am delighted to join you this evening, this very, very distinguished group of fire chiefs and their spouses. To their spouses, first of all, thank you for sharing your loved ones with your communities and your state. We know the sacrifices and the angst and the fear and the worries that go into your lives when your spouses respond to fires. We are grateful for your helping us to help our fellow citizens. I am, indeed, the Vice Chairman of the Public Safety Committee of the Massachusetts Legislature and in the Senate. I am joined tonight with my friend and the State Representative from Palmer and a large area all the way over to Sturbridge, State Representative Todd Smola in the back. Would you give him a round of applause.

(Applause.)

When I saw the invitation this evening for Chief Roy and First Lady Cheryl Roy, I was very, very impressed. I'll tell you what, you can be the First Lady in any building, including the White House. Congratulations to you.

(Applause.)

For those of you in the New England Region other than Massachusetts, we are doing fine things in our Commonwealth, and sometimes we emulate certain things that other states do. The tragedy in West Warwick, Rhode Island, at The Station nightclub resonated with Massachusetts. Out of the hundred people who died in West Warwick, forty of them were from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and your pain was our pain; and it was our motivation, quite honestly, from that tragedy to make our public venues a safer and more meaningful place, because we realize that when our kids go to a concert, they ought to come home alive. It's very, very important, and Massachusetts has taken great steps in this regard. In our Commonwealth, half to two-thirds of our Commonwealth are served by Call Volunteer Firefighting Units. We saw a Call Volunteer Firefighter respond to a fire in Lancaster, Massachusetts. He was led into the fire by a union firefighter, a full-timer, and in back of him was a full-time firefighter, but

Martin McNamara, V (the 5th), died in the line of duty and left a wife who gave birth to their third child three days after they buried him. Because of his tragedy and the collective work that the Commonwealth has done, we now have a life insurance benefit to all Call Volunteer Firefighters in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. What Martin McNamara's wife had to do, to ask a community at a town meeting to help her family was unseemly and should not ever have happened, and thanks to the people of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, it won't happen again.

(Applause.)

Massachusetts was honored to have a United States Congressman who was one of the great humanitarians of all time named John Joseph Moakley from South Boston. For 25 years, he fought to have a cigarette that would self-extinguish, a reduced ignition propensity cigarette, and the tobacco lobby in the South kept that from happening. So Massachusetts and other states took it upon themselves, the State of New York, the State of California, the Nation of Canada, Vermont, New Hampshire Legislature. I had to get the State Representatives from Western Massachusetts to go to New York State to buy me a pack of Marlboro, the Fire Safe burning cigarettes. These cigarettes, when they are discarded, a regular cigarette, cost eight million dollars in property damage every year; they kill 18 people; they injure 80 civilians and injure 67 firefighters. You know better than all of us, the best fire is the one that doesn't start. It is only the winding in the paper. When you go to move your legislatures in your other states other than Massachusetts, let them know, there's nothing fancy, nothing esoteric; it is in the winding of the white paper. On Monday, the Massachusetts Legislature, after six years of trying, will put on the Governor's desk for his signature, the Fire Safe Cigarette. We expect and we hope that Governor Romney will sign that within ten days of putting it on his desk. That's a six-year effort.

(Applause.)

My friends, we know what you do. You came to Massachusetts in December of 1999, and you filled the DCU Center. There were 14,000 firefighters to say goodbye to six Worcester firefighters and to those heroes. This country understands. We also understand that when great buildings are falling in New York City, there are 348 firefighters who put their lives on the line and gave them up so that other citizens could live. That is the highest form of valor, the highest form of

patriotism and heroism. You make our world a better place. Enjoy your evening. We salute you. Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

CHIEF DAVID A. LAFOND (Master of Ceremonies): Perhaps we should vote him for President.

(Laughter.)

Before I introduce Chief Roy to the podium to introduce his family and department, last week I spent a little bit of time with Alan when I went to his station. I wanted to go over the agenda and make sure that I had things in order. It was my first time, basically, going to his office. I've known Alan for a number of years. Personally, we all know each other as chiefs, but I really didn't get to know the real professional side of Alan Roy, what he's done for the Palmer Fire Department. If you would indulge me, Alan. I won't embarrass you. Alan came to the Palmer Fire Department as a call member in 1976. He became the only full-time firefighter for the Department in 1983, doing all the aspects of the job. The Town of Palmer saw fit to promote Alan to Lieutenant and then Captain. Eventually, the Town of Palmer saw fit to promote Alan to the Chief of the Department in 1991. Alan has held different leadership positions such as President of the Hampden County Mutual Aid Association, President of the Western Mass. Fire Chiefs Association, graduate of the Chief Fire Officer's Program, currently your President of the Association right here. Alan was responsible for a very large upgrade in communications in Hampden County which had a terrific effect on enhancing our communications. Alan started in the Palmer Fire Service when there were no computers. Can you imagine? Any fire station in the world right now, you go out in the front, and you'll see all the young firefighters with their own personal digital assistants and their cell phones. When Alan started — he's not that old, folks; he's young — they only had a single phone with a rotary dial, and that breaks my heart because I still have one of those.

(Laughter.)

One of the biggest accomplishments, though, that Alan told me about, when he was a Captain, was Palmer Annex, a very large geographic area surrounding Palmer. They discovered that that area of the state had no fire service protection or emergency services. So they went door to door to all these residences, and they educated the folks about the services that the Palmer Firefighters could provide and convinced them to sign on to the



Palmer Fire District. These people knew that they would have to pay additional taxes for the services. But through this type of leadership, this type of education, they made it successful, and that section of our state is now protected by the Palmer Firefighters. Alan also developed new successful training standards that's resulted in all the firefighters in Palmer being up to the Firefighter One/Two Certification. This is quite an accomplishment considering the retention challenges that all call departments face today. Finally, I'd like to add that Alan had explained to me the uniqueness of this organization here tonight. It's made up of the Association; it's made up of the Division Members; it's made up of the Mechanics Association, and it's made up of the Vendors Association. These groups have formed a very, very strong strategic partnership for one reason, to provide the very best premier conference in all the Northeast, and with that, Alan, please come and tell us about your beautiful family and your great fire department. Chief Roy.

