



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.

Physical Ability Exam Held:

Tuesday July 31, the first physical ability exam was held for call firefighter applicants. The test consisted of nine stations that had to be completed within 11:30 minutes. The stations involved; raising a 24' extension ladder; extending a 35' ladder fully and then lowering it; dragging a 150 lb dummy for 120'; 50 chops with a sledge hammer on a wooden block; hoist a 2 1/2" hose 50'; remove and replace a 24' extension ladder and carry it for 20'; then fully extend a 150' length of 2 1/2" hose; crawl 10' across a simulated attic rafters; and the last station was to carry equipment (50' roll of 2 1/2" hose) for 1500 feet. This was all completed while wearing a turnout coat, helmet, gloves and 2.5 lb. ankle weights to simulate bunker pants. Once candidates completed the timed evolution, they had a rest period and then completed a claustrophobia and acrophobia tests. The claustrophobia exam involved wearing an SCBA mask that was covered to block vision and navigating a 35' course. The acrophobia test involved climbing the aerial ladder for seventy feet at a sixty degree angle.

All six of the candidates that took the exam gave it their all, however not all were successful in completing the exam. The successful candidates will now be interviewed by a panel of officers and firefighters and then by the chief officers.

The physical ability exam is a new component to the hiring process and is based on the need for a firefighter to be physically fit in order to perform the job under strenuous conditions. This exam has been conducted for full-time personnel for over twenty years and is increasingly being used by departments who have call personnel as well.

Thank you to the following individuals for their tireless efforts in setting up, running and taking the course down. Capt. Flaherty, Lt. Chappell, Lt. Cobb, FF Young, FF Park, FF Esposito, Capt. Smedick, MAS personnel; Dir. Shelberg, EMT's Sexton and Mayhew, and Paramedics Miller and Larue. And a special thanks to retired Chief Tortorelli who not only helped with the set-up and tear down but also ran the course with the candidates timing them. Thanks also to Damond Steer from the Cabinet for covering the event and providing photos of the process.



Photo courtesy of Damon Steer



Enlightened Perspectives:

"Whatever is good to know it is difficult to learn"

Old Greek proverb



16 FF Life Safety Initiatives

Here is the fourth of the sixteen initiatives.

All firefighters must be empowered to stop unsafe practices.

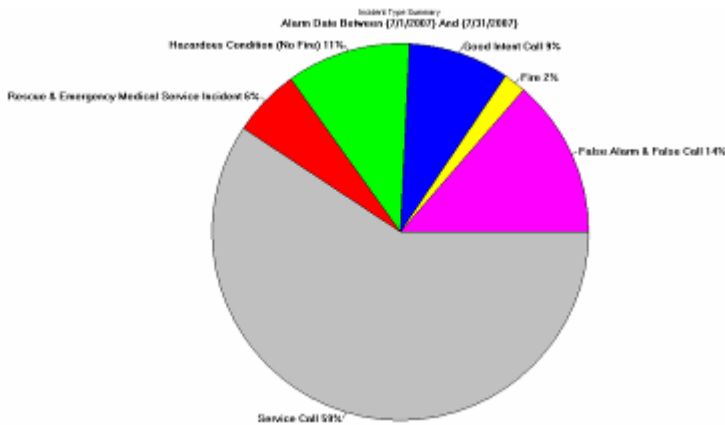
Stay Safe and Stay Tuned

Annual Old Timers dinner 8/10

The annual Old Timers night is Friday August 8th. This is a longstanding tradition where former members in good standing are invited to a BBQ dinner put on by the current personnel. It is a great opportunity for our predecessors to come back to visit, reminisce and socialize with each other. Some of our past members are even traveling from Florida and other states to attend.

Anyone available to help with this event please contact AC Kelly.

Monthly Run Stats:



Interesting Tidbits

The most common street name in the U.S. is Second St..

MVA with Extrication:

On Friday July 27, E3 and R1 responded to Elm Street by Santos-Dumont for a multiple vehicle MVA with reported entrapment. On arrival, the accident involved four vehicles which included a utility cargo van and a tractor trailer. A total of five people were injured, with one trapped in a minivan that was pinned between the



TT unit and another vehicle. Personnel quickly established that the pick-up truck on the right of the minivan would need to be moved in order to extricate the patient from the minivan. Personnel extricated the victim within fifteen minutes of arrival.

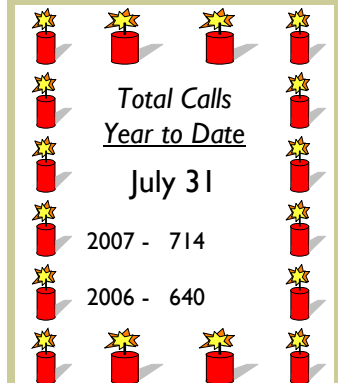
“Serving our Community with Pride”

Ladder 1 Refurbishment:

The request for proposals (RFP) were received and reviewed. Four vendors bid on the work. However, several unexpected items were identified by some of the vendors which has changed the scope of the work. The actual cost to repair all of the items on the RFP would exceed the allocated funds from the town and most likely the fair trade in value of the truck. The items of most concern is the corrosion on the outriggers, and the rust on the frame and torque box which to repair correctly would require removing all of the compartments. The committee has reviewed the recommended work and supports the recommendation to make only the necessary repairs in the most financially prudent manner and move the replacement of the ladder forward.. The proposals are being reviewed by the chief and town administration for final decision and award of work.



The inner tubes on the outriggers need to be replaced due to corrosion.





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August Birthdays

- 5th - Kris Jensen
- 13th - Eric Miller
- 19th - DC Cullinan
- 26th - Jon Ibarra

We wish you all a very
Happy Birthday!

Special points of interest:

- Old Timers night 10th
- Waffle Breakfast - 12th
- 1st day of School 29th
- Officers meeting 30th

Personnel Changes:

Best wishes and good luck to FF Nick Stepney. Nick has tendered his resignation due to increased personal commitments that prohibit him from meeting the requirement of training and response. We thank him for his time and wish him well.



Congratulations:

- ⇒ Capt. French on your engagement to Jamie we look forward to the bachelor party.
- ⇒ FF. Mascia on your new position with Gypsum Express, we will miss you.
- ⇒ Capt. Smedick on being accepted into the Fire Instructor I program.
- ⇒ FF Gordon on his wedding Aug. 11.

Noteworthy Items:

- ◆ Rehab supplies have been placed in a refrigerator on the bay floor near F-2.
- ◆ New PFD's have been purchased for Boat 1, they will be demonstrated during August trainings.
- ◆ Thank you to AC Kelly, Capt. Balcom, Capt. Flaherty, FF Park, FF Raymond, FF Salisbury, FF Esposito who helped cook, serve and clean for the Souhegan Mutual Aid meeting.
- ◆ Finance Director Rose Evans will be leaving in September to take a position with the City of Nashua. We wish her the best and thank her for her support of the fire department.

Highlights of the Month:



D. Steer Photo



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