

# Fire Department

## Bi-Weekly Report 10- 9-2023 - 10-22-2023

### Administrative

- Sort Mail
- Process Bills
- Performed QA of Temsis reports
- Coded Temsis reports for Billing.
- Payroll
- Fire Permit issuance
- Updating weekly data and enter into NIFRS National Incident Fire Reporting System
- Monday night training: Medical training second night Fire Training

### Shift Coverage

10/09 7:00-17:00 1 AEMT  
          8:00-17:00 1 AEMT  
10/10 7:00-17:00 2 AEMT  
10/16 7:00-17:00 1 AEMT, 1 EMTB  
10/17 7:00-17:00 1 EMTB,  
10/18 7:00-17:00 1 AEMT  
          8:30-17:00 1 AEMT  
10/19 7:00-17:00 1 EMTB  
10/20 7:00-17:00 1 EMTB

Duty crews will be performing daily chores assigned by chief officers ie truck maintenance, equipment maintenance and cleaning station along with other responsibilities.

### Truck & Equipment Maintenance:

- Washed trucks swept apparatus floor and general housekeeping.
- Perform DOT truck safety checks.
- Change out and recharge batteries in air packs weekly.
- In house Calibration of gas meter.
- Work on IAR adding to and updating data mapping system.

### Emergency Responses

( Runs YTD 295 )

10/9 EMS	Birch Hill Rd
10/10 EMS	Drew Rd
10/14 EMS	Merrymeeting Rd
10/14 Smoke in a building	Merrymeeting Rd.
10/14 EMS	Lions Camp Pride Way

10/14 EMS  
10/17 Fire Alarm  
10/18 EMS  
10/19 Fire Alarm  
10/20 MVC  
10/21 EMS

Merrymeeting Rd  
Meaderboro Rd  
Valley Rd  
Meaderboro Rd.  
Kings HWY  
Merrymeeting Rd.

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### Chief's Corner:



**Halloween is a time for fun and spooky celebrations and activities, but it can also be a time for some truly scary fire safety hazards. As the holiday nears, take simple precautions that can help ensure the holiday remains fun and fire safe:**

- Use glow sticks or battery-operated candles for jack-o'-lanterns and other Halloween decorations.
- When choosing costumes, stay away from long trailing fabric.
- Provide children with flashlights to carry for lighting or glow sticks as part of their costume.
- Teach children to stay away from open flames, including jack-o'-lanterns with candles in them.
- Keep Halloween decorations away from open flames and other heat sources, such as light bulbs and heaters.
- Remember to keep exits clear of decorations so nothing blocks escape routes. Make sure all smoke alarms are working.

Please make sure your house numbers are clearly visible at night as well as day light hours. It has been brought to my attention by staff responding to emergencies that house numbers are becoming unreadable at night due to deterioration from weather. Help us help you in the event of an emergency and easily locate your home if required.

### Duties performed:

Reviewed, approved and signed weekly payroll for the past two weeks also compiled information for the Bi-weekly report.

Worked with building department in conducting required inspections. Inspections included LP Gass, Rough Plumbing, Rough Electrical and pre-insulation inspection.

Meeting with the building department to review any plans with fire code related requirements.

Updated 2024 budget request with additional data ie estimated truck maintenance expenses.

Received no request for a woodstove inspection this week.

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**From the EMD:**



weekly Phone conference calls with (HSEM-Strafford County) EMD Weather and with NWS on the progress of tropical storms. We maintain communication staying up to date on the progress of any storm that may impact New England and if needed provide you with that information.

**If there is an interest in a community CERT program, please let us know we would very much like a resource for help and specific talents in the event of emergencies.**

**The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program educates volunteers about disaster preparedness for the hazards that may occur where they live. CERT trains volunteers in basic disaster response skills, such as: Fire safety. Light search and rescue, traffic control, communications and first aid. Skills that we can be short of in weather related emergencies.**

This is fire prevention month so we will keep this information up for the month. We feel that this information is vitally important for children to review with their parents.

## **Resources for Kids & Educators**

Emergency planning should involve everyone in the family. Children need to be involved because knowing what to do in an emergency will provide them with reassurance that they are being protected, even during dangerous conditions.

Ready NH provides a place for children to learn and practice what to do in the event of many different types of emergencies.

**Weather Concerns:** Nothing to report at this time.

**follow-up from EMD:** There has been no weather events that have impacted New Durham in the past two weeks.



**From Smokey and the  
Town's Forest Fire Warden:**

Fire permit duty as always and 3 hours Saturday morning for public access and answer questions on rules and regulations along with an introduction to the online permitting process.

Quality review and assurance of all Fire permit data entered into the State fire permit database and updated with the past two weeks' worth of information.

Not a whole lot on the forestry end of things to report as the fire danger has been low most of the summer months running right into the fall season. As the foliage starts to drop and we get some drier weather we may have concerns with residents wanting to burn, thus increasing the chance of a wildfire.

Duties performed over the last 2 weeks.

- Run pumps and check hand tools for readiness.
- Run saws in preparation for wind & Rain event this weekend.
- Fuel trucks and pumps
- Input any handwritten permits into the state online system.
- Review of budget items (needs for remainder of year)
- Issue permits as needed.

*This report is the effort of the Fire Chief, Forest Fire Warden and Assistant EMD collecting and compiling information from weekly activities and other reliable sources.*