

**April 02, 2015 Public Safety Committee Meeting  
New Gloucester Meeting House**

**Members in Attendance:**

John Randall, Chairman  
Frank Chambers, Secretary  
Gary Sacco, Fire/Rescue Chief  
David Lunt  
Frank Chambers, Secretary  
Nat Berry, Selectman's Liaison

7:00pm - Meeting called to order by John Randall, Chairman

- Meeting was held @ the New Gloucester Meeting House. The meeting was televised NGTV 3
- Tonight's speaker was Gary Sacco, Fire/Rescue Chief.
- Gary started out by stating that hazardous material is going through New Gloucester. Pan AM Railroad safety people have stated that the train sits on the railroad tracks between Penny Road and Intervale Road for 3 to 5 hours for a new train crew arrives.
- There is safety training for the railroad crew that takes place every five years.
- There are internet sites to check the traffic count on the Maine Turnpike.
- Hazmat Identification: all trucks and train have a manifest that shows the type of cargo they are transporting. They also have placards or hazardous material signs that are placed on the truck and train to identify the type of cargo that is being transported.  
"Types of Identification of placards"
  - Class 1 Explosives
  - Class 2 Compressed Gasses
  - Class 3 Flammable
  - Class 4 Flammable Solids
  - Class 5 Oxidizers
  - Class 6 Poisons
  - Class 7 Radioactive Materials
  - Class 8 Corrosive Liquids
- The Maine Turnpike, Durham Road and Route 100 (approx. 2003) have been shut down due to hazardous material
- Rules pertaining to the train issues in Canada states that Stadium A – Z must be notified when the train will be passing through
- Train Issues:
  - March 2015 – chloride leak on Black Cat Road in Auburn
  - April 2015 – train accident occurred just before 3 p.m. at a train crossing on Hotel Road. The crossing is near Cote Transportation, located at 2980 Hotel Road. The truck driver tried to beat the train.
- **WISER.COM** is a system designed to assist emergency responders in hazardous material incidents. WISER provides a wide range of information on hazardous substances, including substance identification support, physical characteristics, human health information, and containment and suppression advice.
- Gary went to discuss **CodeRED**  
"CodeRED is an emergency notification service that allows emergency officials to notify residents and businesses by telephone, cell phone text message, email and social media regarding time-sensitive general and emergency notifications".
- Notifications can be "a propane leak, route 100 is closed due to an accident , evacuation within a ½ mile radius of a specific location".
- Super text 911 call – type in the information about the issue.
- **Technology is HERE!**
- Pan Am only owns the Train Engines. The Box Cars belong to the companies carrying the cargo.

- When is the Maine Fire Marshall called in, when there is injury or death of an individual. The Fire Chief is notified first and then the Incident Commander. The Fire Marshall may be called in if the cause of the fire is difficult to determine the cause of the fire.
- Unmarked automobile carrying hazardous material. Nat mention that Game Wardens use to carry dynamite in their vehicles. New regulations have been placed into effect.
- What is the plan in town for John & Jane Doe if they don't have a computer? They can call to get the emergency information by providing your home phone, cell phone, email. For more information on **CodeRED call 207-893-2810.**
- David mentioned how much training is need now. Training keeps going up. EMS on a 2 hour conference call. New protocol will take place July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- At one time patients were place on back boards. New information have come out that states backboard can cause more injuries.
- Need training on how to administer NARCAN (Naloxone) is injected into a muscle or under the skin, or into a vein through an IV. You will receive this injection in a clinic or hospital setting. Your breathing, blood pressure, oxygen levels, kidney function, and other vital signs will be watched closely while you are receiving naloxone. This will help your doctor determine how long to treat you with this medication.
- Lineman's gloves are needed for shutting off the power to cars, solar panels, windmills.
- Firemen flaggers need training with the stop & go sign. Safety vests need to be made to come apart easily if they get caught on parts of a passing vehicle.
- You need to be proactive in your training.
- Maine Department of Labor Compliance Directive  
Public Sector Compliance Directives Compliance Directives describe how the Bureau of Labor Standards will enforce the occupational safety and health standards in Maine public sector workplaces.  
[Directive 9-05 EMS \(Rev. 9/2013\)](#)  
[Directive 10-05 Fire Departments \(Rev. 9/2013\)](#)
- Ocean Rescue Systems – provide ice rescue training course.
- Trucks – firemen can drive the trucks with standard driver's license. Weather driving in snow or in mud, you need to be cautious.
- Some training can be done at home.
- What happens if a trainee fails? EMS regulated by the State.  
EMT program – 15 weeks, 140 hours / time at home. Fifteen students (2 were done). Fire Chief is responsible for the training.  
Fire Fighters 1 – 75 questions need to be correct.  
Fire Fighters 2 – 75 questions need to be correct.  
Ladder carrying to knots are on the exam.  
What worked 20 years ago – DOES NOT work today.
- Firefighters need to take a shower before going home. There is only one shower at the fire station. Eighteen firefighters need to shower up. The pores on the body tend to open when the firefighters are fighting a fire.
- A house is on fire and the house has vinyl siding on the house.  
Wood burns at 500 degrees  
Vinyl siding at 750 degrees  
Both have the same hazard. It's 200 degrees at the end of the fire hose nozzle.
- The washers & dryers are located in the DCON Room at the fire station Fire fighters gear and first aid instruments are cleaned in the DCON Room.  
The liners in the uniform's gear produces steam. \$6,000.00 for a gear drier and it takes 90 minutes  
The gear cost \$2,000.00. At any one time, 3 sets of gear are in the washer and 6 sets of gear are in the dryer for 90 minutes.
- Citizens are always welcomed at the fire station to ask questions.
- The next New Gloucester Public Safety is schedule for May 07, 7:00pm at the New Gloucester Meeting House.
- Meeting Adjourned at 8:30pm

