



## The Firefighters Association of Ontario

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May 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2010      General Meeting – North Huron (Wingham)      Called to order at 12:15 Hrs

Roll of Executive: Bill Burns, J. Dave Thomson, Carl Pearson, Willie Gregg, Clare Weber, Jim Huggins, Ted Droog, John (JR) Gregg, Wayne Nie, Jim Richards, Dave Carruthers, Dawn Craven, Linda Weber, Rod McEachern, Darren Storey, Barry Tibbitts, Shelley Parks-Storey, Rob Simpson,

Dennis Thain – Sergeant at Arms

Invocation and Silence – Chief John Black

Fallen Firefighters:

- Harry Soehner, Fire Chief Retired, Elmira Fire Department., Past President Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs
- John Colgrave, Captain, Severn Fire Department
- John Frederick (Jack) Wade, Firefighter, Pelham (Fonthill) Fire Department
- Bill Evans, Firefighter, Elmira Fire Department

O'Canada – Lead by Kirby Cook

### **Address of Welcome from dignitaries:**

Fire Chief of North Huron – John Black – On behalf of the Fire Department of North Huron, Welcome, it is our pleasure to be hosting Convention this year ...

Reeve – Neil Vincent: It is a pleasure to welcome the FFAO back to our municipality...

Bill Burns – FFAO Convention Flag Presentation to Chief Black

Bill Burns – **Presidents Report** – It has been a busy, yet informative time since the last quarterly. On April 24 I attended a Board meeting in Puslinch.

May 2<sup>nd</sup> I had the privilege to be at the Legislative Building at Queen's Park for the commemorative ceremony honouring police officers who lost their lives in the line of duty. I also attended the Police Memorial ceremony. Later that day I attended the OAFC Trade Show. Carl Pearson and I met with President Richard Boyes and First Vice President Tim Beckett to discuss issues that were coming forward. We were invited to attend the Memorial Service that evening. It was a nice tribute and I was happy to be present.

May 3<sup>rd</sup> found me back at the Fire Chief's Conference. Richard Boyes suggested that Carl Pearson and I come to hear remarks from Minister Rick Bartolucci (Minister of Community Safety and

Correctional Services), Minister Peter Fonseca (Minister of Labour) and Minister Kathleen Wayne (Minister of Transportation)

Later in the afternoon Dave Thomson, Carl Pearson and I met with members of the Fire Marshal's Office.

May 5<sup>th</sup> my wife Peggy and I attended the OAFCA President's Reception and Banquet.

May 26<sup>th</sup> Peggy and I attended the Long Service Medals Awards Ceremony at the Best Western in Brantford.

May 28<sup>th</sup> Carl Pearson and I attended an information presentation regarding possible changes in the Building Code to allow 6 story wood frame buildings.

Congratulations to the Fire Department of North Huron (Blyth and Wingham); another great convention is on its way.

Thank you to the Executive and Board of Directors for their support, their advice and their willingness to attend various functions.

Carl Pearson – **1<sup>ST</sup> Vice Presidents Report** - 1/ March 26, I made an FFAO presentation at the North Eastern Fire Education Conference; in the room were more than 450 fire fighters including our Fire Marshal Pat Burke and respective members from the OFM; my window to speak was following – OAFCA 3<sup>RD</sup> Vice President – Chief Ted Brian. At the end of my presentation for further information, the audience was directed to our FFAO display. Providing information to attendees was Willie Gregg, Jim Richards, and Wayne Nie. 2/ On April 7 on behalf of President Burns I attended a service at Queens Park called “Tribute to the Fallen” the service was for families of the fallen, each family was given a framed/mounted plaque from Primer McGuinty. 3/ Propane – PAT Team (Propane Advisory Team) \*Under Bill 440/08 the fire service has been given responsibility by the Provincial Government to act on concerns regarding propane in Ontario. \* The PAT Team's responsibility relates to - Fire Protection, Fire Safety, Emergency Preparedness \* Considerations include - Hazard Analysis, Risk Assessment, Risk and Mitigation Control Plan, Emergency Response & Preparedness Plan. One of the end results for the PAT Team is to create a document to aid Chief Fire Officers; this template will aid the respective Fire Service to see if there is a GAP that needs to be addressed via a GAP Analysis. The PAT Team has met 6 times in the last quarter alone to create this Fire Service Guidance document. Some meetings have included Stakeholders from industry. May 31<sup>ST</sup> and June 1<sup>ST</sup> we are scheduled to meet again, intention is to have a working model in place in the near future. In this, members of the PAT Team have been asked to assist as a resource to Chief Fire Officers during the implementation process. Additionally, our next phase is to work with the OFM on an awareness program similar to the Terrorism/Hazardous Material Awareness self study, for firefighters responding to emergencies of this nature. 4/ Ontario Building Code: Mid-rise Wood Frame Buildings, on May 28 President Bill Burns and I attended an information session on Mid-rise Wood Frame Construction. This was hosted by the MMAH (Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing). Background - on April of 2009 British Columbia made the move to 6 stories or 18 Meters. Currently in Ontario wood frame buildings are limited to 4 stories with sprinklers. The Ontario Government is exploring how the Building Code might be amended to facilitate greater use of wood in buildings. Reasons for this endeavour – Support the economic base in Northern Communities, Low carbon foot-print, Savings to developers, and Savings to consumers. In British Columbia the change to code included - 7 technical meetings, 3 sub-meetings for each, 3 Stakeholder meetings. Ontario would like to have language -

