

**OAFC ZONE 5 COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Sept. 30, 2015**  
**EASTERN ONTARIO EMERGENCY TRAINING ACADEMY**  
**NORWOOD, ONTARIO**

***Draft Minutes***

<b>Present:</b>	Chad Brown	Deputy Chief, Peterborough (Chair)
	Jim Wheeler	Fire Chief, Port Hope
	Brandon Northrup	Fire Chief, Cramahe Township
	Lloyd Hutchinson	Fire Chief, Brighton
	Rick Caddick	Deputy Chief, Brighton
	Gene Thompson	Deputy Chief, Cobourg
	Tim Blake	Fire Chief, Trent Hills
	Mike Vilneff	Fire Chief, Cobourg
	Dave Wright	Fire Chief, Alnwick/Haldimand
	Bruce Greatrix	Deputy Chief, Belleville
	Ray Ellis	Deputy Chief, Belleville
	Scott Maracle	Fire Chief Mohawk Fire
	Derrick Little	Fire Chief, Stirling-Rawdon/Tweed
	Pat Hoover	Fire Chief, North Hastings
	Ken Clapperton	District Chief, Hamilton Twp
	Miles Maughan	Fire Chief, Dysart et al
	Mike Cavanagh	Fire Chief, Algonquin Highlands
	Jesse Lambe	Fire Chief, North Kawartha
	Steve Brockbank	Deputy Chief, Trent Lakes
	Dan Smith	Deputy Chief, Quinte West
	Rick Middleton	Fire Chief, Wollaston
	Darryl Payne	Fire Chief, Asphodel-Norwood
	Chuck Pedersen	Fire Chief, Douro-Dummer
	Ted Bryan	Fire Chief, Otonabee-South Monaghan
	Don Mitchell	Fire Chief, Trent Lakes
	Robert Murphy	Deputy Chief, Marmora & Lake
	Tony Brownson	Fire Chief, Marmora & Lake
	Scott Manlow	Fire Chief, Prince Edward County
	Kelly Serson	Fire Chief, Hamilton Twp
	David Kish	District Chief, City of Kawartha Lakes
	Cathy Gogo	Recording minutes - Peterborough

**Guest Speaker:** Brian McBain, Underwriters Laboratories of Canada (ULC)

**1. Introductions**

The meeting was called to order at 13:10 pm with Chad Brown, Deputy Chief, Peterborough Fire Services, as Chair. Introductions were completed.

**2. Presentation by Guest Speaker**

A presentation was provided by B. McBain, Senior Regulatory Affairs Representative of the ULC. The ULC is a safety science company, focusing on product safety testing, certification and inspection. The standard CAN/ULC-S515-13 provides the minimum requirements for fire trucks,

pumpers, water tank trucks and aerial devices. Mr. McBain described the recent changes to the standard related to stability requirements, type of ladder required on pumpers, increased carrying capacity of chassis, lighting and reflective striping on trucks, and other changes to vehicle specifications. The standard also includes an appendix with the NFPA 1911 standard.

### **3. Minutes of Last Meeting**

There were no noted errors or omissions in the minutes of the last meeting.

Moved by: Mike Vilneff

Seconded by: Miles Maughan

**That the minutes of the Zone 5 meeting of March 31, 2015 be approved. Carried.**

### **4. Deputations and/or invited persons and/or public meetings**

OFMEM Advisory - Dan Koroscil sends his regrets. No new members to Zone 5.

### **5. Correspondence for Discussion and/or Decision**

a) *Fire Marshal's Directive: 2015-002 - Reporting of Fires and Explosions requiring investigation.* Deputy Chief Brown will request a clarification of this OFM directive in regards to the reporting requirements for insignificant events.

b) *Communiqué 2015-06 - Duty to Report Child Abuse or Neglect (March 23, 2015)*  
This is not a directive, but indicates fire fighters have a duty to report if a child is seen to be in possible need of protection. Concerns were expressed regarding interpretations of “duty” and “neglect”, and about losing the public’s trust of firefighters. Deputy Chief Brown will request clarification regarding these concerns at the mid-term meeting.

c) *Certified Municipal Manager Designations*

This is a professional and recognized stand-alone designation. The Fire Service component requires updating and will be revised by the end of the year. This education and training is encouraged for Fire Chiefs as well as staff in Training, Emergency Management, and Fire Prevention.

