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Fire Department

Bi-Weekly Report 8- 28-2023 - 9-10-2023

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

8/28	7:00-17:00	2 AEMT's
8/28	7:00-17:00	1 AEMT 1 EMTB
8/30	7:00-17:00	1 EMTB
	8:00-17:00	1 AEMT
8/31	7:00-17:00	1 EMTB
9/4	7:00-17:00	1 AEMT
9/5	7:00-17:00	2 AEMT's
9/6	7:00-17:00	1 EMTB
9/5	7:00-17:00	2 AEMT's
9/7	7:00-17:00	1 EMTB
9/8	10:00-18:30	1 ARMT

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

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.

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Emergency Responses

(Runs YTD 257)

8/28 Fire Alarm Activation
9/1 EMS Powder Mill Rd.
9/1 Fire Assist Alton
9/1 EMS Merrymeeting RD
9/2 EMS Depot RD.
9/2 Fire Brackett RD
9/4 EMS Gertrude LN.
9/7 EMS Berry Rd
9/7 Lift assist MM Lake Rd
9/8 Fire Assist Alton
9/9 CO Alarm Valley Rd.
9/9 EMS Main Street
9/9 EMS Miller Rd.
9/10 EMS Davis Crossing

Chief's Corner:



Hope you all had a great summer, now fall is upon us with cooler weather ahead and the need for heating equipment is inevitable. We are here to help you reduce the risks of a house fire. We will have a series of educational tips and changes you can make in your homes to reduce the risk of a fire and help keep you and your loved ones safe this winter.

This week we will give these suggestions to make sure you are ready for the heating season ahead.

Fireplaces and Woodstoves

- Inspect and clean woodstove pipes and chimneys annually and check monthly for damage or obstructions.
- Use a fireplace screen heavy enough to stop rolling logs and big enough to cover the entire opening of the fireplace to catch flying sparks.
- Make sure the fire is completely out before leaving the house or going to bed.

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Portable Space Heaters

- Keep combustible objects at least three feet away from portable heating devices.
- Only buy heaters evaluated by a nationally recognized laboratory, such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL).
- Check to make sure the portable heater has a thermostat control mechanism and will switch off automatically if the heater falls over.

More Fire Safety Tips

- Make digital copies of valuable documents and records like birth certificates.
- Sleep with your bedroom doors closed.
- Keep a fire extinguisher in your kitchen. Contact your local fire department for assistance on proper use and maintenance.
- Consider installing an automatic fire sprinkler system in your residence.

Duties preformed:

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

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

Officers are preparing a full list of shift coverage duties to be performed weekly. Along with documentation to provide a record for safety evaluations. To be reviewed by the Chief for implementation.

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, TRC meeting and CIP meeting.

We are always looking for good community support and members to provide services and assistance to the citizens of this community and our neighbor's. If you have a desire to join a progressive team and expand your knowledge in Emergency medicine, wilderness rescue along with fire prevention. New Durham is on the cutting edge of the most recent technologies in rescue and fire suppression. We can always use another drone pilot for search and rescue, fire detection and storm damage assessments. We will provide training at no cost to you become a member of a rewarding career. We are here every Monday night from 7 to 9 or stop on Monday's and Tuesday's 9am to 4pm. My crew will be happy to give you a tour of facilities and equipment. Review the benefits and rewards we have to offer!

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Received request:

The Chief was asked by the assistant commissioner of the department of safety if he could participate in and speak on recruitment and retention in the fire services through the application of technology. This was prompted from a meeting the chief arranged and sponsored last year with the director from the fire academy and the state fire marshal. Modernizing the fire services to reduce hazards and exposures to fire fighters.



From the EMD:

Keep in mind we are here to help you in the event of a town wide or even a neighborhood event that risk your home and family. You can help us help you by keeping informed and prepared. The following site can serve as an information center for preparation, implementation and warning of a pending weather emergency. Ready NH can also provide direction and resources during and after an emergency to keep you and your family safe.

<https://www.readynh.gov>

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:

To soon to predict what impact LEE will have on the east coast of new England but stay informed on conditions later this week.

follow-up from EMD:



**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.

The fall season cleanup: help prevent the spread of ground fires to the woods and structures. The town will help by providing waste disposal.

At The Transfer Station - 56 Tash Rd New Durham

Leaves & Yard Waste

- Valid Solid Waste/Beach Sticker Required
- See Attendant for Disposal Leaves & Yard Waste or Removal of Compost
- The compost is composed of lawn waste such as leaves, grass clippings and pine needles. *Must be clean, biodegradable, organic waste product only.*
- No trees, branches, sticks, wood, stumps, plastic or paper bags, no rocks and no ashes accepted. *Must be removed from all bags.*
- Please place it in the designated area.

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