changes/updates in place for the 2011 edition of the building code. Question was given to whether the proposed 6 story construction would include NFPA-13 or NFPA-13R sprinkler application? Question was also raised for small communities that can't fire fight this type of occupancy? Reply – Do not build it if you can't provide for it, use zoning tools... in retort, difficulty to use zoning in this area as a deterrent was raised. One Toronto architect stated that he would like to see 8 Stories!!! Other questions focused on Workmanship, Fire Rating of materials i.e. CLT (Cross Laminated Timber), Quality control, and type of occupancy.

J. Dave Thomson – **Past Presidents Report** – As your Past President, I have been busy representing our association on important issues that will impact on the volunteer fire service. Regarding the Propane Review Committee, Carl Pearson and myself have attended numerous meetings with the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office, Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs, Ontario Municipal Fire Inspectors Association, Ontario Propane Association and TSSA on implementing the final recommendations on the installation and distributing facilities of propane in the province.

I attended three meetings with our Insurance Committee in reference to possible coverage. We also are reviewing the proposed guidelines on Optimizing Fire Suppression Staffing Levels based on Fire Risk for municipalities presented by the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office. We have received this and will make our recommendations in the near future.

**The following nominations were received for the following executive positions:**

President

- Carl Pearson - Thorold

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

- Willie Gregg – New Tecumseth
- Lee Smith – Brock Twp.

Mr. Smith does not qualify for nomination under 5.2.1 of our Constitution.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

- Dennis Ainsley - Adjala-Tosorontio

Secretary

- Dave Carruthers - Clearview Twp.

Treasurer

- Ron King - Uniondale

Board of Directors

- Ted Droog - Mount Forest
- Arnie Goodwin – Haldimand
- Bob Jolliffe – Thorold
- Tom O'Grady - Brock Twp.
- John Payne – Celadon
- Murray Parks - Blue Mountains
- Jim Richards - Clearview Twp.
- John Scheeringa – Woolwich

- George Upham - Thorold

#### Laws and Legislation

- David Hodgkinson – Arthur
- Wayne Nie – Haldimand

#### Health & Safety

- Rod McEachern - Severn Twp.

#### Membership

- Dawn Craven - Clearview Twp.

#### Fire Prevention & Education

- Shelley Parks-Storey

One nomination was received for Board of Directors on March 7<sup>th</sup> and was withdrawn March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

The above nominations were received before the May 15, 2010 deadline.

There will be elections for Laws & Legislation and Board of Directors at the annual meeting.

We have vacancies for the positions of Games and Competitions, Ways and Means, Credentials,

Bill Burns – I open nominations from the floor for vacant positions.

#### Ways and Means

- Rob Simpson – declined

#### Games and Competitions

- Barry Tibbitts – Stand

#### Credentials

- Linda Weber – decline
- Rob Simpson – declined
- Clare Weber – declined
- Kathy Scheeringa – stand
- Shirley Droog – declined

Jim Richards – **Motion** – To defer the nominated speeches to the Annual Meeting to allow voters to hear the 9 speeches of the candidates before the vote. Second by Wayne Nie

-Carried-

Clare Weber – **Treasurers Report** – On file with Secretary

Carl Pearson – **Secretary's Report** – 1/ Deadline for the August 2010 Quarterly Magazine is June 2<sup>ND</sup> 2/ October 2010 Meeting Host – Port Colborne – Meeting as it stands falls on Halloween – Date of the General Meeting will be changed to October 24<sup>Th</sup> due to this conflict. 3/ June 20 will be a Firefighter Appreciation Day at Santa Village in Bracebridge – bring the kids, grandkids and have a great time.

