



Newfoundland & Labrador Association of Fire Services

Enhancing Fire Services in Newfoundland & Labrador Since 1964

Executive Board Update April 2019

Budget 2019

As we learned from the official budget documents government committed to continuing our operating grant, supporting the Learn Not To Burn Program, Increasing our core funding for trucks and equipment by 1 million dollars and we have also seen funding approvals for new fire halls and critical infrastructure.

The quick call for the general election has certainly complicated matters and we are looking to get assurances that the amounts promised will be delivered. It is imperative that each of us take the time to speak to all candidates in our areas to bring our issues to the forefront and we are working on a document to help you do just that.

Executive Director and Office Administrator

The HR Committee has completed the interview process to fill the available positions and they plan to have this work finished up by months end and we look forward to having the chosen candidates working on our team to provide you with even better service. The successful candidates have been notified and our HR Committee is preparing final offers. Announcements will be made as the process is completed.

Cancer Prevention Committee

At Convention 2018 Commissioner Simmons asked our association to provide two representatives to sit on a committee that will look at best practices for cancer prevention that recognizes the unique challenges of our fire service. While the committee's work is still in preliminary stages, we look forward to the valuable information and guidance the committee will be providing.

Constitution Update

Our constitution committee chaired by Director Evan Cox has been hard at work reviewing and updating our constitution as promised. The committee made up of a representative from each region meets every second week and they are making excellent progress in developing a document for you to consider. They are currently on schedule but this is a very big and important undertaking and we look forward to their continued progress.

Fire School 2019

Fire school 2019 is quickly approaching and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible during the week of offerings. We also want to be sure that your required books are ordered on time so please take a moment from your busy schedules to contact our office and get your books ordered to avoid any last minute delays. As in the past few years, your Association will also be co-hosting a roundtable with the Fire Commissioner and staff to hear your thoughts on topics important to us all. As the date is confirmed we will be passing it on to you.

CISM

Continuing to build our province-wide CISM team remains a priority for 2019. Our focus now shifts to Region 1 to set up a new team. As the planning is completed we will certainly be reaching out to you. As with other regions, your home department will be asked to support your response to neighbouring departments who are in need and we will provide documentation explaining the commitment required.

If you have questions regarding the requirements of becoming a team member please call our office.

Election 2019

With the election looming your executive board is now preparing to brief the incoming government on the issues affecting our members. This includes but is not limited to :

- Equipment funding
- Inspections
- Dispatching
- Mental Health Programs
- Province Wide Communications
- Training Opportunities.

As always If you have an issue you believe should be on our list please reach out to your regional director.

Training Opportunities:

Don't forget to keep checking our Social Media (Facebook and Twitter) and the Events page on our website for new and updated training opportunities. Also, send along your training stories so we can share them on our social media and Fire News. Folks like seeing what others are doing and it who knows, you may inspire others with your great work.

Website Links:

As you may have seen, we have been linking websites to the Fire Department names on the Member Benefits page of our website under the "Our Proud Membership" listing. Departments with websites currently linked to them are shown in red font. If your Fire Department has a website and is not currently linked to your Department name, please email the direct link to our office.

As always, thank you for all you do and for making your association the great organization that it is. If you have any concerns or would like to express your opinion on any of the work we have been doing or tell us about what you feel we should be doing, please do not hesitate to call us.

Sincerely you're Board of Directors