



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.

Serving our Community with Pride:

I want to take a moment to give credit where credit is due and thank our brothers in blue. MPD Officers Blastos and Booth without hesitation and at risk to their safety entered our environment without the protective clothing that we have for our safety. Not once, but twice only to retreat from the building because fire conditions became too extreme. Despite their efforts, and the valiant efforts of Milford Ambulance a life was unable to be saved. The loss of life is a tragic event for all of us, we train our entire career to save lives and protect property, when we are unable to save a life it is hard thing to accept. It is further compounded when it effects a member of our fire service family. Ellen Cassidy was Hudson Firefighter and Mont Vernon Deputy Chief Sean Mamone's mother. Sean heard the call and arrived at the scene shortly after MFD companies. He observed the entire operation and even when I spoke with him during the incident, he expressed his appreciation for our efforts and professionalism.

Thank you to Chief Tortorelli; AC Smith; Captain's. Bonczar, Kincade, Flaherty, and Smedick; MAS Director Shelberg, Lt. Sexton and Paramedic Hunter for taking the time to attend the funeral. Several people approached me after and expressed their thanks for our efforts to save her, and to extinguish the fire. Additionally, I have forwarded letters from the Hudson Professional Firefighters Union and Fire Chief Shawn Murray to the Board of Selectman's read file. Both letters thank each and every member of MFD for going above and beyond to assist both during the emergency as well as after the fact. Copies have been posted on the board in the station, please take a moment to read them.

You have all earned the accolades that they convey

While we may never understand why she had to die; or the actual cause of the fire; However, we can say with certainty that we did our best!



Enlightened Perspectives:

"I don't know the key to success, but the key to failure is trying to please everybody."

Bill Cosby



16 FF Life Safety Initiatives

Here is the second of the sixteen initiatives.

2. Enhance the personal and organizational accountability for health and safety throughout the fire service.

Stay Safe and Stay Tuned

Town Employee Appreciation BBQ

We made it through the rain (and the emergency rescues, and the mud, and the seemingly endless meetings and phone calls...), and now we would like to take a few moments to enjoy some good food and some good company with no speeches or fanfare so please come join us!

June 14, 12:00-2:00 P.M.

Middle Street

(which will be closed for the BBQ).

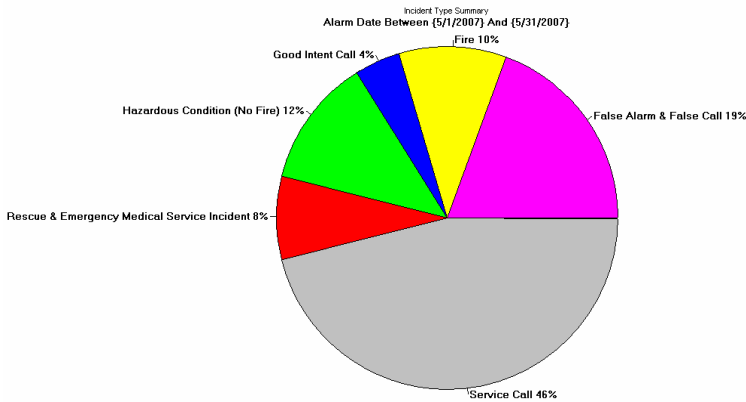
All food and drinks will be provided!

All Personnel are invited....

**Please RSVP to Joyce before
4pm Tuesday June 5th.**

Monthly Stats:

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Calls Year to Date

May 31

2007 - 523

2006 - 443

Interesting Tidbits

The oldest known vegetable is the Pea

SADD Mock DWI A Success:

The recent mock DWI simulation at the high school was a huge success. Thank you to all the personnel that participated. I realize that most everyone had been up for eight hours even before starting the demo.

Thank you, if one student learned something from this demo, we will all be safer on the roads.



“Serving our Community with Pride”

Risk Watch “Save Award” Presented

On Monday May 14th 2007 Capt. Smedick and Chief Fraitzl presented Lauren and Kiersten Bouchard with Risk Watch Save Awards at the Selectman's meeting. The awards were granted by NFPA's public education division as a result of the girls action during a fire in their home on 5 April 2007. This is only the 39th time the award has been given out. Thank you to Police, Fire and Ambulance department personnel who attended this presentation and showed support to the program and young ladies.





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June Birthdays

- 2nd - Brian Charest
- 12th - AC Kelly
- 15th - Shawn Crotty
- 22nd - Lt. Parkhurst
- 23rd - Capt. Kincaid & Lt. Pervere

We wish you all a very
Happy Birthday!

Special points of interest:

- Guns & Hoses Softball Game 2nd - 1400 hrs
- Monthly Fire Training is NOT Cancelled due to the live burn
- Waffle Breakfast - 10th
- Memorial Service 11th 1900 hrs
- Employee Picnic 14th 12-2
- Officers Meeting 28th

New Equipment:

This months rescue training was familiarization with the new boat. Personnel learned how to lower the boat from its elevated storage location, deflate and re-inflate, and remove rigid flooring. Training then moved to railroad pond for hands on familiarization. Several mock rescues were conducted pulling personnel into the boat that were in the pond. Company B wanted a challenge so they tipped the boat over and then righted it while in the water. We will be conducting further training as the water warms up a little more.

We will be updating our personal floatation devices now that we have the boat, as well as developing water rescue guidelines for responses. We are also looking for a motor for the boat, ideally a 25 - 30 hp motor. If you hear of something, please let Capt. Flaherty know.

Congratulations:

Sean Plummer: Promotion to Detective and Firefighter II certification. (now you just need to decide what you want to be when you grow up....)

Ericka McLaughlin, Sean Crotty, Jon Esposito, Jon Park, and Brendan Davis for completing Firefighter IA.

Highlights of the Month:

