

Frاندford Mutual Aid Fire Training Assoc.  
Jan 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007 Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Mark Blanchette, Briann Blanchette, Richy Jones, Ken Dixon, Vicki Schmidt, Rob Dixon, Frank Walker, Al Curtis Jr, Don Hodsdon, Scott Dennett, Jim Owens

Called to order at 1833 by President Rob Dixon

**Secretary's report:** December minutes were read, then motioned, second, and approved as written. They are posted on the website.

**Treasures report:** Balance of \$287.73 with some check to deposit.

**Old Business:**

**Western Maine Fire Attack School:**

All agreed to host WMFAS at The Bethel Inn & Conference Center. They gave us a nice package and have been very communicative and supportive of questions, meetings, etc. We have the Big Adventure Park for our Block 5 practical skill drills. They have a built in smoke machine, maze, etc. Day two of Wildland Powersaws will take place at Bethel FD. Box lunches will be provided for the offsite courses that day and are included in the registration fee.

We have a page from our homepage at <http://www.frاندford.org/wmfas/wmfas.html>. Check that often as updates will be posted there. Updates to brochures made tonight will be posted later this week. Two NFA classes, Wildland Powersaws and J&B Blocks 5,6, & 8 are approved. AVOC has been added to EVOC. Intro to ResRIT will round out the course offerings.

Plans for Friday night social well under way. Dana Asdourian will be our guest speaker. Vendors will be set up inside and possibly some outside if we can secure the Commons area from the Town of Bethel. The Bethel Inn is working on that as well as reserving the parking lot at the nearby school for us for the EVOC/AVOC practicals. Vendor packet will be on the web site as soon as it's ready. If you have names or contacts for vendors we'll be happy to send them a packet.

**Fire Extinguisher Trainer:** RFD and River Valley donated \$1000, other pledges have come in but to date there is \$4700 banked for the trainer. Contact [jonesy192@gwi.net](mailto:jonesy192@gwi.net) FMI or for supporting donations. There will be a TtT program for its use and it will be available for local businesses, hospitals, schools, etc for training.

**Upcoming Regional Training:**

**S130 /190 Rumford areas:**

Feb 24<sup>th</sup>, March 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> S130/S190 at Legion in Rumford  
We have 25 FF signed up. . .

**CAFS & Foams**

We've had a request for a CAFS and foams class. We've made initial contact with Chief Fairbanks (Yarmouth) and one of his FF's to come to our region and give us a class. Rumford is also getting a CAFS engine and working on a training program for it also. We'll work with RFD and Hebron to get it, possibly for April.

### **Block 3 – Newry**

**Extinguishers** / Saturday Jan 26<sup>th</sup> 8am – 4pm

**FF Tools / Equip** / Jan<sup>th</sup> 6-10pm

**Knots** / Jan 28<sup>th</sup> 8am – 4pm

All classes at the Sunday River Station

### **Block 4 – Canton**

**Forcible Entry & Ladders** first night Feb 6<sup>th</sup> Wayne will check and decide when the weekend part will take place. Either in the house we looked at on the way up or at the old school. Will plan to finish up the hoses class with the house too.

### **New Business**

Rumford training, not a formal Block or MFTE class. Jan 13<sup>th</sup> basic chainsaw, Rob will send us the dates for their training and we'll get them on the website as soon as possible

### **Basic Fire School**

There was discussion on the BFS from MFTE & BLS that's now offered. Most area Chiefs are concerned with it. Need to balance hands on with lectures and not cut corners on information. Most students don't get the rest of the education through their Depts and quite a few Chiefs consider their FF's "interior" when they are done with the BFS due to BLS approval of the class. It is not presented as certified training but appears to be interpreted that way by both FF's and Depts.

Next Meeting Feb 15th @ Peru 1830 hours. WMFA, NOMA and Frandford meeting dates for 2007 are on the website at: [www.frandford.org](http://www.frandford.org). Just click on the **Meetings** word from the homepage or go to: <http://www.frandford.org/meetings.pdf>

Meeting adjourned: 2050

Respectively submitted,

Vicki Schmidt