### **6. Zone 5 Report**

Kelly Serson, 2015 OAFC Board Member, provided the following updates:

- 1) OAFC subcommittees have been restructured and are now on-line.
- 2) New technology is required to receive 911 text messages; may be difficult to fund.
- 3) The Electrical Safety Handbook for firefighters has been prepared by the OAFC and the solar power industry; seeking sponsors so each firefighter can be oriented on this.
- 4) As of July 1, there were 3110 registered users on OFAI site. Subcommittee will see if there is a demand by volunteer firefighters to take this.
- 5) The OAFC has provided a presentation in Ontario, Manitoba and BC, regarding the mall collapse in Elliott Lake, the Commission of Inquiry and recommendations.
- 6) If you plan to change your response procedures on 400 series highways, review Section 21 Guidance Notes and MTO Book 7, then meet with the OPP.

- 7) There are fewer issues raised in regards to electronic MTO claims; O AFC continues to monitor. The O AFC has requested a rate increase, and then an annual increase- this is being discussed internally, but we feel this will go.
- 8) The MNR met with Chiefs at FireCon Sept 10 to discuss MNR Response Rate, mutual aid, and cost recovery for Fire Departments.
- 9) The MNR provided a review of the Fire Smart Program in Ontario; it is intended to be used at the municipal level and will roll out 2-day training programs over the next year.
- 10) FUS Tanker Shuttle - extension for use beyond 20 years is not possible. Insurance industry may withdraw accreditation process or revise it to require greater flow rates for shorter periods of time. IBC has raised concerns that the tanker shuttle accreditation program has had little impact to save money or property. However, cost-savings may be there so we need to build partnership with IBC. AMO has not been involved yet, but may be invited. Rural Suburban Committee is looking after this.
- 11) Road to Mental Health Readiness program will be made available to Fire Departments, starting in 2016.
- 12) Joint inquests into multiple fatalities fires in March 2013 in West Gwillumbury and 2012 in Whitby have been delayed until March 2016. O AFC staff will attend to assist member departments should the need arise.
- 13) The O AFC, with O MMI is working to update the standards for the CMM designation and to link all Fire Service designations and develop a progression path by mid-2016.
- 14) The O AFC received a grant from the Independent Electricity System Operator to develop the Solar Electrical Safety training program throughout the province.
- 15) NFPA Grandfathering – Applications are due to OFM by Dec 31. No extensions. OFM has not confirmed they will provide grandfathering - Kelly will address by email.

The OFC is auditing 10% of Fire Departments in the province, not 10% of every Fire Department; this is six full time departments, 19 composite, and 34 volunteer. The OFC are not going to start looking at the 8800 applications until January.

## **7. New Business, Roundtable Discussion**

- a) Scott Manlow cautioned that Freemans of the Land are in Prince Edward County and may be spreading to other municipalities. Members of this movement don't believe in paying taxes or following rules and are tying up the courts; the Police are aware and are looking into how to deal with them. Unless there is a severe issue, better not to engage them.
- b) Ross Nichols from the OPP will be the interim Fire Marshal and Chief of Emergency Management until a new Fire Marshal is chosen. The Fire Chiefs that were in attendance oppose this selection and feel someone with a Fire background should be in this position. This will be brought forward to the mid-term meeting. Coordinator Don Mitchell will prepare correspondence to address the concerns.

Moved by: Mike Vilneff  
Seconded by: Tim Blake

<b>That a resolution be drafted and circulated for endorsement. Carried.</b>
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Don Mitchell will draft a resolution and send to Deputy Chief Brown.

- c) Pat Hoover stated he applied to the OFM in March for Fire Marshal cards, but still hasn't received them. This will be discussed at the midterm meeting.
- d) Scott Maracle mentioned that natives have not been recognized in the presumptive legislation and not recognized auto aid agreements. If a resolution comes from O AFC it may have more impact. The Legislative committee should address this issue in a couple of weeks in Ajax. The FPPA is going to be opened up, so best to present the resolution to them if the working group is not addressing the issue. Support was expressed from everyone.
- e) Gene Thompson mentioned Peterborough will handle dispatch services county-wide for them.
- f) Mike Vilneff initiated congratulations from all to Ted Bryan for his award as National Volunteer Fire Chief of the Year. The award story is featured on the O AFC website.
- g) Brandon Northrup mentioned Cramahe Township will have a new digital radio system.
- h) Jim Wheeler is hosting an IMS200 course in Port Hope. He has an instructor, but needs more staff to enroll for the course to be conducted. The course is free.

The next meeting will be March 3, 2016.

**8. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 pm.