



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.

Welcome Chief Fraitzl:

By Guy Scaife, Town Administrator;

Please join me in welcoming Mr. Frank Fraitzl as our new Fire Chief. Chief Fraitzl was recently the Deputy Chief in Merrimack responsible for training, safety, communications and EMS. On April 23rd he will have completed twenty-three years in the fire service, twenty of that as a call firefighter. He continues to serve as a call firefighter in his hometown of Bedford. Chief Fraitzl is certified as a Level III firefighter, Fire Officer II, Fire Instructor III, Fire Inspector, HazMat Tech, and EMT-B. He is a senior staff instructor with the NH Fire Academy, has a BS in Public Safety Administration and is currently completing the Executive Fire Officer Program at the National Fire Academy.

A New Beginning

A message from the Chief:

I am proud to be taking over the leadership of such a great team. During the past two years I have had the opportunity to teach in the Milford area and have been extremely impressed with the level of dedication and professionalism of the members of MFD. I have known Chief's Pauley and Tortorelli for many years and hope that I can "fill their shoes" and carry on the traditions that they have begun. My management style is one of involvement and teamwork. Together everyone achieves more.... I am always open to ideas, suggestions and encourage you to feel free to bring forth new ideas.

I am proud to be your Chief!



In this picture taken by Capt. Flaherty, during the recent RIT training, Chief Fraitzl observes personnel practicing bail-outs from the attic window. Capt. Flaherty thought it was "very fitting"

About the MFD Times:

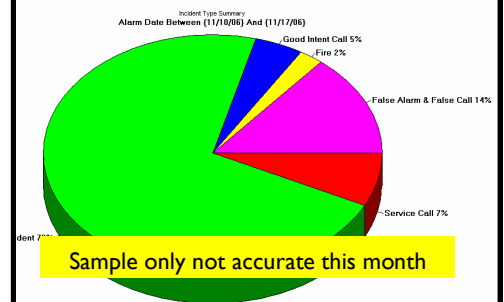
This is the first edition of this newsletter, I firmly believe that communications is one of the keys to a successful organization. My goal is to have everyone "In the Know" about what is going on in the department. The "Times" will be published monthly and cover current events, available training, timely topics, safety tips and it will be distributed via email and a copy posted in the station. If you have an idea for content please let me know. *Thanks, Chief*



16 FF Life Safety Initiatives

Recognizing the need to do more to prevent line-of-duty deaths and injuries, the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation has developed a national program to bring prevention efforts to the forefront. In March 2004, the Firefighter Life Safety Summit was held in Tampa, FL and addressed the need for change within the fire and emergency services. Through this meeting, 16 Life Safety Initiatives were produced to ensure that Everyone Goes Home. *Stay Safe and Stay Tuned....*

Monthly Stats



Enlightened Perspectives:

"People ask the difference between a leader and a boss . . . The leader works in the open, and the boss in covert. The leader leads, and the boss drives"
Theodore Roosevelt



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April Birthdays

- 4th - Capt. Jeff Carter
- 7th - TA Guy Scaife
- 11th - Jeff Marshall
- 23rd - Capt. Ken Flaherty

We wish you all a very
Happy Birthday!

Special points of interest:

- Please join me in welcoming; Eric Shelberg, Ben Raymond, Jamison Mayhew, and Allen Peck as our newest members.
- Officers Meeting Thursday, April. 26, 1900 hrs.
- FF's Young and Chappell have completed their FF I program and graduated last night. Great Job Gentlemen.
- April Training: Water Supply and Relay Pumping.

Personnel Complete FF Safety & Survival Training

Several members of the department completed the Firefighter Safety and Survival (RIT) program taught by instructors from the NH Fire Academy recently. The weekend long program consisted of classroom instruction on Friday evening and practical evolutions on Saturday and Sunday. Personnel learned how to remove trapped firefighters from narrow confined areas in a drill that was developed after a firefighter fatality in Denver, CO. They also learned how to use a rope or hose line to rescue a firefighter that had fallen through a floor. This drill is known as the Columbus drill, developed after a tragedy in Ohio. In addition, everyone had to maneuver their way through a wire maze which simulated low hanging wires from newer construction materials including flexible ductwork, cable and network wiring that is readily prevalent in today's construction.

Also covered were a few self rescue techniques: how to breach a wall to escape a room that is ripe for flashover and how to utilize the bail out ropes that are attached to all the departments SCBA's.

The class was primarily taught by Jeff Allison who also works per diem at Milford Ambulance, and captain Mike Clark from Hanover, NH. It is safe to say that all of the participants were a little sore for the super bowl. The practical evolutions were conducted at the Ciardelli property on Nashua Street.

Congratulation to Assistant Chief Kelly, Capt. Smedick, Capt. Flaherty, Capt. McKinney, Lt. Solan, Lt. Parkhurst Lt. Cobb, Lt. French, FF Dean Chappell, FF Marshall and FF Stepney for completing Fire Fighter Safety and Survival and Rapid Intervention Team training.

Special Thanks to Acting Chief Kelly By: Chief Fraitzl

I wanted to take the opportunity to extend thanks to Asst. Chief Kelly for his extra time, effort and dedication to the department and town as the Acting Chief. While most people in such a position would just maintain the status quo, Chief Kelly moved the department forward in just a few short weeks, making changes, promoting personnel to fill vacant positions and re-establishing commitments to mutual aid organizations and preparedness planning.



In a conversation that I recently had with AC Kelly, he commented that this was a "Great Thing" my being selected as chief and he staying as assistant chief, "because that's what I like best, working with the guys and getting in there. You can have the paperwork part!" It gives me great comfort knowing that the department was and is in good hands when I am out of town. On behalf of TA Scaife, the department, community, and myself, **THANK YOU, JACK!**



Capt. French prepares to complete the Ladder Bail a technique used to escape heat and smoke and/or a possible flashover situation.



Milford firefighter and MAS EMT-I Jamison Mayhew prepares to "Bail out." "Jaymo" scored a perfect 10 for style.