



# 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.

## '07 Memorial Service: by Kyn Gdanian, Chaplain

I wanted to take a moment and introduce myself. I have been the pastor of Light of the World Christian Church in Milford for the last 18 years. I am also a volunteer EMT-Basic with the Milford Ambulance Service. I also have the honor of being the chaplain for M.A.S., the M.P.D. and now the M.F.D. I have been married for 26 years to my wife Maureen and we have 6 children (one of which is an international student from S. Korea that has been with us for 3 years). By the fall I will have five kids in college and an eight-year-old son that reminds me in an exciting and energetic way how young I am not. Hopefully by the time you read this, my oldest daughter will have had our first grandchild. I also own and operate The Master's Craftsmen Upholstering and Leather Repair.

I had the privilege of sharing a few words the night of remembering those in emergency services who have gone before. I wanted to review that for you and in future newsletters, make reference to each in more detail.

I reminded each service of their mission statement, for when times get tough it is good to be refreshed in our purpose. I also advised everyone to take care of yourselves and your families. I encouraged you in taking care of yourself to focus on your integrity and your physical, emotional, and spiritual fitness. I also encouraged you in taking care of your family to guard your legacy and above all cultivate love.

It is my desire in this monthly column to bring you words of inspiration that you might be encouraged as you fulfill the call.

Serving with you,  
Kyn Gdanian  
Chaplain, Milford Fire Department

*Thank you and welcome Kyn!*



### Enlightened Perspectives:

"Where ever you go,  
go with all your heart."

Confucius



### 16 FF Life Safety Initiatives

Here is the third of the sixteen initiatives.

Focus greater attention on the integration of risk management with incident management at all levels, including strategic, tactical, and planning responsibilities.

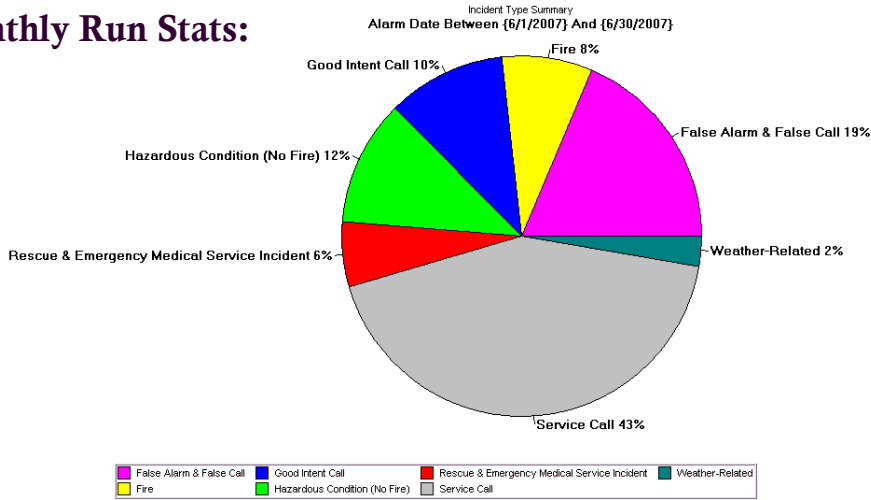
*Stay Safe and Stay Tuned*

### Guns & Hoses Softball Game

What can we say, we played well, fair and had fun. Good thing we had the probies to volunteer to sit in the dunking booth.....



### Monthly Run Stats:



### Interesting Tidbits

It is possible to lead a cow upstairs but not downstairs.

### Chiefs Away; Boy's will play:

I'm glad to see that things were relatively quiet while I was at the National Fire Academy. NOT! It seemed like at the end of each day when I checked messages, something was going on. My first week there, was the Merrimack Road Fire and suspicious items along the river near the Town's well house. Then a week later the Union St fire during 95 degree heat and humidity, as well as a bomb scare at the District Court. On top of these interesting calls, most of the two week period had three or more calls per day.

The most important fact to note, is that no-one was injured in any of the incidents. This is always a good thing, but especially during this time as we all kept our Charleston Fire Dept. brothers in mind. While at the NFA, I had the opportunity to participate in a memorial service for the Charleston 9 at the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial. We must all keep our own safety as well as the safety of each other in mind!

Thank you to AC Kelly for again taking the reins of the department and keeping things running smooth during my absence.



**"Serving our Community with Pride"**

### Three Stooges off Probation:

On Wednesday June 13th, probationary firefighters Jon Park, John Espasito and Brendan Davis met with Capt. Flaherty to complete their "Jump Seat Certification" evaluation. After a challenging test of their skills, they demonstrated that they really did pay attention in firefighter 1 and probie school. The pictures show them donning their SCBA, climbing Ladder 1 and last but not least turning in their "yellow" helmets for official black helmets.

As a matter of fact, they hung around the station for several hours just waiting for their first call, only to have it come in fifteen minutes after they left. However, they still made the first engine out.

*A word of wisdom for them, black helmets blend in with the seats in the truck, keep it on you head so you don't forget it!*



From l to r: Capt. Flaherty, Moe, Larry, and Curly aka FF Davis, FF Espasito, FF Park  
**Congratulations gentlemen!!**