(Applause.)

CHIEF ALAN J. ROY, PRESIDENT, NEAFC (Palmer, MA): Thank you, Chief LaFond. That was nice. Good evening, everyone. I would like to introduce to you my family. They're a little scattered here tonight because the tables got a little screwed up here. I'd like you to meet my mother and father, Henry and Helen Roy.

(Applause.)

About a month and a half ago, very unexpectedly, my mother had to go through an emergency surgery. So I was concerned that maybe she couldn't make it tonight, but with God's help, she's here and she's doing really good. Thank you for coming.

(Applause.)

My brother and sister-in-law, Danny and Nancy Roy.

(Applause.)

I actually have a twin brother, but he lives in Seattle, and he doesn't do any firefighting work, but he's actually a music director, and he couldn't be with us, but every year we get this nice Red Book of all the historical facts, and I'll probably send him one so he can — he couldn't be here so at least he'll get that. That's my brother Paul from Seattle. My mother and father-in-law, Jackie and Ken Carlson, back there.

(Applause.)

Just as a note, Kenny was a firefighter in Palmer and also retired as a Captain, so it's in our family. My brother-in-law

and sister-in-law, Dave and Pam Carlson.

(Applause.)

My beautiful niece, Nicole, and my handsome nephew, Jeffrey.

(Applause.)

From the Palmer Fire District, my Commissioners in front here; we have Charles Abbott and Theresa. Theresa's not here.

(Applause.)

James St. Amand and Ursula. Thank you.

(Applause.)

Brian and Patty Donovan. Thank you.

(Applause.)

William Cole, our Treasurer, and Rae. Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

Those are the people who allowed me to spend the time away from my office to be part of this organization, which is about, usually, a seven, eight year stint, but I appreciate their permission to be part of this great organization. My Officers from the Palmer Fire Department, my Captain, David Pranaitis and Pam.

(Applause.)

My Captain, he's the second man in charge there, and he does a wonderful job when I'm away. Thank you, Captain. Lieutenant William Bernat and Paige.

(Applause.)

Lieutenant Bernat, he's the one who gets everything together, gets the guys dressed up, makes sure they're supposed to be here or supposed to be there. He's our coordinator. Lieutenant Jeremy Boulrice and Tiana.

(Applause.)

Lieutenant Jerald Senecal and Debbie.

(Applause.)

My Association President Tom Warren and Stacy. Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

And all my firefighters, please stand and be acknowledged.

(Applause.)

Thank you very much.

CHIEF DAVID A. LAFOND (Master of Ceremonies): We're going to be eating dinner now folks. Just relax; take your coats off; loosen up your ties. I'll ask Chief Barkman to pass out raffle tickets for those at golf who didn't get a raffle ticket yet. Chief

Barkman, West Springfield, Massachusetts, Fire Department, right there. Folks, if you didn't get a ticket, go see Dave.

CHIEF DAVID R. BARKMAN (West Springfield, MA): We have a set of clubs donated by Harold Roeder with L.W. Bills. The number is 908626. We have a Calloway driver donated by Air Cleaning Specialist Chris Roache. The number is 908608.

(Dinner is served.)

CHIEF DAVID A. LAFOND (Master of Ceremonies):

How's everybody doing? Good meal? Wasn't that delicious? Nice hard work by these young ladies who brought us our food. Nice job.

(Applause.)

We want to keep the program going. We have our desserts that are going to be brought out. Some of us might be still eating the main course, but continue eating. I'd like to do our Shriners presentation right now, if it's possible. We have a check for the Shriners.

CHIEF ALAN J. ROY, PRESIDENT, NEAFC: We have two presentations tonight for the Shriners, one is for the Shriners Hospital in Boston and also for the Shriners Orthopedic Hospital in Springfield. The first one will be for the Boston one. We will present a check to them in the amount of \$3,000.

(Applause.)

(The check was presented.)

(Applause.)

For the Shriners Orthopedic Hospital in Springfield, we have a donation to them in the amount of \$1,000.

(Applause.)

(The check was presented.)

SHRINERS REPRESENTATIVE: I know the order of the night is to be brief, so I will. On behalf of the children in our hospitals, I would like to thank all of you for what you do every single day and for the continued support that you show to the Shriners. The kids thank you and we thank you. God bless you.

(Applause.)

CHIEF DAVID A. LAFOND (Master of Ceremonies): They still have some time left. The music didn't come on yet. At this time, we'd like to get into the International Division presentations. Chief Brian Hoxsie from Coventry, Rhode Island, and Chief Buddy Thibeault from Plymouth, New Hampshire, please come forward.



President Roy makes presentations to the Shriners Burns Hospital Boston, and the Shriners Orthopedic Hospital in Springfield.



Chief Brian Thibeault, President of the New England Division IAFC (L), receives Chiefs trumpet from 1st VP, Chief Brian Hoxsie for a job well done.



CHIEF BRIAN HOXSIE, FIRST VICE PRESIDENT, NEDIAFC (Coventry, RI): Buddy, on behalf of the New England Division of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, it gives me great pleasure to present you with this token of our esteem. You have dedicated the last year of your life to our Association, and it gives me great pleasure to present you with this. Thank you.

(Applause.)

(Chief Brian Hoxsie presents trophy to Chief Buddy Thibeault.)

CHIEF DAVID A. LAFOND (Master of Ceremonies): No music again. Beautiful.

(Laughter.)

At this time, we'll get into the presentation from the Incoming President, Chief Rick Susi, from Cumberland, Rhode Island, to the Outgoing President, Chief Alan Roy.

(Applause.)

