



# 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

## Old Timers Night:

by Chief Fraitzl

A huge thank you to AC Kelly for coordinating the annual Old Timers night dinner. Over twenty five former members of the department returned for a great BBQ and even better reminiscing of the good ole days. Some traveled from as far away as Florida to join the festivities. Following dinner, was the traditional trip to Hayward's for ice cream. I want to extend my appreciation to all those personnel who assisted with the preparation, serving and clean-up of the dinner. As you can see from many of the pictures, our former members all enjoyed themselves. Additionally, I have received several comments and emails to confirm this. Regretfully I was unable to attend due to a family commitment, I did ask AC Kelly to share my thoughts with the group that evening and I have included them here for everyone else that was unable to attend.

*Welcome,*

*I am sorry that I can not join you tonight, as I am attending the graduation ceremony for the very first Camp Fully Involved at the NH Fire Academy. It is a week long program designed to expose 15 – 20 year old women to a career in the fire service. I am proud to say that my daughter Heidi is one of the fourteen cadets graduating.*

*As the new guy in town, want to start by saying "Welcome Home!"*

*This was and will continue to be your department and home away from home. Each and every one of you has dedicated time, energy and love to this department. You played an integral part of developing the department that exists today. I thank you for that and hope that I can continue to lead this great group of men and women forward to along the trail that you have made.*

*I am glad that you were able to attend this evening to reminisce with each other, share stories and experiences with our younger members. If there is anything that the department or I can do for you now or in the future, please don't ever hesitate to ask.*



### Enlightened Perspectives:

"Tell me and I forget,  
Show me and I remember,  
Involve me and I understand."

Ancient Chinese Proverb



## FF Life Safety Initiatives

Here is the fifth of the sixteen initiatives.

Develop and implement national standards for training, qualifications, and certification (including regular re-certification) that are equally applicable to all firefighters based on the duties they are expected to perform.

*Stay Safe and Stay Tuned*

## Parking at the Station

Please make a note of the changes to the parking lot, this was done in an effort to best utilize the limited amount of space we have!

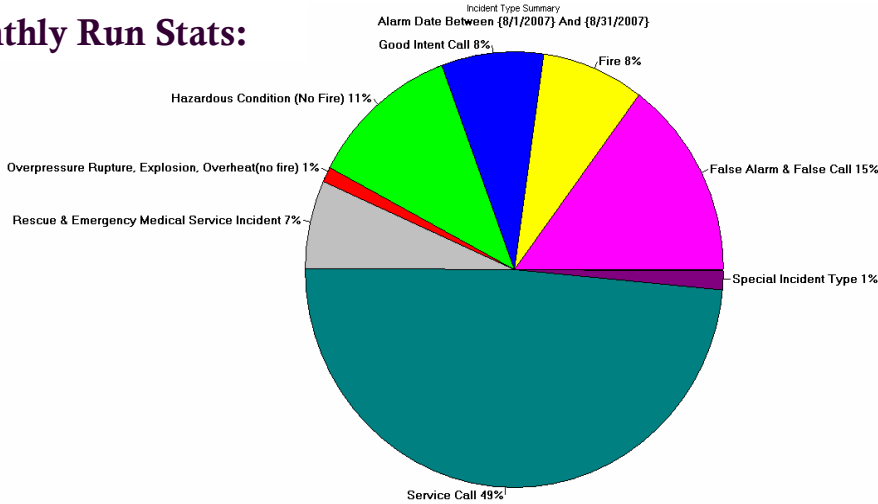




Good Job!



Not so good job!

### Monthly Run Stats:



  
**Total Calls**  
**Year to Date**  
**August 30**  
 2007 - 802  
 2006 - 728  


### Ladder 1 update:

Fire Tech and Safety installed the new cascade and fill station on the ladder on Thursday Aug 30th. Training will be conducted during the September company trainings. The parts have been ordered for the outrigger repairs and should be completed within the next few weeks. On September 24th the truck will be headed north to Lakes Region Fire Apparatus for corrosion and paint repairs. This work is estimated to take between 10 and 12 weeks. As a result, we will have automatic mutual aid agreements with Amherst fire and Wilton fire. After considerable review, discussion and consideration the recommendation was to make only the necessary repairs to the ladder and move the replacement up rather than spend the entire amount approved by the voters this spring. This will save the town approximately seventy-five thousand dollars and be the more fiscally prudent course of action.



**Eagle Air SideWinder X2**  
 Containment design fill enclosure offers operator protection in the event of SCBA cylinder or component rupture. This two-position fill station offers a compact, space saving design allowing for mounting in small compartments.

On Monday Aug 27th. the Board of Selectmen expressed their appreciation and thanks to TA Scaife and myself. I shared with them that this was a team effort and they asked me to extend their thanks to everyone involved in this process. *Thank you to; DC Britton, Capt Kincaid, Capt. Flaherty, FF Brooks, Tom Stepney for all your time and effort devoted to the repairs to Ladder 1.*

**“Serving**  
**our**  
**Community**  
**with**  
**Pride”**

### MFD Awarded Fire Act Grant:

We have been informed that we have received a Assistance to Firefighters Grant in the amount of \$93,760. This is a regional grant for the Souhegan Mutual Aid (SMFAA) district and will provide a First InterComm® communications unit to each of the New Hampshire towns in SMFAA. These units will be demonstrated to the SMFAA chiefs at the quarterly meeting and be installed around the end of the year or very early next year. This device should be a great asset to the Souhegan region and enable us to communicate with the towns that are on low band as well as UHF frequencies. Each unit costs approximately \$5000. The grant also covers the cost of training several personnel in each department. Here is a overview of the unit:



*“The First InterComm System provides the link between land mobile radios operating on different frequencies and protocols right at the incident scene. Each responding agency simply installs a First InterComm unit that is configured for their communications device and frequency. The unit uses the radio frequency of that First Responder agency, runs off the vehicle's power, and requires no operator involvement. Once installed, the system provides seamless radio communications to all responding agencies at the scene that are also First InterComm enabled. And all Responders are able to use their existing radios.” BAE website*

For more information, go to <http://www.baesystems.com/EISProductSites/FirstIntercomm/SystemOverview/>

**Interesting**  
**Tidbits**  
**Coca-Cola**  
**was originally**  
**green.**



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### September Birthdays

- 16th - DC Britton
- 22th - Jeff Brooks

We wish you all a very  
*Happy Birthday!*

### Special points of interest:

- Parade 3rd 13:00
- Muster 3rd following the parade
- Waffle Breakfast - 9th
- Golf Tournament 15th
- Officers meeting 27th

### **MILFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT**

10th Annual Golf Tournament

Where: Saturday, September 13, 2007  
Time: 7:30 Registration with 8:30 Shotgun Start  
Cost: \$115.00 per player for \$400.00 a foursome  
Where: Ditchfield Mountain Golf Resort

Lunch will be provided after the tournament

ALL Proceeds will go toward the purchase of a new  
thermal imaging camera

For more information or registration, please  
contact  
Captain Kim Flannery at 673-3136



## Personnel Changes:

Best wishes and good luck to FF Matt Mascia. Matt has accepted a position that takes him and his family to New York. We will miss you, we certainly appreciate everything you have done during your time with us. Please, don't be a stranger.



## Congratulations:

- ⇒ Capt. Smedick on completing the Instructor I program.
- ⇒ FF Gordon on his wedding Aug. 11.
- ⇒ Lt. Cobb and Charlene, they are expecting their first child in April 2008.
- ⇒ Tom Olroyd has been promoted to Assessor and Jack Sheehy has been hired by the town as the financial operations director.

## Noteworthy Items:

- ◆ FF Jim Young has been transferred to Engine 4.
- ◆ All companies will be participating in the Labor Day Parade Sept. 3 at 13:00.
- ◆ Please take a moment to check out our web site, there have been many changes as we take on a new look and add more content. Check back regularly for updates.
- ◆ Correction: Daymond Steer's name was misspelled last month, Sorry Daymond.
- ◆ REMINDER: The annual pumpkin fest is scheduled for Oct 6-8.

## Highlights of the Month:



# MILFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT

## I<sup>st</sup> Annual Golf Tournament

When: Saturday, September 15, 2007

Time: 7:30 Registration with 8:30 Shotgun Start

Cost: \$115.00 per player or \$400.00 a foursome

Where: Crotched Mountain Golf Resort  
740 2<sup>nd</sup> NH Turnpike North, Franconia, NH

Best Ball scramble with prizes and placement trophies  
Lunch will be provided after the tournament

*All Proceeds will go towards the purchase of  
a thermal imaging camera*

For more information or registration, please contact  
Ken Flaherty or Brett French @ 673-3136



Thermal Imaging Camera

