



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.

October 31, 2022 @ 12:00

Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 811 7902 2101

Passcode# 005760

Attendees: Jeremy Inglis, Dave Dawson, Steve Rittenhouse, Don Kruger, Todd Finnie, Trevor Picard, Brent Thomas, Anthony DeAngelis, Stephen Welton, Rosanne Kalenuik

Regrets: Emily Patten, Dan Stone

Minute Taker: Mark Pankhurst

1. Chair's Welcome

- The chair welcomed and thanked everyone for attending
- Jeremy noted the great feedback from Chiefs regarding the information being provided from the committee, it's helping Chiefs inform Councils for increasing budget.

2. Agenda Additions

- None

Motion: To approve the agenda as written.

Moved by: Todd Finnie

Seconded by: Don Kruger

Carried

3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

- None



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4. **Approval of Previous Minutes – September 26, 2022**

Motion: To approve the September 26, 2022, meeting minutes as written

Moved by: Todd Finnie

Seconded by: Don Kruger

Carried

5. **Business From Previous Minutes**

- Bring Buyers Association to conference to provide training and information sessions

6. **Introduction of New Members**

- Jeremy introduced new members Steve Welton from Hamilton Fire and Roseanne Kalenuik from Starfield

7. **Feedback on Industry Committee Information being Distributed**

- Jeremy – reiterated that he is receiving really good feedback from Chiefs around the Province that are utilizing information from the committee and he passed along a big thank you to the committee for their work.
- Roseanne – CANOE seems to be working well and that some municipalities are partnering with neighboring municipalities for purchasing.
- Todd – has concerns with Sourcewell and Canoe.
- Roseanne – no issues with Bunker Gear/PPE providers.
- Todd – seems to be truck issues. Biggest obstacle is large number of manufacturers on list with no chassis manufacturers in Canada and as the result they lose points in process.
- Trevor and Steve – OPBA group purchases limited for SCBA.
- Anthony – not much experience, copying previous builds, catch 22.
- Jeremy – asked Mark to make a note for future panel discussion with on rules around contacting suppliers regarding Tenders and RFP's.
- Steve W. – need for communication on best practices and administrative processes for buying and purchasing.
- Mark – recommended extending invitation to purchasing and buying staff to participate in workshops and seminars.
- Todd – need more municipal nimbleness.



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- Jeremy – inflexibility and no balance. Increased communications on RFP. Communicate RFP's on website could be utilized for basic Bunker Gear, SCBA and Apparatus. Bulletin board on new OAFIC website.
- Dave – good idea. Local bylaws are restrictive. Need to communicate with Councils.
- Jeremy – save up to 35%
- Dave – need a clean path on how to work with purchasing. Bulk buying.

8. Future Presentations

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9. Industry Committee Information for OAFIC AGM

- Reiterate costs, supply, and delivery issues
- Challenges – early and open communications

10. Roundtable

- Todd – 25th year of Trade Show in Lambton County on January 28, 2023.
- Roseanne – nice to hear what is going on and what is being understood
- Jeremy – Action Item PFAS – opportunities to provide communications on PFAS through committee
- Steve R. – could be a resource for unified standards – non brand specific for NFPA 2024. 1977 and 1975 clothing everything in one. Chapters for each PPE
- Mark – purchasing seems to have gone from the wild west to becoming very restrictive with too many rules and inflexibility. It would be nice if the process(s) could come back to the middle and be more balanced.
- Jeremy – budget delayed to March April 2023. Reconvene after AGM

11. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn

Moved by: Dave Dawson

Seconded by: Don Kruger



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Carried

Next meeting December 5, 2022,