CHIEF RICHARD A. SUSI, INCOMING PRESIDENT, NEAFC (Cumberland, RI): Thank you very much. Ladies and gentlemen, we've had Alan Roy for the past year, and as I mentioned at our meeting yesterday, he's done an excellent job for the New England Association of Fire Chiefs. It's been a very progressive year for us, professionally. He's the one who came up with the idea for the web cast. If any of you saw the John Salka web cast, that was Alan's idea. The membership spoke. They said they would like a little bit more in the way of professional development for safety for our firefighters, and Alan came up with this progressive idea, something that could be held through the year, in archives through the year, and we can all go back and take our firefighters through it if we'd like at any time right through the year. I know my department took note of it, and, certainly, I'm sure plenty of others did. That's just one thing that Alan did this year. He's been a great mentor for me, and I'd like to present Alan — very briefly, though, if you could give me one second, Mr. Master of Ceremonies. You're not going to hook me, are you?

CHIEF DAVID A. LAFOND (Master of Ceremonies)

One second is allowed.

CHIEF RICHARD A. SUSI: Okay. Everybody knows that a horn, trumpet, bugle is very special to the fire department and represents a lot. Chiefs, obviously, wear five bugles, five horns, five trumpets — I know my guys from Rhode Island might be saying, "What is he going to say?" Well, Alan, you know in the



Chief Alan Roy, 84th President of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs receives congratulations and Chiefs Trumpet from 1st VP Chief Richard Susi.

past couple of days, we had the stage play, "The Guys," today. It tells us we should bring our wives to be more involved in what's going on in our lives. We had Janet Wilmoth. "The Chief at Home," was the program that she put on yesterday. We have to have our wives involved, and Cheryl did an excellent job throughout the year. Cheryl, this is going to go to you also, but what I'm going to encourage you to do is something we've done in Rhode Island. It's something that we started out — don't worry Holly — this is important — did you ever hear of the Ninth Player Award — Tenth Player Award for baseball? Well, think of the wives as having a Sixth Horn Club.

(Applause and laughter.)

Now, you've got to start this chapter, the Sixth Horn Club. Does anybody know where we're going with this? We gave them a name. There happened to be six women who started this. Father, Father Leckie, in Rhode Island we call them the Six Horny Wives Club.

(Laughter.)

For all you've done for us in this year, here you go.

CHIEF ALAN J. ROY, PRESIDENT, NEAFC: Thank you.

(Applause.)

(Chief Richard A. Susi presented the horn to Chief Alan J.

Roy.)

CHIEF DAVID A. LAFOND (Master of Ceremonies):

Thank you, Chief. One horny wife is all I need.

(Laughter.)

But I'll take six.

(Laughter.)

Oh, boy. I'm warming up the crowd. We need to loosen up a little bit. We have somebody very special who is taking time out to spend some time with us tonight. Besides the fame of playing Georgie, the bartender, on the hit TV HBO series Sopranos, Frankie Santorelli is with us tonight. I did a little research on his web site, and I did find out that he was the class clown in high school, but more importantly, I did find out that he's a terrific actor. He's a great comedian. He's performed at some of the following showcases: The Comedy Cellar in New York City, Catch a Rising Star in New York City and Las Vegas, the Comic Strip in New York City, the Improv in Los Angeles, California, the Laugh Factory in Los Angeles, California, Boston Comedy Club in New York City, and Caroline's Comedy Club in Times Square, New York. Probably more importantly for Frankie Santorelli to



Frank Santorelli, comedian



add to his resume, folks, is that he is now playing the New England Association of Fire Chiefs' greatest venue. Please join me in welcoming Frankie Santorelli.

(Applause.)

He wants you to chant. Frankie, Frankie, Frankie. There he is folks. All right. I guess I'll have to read his bio again. Actually, he's from Holyoke. He grew up in the Flats. The neighborhood was ravaged by fire, so Frankie moved around Holyoke. He moved up to the rich section of Churchill where I grew up, and that was ravaged by fire. Eat your ice cream. He'll come in. I understand Frankie's nervous. He's trying to get the jitterbugs out of him. Folks, here he is. Frank Santorelli.

(Applause.)

(Guest entertainer, Frank Santorelli, comedian/actor, performed.)

CHIEF DAVID A. LAFOND (Master of Ceremonies): Nice job, Frank. Thank you so much. Drinks are on the house by Frankie. All right, Frank.

(Laughter.)

Well, we need to get back into our more serious mode, folks, as we get into the swearing in. We have a couple more presentations and then the conclusion of our ceremonies tonight. Before we proceed into — there's one more set of presentations and swearing in — I would be remiss if we didn't go back to the beginning of the program. I did mention the Past Presidents, but I know there's a difference between the Association and the Division. I would appreciate it the Past Presidents of the Division stood up with their wives and took our applause, please. The Division Presidents.

(Applause.)

At this time, we have some special presentations from the Rhode Island Delegations. I'd like to call Assistant Chief Arthur Jacques to the podium, please.

(Applause.)

It's fair to say Arthur Jacques is not Italian.

ASSISTANT CHIEF ARTHUR A. JACQUES (Lincoln, RI): You got it. Hey, how you doin'? I was told to keep it short tonight, so that's why I'm up here.

(Laughter.)

Yeah, yeah, yeah, I can pick on myself too. Chief Susi (pronounced Suzi). See, everybody's been calling him wrong tonight. Everybody's been calling him Susi. It's Susi

(pronounced Suzi). So could Chief Suzi (pronounced Suzi) please come up here? Hey, how you doin'? Not too bad. The other day, I got a phone call from Governor Don Carcieri from Rhode Island, and he said he was amiss that he could not make it here tonight, and he was wondering if I could come here and make a presentation to President Incoming, Chief Richard Suzi (pronounced Suzi). So I said, I'll do it; no problem. So we have from Governor Donald L. Carcieri from Rhode Island, he has this presentation for you. It says, "The Governor of the State of Rhode Island — wait a minute, I've got to put my glasses on for this. He writes small.

(Laughter.)

"The Governor of the State of Rhode Island extends his greetings and congratulations to Chief Richard Suzi, Cumberland Hill Fire District, in recognition of being named President of the New England Fire Chiefs Association, 2006-2007." Congratulations, Chief Suzi.

(Applause.)

(The presentation was made.)

CHIEF DAVID A. LAFOND (Master of Ceremonies): What are you, a wise guy? Get outta here.

(Laughter.)

Chief Bob Seltzer, come to the podium, please.

(Applause.)

CHIEF ROBERT W. SELTZER (Coventry, RI): Actually, I got tears in my eyes, but I'm not emotional. The comedian was pretty good, very good. I have a proclamation here for Incoming President Chief Brian Hoxsie of the New England Division. If you would, please, join me up here.

(Applause.)

Not only a colleague of mine, but also a very good friend of mine, it's my pleasure to present this to Chief Hoxsie. This is also from Governor Carcieri. "The Office of the Governor. The Governor of the State of Rhode Island extends his greetings and congratulations to Chief Brian Hoxsie, Washington Fire District in Coventry, in recognition of being named President of the New England Division of the IAFC, 2006-2007." Congratulations, Brian.

(Applause.)

(The presentation was made.)

While I'm up here — I know I'm going to go over my time, however, I am the President of the Rhode Island Association of

Fire Chiefs this year, and I also want to recognize Chief Susi, Chief Hoxsie, Brad Preston, VFIS, and Father Leckie, all of whom are being installed tonight, all of whom are from Rhode Island. Our Association is very proud of all of you. The fire service of Rhode Island is very proud of all of you. We wish you good luck in your next year. Thank you.

(Applause.)

CHIEF DAVID A. LAFOND (Master of Ceremonies): Chief Sylvester, please.

CHIEF FRANK SYLVESTER (Lincoln, RI): Good evening. It's an honor for me to be up here this evening. I was the President back in 2000-2001, and when I left here, I thought my replacement would be a real scrapper from Cumberland. He is the first chief to ever become President of the New England Association. He is from Cumberland, Rhode Island. Rick Susi Scrapper, would you come up here, please? We were quite proud when we found out that Rick would become President of New England. I went to the Dean of the Rhode Island Fire Chiefs, Chief Stanley. He's been a chief for over 40 years, so I figured he knew what he was doing. I said, "Chief, we have Chief Susi. He's going to be coming in as President of New England, and I'd like to get him a gavel." So Fred said to me, "Well, it doesn't give us much time. What do you want me to do?" I said, "Well, just get a gavel, any kind of gavel." Well, I've got to tell you what Fred got. He went to Building 19, and this is what he came back with right here.

(Laughter.)

I talked to my wife, and I said, "I can't present that to him. We have to get him a gavel." So Rick, on behalf of my family, I present you with this gavel.

(Applause.)

(The presentation was made.)

CHIEF DAVID A. LAFOND (Master of Ceremonies): Thank you, Chiefs. Now the best part of this evening's festivities will be the swearing-in ceremony. At this time, we will have the New England Association of Fire Chiefs Incoming First Vice President, Second Vice President, and all the Directors. The swearing-in ceremony will be conducted by Chief Frank Sylvester from Lincoln, Rhode Island. Would you please stand, Chiefs? Line up in front.



Chief Frank Sylvester swears in NEAFC Officers & Directors.



Chief Steve Westermann, IAFC 2nd VP swears in NEDIAFC Officers.



CHIEF FRANK SYLVESTER: State your name and repeat after me. "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. 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.

(Applause.)

CHIEF DAVID A. LAFOND (Master of Ceremonies): I would now like to call to the front of the platform the New England Division of International Association of Fire Chiefs Incoming First Vice President and Second Vice President. The swearing-in ceremony will be conducted by Chief Steve Westermann who is the Second Vice President of the International Association of Fire Chiefs and has come to us from the great State of Missouri.

CHIEF STEVE WESTERMANN (Missouri): Gentlemen, raise your right hands and repeat after me. "I, state your name, hereby swear and affirm that I will support the Constitution and Bylaws, and at all times, bear true allegiance to the goals and purposes 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 conclusion of my term, I will turn over to my successor all records in my possession, so help me, God." Congratulations.

(Applause.)

CHIEF DAVID A. LAFOND (Master of Ceremonies): Congratulations. Our next swearing-in ceremony will be for the New England Division of the International Association of Fire Chiefs Incoming President, Chief Brian Hoxsie from Rhode Island, sworn in by Chief Westermann.

CHIEF STEVE WESTERMANN: Raise your right hand and repeat after me. "I, state your name, hereby swear and affirm that I will support the Constitution and Bylaws, and at all times, bear true allegiance to the goals and purposes 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 conclusion of my term, I will turn over to my successor all records in my possession, so help me, God."

(Applause.)

CHIEF DAVID A. LAFOND (Master of Ceremonies): At this time, we would like to conduct the swearing-in ceremony for the



Chief Steve Westermann, IAFC 2nd VP swears in Chief Brian Hoxsie of Coventry, RI as the new President of the New England Division IAFC.

Incoming President of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, President Rick Susi from the great State of Rhode Island, conducted by Chief Frank Sylvester.

CHIEF FRANK SYLVESTER: Raise your right hand and repeat after me. "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 New England Association of Fire Chiefs, Incorporated. I further swear to perform the duties and responsibilities of my office to the best of my ability. And at the end of my term of office, I will deliver to my successor all records of said office, so help me, God."

(Applause.)

CHIEF DAVID A. LAFOND (Master of Ceremonies): Now, President Susi to the podium.

(Standing ovation.)

CHIEF RICHARD A. SUSI, INCOMING PRESIDENT, NEAFC (Cumberland, RI): Thank you very much. There's one thing I have to do. Right off the bat, I have to thank someone first, and it's not going to be my wife. This is a special thank you, I think. You're second. This is not a more important thank you; it's just the first thank you. The first thank you is for the guy who set up this program to have me speak before Brian Hoxsie.

(Laughter.)

That is one tough act to follow. Thank you. Dick, I don't know, are you responsible for that? Dick Wehter, thank you very much.

(Applause.)

That's a big help to me. Obviously, Frank Sylvester, great friend of mine, called me a scrapper; I'm not quite sure why, but thank you very much, Frank, for swearing me in. I appreciate that. I appreciate the gavel that you and Estelle gave me. I thank you very much. Yesterday in our meeting, I made a couple of remarks about the work that we do in the Advertising Committee. I pretty much said that the work that we do in the Advertising Committee was done by committee. And I'm repeating this because, obviously, not everybody was at the meeting yesterday. The work that we do is by committee, and that's important. But when we go home, obviously, like I told the members who were at the meeting yesterday, it's pretty much a partnership. But like I also said yesterday, we all know the senior member of that partnership is my wife Holly Susi, and I would like to thank her for all the work she does for this



Chief Richard A. Susi of Cumberland, RI is sworn in by Chief Frank Sylvester as the 85th President of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs.



Chief Susi gives acceptance speech.



association and for helping me and supporting me. Obviously, that's my most important thank you of the evening. Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

Alan Roy, I've already said the important work that Alan did this past year. We're very lucky in this organization to have been led this past year by Alan Roy and Cheryl Roy. They did an excellent job. I know we've recognized them, but once again, I would like to give them one more round of applause. Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

I do have a couple of introductions that I'd like to make this evening. I have one table of family and friends that I have. I have a few more friends than just one table, by the way.

(Laughter.)

Where's Frank Santorelli? My name is Rick Susi and I'm 49, by the way. Anyway, I have one table of family and friends. First of all, I have my daughter Stephanie Susi who's right here. Stephanie, stand up and say hi.

(Applause.)

My son Stephen Susi and his beautiful girlfriend Carissa standing right there next to him.

(Applause.)

My sister Pat Allard, right next to Stephanie.

(Applause.)

Unfortunately, we had a couple of slots at the table that couldn't be filled tonight. My parents were supposed to be here, and at the last minute, my mother was feeling ill, so she couldn't be here, and my father couldn't be here also, but next year we're going to get them here for sure, I'm hoping. I have the President of the Rhode Island Association of Fire Chiefs sitting at my table and his lovely daughter Sara right there.

(Applause.)

Obviously, when we come close to home at my department, the Cumberland Hill Fire Department, my Deputy Chief, Ron Dubois, is right here. He takes care of things while I'm out of town.

(Applause.)

And my best friend in the world, actually, is Ken Sweich who's also the former Chief of the Cumberland Hill Fire Department and a long-time member of this association. I'd like to recognize Ken Sweich also, Chief Ken Sweich.

(Applause.)

We have a lot of good friends here that came from Rhode Island and nearby Massachusetts also that I'd like to recognize tonight. I think there are three tables of great friends of mine that supported me when I was President of the Rhode Island Association of Fire Chiefs. They helped me out. I've had six months that I've been a has-been since January that I was a president of nothing. Yes. Now, Al and Cheryl are laughing at me, nudging me on the side, and saying, "Here you go; you have to start all over again," but that's fine. At one of the tables right there, we've got Chief Rick Petrin from Albion. Arthur Jacques, who came up here and did that great impression of the guy, Frank Santorelli. We've got Arthur Jacques. We've got Al Adams from Portsmouth. We've got Craig Beausoleil from North Smithfield. We've got Ed McCarthy from the Newport Fire Department. At the table in the rear, we've got the Godfather, Fred Stanley. Let's see. Who else we got there? We've got Dave Shaw from Pascoag. We've got our Historian, Chief Otis Wyatt from Rhode Island. My good friend, my great friend who came here this year because he can't come next year, and I can't believe the support that John Mullaly from Millville, Massachusetts, has given me with a mutual aid group that we have in the greater Woonsocket area. John Mullaly came with his wife Kathy tonight to support me because they're going to a wedding next year. I can't thank you guys enough for showing up tonight to support me. Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

My partner from the Lime Rock Fire Department is here with us also, and, obviously, Frank Sylvester, we all know is the Dean — did I get the Dean and the Godfather mixed up? I think you're the Dean, and he's the Godfather from Rhode Island. Sorry. Dean Fred Stanley and Godfather Frank Sylvester. This is a Rhode Island thing this year. That's what we've been saying. It's not a coup, like I said at the meeting yesterday. We're not taking over or anything. It's just the way it happened to work out. But we do plan on working as a partnership. One thing that I will make a promise to you is, is that this organization has had 84 years of history, and most of us in this room are familiar with what the Red Book is all about. We get a copy of the Red Book every year, and that's our history. It's actually something that I would really like to preserve, and I'm going to work — and I pledge to you now, I'm going to work with our Historian, Otis

Wyatt. I'm going to work with Dick Wehter, our Secretary/Treasurer, because they have the copies, all the copies of these Red Books. What I want to do is, get all the copies of these Red Books put digitally onto some type of a DVD. I've spoken with my son who's in that business — my son who couldn't be here this year, who's in that business — and he said that we can do it. We can get it on a couple of CDs or DVDs, whichever it is. I'd like to get that done for next year. That's the history of our whole association. It's very important to me, and I think it's very important to most of you. The partnerships that we've reached over the past few years with the Division, with the Mechanics, with the Vendors, they will all get reflected in those DVDs, hopefully, and go on and go forward from that point. So I do want to make sure that we keep that history. I mentioned partnerships. Chief Brian Hoxsie and I are, obviously, good friends. We're from the same state. We're going to work very well together and very easily together. We always have and we will. No problem. We already have a meeting set up with Brad Preston who's the Incoming President of the Vendors Association, and Judy Marshall, their Secretary/Treasurer, who does so much work for them and for us for our conference. So we're going to be meeting with them July 20th to go over what we can do in the upcoming year. And, obviously, Paul Lamoureux from the Mechanics Association is a big part. The Mechanics Association does so much for us also. We're going to make sure that we include them in everything that we do this year. It's all about partnership. We'll do just fine. Does anybody want to get a charter membership in that Six Horny Wives Club? You have to speak to my wife and any of them at table — whatever number that is.

FROM THE FLOOR: Ten.

CHIEF: Ten, table ten. Those are charter members of the Six Horny Wives Club. Anyway, thank you very much for all your kindness tonight and support, and we look forward to the upcoming year. Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

CHIEF DAVID A. LAFOND (Master of Ceremonies): Thank you, Chief. It's my pleasure to call to the podium the Incoming President of the Division, Chief Brian Hoxsie.

(Standing ovation.)

CHIEF BRIAN HOXSIE, INCOMING PRESIDENT, NEDIAFC (Coventry, RI): Sit down. We don't have time for the music that

Chief LaFond keeps referring to. It's the theme from the Godfather. We don't need to hear that. I thought it was rather ironic that tonight Chief Sylvester and Assistant Chief Jacques came up because they were the only representatives from Rhode Island whose last names don't end in a vowel.

(Laughter.)

We're going to work on that a little bit. "Preparedness Begins at Home," is the theme of this year's conference. Certainly, Chief Susi and I are going to discuss this, but I'm thinking about the "How you doin'?" theme. How you doin'? I am not Frank Santorelli, but I am 48 years old. Thank you for this vote of confidence that our memberships — because I think we share — one of the common things that I think we all share, and we don't recognize enough, is that we have a common membership. The members of the Association are certainly all members of the Division, and we are here — and I speak for Chief Susi when I say that we are here to serve all of you. I have a couple of priorities this year that I just want to address, but before I do that, first and foremost, I'd like to thank my friend and the leader of our division for the last year, Brian "Buddy" Thibeault. He has been a buddy to all of us. Certainly, I think he deserves a round of applause.

(Applause.)

Right along with that, the New England Division of the International Association of Fire Chiefs has one constant. We have one person who guides us through thick and thin and keeps us on the straight and narrow, for the most part, as straight and narrow as I certainly get. Most of you who know me know that I'm not really comfortable being dressed up. I actually, believe it or not, do have long pants on for a change here tonight. That's not something I'm used to either. Chief John Wood, our Secretary/Treasurer for the Division, thank you.

(Applause.)

He is certainly the guy who keeps us operating as a division because we are probably the most dysfunctional group of fire chiefs you'll ever meet in your entire one day, but thank you, John. Chief Alan Roy and Cheryl, thank you, because, you know, it's been a pleasure certainly working as Vice President with you guys, and we are in the process of negotiating a new contract, and you have certainly got us off on the right foot starting that process, so thank you. I look forward to the next



year and having you in, Buddy, still as very active as an immediate past president. That's important to me. A couple of priorities that I have that I want to address just very, very briefly because the theme from the Godfather is starting very shortly. I know. Firefighter safety, fire chief safety. Firefighter safety, the fire service has a — we need to put that in the forefront in the New England Division. I promise you we'll make that a huge priority in the next 12 months. Firefighter safety, we're still killing — we had a good year this year; we only killed 87 firefighters. That's rather ironic that I say that's a good year, but that's one of the best years we've had in a long time. That's still way too many. Firefighter health and safety is going to be a priority, I will tell you, in the New England Division, and I'm pretty sure I can convince the New England Association's President to also make that very important. Political awareness, as you well know, the International Association of Fire Chiefs and the New England Division of the International Association have a very active voice in Washington, D.C. I would like to see us get even closer and get even better with that. I will take a page out of the Immediate Past President of the International Association Bob Dipoli's book and say that we need to all get more active when it comes to events like CFSI. The Association was kind enough this year to donate money to each state, and if each state is not taking advantage of that, then let me know, because I will find a way of using that money. But we need to get more active in Washington D.C. There's some critical issues that are going to come before us this year. There's a bill right now before the Congress to remove FEMA from the Department of Homeland Security, and while at the outset, that may seem like a good idea, it is not. We need to all get active. In you need any information on that, please contact me or Chief Westermann or anybody at the IAFC headquarters because that's a huge issue. There is going to be an amendment to that bill to keep FEMA inside the Department of Homeland Security, and that is a huge thing. We have to work on that. We have to be very careful and very politically aware of what's going on there. It is also my intent to increase the communications, both within the Division and outside the Division, to all fire chiefs within the region of New England. I think that when we have problems as a group, we have problems because of a lack of communication, and we can always improve on that. That is one of my goals. But the most important goal, I think, in the next 12 months,



Chief Hoxsie of the NEDIAFC gives his acceptance speech.

and I know Chief Susi also agrees with me, is that we have some fun. That's more important than anything else on my agenda is we all have some fun, because this job is way too serious. As we saw, those of us that attended this morning's seminar and yesterday's seminar, this is a very serious occupation, very serious job, and we need to sometimes lighten up as a group, and we need to all get along, and I think we can do that. With the Incoming Presidents of the Association's support, I think we'll be able to do that, and our Board of Directors are very important. But we need to all get along. We can play well together, and I think we need to demonstrate that, I really do, as a fire service as a whole. Brad Preston, the new Incoming President of the Vendors, we're going to have to rename. Do you want to drop the N or just add an I to the end of your name, because we really need to get these vowels involved. So it's either going to be Presto or Prestoni, your choice.

(Laughter.)

Father Leckie, vowel, good, two vowels, me too. What's better than that? How you doin'? Stew Pearson, our Director, Stew Pearsoni, our Director of the New England Association. Chief Susi forgets you a lot. I don't want to say anything about that, but he forgets you a lot. In closing, I'd like to thank each and every one of you. I think that we have an interesting year coming forward. Again, more important than anything, let's have fun with it. Let's do some good, but let's have fun for the New England Fire Service. Thank you.

(Applause.)

CHIEF DAVID A. LAFOND (Master of Ceremonies): "Live Free or Die" is the motto of the great State of New Hampshire. It's my pleasure to introduce the Outgoing President of the New England Division of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, Chief Buddy Thibeault.

(Applause.)

CHIEF BRIAN "BUDDY" THIBEAULT, OUTGOING PRESIDENT, NEDIAFC (Plymouth, NH): Thank you, Dave. The pleasure's truly mine hearing you say "outgoing." I have a prepared speech, and I'm going to stick with it, but, first, something that's not on the speech is my thanks and gratitude to Cheryl and Alan. Communications between Cheryl and Alan and myself and Sally have been outstanding throughout the year. Everything that we're doing for events or activities, it's always been well-communicated. The feelings of each of us have



Chief Brian Thibeault extends his thanks and pleasure in serving as Division President for 2005 - 2006.



Chief Alan J. Roy of Palmer, MA gives his thanks for being allowed to serve as the 84th President of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs.



been requested and expressed very clearly, so the working relationship has really been outstanding, and I think I'm truly going to miss that. Thank you. I'm sure that President Roy will agree that this year flew by. It seems like just yesterday we were down here being sworn in. The past year has been successful to the New England Division of the IAFC. Last year, we were challenged to strengthen relationships with our affiliate organizations, the New England Association of Fire Chiefs, the New England Fire Exhibitors Association, and the New England Fire Apparatus Maintenance Association. I'm proud to say that I believe that our relationship with these organizations is more developed today than it ever has been before. I appreciate your support in helping us achieve our goals. I wish to thank the leadership of all of these organizations for making this happen. The Division continues to promote fire safety for our firefighters who work closely with the IAFC and the EMS program to ensure that everyone comes home, as we did with Firefighter Stand-down Day at the beginning of our conference. We have continued to strengthen our government relations on the national level by attending the Congressional Fire Service Institute activities in Washington D.C. this past April. Bob can probably tell you the exact number, but I was so proud to be a part of over a hundred fire service leaders in Washington D.C. just from New England. I can't tell you how good it feels to be made welcomed by all the different states in their festivities throughout their meetings in Washington, D.C. In closing, I wish to thank everyone for working so hard to help all of us achieve our goals and for allowing me the privilege to work with all of the energetic and dedicated individuals. The pleasure was truly mine to have that. I encourage all of you to provide the same energy and enthusiasm to the dynamic duo for next year. I wish to also thank the New Hampshire Association of Fire Chiefs for allowing me this awesome opportunity. I'd like to thank the Town of Plymouth for their support and my family and loved ones for their undying support. Thank you and good evening.

(Standing ovation.)

CHIEF DAVID A. LAFOND (Master of Ceremonies): Thank you, Buddy. Nicely said. At this time, it gives me great pleasure to call to the podium, perhaps not the last time, but our Outgoing President and our hometown boy, from the Town of Seven Railroads, Palmer, Massachusetts, Alan Roy.

(Applause.)

CHIEF ALAN ROY, OUTGOING PRESIDENT, NEAFC (Palmer, MA): How do you spell relief? S-U-S-I. I also have some prepared remarks here because I don't wing it that well. Completing my term as President of the New England Association of Fire Chiefs for the year 2005-2006 will be bittersweet. My time as President has passed quickly. It's been an honor to work with such dedicated and talented individuals who are focused on providing the best Fire Service Conference and Exposition in the Northeast, and I truly believe that. These individuals are members of the New England Division of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, and New England Fire Equipment Exhibitors Association, and the New England Fire Apparatus Maintenance Association. I would like to thank these associations and our members, officers, and committee chairmen that have made this 84th Conference a success. The teamwork and cooperation for all these associations continues to improve the New England Fire/Rescue/EMS Conference and Exposition. I thank all of the presidents, Chief Buddy Thibeault from the Division, President Paul Grondalski from the Vendors, President Paul Lamoureux from the Mechanics. Chief Gary Cassanelli from the City of Springfield and Chief Dave Barkman from the Town of West Springfield, you've been great chief hosts. Thank you very much. A special thanks goes to Dick and Sally Wehter for their direction and their support. My fellow chiefs, Chief Bill Scoville, President of the Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts, and also my brother chiefs from the Western Mass. Chiefs, I would like you to stand again to be recognized, please. One more time.

(Applause.)

Our emcee tonight, Chief David LaFond from the City of Holyoke, thank you very much. David and Nora.

(Applause.)

We all know David and Nora, it's their anniversary tonight. Just for a little gift, that centerpiece over by the doorway is yours. Okay? I appreciate that. To Incoming President Rick Susi and First Lady Holly, you'll be a great team, guaranteed. If Cheryl and I can be of any assistance during the course of the year, we're glad to help. If you notice, during the course of the year, we're a team. She's done tremendous work for this association and for this conference. As a president, your elected. When you're a president's wife, you're not. It's really by

default, and it's a lot of work that she did and really, really didn't have to. There were some pretty heated nights some nights in the house.

(Laughter.)

Almost caused a divorce, but we got through all of it. From all of us here, we thank you for your tireless efforts to make a difference for our conference, and all of us here thank you.

(Applause.)

Lastly, it's been a great pleasure, and it's been a tremendous honor, kind of a lifelong dream. I've been associated with this association for many years during the days of Chief Gus Theodore, from day one, as a very young firefighter. So it's been an honor, and we'll be around. It's been a pleasure to serve as your 84th President. Thank you.

(Standing ovation.)

CHIEF DAVID A. LAFOND (Master of Ceremonies): Nice job, Alan. We will be closing out shortly. I'd like to have John Jenkins come back up to the podium to sing us one more song.

(Closing hymn, "Proud to be an American," sung by Chief John Jenkins.)

(Standing ovation.)

CHIEF DAVID A. LAFOND (Master of Ceremonies): Thank you so much, John. The chandelier is still standing. Nice job. We'd like to give a special acknowledgement to two very hard-working gentlemen who put this together, the folks behind the scene to make sure everything worked, Dave Jorsey and Tony Jarvis, our Sergeant-At-Arms. Thank you so much.

(Applause.)

It's my pleasure to call to the podium Reverend Michael Leckie, Chaplain from Hope Valley, Rhode Island, for our closing benediction.

REVEREND MICHAEL LECKIE (Hope Valley, RI): Let us pray. God, our Father, we come to thank you and, as always, begging your help. Thanks for the people who have put on this conference so that firefighters throughout the New England and the Northeast can come better prepared, not only on the fire grounds, but also at their homes. For the men and women who have provided many thousands of hours preparing for this conference, we thank you, and we ask you to bless them. We thank you, also, for the people who have volunteered to take positions of leadership in this organization. If you think about it, fire chiefs are leaders, and these are leaders of leaders. We

ask you to help them to be wise, to help them make the right decisions, to help them to listen, and to help them to do the best that they can to make the fire service in New England the best that it can be. We praise and we glorify you, precious Lord, for all your many gifts, for all your blessings, and for all that you do to show your love for us. We bless your precious name, Amen.

(Amen.)

CHIEF DAVID A. LAFOND (Master of Ceremonies): Thank you, Father. Well, folks, this concludes our ceremonies, and on behalf of the New England Fire Chief Presidents of the Association and the Division, and all the Officers, I wish you all good luck and say Godspeed to all of you. Good night and thank you for coming.

(Applause.)

(Annual Banquet concluded at 10:05 p.m.)

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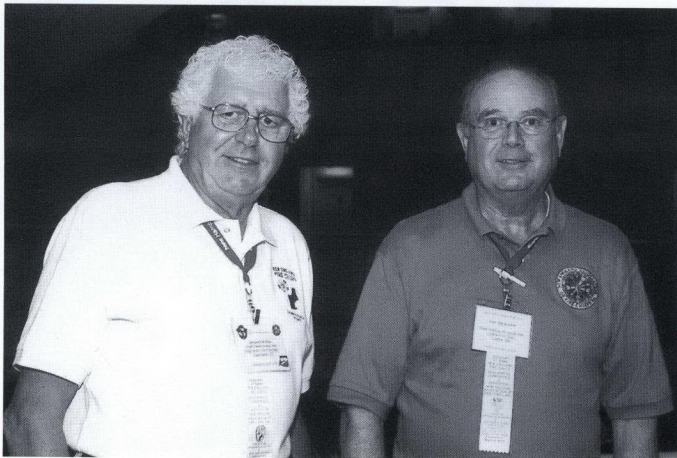
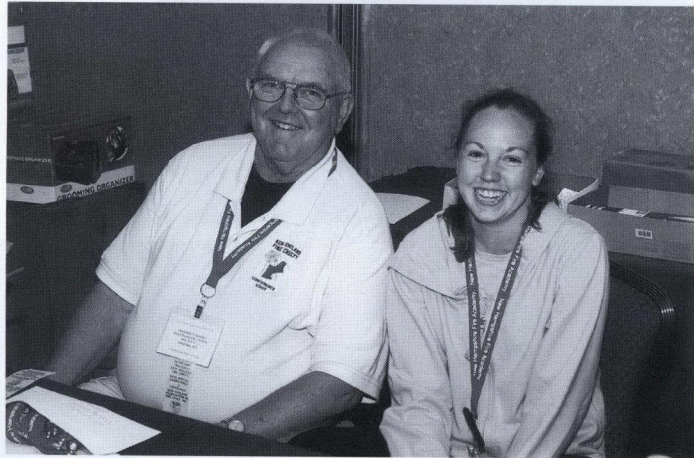


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# **BYLAWS – NEW ENGLAND ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS, INC.**

**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)

Parliamentarian

Education Program Coordinator

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

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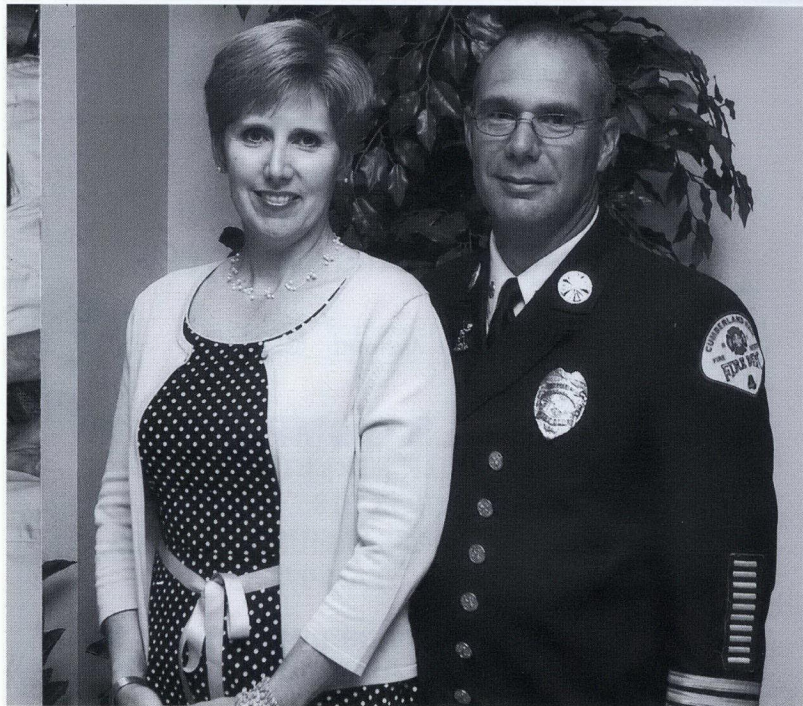
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