



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.

The Giant Pumpkin: *by Chief Fraitz*

It wouldn't be fall without the annual Columbus day weekend Pumpkin Festival. A very special thanks to Capt. Kincaid, Lt. Solan, Firefighters Wetherbee, Brooks, Charest, Ibarra, DC Cullinan and Chief Tortoreli the owners of Milford's first aerial Ladder truck, who ensured that the annual lighting of the giant pumpkin went on as usual. I want to recognize Capt. Kincaid, who feverishly worked to ensure that the ladder would be up for the event.



Thank you also to everyone who participated in the duty coverage and fire prevention activities. We received many positive comments about the displays, demonstrations, and activities available to the community. One of the highlights of the festival on Saturday was the opportunity for the kids (big and small) to have a chance to



Which kid is having more fun?

spray water from a fire hose. It would appear that our engine on the west side of the oval did more prevention and public education than the station. Special thanks to AC Kelly for providing the excellent meals to keep the troops fed. I have also received many thanks from the police officers particularly the out of town detail officers, DPW workers and Ambulance personnel, all who enjoyed the Turkey dinner on Saturday.



16 FF Life Safety Initiatives

Here is the seventh of the sixteen initiatives:

Create a national research agenda and data collection system that relates to the initiatives.

Stay Safe and Stay Tuned

Enlightened Perspectives:

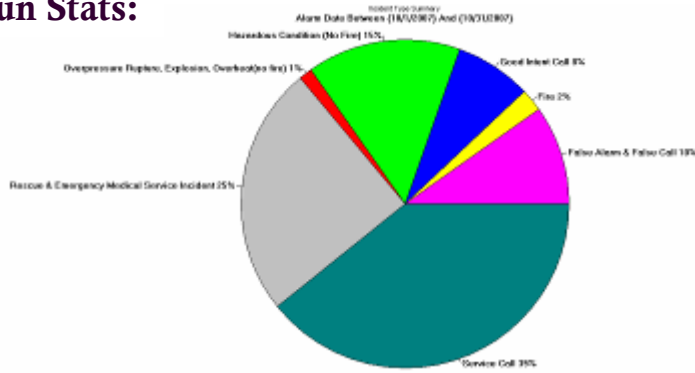
"I've learnt.... That no matter how serious your life requires you to be, everyone needs a friend to act goofy with."
Andy Rooney

Thank you MHS Students

Thank you to several Milford High students for donating their time on a day off to paint the windows at the station for the pumpkin fest.



Monthly Run Stats:



Interesting Tidbits

The Pumpkin is always oranger on the other side of the patch.

Firefighter Safety and Survival Class:

Congratulations and great job to everyone who participated in the Safety and Survival (RIT) class. While I'm sure most went home tired and a little sore, everyone learned new skills and techniques that may save their own or a brothers life.



Its all down hill from here!

Fallen Firefighters Honored:

On Sunday October 14th the first annual NH Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service was held at the NH Memorial on the campus of the NH Fire Academy. Some of you may not realize that we have suffered two line of duty deaths in the history of the department. Walter Merrill died while pulling a steam engine to a fire on Ponemah Hill road in 1921. Harold Richardson was killed while attempting to board an engine as it entered the Oval en-route to a call. Thank you to Chief Tortorelli for joining me in attending the ceremony to represent the organization. Both families attended and placed flowers on the stone tablets at the base of the memorial bell. The next time you are at the Academy, take a moment to view the memorial.



“Serving our Community with Pride”

Chaplains Corner: by: Kyn Gdanian M.F.D. Chaplain



In the midst of managing one's everyday life and working as a firefighter, it is very important to take care of yourself. One of the first areas to consider is taking care of your integrity.

Integrity is defined as "the entire, unimpaired state of any thing, particularly of the mind; moral soundness or purity; incorruptness; uprightness; honesty". I found that another way of putting it is "live your life in such a way that they don't have to lie at your funeral".

Taking care of your integrity can be an overwhelming task. First we should realize that whether we like it or not the pressures we experience in life reveals the condition of our integrity. That's a good thing, for then, we have the opportunity to work on the areas that are needed.

There was a man during hurricane Andrew whose house stood strong in the midst of devastation. When asked how this could be he said he built his house according to the code. The man continued, I guess you live with what you build with. Taking care of your integrity means, asking what am I building my life with. If you need a code Jesus Christ offered some assistance. After teaching the "Sermon on the Mount" he said a "wise builder" was one who built his house on a rock. He went on to say that the way to do that was by putting His words into practice. For when you do, your house (life) will stand strong in the midst of even a devastating storm. Feel free to give a call if anyone wants to chat further on this topic.

Lets continue to pray for all the firefighters working on the front lines of the CA wildfires.


Total Calls
Year to Date
October 31
 2007 - 972
 2006 - 888




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October Birthdays

- 20th - Jay Riendeau
- 22nd - Duane Chappell

We wish you both a very
Happy Birthday!

Special points of interest:

- 11/4 Mutual Aid Training in Brookline 07:30.
- Company trainings cancelled due to RIT training.

MTRA Relief Raffle

October Winners:

\$100 - Yvonne Despres
\$50 - Myles Salisbury
\$25 - Bob Philbrick

Personnel Changes:

Best wishes and good luck to FF Doug Lyons. Doug has resigned due to work and family commitments. Thank you for your time and good luck.

FF Sean Plummer has taken a leave of absence due to his recent promotion. Hope to see you back soon Sean.

Congratulations:

- ⇒ Duane Chappell on being a new dad.
- ⇒ FF Ibarra, Capt. Smedick, AC Kelly, and Chief Fraitzl who were recognized for their assistance in saving the life of a cardiac arrest victim in August.
- ⇒ To Merrimack Capt. Rick Todd who has been appointed the Amherst Fire Chief.

Noteworthy Items:

- ◆ FF Ben Raymond has been deployed to Minnesota to aid with the flooding and will be there for at least a month. We wish him well and look forward to his safe return.
- ◆ There will be a physical ability exam on Dec. 8th for new call firefighters.
- ◆ Equipment in the Special Ops trailer has been organized and mounted onto shelving. Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with the new set-up.
- ◆ 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.

Highlights of the Month:

