News Brief  November 9, 2015 Meeting Report

Our November meeting was at the facilities of the Rochester, NH Fire Department.

Chief Norm Sanborn and Ass’t Chief Mark Dupuis, shown below, gave us an excellent overview of the department, it’s history, building this new station and many of the challenges. Mark described, in some detail, the new tanker that is on order and it’s design process. As in many departments, they face challenges in staffing as well as funding issues. They were both very enjoyable to hear and talk with. We thank them for their time and insights. Also below is the existing tanker.

Firefighter Beth Blake gave a guided tour of the station. This included descriptions of each piece and a dialog on how they are manned for various types of incident responses. A great deal of detail was included and many questions from our group were concisely answered. We thanked Beth not only for this tour, but for her help in the efforts assisting Dan Mathews, SM86, setting up the meeting. Below are pictures of the tour.
Business Meeting:

There was no Secretaries report, as there is no Secretary
The Treasurers Report was read and approved as presented
EMA Report: some small activations, supporting LEOs with van
   The van has been upgraded w/ new electronics and there is now a drone with training on that

Elections were held and the existing slate of officers was re-elected as posted on the web site.

Future meetings:

   March 14th is in Kittery, notice will be sent in usual fashion
   June will be in York with a special speaker and meal planned. Watch for details.
      (those who volunteered to help, stay tuned)

The meeting was adjourned at 21:00