

## OEM Meeting Notes June 15,2023

A meeting of the Alstead OEM was held on Thursday, 6/15/2023 at 6PM.

Present were Emergency Management Director Steve Reynolds, Fire Chief Kim Kercewich, Police Chief Steve Murrell, Ambulance Chief Jesse Moore, Road Agent Prescott Trafton, and Deputy EMD Darren Perlongo.

Calls for the year: AFD- 54; Ambulance- 73, APD- 474 calls for service. The numbers reflect an overall increase from previous years and are consistent with what Emergency Services throughout the area are seeing in general. The Highway department has been busy doing routine road maintenance and other scheduled projects as the weather has allowed.

Kim reported two SCBA's have been ordered.

The idea of an inter-departmental community-based day sometime in late September or early October was discussed. This was part of the conversation from our earlier meeting in which we discussed how to better get the Community involved with and aware of what each agency does. Jesse mentioned years ago there were water polo contests between area Fire Departments which were well-attended by the public. EMD Steve Reynolds mentioned one successful program available to us is known as "You're the Help Until the Help Arrives." Also mentioned was the possibility of having a "Touch A Truck" event this day at Millot Green in which various types of trucks and other equipment used by town agencies would be on display. September is Preparedness Month and Fire Prevention week not far from when potential dates were discussed. Maybe some food trucks also might want to participate. Open Houses at both stations are one possibility. There are mascots that NH Homeland, State Fire Marshals Office, and F&G could bring. Attendees were asked to bring back solid ideas that each agency could do on this day to achieve our intended goal of Community Awareness and involvement.

Jesse also mentioned looking a bit further down the road in 2026 for the 250th anniversary of America.

Darren mentioned some ideas from when he was in Atlanta that raised the public awareness for EMS there, like what we're investigating.

Kim mentioned working on the states required Mental Health training for Fire and EMS folks to bring them into compliance. Jesse said his Ambulance Policies are almost completed. Chief Murrell said his policies are about 50% re-done and the process is arduous as the mandated requirements by NH Police Standards & Training must be detailed and reviewed to ensure legality and compliance with these state mandates. The Chief also mentioned the current

NHSP Troop Commander was being reassigned and the new Troop Commander is Lt. Vince Greco.

An update was given on the Town Accident Reporting Policy along with mention of a complete revamping of the Town's Policies. EMD Reynolds said at some point in the next couple months everyone can expect the reactivated JLMC (Safety Committee) will be providing relevant information on training to bring all employees up to date on basic workplace safety and understanding the policies.

A discussion was also held on the problem we're going to be facing very soon regarding replacement of public safety radios, as they are almost obsolete.

Kim presented information about the two federal programs to acquire government surplus vehicles like how the current brush truck was obtained. EMD Reynolds said he would reach out to the contact person to get further information.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday July 24<sup>th</sup> @ 6PM in the comfy chairs (Town Offices).

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Reynolds, EMD