Jim Huggins – **Chairman of the Board Report** – The Board had a meeting in April to discuss a few things, other than that nothing to report.

Rod McEachern – **Motion** – That the Oct ¼ in Pt Colborne be moved from Oct 31/10 to Oct 24/10 this year only.

Second by Gilles Boisvert

-Carried-

Dawn Craven – **Membership Report** – I would like to welcome our New Members:

- Stratford Fire Station No. 1
- Henvey Inlet Fire Department (Pickerel River)
- Howick Fire Department (Gorrie)

I hope you all read my report in the magazine. Again I would like to thank Jim, Wayne & Willie for doing an excellent job in covering the North Bay show, also to Carl Pearson for his presentation at the Northeastern Conference.

St Jacobs show on April 29<sup>th</sup> seemed to be slower than other years, but we were kept busy at the booth. We did a brisk business in sales of products while getting updates from present members and discussing what the FFAO was working on.

O AFC trade Show – was well attended. Activity at the booth was very busy and a lot of people looked us up to get the latest copy of the May magazine. All our application packages were handed out as well as obtaining a number of new individual membership applications.

I have confirmed that FFAO will attend a new Trade show in Walkerton on June 3<sup>rd</sup> for the Bruce County Mutual Aid. (Ways & Means will also attend)

I have forwarded some changes for the Constitution – Amendment to Dues and also changes to the wording of Association Members. Watch for these changes to appear in the next issue of the magazine that will be voted on at the Annual Convention.

Notices for the fall shows are coming in. The Erin show is September 14<sup>th</sup>/2010.

Shelley Parks-Storey – **Fire Prevention & Education** – Pleased to be in North Huron and look forward to coming back in July for our courses being offered before Convention.

- Advanced Auto Extrication (Code 4)
- Forcible Entry (Brotherhood Instructors LLC)
- Company Officer 101
- Two - Pumper Operations
- Pumper Operations Train the Trainer
- Trainer Facilitator Presentation Skills
- VFF Module A at the College

I will stay in the Fire Prevention & Education portfolio for one more year, but what I'm looking for is a shadow with intention of that person carrying on in this position the following year.

Linda Weber – **Credentials Report** – On file with Secretary

Dave Carruthers – **Laws & Legislation Report** – as published in the magazine, we have one proposed bylaw change for this Quarter.

- Section 2 – Subsection 4 – Paragraph 1 – Sentence 1

Currently reads The Board of Directors shall “Elect their own chairman”

Proposed change – The Board of Directors shall “Elect their own chairman from the five elected members”

-Discussion-  
-Carried-

Darren Storey – **Occupational Health & Safety Report** – Warm weather is approaching, re-hydration is important – use sports drinks – get away from coffee and caffeine – with numbers low in the summer, you may want to get commitment from your Mutual Aid for extra firefighters. Municipal Health & Safety has an index card – relative humidity to temperature, what you should do to counter effects, have EMS track vital signs of firefighters.

Presumptive Legislation – A Chatham-Kent District Chief was refused, the process is very sticky, he was not on scene and had a heart attack. Everything needs to be documented – put claims in – refusals can be countered – on the bright side, claims are being covered. If you break your leg running into the station it is covered by WSIB, but if you are not doing work on the fire ground during a heart attack, they will not cover the claim? Some criteria need to be ironed out.

-Discussion-

Barry Tibbitts – **Games & Competition** – Applications for the games must be in the hands of the host department no later than July 15. Trophies are to be turned in today or the respective department will be fined with a late fee.

Jim Richards – **Memorial Report** – Please fill out Notice of Death Reports for retired and current members with as much accurate information as possible. Ontario Fire Fighters Memorial – deadlines for this years submission is coming up soon, go to the OPFFA web-site for the form and information. CFFF Golf Tournament will be held July 26 at Lions Head Golf course in Brampton.

John (JR) Gregg – The marble “F” from our FFAO Convention sign is missing – anyone has information, knows where it is, who ever has it, please return our “F” no questions asked.

