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September 22, 2005

To the Fire and EMS Community:

On September 7, 2005, Freightliner announced that they were going to sell American LaFrance. That announcement has been interpreted many different ways and generated several rumors in our industry. I want to clear those up. At American LaFrance, we are extremely excited about the future of our company. We valued our relationship with Freightliner but this announcement means we are poised to take this company to the next level.

There have been rumors that American LaFrance will somehow “go away.” That simply isn’t true. We are not shutting the doors and we are not going away. In fact, we expect to be stronger and better equipped to serve you than ever before. The changes we have made in the past 12 months and the plans we have for the next 12 months will see to that.

We are identifying and working with a prospective buyer who will keep American LaFrance whole and who will help us be more competitive and valuable to the industry in the future.

As we implement these plans, we expect people, including our competitors, to increase the noise about our pending demise. Keep in mind that these are only rumors. Our employees and our dealers see through them – and I thank them for that and for their continued support.

Finally, it’s important to understand that the emission demands of 2007 will dictate significant changes in our industry. Every manufacturer will be affected by them, some through divestiture – others may go away entirely. We are staying ahead of the demands. When the time comes, rest assured that we will be on sure footing, positioned for the future and prepared to honor all of our commitments to you.

Above all, we value the trust and the relationships that we have developed, throughout the years, with our customers and dealers. Please accept our sincerest thank you and promise that our commitment, to the industry and to you, will continue.



Sincerely,

John Stevenson, President

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NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER 25, 2005

N.V.F.C.

Ret. Chief John McAuliffe introduced three new chiefs in the Wethersfield Fire. They are

Chief Chuck Flynn

Dep. Chief Gordy Harris and

Dep. Chief Brian Schroll.

John stated that our Legislative Rep. is traveling out West. He should return on October 29.

A Legislative meeting will be called after he returns. John urged anyone with any new legislation please submit it to the Legislation Committee A.S.A.P. John has just returned from the Hurricane area down South and he said that the N.V.F.C. will act as the collecting agent for any donations that we can make for the Volunteer Fire Departments down there that lost a great deal of equipment. John stated the personal and department donations are greatly needed.

Andy Flanagan collected \$ 81.00

I.A.F.C. Chief Varney reported that the I.A.F.C. Leadership Program will be held in October and several Fire Chiefs from Connecticut are planning to attend. President Struble stated that the Educational Program at the October Meeting will be on the Ct. Fire Chiefs' Survey that was made. **A full report will be made.**

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MINUTES

OLD BUSINESS

One application was read for the 2nd Reading: Chief Charles Herrschaft, Guilford F.D. Active Membership . A motion was made and seconded to accept the applicant into Full Membership. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Three applications were read for the 1st Reading: Dep. Chief Robert L. Scaglia, Glastonbury F.D. Active Membership.

Asst. Chief John D, Maclure, Windham Center F.D. Active Membership

Stephen Pendle , Fire Administrator, Cromwell F.D. Active Membership.

A motion was made and seconded that the above applications follow the usual course. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE

Two thank you cards were received. One from Ret. Chief David Russell and one from Ret. Chief Donald Swanson.

The Benediction was given by Chaplain Williamson. The meeting adjourned at 8:20

P.M. Meal - \$ 25 Attended -

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Respectfully submitted

, Ret. Chief Edward F. Haber

Secretary

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