

# Fire Department

## Bi-Weekly Report 11- 20-2023 - 12-03-2023

### 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

### Weekday Shift Coverage :

Date	Shift 1	Shift 2
11/20/2023	AEMT	AEMT
11/21/2023	AEMT	
11/22/2023	AEMT	AEMT
11/23/2023		
11/24/2023		
11/27/2023	AEMT	AEMT
11/28/2023	AEMT	EMT
11/29/2023	AEMT	AEMT
11/30/2023	EMT	AEMT
12/1/2023	EMT	

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.

2 New thermal images and charging units mounted, one ladder 1 and one in engine 2

## Emergency Responses

( Runs YTD 342 )

12/3	EMS	Birch Hill Rd
12/3	Fire	Assist another agency, Gilmanton.
12/2	EMS	Main Street
11/30	Fire	Assist another agency, Alton.
11/29	EMS	South Shore Rd.
11/29	EMS	Merrymeeting Rd
11/28	EMS	Birch Hill RD
11/28	MV Accident	NH RT 11
11/27	EMS	Merrymeeting Rd
11/27	EMS	Miller Road
11/23	Fire	Assist another agency, Farmington.
11/22	Fire	Assist another agency, Gilmanton.
11/21	EMS	Ham Rd
11/20	EMS	NH RT 11
11/20	MV Accident	NH RT 11
11/18	EMS	Chamberlin Way
11/14	Fire	Kings Highway

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### Chief's Corner:



2 Meetings with Budget committee one meeting with the Chief and one With the Assistant Deputy Chief requesting additional information on the training budget line requiring additional research into state run reimbursement programs.

The Chief is gathering information on a mutual aid compact to provide additional support on hazmat and larger incidents. We were called to a hydraulic oil leak and after depleting our in-house supplies both at the fire station and the highway garage we had to resupply our in-house reserves from Napa. This was a small spill, if it had

been larger, it would have required outside assistance. A mutual aid agreement may be an advantage, after looking into and evaluating the associated costs.

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 preformed:**

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

Meeting with budget committee to review 2024 budget request.

Meeting with Assistant Chief on budget review and information request.

Meeting with TA for any request of this department.

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

Received 2 requests for a woodstove inspection; completed.

Completed 5-page report on biweekly activities.

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### **From the EMD:**



The Fire Chief /EMD/ State Representative Peter Varney met with State Dam Control Operator II on site at the Downing Pond dam, a discussion of the possible future of the dam's program in the Merrymeeting river basin gave incite on possible legislation to Promote the use of the dams for their commercial value to the community and generating revenue to cover the costs of their required maintenance. I will continue to represent the interest of the communities on the subject of dams across the state. I know the dams, if properly managed would be an asset to the state and communities through recreation, power generation and wildlife habitat along with a water resource in the event of drought or fire.

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.

## 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.

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### 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.

A reminder: burning without a permit would require a minimum of 2" of snow or grater.

Although not required notice would be appreciated to avoid equipment and manpower rollout for a smoke investigation for a controlled burn. Outside fires must be attended at all times; an unattended outside fire will be extinguished.

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.*