



WATERBORO FIRE DEPARTMENT

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From the Desk of the Fire Chief ~ Informational Update ~ 01/07/2011

Happy New Year! As with most we all attempt to set forth new ideas or want to accomplish something new when we bring in the New Year. DC Bennett reminded me of our previous publications of the weekly update. Hopefully with our current workload we can make these happen weekly again.

Waterboro Fire Department ended the calendar year with about an 11% increase in calls for service. Our crew's average 3 emergency calls a day, while this may sound like very little most calls last more than 2 hours each.

Welcome back to FF Phil Burnell and FF Bill Keith. Both had previously been members of the Fire Department and have returned to serve the community. Additionally we have another in the process for hiring. This brings our current roster to 49 members.

Neil Courtney, Fire Protection Specialist has been working on the comprehensive fire protection study. He will be meeting with the Waterboro Board of Selectmen next Tuesday January 11, 2011. He will be giving an update to the progress of his report and his projected time line.

Upcoming EMS-Fire Training & Events

It's that time of the year again for the mandatory training. Training dates are as follows:

- Wednesday January 12, 2011
- Thursday January 27, 2011
- Sunday January 30, 2011

DC Bennett has coordinated with the Maine Wardens Service to conduct a "Meet & Greet" they will give us tips and tricks when on scene of ATV accidents and other events.

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Permits, inspections and plan reviews

Lt. Fraser has been handling request such as chimney and wood stove installations. Additionally he has worked with the CEO when appropriate for other building projects.

EMS NEWS

Deputy Chief Bennett has distributed the mandatory medical evaluation forms for “respiratory protection” compliance. Please have these returned on or before January 14, 2011.

Upon notification that individuals have successfully passed the medical evaluations employees will need to complete the fit testing portion.

Lt. Fraser is finishing up his EMT-Intermediate clinical time hopefully within the next couple months he will be licensed.

Stations, Apparatus and Equipment

Lt. Fraser has been working on:

- PM for Ladder 1 with Greenwood Apparatus
- Schedule for pump repairs on Tanker (Warranty)
- General repairs on ambulance bumpers, tires and other minor repairs

Statistics & Reporting

2010 Data:

- 887 Emergency Incidents
- 2,401 Call Actions
- Average Response Time 7min 58sec (Covering 57 square miles)
- 11 % Increase from 2009

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Other

Our community coat drive has closed.. We received many donations! We will work to distribute to those in need. Overall for our first year with this endeavor it seems to have been successful.

Thanks to the "Waterboro Gives Back" and the members of the Waterboro Fire Department we were able to adopt a few families that were in need this past Christmas. Again the donations from members and public were greatly appreciated.

Fire Wise Community Information

We will soon begin discussing our commitment for the FireWise program in 2011. In years past we have gathered crews from the Waterboro Fire Department, LAC and the Maine Forest Service and chip excess brush. The programs intent has been to significantly reduce the fuel load around the homes in Lake Arrowhead.

During the next few months the FireWise committee members will meet and discuss a plan of action for 2011. Lt. Michael Archer will still coordinate the program.

Reminders

1. Monthly meeting Monday February 7, 2011
2. Check dates for mandatory trainings