Rod McEachern - **CAN/CSA-Z94.4** – New standard starting fall of 2010

It is with great satisfaction that I announce that the Firefighters’ Association of Ontario is a member of the CSA. Two years ago we were invited to Ottawa to take part in the revamping of both Z-94.4 Compressed Breathing Air and Systems 94.4 Care and Z 180 use of respirators. Due to weather and personal needs I had to leave early so we only took part in the Z-94.4 Standard revamp.

It was decided by me and the Executive that we would not take an active part in the process to revamp this standard as it would call for travel all over Canada. We felt that cost at this time was prohibitive. We remained a member who shadowed the committees doing revamping of the Standard.

On April 28-29/10 I attended the final meeting of this committee to put the finishing touch on this standard. The standard is now out for comment and can be found on the CSA web-site [www.csa.ca](http://www.csa.ca) and can be commented on till July 7, 2010. The comment form is available on this web-site.

Some of the major changes are as follows;

- Definitions now section three (3) from old section two (2)
- Roles and Responsibilities now section five (5) from section four (4)
- Respiratory Protection now section six (6) from section five (5)

- Hazard Assessment now section six (6) from section five (5)
- Respiratory Selection, now section seven (7) from section six (6)
- Fit testing now section nine (9) from section seven (7)
- Cleaning, inspection, maintenance and storage of respirators now section eleven (11) from section ten (10)
- Record keeping section fourteen (14) from section thirteen (13)
- Plus new appendices;
  - -J- (informative) checklist of competency for respirator fit test (see clause 4,5,8,9,and14)
  - -K- (informative) guidance of inputs into section wheels (see figure three (3))
  - -L- (informative) classification of bio-hazardous agents by risk groups
  - -M- (informative) illustrations of acceptable and unacceptable facial hair for tight fitting respirators

Also there have been some major changes in scope of this standard, for the first time a definition of what a bio-aerosol – which is a liquid droplet suspended in air that are living or originated from a living organism.

They also defined training a continuous process not just a onetime action. Otherwise training must be an ongoing process.

They also clarified the language into the area of health disclosures to make more compatible with provincial standards.

They attempted to clarify what are necessary steps for fit testing of different types of close fitting masks.

The area of interference has been expanded to include piercings, head coverings or anything that is between the skin and the mask seal area ex. Scabbing, psoriasis, sores, etc.

There are many other fine changes that can be seen only on comparison of the old standard to this one. If you have an old standard I encourage you, to take the time to compare them. You will find that this new edition is easier to understand.

Also, you will see that people who put this together took your past concerns into consideration and developed a first class standard for all who must wear a close fitting breathing device whether it is an N-95 or SCBA.

#### **Dave Thomson – Nomination Continued**

##### Ways & Means

- To be appointed by the Board of Directors following the Annual Meeting

##### Games & Competition

- Barry Tibbitts will be Chairperson

##### Credentials

- Kathy Scheeringa will be Chairperson

John Uptegrove – Motion – to close Nominations 2010

Second by John (JR) Gregg

-Carried-

Bill Burns – Election will open at 12:00 HRS day of our Annual General Meeting and Close at 15:00 HRS

## Old Business

Bill Burns – **Insurance Report** – May 4 the Insurance Committee had a Meeting at Yash Pal’s office in Burlington to discuss issues on Home & Auto policies and what our plan of action will be.

- Michael Crow, from Provident Firefighter Benefit Service gave presentation to the Insurance Committee on May 10.
- Meeting in Paris with Kip Cosgrove, Jeff Musser VIFS along with Wayne Nie, Dave Thomson, Carl Pearson and I to see what they could do for our association regarding insurance.

## New Business

1/ Correspondence – Lone Eagle Casting – Wipeout Canada Casting

John (JR) Gregg – Motion – to put Wipeout Canada Casting information in the August 2010 FFAO Quarterly Magazine

Second by John Uptegrove

-Carried-

Bill Burns for Ted Droog – **Long Service Medals** – 773 medals handed out since last year

Dave Carruthers – Motion – to adjourn

2<sup>ND</sup> by John Uptegrove

-Carried-

Meeting Adjourned at 14:17 HRS

15 Minute Break

## Education

Chef Steve Nichols of Meaford: on the fire of September 22, 2009

## Election Committee 2010

- Dennis Thain
- Frank Elzinga
- Linda Boak

Carl G. Pearson  
FFAO – Secretary