



Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs Industry Committee Meeting Minutes

The Ontario Association of Fire Chief's mission is to lead innovation and excellence in public and life safety. Our vision is to inspire and influence a safer Ontario.

DEI vision: That every fire department in Ontario is equitable, inclusive, and reflects the diversity of the community they serve.

Tuesday, March 26, 2024 12:00pm – 1:00pm

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 829 7450 5058

Passcode: 853869

Participants: Jeremy Inglis, Trevor Picard, Todd Finnie, Gord B, John Donovan, Michelle O'Hara, Jeremy Inglis, Rob Anselmi, Don Kruger, Katelyn Widdop, Steve Welton, Mike Mathews, Brent Thomas, Steve Rittenhouse, and Shaun Cameron

Note Taker: Shaun Cameron

1. Chair's Welcome

- The Chair welcomed all to the meeting

2. Agenda Additions

- None

3. Approval of Agenda

- No additional agenda

4. Approval of the Previous Minutes

Motion to adopt the February 5, 2024 meeting minutes as drafted

- Motioned by Todd Finnie
- Seconded by John Donavon



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- Carried

5. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

- None

6. 2024 OAFIC Conference and Trade Show Update (May 1-4, 2024) – Katelyn

- Clarification question the trucks are going in on Wednesday. Are any booths being setup on Wednesday
- Katelyn the trailers can be dropped in, and no carpet will be laid until Thursday morning. Depending on how ready is the pipe and drape will be. Hopefully to do overnight and they will bring in earlier
- Conversation was a worry for time for setup with staff
- Adding additional move in time for the trucks

7. 2024 NEFEC Update – Katelyn

- OAFIC Event and Tradeshow Manager, provided update event went very well

8. NFPA Changes and Updates – Mike, Todd, Roseanne

- Mike Mathews provided an update on upcoming changes to standards – thanked Roseanne and Todd for feeding into the gear and trucks
- A lot of information and feedback from manufactures and looks like it will be pushed back
- High-level a lot of the standards related by gear and put into one standard
- Same for trucks into one standard
- SCBA changes will be minimal and amalgamated with all other standards are delaying the standards looking into 2025
- NFPA updates will be kept up to date as it comes in



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- SCBA changes to the notes – will circulate for feedback and review to the group
- Once completed and updated to circulate to the committee
- Will circulate with the minutes and ask for comment prior to the April 22 meeting
- Work on a members communication post the tradeshow

9. PFAS – Options for Materials – Dan

- What is available for PFAS free materials out there right now?
- Michelle O'Hara – spoke to the outer shell to moisture barriers steadfast clear is going to be launched next month
- A non-coordinated moisture barrier being produced next month and a few are going this way
- Gore material announcement coming
- Limited products currently
- Jeremy Inglis updated that the cost of buying these options and get this out to the members and educate and update the members regards to PFAS and PFAS free options.
- Jeremy will ask for Dan, Mike and Roseanne to work further on this
- Trevor – concerns over newly purchased PFAS gear versus the non pfas gear. Keeping up with the rush. Bunker gear will become cost prohibitive. Once multiple options the flood gates will be opened.
- Jeremy spoke to it will be an education and conversations this will be a multi-year fix as the resources are not there for immediate switch over.
- Don Kruger spoke to some fire departments can only afford to get three sets bunker gear a year. Around \$3,000 a set of bunker gear right now.



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- Mike Mathews spoke to unions and chiefs on how to work on this together and educate importance of making this transition
- Will the gear be a 2 year or longer versus PFAS
- Rob Anselmi spoke to the wear and tear, cylinder life and starting well before our contract is over lifespan
- Trevor spoke to large and medium size departments how hard and how realistic training scenarios are
- Jeremy Inglis wants to do work with Section 21 and OAFC Health and Safety Committee (lead committee) on what we collect we will send it out of this committee for their input
- Jeremy spoke to Dr. R. Bryan Ormond to speak to this at the conference. (**Keynote - Transitioning the Fire Service to PFAS-Free Alternatives: Trade-Offs in Exposure and Performance**)
- Steve asked is there an option for a retrofit of a new liner for the moisture barriers to the gear been presented or on the table if we have heard of yet
- Trevor Picard indicated would look into that retrofit and get back to the committee
- Michelle said to keep an eye out for how BC moves on it. Snowball effect on how the provinces are changing it—does it mean provincial funding. To see the legislative, funding side
- Jeremy is saying how the grant funding side and can shift look at cancer preventions side with inclusive evidence when it comes out

10. Roundtable



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- John Donavon spoke how NEFEC ran smoothly. Thank Katleyn and the OAFC staff for a good job
- Trevor Picard spoke on how impressed he was how the show went in Huntsville. Very smooth and very happy vendors
- Todd Finnie had a great weekend in Huntsville and looking forward to May Conference and Tradeshow
- Gord B. was impressed with Huntsville then FDIC and a break then back to OAFC conference. Very appreciative of the gap between the conferences

11. **Next Meeting** – April 22, 2024 @ 12:00

12. **Adjournment**

- Motion to adjourn the meeting by Mike Mathews and seconded by John Donavon.