

Fire Department

Bi-Weekly Report 7- 11-2023 - 7-24-2023

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

7/10 7:00 to 17:00 1-AEMT
12:00 to 16:00 1- EMR
7/11 7:00 to 17:00 1-EMTB, 1 AEMT
7/12 7:00 to 17:00 1-EMTB
7/13 7:00 to 17:00

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

7/17 12:00 to 1700 1-AEMT
7/18 7:00 to 17:00 1-AEMT
7/19 14:00 to 20:00 1-AEMT
7/20 7:00 to 17:00
7/21 7:00 to 17:00

Shift coverage has been patchy as members have been on their vacation time and out of the area.

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 201)

7/11	EMS	Ragged Mountain Rd
7/11	Assist other agency	Alton Old Wolfeboro Rd
7/12	Tree/trees Down	80 Valley Rd
7/14	EMS	5 Ham Rd

7/16	Fire Alarm Activation	191 North Shore Rd
7/16	Tree/wires Down	59 Main Street
7/16	Tree/Wires Down	9 Merrymeeting Rd
7/19	EMS	Chamberlin Way
7/21	Assist other Agency Fire	Rt 11 and Paulson Road Farmington
7/21	EMS	Old Bay Rd
7/24	EMS	Butternut Rd
7/24	Tree/wires Down	South Shore Rd
7/24	Fire Alarm Activation	54 Old Bay Rd
7/25	Fire Alarm Activation	325 Berry Rd.
7/25	EMS	Birch Hill Rd
7/26	EMS	Merrymeeting Lake Rd
7/26	EMS	Quaker Rd
7/27	MVC	Rt 11 by Johnsons
7/27	EMS	Ouaker Rd

Chief's Corner:



This report was delayed due to the Past two weeks weather events.

The Fire Chief was out Sunday the 16th assessing road damage and accessibility across the community. After what has been reported by the National Weather Service team member as a 200-year storm dropping over 5.5 inches of rain an hour. Accompanying the Governors Councilmen Joe Kenny, DOT Assistant Commissioner and myself in a survey of the hardest hit areas. New Durham was spared the rath of the storm, but surrounding communities did not fare so well. Alton and Wolfeboro asked that New Durham Fire staff the station until an assessment could be made of the full extent of damage, as large areas of those communities were inaccessible by roads.

In the following day the Fire Chief/EMD monitored the dams in the town for public safety concerns. Upon the second inspection with the deputy EMD two days later the Jones Pond dam flashboards had failed opening up approximately a 65 ft by 2 ft gap dropping more than 7,800 cubic feet of water that's 58,500 gallons per minute over and above its normal flow into downing pond and its dam. The dam monitor following the emergency action plan is NH Fish and Game. We received no notice from the state of a dam spillway breach that could have been devastating to any downstream dams. New Durhams most recent maintenance to the downing pond dam prevented any further damage to downstream dams. I have reached out to the NHDES Dams bureau and as of this report have had no response.

This unprecedented storm had brought forward questions on the lake swimming conditions. For those that would like that kind of information you can go to <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/180c28fa3a4c4371a9771d999454e8c4/> and get information on swimming conditions around the state.

Other duties:

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

Meeting with TA to review the past week and the week ahead for any requests or expectations from this department.

Chief Participated in JLC meeting and TRC meeting.

Chief/EMD reviewed the Emergency Action Plan for Jones Pond dam for a further evaluation of its accomplishments and failures. I will be providing a report to the BOS after talking with the Dam bureau.

2 Weeks in review:

Along with the 19 calls for service we performed the following.

Staffed the station for the weather event and for an extended period of time to support the surrounding communities with our two off road ATVs in the event of an emergency.

From the EMD:

Update on dam removal Statewide:

NHDES announces \$35 million for high hazard dam rehabilitation and/or removal.

Concord, NH – The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) announces \$35 million of American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) funding has been approved by the Fiscal Committee of the General Court and the Governor and Executive Council for necessary repairs to State-owned dams and to fund the creation of a Dam Rehabilitation/Removal Grant Program for municipally owned high hazard dams.

The NHDES Dam Bureau has identified 11 State-owned dams to which ARPA funding will be allocated. The dams have known deficiencies that the funding will allow the Dam Bureau to address. Some of these dams have rehabilitation designs nearly complete, and ARPA funds will be spent to complete construction of the design. The funding will be spent on others to complete design and prepare plans and specifications to reconstruct the dams and remediate known deficiencies. This will account for \$30 million of the ARPA allocation.

The remaining \$5 million will fund the new Dam Rehabilitation/Removal Grant Program for municipally owned high hazard dams, which will encourage the rehabilitation or removal of municipally owned high hazard dams that are considered to be in Poor or Unsatisfactory condition. The goal of the new grant program is to make the dams compliant with current state dam safety standards or remove them and eliminate the risk to life and property that they pose. Rehabilitation/removing such dams will reduce or eliminate risk to lives and property within potentially inundated areas downstream of those dams.

Eligible applicants include New Hampshire municipalities and municipal subdivisions that own one or more high hazard dams rated in Poor or Unsatisfactory condition. (The state has listed Downing pond dam as a high hazard knowing this I have expected them to reach out to the town to request participation in this program or we can assume its not the most hazardous dam in the state. Total anticipated funding available for this grant program is approximately \$5 million. (I don't know if this will include reclamation of drained areas ie. muck, mud and litter that has accumulated over the years. The surrounding water table to these wetlands will drop and some wells will likely go dry, will the state have funds available to resolve these problems.)

Weather Concerns:

NOAA OFFICIAL Forecasts for temperature July-Aug-Sep 2023, above average

Caribbean Sea and the Gulf of Mexico: We are watching for any tropical depressions that could be a threat to the northeast. For at least the next two weeks there will be a low risk of developments that could impact the northeast.

follow-up from EMD:

We have not heard from the dam's bureau on dates for the inspections review.

I will be asking if we will be having the maintenance inspection of the downing pond dam in the near future.

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



Fire permit duty as always 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.

We responded to four calls for trees and wires down around town due to storm and construction activity.

We know you all are not enjoying the wet weather, but it has reduced the threat of wildland fires and we have been enjoying the break. At the same time, has preserved the forestry budget for a predicted dry season this fall.

This report is the sole effort of the fire chief, collecting and compiling information from weekly activities and other reliable sources. To that extent the chief accepts full responsibility for its content.