

**MAINE FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES COMMISSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**September 12, 2011**  
***(Approved on October 3, 2011)***

Chair Jeffrey Cammack called the Maine Fire Protection Services Commission to order at 1:00 pm in Florian Hall, Department of Public Safety Building, 45 Commerce Drive, Augusta. Members present included John Arsenault, Jay Bradshaw, Chief Dan Brooks, Chief John Dean, Gerry Gay, William Guindon, Representative Michel LaJoie, Michael LaPlante (for David Wacker), Geoffrey Maker, Alex McPhedran, Harty Norris, Charles Soltan, Vicki Schmidt and Susan Pinette (staff). Stephan Bunker, Representative Dean Cray, Chief Darrel Fournier, Senator Stan Gerzofsky, Ron Green, Alan Hammond, Representative Ricky Long, Robert McAleer and Senator Thomas Saviello were absent from today's meeting.

Committee Reports

The 2012 Spring Conference Committee updated the Fire Commission on their plans for the 2012 Spring Conference. The 2012 Spring Conference Committee has been discussing several options regarding the venue and the contract with Point Lookout in Rockport. The Committee discussed renaming the conference, finalizing the conference date and attracting and securing interesting speakers and vendors. The Committee emphasized the need for early notice and mentioned plans to send out a "Save the Date" email prior to the end of the year. The Committee plans to review the contract with Point Lookout and will have a recommendation for the Fire Commission at the October meeting. Fire Commission members agreed with the Committee that it was important to decide on the conference name and venue in October.

***A motion by Gerry Gay, seconded by Alex McPhedran, that the Maine Fire Protection Services Commission hold their 2012 Spring Conference on April 12 and 13<sup>th</sup> (Thursday and Friday) at Point Lookout.*** The motion passed unanimously.

The Best Practices Committee is considering several candidates for the Best Practices Award. The Committee plans to present their nominees at a future meeting.

The Recruitment and Retention Committee reports promising discussions with Senator Collins and her sponsorship of companion legislation to H.R. 376 "Volunteer Emergency Services Recruitment and Retention Act of 2011". Fire Commission members discussed their options for submitting legislation in the Second Regular Session of the 125<sup>th</sup> Maine Legislature without final federal action. Members agreed that questions regarding the administration of the fund and definition of benefits needed to be decided. Members suggested contacting

Ed Holohan from Penflex to participate in a video conference call with the Fire Commission and other interested parties. The Committee will contact Mr. Holohan for his availability in November.

### Old Business

Fire Commission members discussed the status of the PSAP consolidation reports and recommendations and were informed that the 125<sup>th</sup> Legislature did not consider the issue in the First Regular Session. The E 9-1-1 Advisory Council, a 17-member group that advises and assists the Maine Emergency Services Communication Bureau on public safety and public policy issues, has also discussed the consolidation issue. The Advisory Council is scheduled to meet on October 18<sup>th</sup>.

The Maine Fire Services Institute is scheduled to complete their move to the Brunswick campus before the holidays. Representative Michel LaJoie is the Fire Commission's representative on the MFSI's Advisory Committee. Other Fire Commission members serving on the Advisory Committee are Gerry Gay (PFFM), Chief John Dean (SFMO), Robert McAleer (MEMA), Charles Soltan (Insurance) and David Wacker (BLS).

### New Business

Fire Commission members shared their thoughts on the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of September 11<sup>th</sup>.

Fire Commission members discussed the new law allowing fireworks in Maine. Several communities, including Portland, South Portland and Old Orchard Beach, are opting out for safety reasons. Members discussed burn injury reports and reporting requirements. Members learned that Central Maine Pyrotechnics of Farmingdale plans a fireworks demonstration at MMA's Fall Conference.

Fire Commission members received registration information on two conferences scheduled in October. Maine Municipal Association's Fall Conference is scheduled on October 5&6 at the Augusta Civic Center.

FMI: <http://www.memun.org:80/public/news/convention/11Convention/index.html>

The APCO Annual Conference is scheduled for October 24-26 at the Samoset Resort. FMI: <http://www.apco-atlantic.org:80/2011conference.htm>

Fire Commission members received copies of the Department of Labor's driver training brochure. Members had several questions regarding reporting requirements, the fire apparatus accident report and current statistics.

With no further business to come before the Maine Fire Protection Services Commission, Chief Cammack adjourned the meeting at 2:35pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan M. Pinette

## MEETING SCHEDULE

<u>Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup></u>	MEETING	DPS	1:00pm
<u>Wednesday and Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup></u>	MMA Conference	ACC	All Day
<u>Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup></u>	E 911 Advisory Council	PUC	1:00pm
<u>Monday-Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup></u>	APCO Conference	Samoset Resort	All Day
<u>Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup></u>	ELECTION DAY		All Day
<u>Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup></u>	MEETING	DPS	1:00pm
<u>Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup></u>	HOLIDAY- Thanksgiving Day		
<u>Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup></u>	MEETING	DPS	1:00pm
<u>Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup></u>	HOLIDAY- <b>Merry Christmas</b>		
 <i><u>FUTURE DATES OF INTEREST</u></i>			
<i>April 12 and 13, 2012 (Thursday and Friday)- 2012 Spring Conference at Point Lookout, Rockport</i>			
<i>TBA-Tour of the Maine Fire Services Institute Brunswick campus</i>			

