



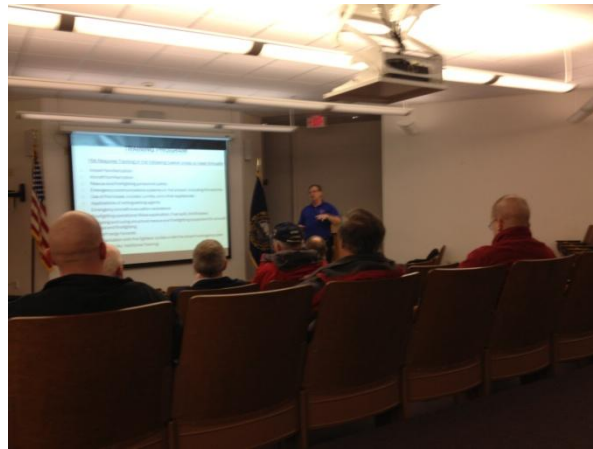
News Brief **April 12, 2013**

March 11, 2013 Meeting Report

The March 2013 meeting was held at Pease Fire and Emergency Services on the Pease ANG base. Our evening began with presentations by the on duty Asst Chief and Capt, covering history of the base and missions, their present missions and training as well as an overview of apparatus. This took place in the spacious, well equipped auditorium.



Asst Chief Ed Doherty reviewed the history and missions of the department.



Capt. Mark Chappell reviewed training and gave an apparatus overview

On the way to the apparatus bays, we were treated to coffee in the cafe and a walk thru their office area. As it turns out, when you raise the curtains in the "office" you have a panoramic view of the entire runway system. What a commanders view !!!



The Office and Commanding View !!



Here's the only way we could see ALL of the apparatus at once. The tanker in front with hazmat trailer

The entire line up has those units, plus: structural engine, squad, 3 large CFR units, one small fast CFR unit, The command SUV and a utility pickup. Ten units in all. Many of us would love to be able to call the 4000 gallon tanker when we need it !

All units were well equipped and neat and orderly. The engine is well equipped for rescue as well.

The apparatus bay was one of the largest many of us have seen. A few shots below give you the idea.



The view looking in from the office and then looking back from the other end.

A/C Doherty, Capt Chappell and all of the on duty crew of 9, were well versed and on the floor to talk and answer questions. Many of the firefighters were also call folks in the area and very knowledgeable in all areas. This made for a very good time with the men and their apparatus. As you can see SMFNA members took advantage of the opportunity.

It was amazing the amount of fire power they could deliver and that the CFR units were operated by a single firefighter.



The small fast CFR



One of the "big boys", there are 3 in all



Their 4000 gallon tanker



Capt Chappell and Asst Chief Doherty receive our certificate of appreciation.

All attending agreed that this was a night to remember and the efforts of the department were well appreciated by all. Our sincere thanks to Chief Hardekopf, Deputy Skalecki, and their entire staff !!

The regular meeting followed and covered the usual topics.

SM112, 114, 115 were recognized for their 20 years of service and certificates have been mailed.

It was announced that Mike Winters, SM1014, has been appointed Chairman of the E-Board.

We then had a group discussion focused on getting more of the incidents on the radio / internet system. This is the beginning of a process and many good points were made. This will continue as we make progress.

The next meeting will be in June at the Portland Fire Museum.

Remember: "If you know of an active incident, we should ALL know"