



News Brief **March 16, 2016 Meeting** **Report**

SOUTHERN MAINE FIRE NOTIFICATION ASSOCIATION

03/14/2016

QUARTERLY MEETING

Secretary's Report

This month's meeting was held at the Kittery Fire Station, 3 Gorges Rd.

A presentation was provided by Chief O'Brien and Bill Paisley (SM323) relative to their operations, apparatus and equipment reserve funds, missions and other topics of interest. A tour of their new station and apparatus took place.

Our March meeting was held at the Kittery Gorges Road Fire Station. Chief David O'Brien and



Deputy Chief Bill Paisley (SM323) gave an excellent presentation of the operations, goals and futuristic finance budgeting for the replacement of personal gear, equipment and tools, and apparatus. Within their annual budget,

funds are set aside for the necessary replacement of items needed to be scuttled by the requirements that any of the "expendables" be replaced at the end of its 10 years of service. This provides the Chief with monies to replace any items as needed to be "put out of service" without having to go to the Town Fathers for authorizing funds for the necessary purchases. Apparatus replacement is also funded in this manner allowing the Chief the ability to purchase apparatus as necessary. He likes to buy demo equipment, chasses, bodies and have them delivered and in service in a short period of time. The Chief stated he did not like to wait a year or two for a new piece of equipment.



The operations of the Department were outlined. They run out of two stations. The Gorges Road Station has 2 engines, a quint ladder, a heavy rescue and a 21' rescue boat. The Lewis Square Station has 2 engines, one being primarily a tanker with a 3,000 gal. tank. Ambulance service is provided by a private firm with 2 qualified crews at all times and at no direct cost to the Town. The Chief is the only Department with all others "Call most Call Departments the dwindled due to the enormous training. The response to greatly on the time of day and with what you have" is his Department has mutual aid



nearby municipalities which aids in fire ground operations. The sequence of apparatus response is interesting. Chief O'Brien likes to have the quint (75 foot stick) first due on any reported structure fires. This provides him with ability to place it as he feels necessary and it can be used as the attack control unit at the scene. The second piece catches the near hydrant and lays to the quint. 85 percent of the Town has hydrants so water supply is generally available, amount questionable in some areas!

salaried person within the Firefighters" and as with number of members has amount of time required for emergency calls varies day of the week. "Make do motto. The Kittery Fire agreements with several

An interesting manner in which he attempts to get more personnel responding. If a member makes 33 percent, or more, of the calls for the year they are eligible for a \$1,000 bonus. A little stimulus to make a little extra effort to respond to incidents. Maybe an *extra one grand* in the pocket!

The meeting was called to order by President Plummer at 2010 hrs.

Pledge of Allegiance was held.

New business was discussed.

The June meeting will be in York and a discussion was held relative to having a spaghetti supper and a nominal fee of \$5.00 was felt adequate to cover costs and allow York fire members to join us for no fee. An expense of \$400 was approved for other expense of the event.

Plaques will be presented to Chief Balentine of the York Fire Dept. and Worcester Deputy Sullivan for their continuing support of SMFNA.

President Plummer (SM653) stated we still did not yet have a Secretary and his workload was beginning to become excessive. Skip Ricker (SM501) stated he would gladly help but could not attend all meetings due to physical constraints but do what he could to aid in reducing the workload imposed on the President. The Pres. seemed receptive to the idea and would provide Skip with the duties expected of him.

Pres. Plummer stated that Lindley Deering (SM300) had sold his residence in Raymond and that the future of the channel 12 repeater and tower will be in limbo until a new owner of the property comes along.

Old business.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Carlton Winslow (SM777) and accepted as read.

Membership and participation was discussed with no new means forwarded for increasing them except possibly the supper.

The meeting was adjourned at 2055 hrs.

SMFNA Meeting Agenda – 13 June 2016

Spaghetti Supper @ 6:00 PM, \$6.00

Open with Pledge of Allegiance
SMFNA Overview
Review the night's activities – Ric

Thanks to Chief Balentine and Deputy Chief Sullivan (Worcester Fire Department) for their continued support of SMFNA and plaque presentations.

Station and Apparatus Tour

Q & A in the Meeting Room

Presentation by DC Sullivan

Business Meeting

Call to Order

Secretary's Report

Treasurer's Report

EMA Report

Webmasters comments

Old Business

Secretary Position is Pro Temp

Next Meeting TBA

Business Meeting

Suggestions & comments from the floor

"If You know of an active Incident, WE Should ALL Know"

Adjourn

Respectfully submitted:

Skip Ricker SM501

Secretary Pro Temp