



Times

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Mission Statement:

The mission of the Milford Fire Department is to safeguard the citizens and visitors of our community by providing high quality fire suppression, technical rescue, fire prevention and public education services. We shall make every effort to maintain a responsive and well trained fire-fighting force capable of handling structure fires, hazardous materials, technical rescue, extreme weather events and mitigating emergency situations presented to us. These efforts are combined with a proficient and proactive fire prevention program to include public education, code enforcement and systems engineering.



Enlightened Perspectives:

“Don't tell people how to do things, tell them what to do and let them surprise you with their results.”
George S. Patton

Amazing April:

What a month, we started with a great turnout from both personnel and the public for the waffle breakfast and ended with a record number of calls within one month. It has been suggested that the increased call volume is somehow tied to my arrival in Milford. I hate to disappoint anyone, but I can not take credit for it. I will say that it has made my first month as Chief extremely interesting and educational. I am amazed at the response and professionalism that department members have demonstrated. Keep up the great work!

Milford Fire “Shines” During Floods:

As I drove into work on Monday the 16th, it did not take long to realize that this would be an interesting day. While monitoring, reports of Rt. 101 being blocked by a landslide at the Wilton line, I was passed a car that was stuck on the side of 101 with water up to the bottom of the window, it was only 07:10. I made my way to Wilton, I decided to stop and speak with Chief Dick in Wilton, and ascertain the status of the dam. He was quick to indicate that it would be a good idea to evacuate the trailer park at the drive-in. Not what I really wanted to hear. As I made my way to the station, the water was already over Elm street at Talarico's. At about 08:15 we began receiving calls for water problems, MACC base put out the first tone for all available manpower, quickly we had three units on the road handling calls. By about 10:00 another tone was put out and even more personnel came in. As the day progressed, we handled calls including evacuations, rescues, one requiring a boat from Amherst. A complete evacuation of the trailer park, Brookstone Manor, voluntary evacuations of Great Stone and Leisure Acres. At the peak of the high water, concerns arose for the buildings on the west side of the oval which required them to be evacuated. Several propane and oil tanks were secured by MFD personnel as well as many other actions beyond the normal call of duty. Late in the evening, the Boys & Girls club requested assistance with over four feet of water in the Amato Center. Personnel assigned to E2, L1, U1, and F2 ultimately all responded and aided in removing water from the building. As the last crew was released just before midnight, after a long 16+ hour day, we had handled over fifty-six requests for service, not counting inspections and other actions that got lost in the shuffle. When I looked back at the call sheet later in the week, I realized that of a total roster of 51 personnel, only seven did not respond at some point during that day. No one worked alone that day, we all worked as a team and it showed. I have received many complements, thank you's, and positive comments about our actions that day. Without each individuals contributions, we would not have been as successful. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU !



16 FF Life Safety Initiatives

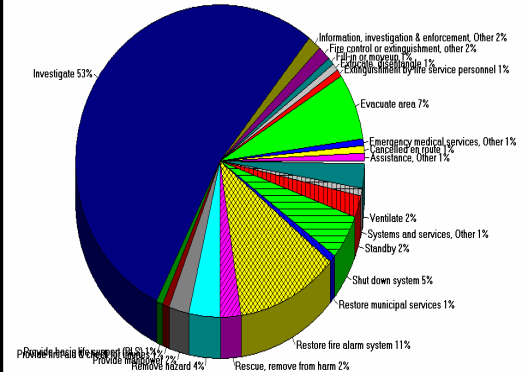
Here is the first of the sixteen initiatives.

1. Define and advocate the need for a cultural change within the fire service relating to safety; incorporating leadership, management, supervision, accountability and personal responsibility.

Stay Safe and Stay Tuned

Monthly Stats

Type of Action Taken Graph
Alarm Date Between (4/1/2007) And (4/30/2007)



Returning Apparatus to Service:

Lately we have experienced several instances of equipment not being thoroughly checked when being returned to service. Particularly with the "Irons" please ensure that they are placed back into the marring strap properly and then into the cradle in the cab correctly. On one occasion we came very close to the haligan breaking the side window of the cab. If you are unfamiliar with how the stap work, please see Capt. Flaherty or one of the officers.



Proper way to store irons

Also, a reminder when filling SCBA bottles, please check for the hydrostatic test date. It should be within 5 years. IF it is not, remove the bottle from service and tag it accordingly.

Interesting Tidbits

The Library of Congress was established in Washington, DC April 1, 1800

Ladder 1 Re-furb Committee:

I have asked the following personnel to comprise a committee to develop a Scope of Work for the ladder and oversee the refurbishment project.. The committee is comprised of

DC Britton, Chief Officer rep; Capt. Flaherty, who will oversee and the day to day matters; Tom Stepney, for mechanical/technical expertise; Capt. Kincaide, Ladder company officer; and Jeff Brooks, Ladder company firefighter.

The committee has been tasked to develop the scope of work by the end of May so that the project can be bid out in June with work expected to be started sometime early summer. It is my goal to have the ladder back before the winter season begins. We will be establishing automatic mutual aid coverage while the ladder is out of service.

Some of the items that the committee will be addressing

are:

- Rust and bodywork
- Aerial/Hydraulic needs
- Adding a cascade system
- Enhancing the lighting

If you have other ideas, please speak to one of the committee members.

"Serving our Community with Pride"

First '07 Waffle Breakfast

The first waffle breakfast was a huge success. There was plenty of help from beginning to end and even more hungry residents. We totaled over \$1200 for the day, Thank you to all the past, present, and future members of MFD for helping out.

See you in May!



**It is finally here....
Milford Fire Boat 1**

A big thank you to Matt Mascia for all his work on making this a reality.



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May Birthdays

- 27th - Larry McCarroll

We wish you all a very
Happy Birthday!

Special points of interest:

- Household Hazardous Waste day has been scheduled for Saturday May 5th.
- Cinco de Mayo May 5th
- SADD mock DWI program is scheduled for Fri May 11th at 09:30. Rain Date is May 18th.
- Don't Forget Mothers Day Sunday May 13th. Treat her to a great breakfast right here.
- Waffle breakfast Sunday May 13th
- Officers Meeting Thursday. May 31, 1900 hrs. The rep from Firehouse will be here to do training on the new ver.7.

New Equipment:

After several years of receiving donations and corporate sponsorships, we have reached our goal and collected enough money to purchase the BullEx prop. The Intelligent Training System™ provides clean, safe and effective fire extinguisher training to people of all ages and experience levels. The Intelligent Training System™ senses where the user aims and sweeps the compressed air and water SmartExtinguisher™ and automatically varies the flames in response.

This allows your trainees to learn how to effectively use a fire extinguisher without the cost and clean-up associated with using dry-chemical or CO₂ extinguishers



In order to enhance our safety responding to wires down, we have purchased a Tac Stick. Day or night, TAC Stick® helps keep you safe on the front line. Simple to use, this lightweight, hand-held AC current-sensing device can be used in natural disaster situations, transportation accidents, and other emergency rescue operations. Three settings- high sensitivity, low sensitivity and front focused- TAC Stick® enables you to sense AC currents from near or far, providing one of the most effective tools on the market today. Training will be conducted shortly.



Highlights of the Month:

