



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.



Enlightened Perspectives:

“Happiness depends on ourselves.”

Aristotle

Lightning Strikes:

by Chief Fraitzl

On Saturday September 9th just one hour after I returned from a week out of state, we responded to the largest event of my short time as chief. Seven towns, seventy plus personnel and several other agencies worked together seamlessly to extinguish a fire started by lightning. Many of you may not realize that during the course of extinguishing this fire several personnel came within seconds of being tragically injured when a large liquid propane cylinder exploded and created a large fireball that exited the building in the same location that firefighters were advancing on only two minutes prior. During the post incident analysis that was held, the bystander video that captured this near miss was shown in an effort to remind us that we must always be aware of our surroundings and the potential hazards that we encounter. It is clearly obvious that we had a guardian angel watching over us at this fire!



Two minutes prior to BLEVE

Thank you to Amherst, Bedford, Brookline, Lyndeborough, Mont Vernon, and Wilton fire departments, Greater Nashua Salvation Army, Milford Police and Ambulance Service and Milford Area Communications Center for all your efforts.



Remains of LPG cylinder found 30' from original locations



16 FF Life Safety Initiatives

Here is the sixth of the sixteen initiatives.

Develop and implement national medical and fitness standards that are equally applicable to all firefighters based on the duties they are expected to perform.

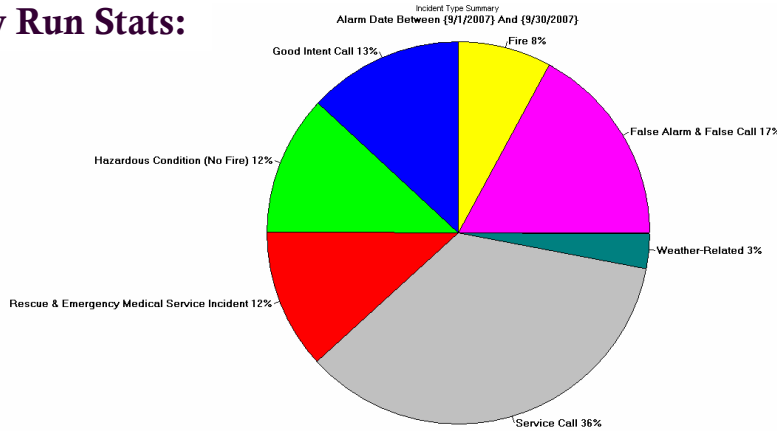
Stay Safe and Stay Tuned

Asst. Chief Charlie Smith

Charlie underwent major surgery earlier in the month, he is back at home and doing very well. We wish him a speedy and complete recovery. Hope to see you back in the firehouse soon.



Monthly Run Stats:



Interesting Tidbits

Never turn your steering wheel to the left when waiting to turn across oncoming traffic, someone may push you into the other lane.

Golf Tournament a HUGE Success:

First and foremost, thank you to Capt. French, FF Mascia, FF Brooks, FF Marshall and his wife Elaine for the incredible amount of time and effort that they put into making this a success. Forty-six golfers braved torrential rains and gale force winds at our first annual MFD Golf Tournament. Shortly after tee off, heavy rain and wind caused a hour plus delay to the tournament. Despite the weather, no one went home unhappy, or for that matter dry or hungry. Everyone had a good time and several indicated they would be back next year.



So close but yet so far....

Special thanks to the Mayo Group who was our biggest sponsor.

MFD Awarded AmeriCorps Volunteer Grant:

We have received a grant which will give us an AmeriCorps volunteer to assist with fire prevention, recruitment and retention and public education. AmeriCorps is a network of local, state, and national service programs that connects more than 70,000 Americans each year in intensive service to meet our country's critical needs in education, public safety, health, and the environment. This program is coordinated through the NH Fire Academy and we look forward to having the additional assistance with these project areas. This individual will work full-time with us for eleven months. They will be an employee of Ameri-corp but work in our station on projects that will benefit the department and town. We retain the ability to select the individual for this position and they will be under the direct supervision of Capt Smedick. I am pleased to announce that we have selected our own Ben Raymond to fill this position. We anticipate Ben starting sometime in October and will remain a member of the call force during his AmeriCorps commitment. Please join us in congratulating Ben, we look forward to his assistance.

"Serving our Community with Pride"

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

The Call: The Importance of Mission

Recently I was on duty with the Milford Ambulance Service and was toned out to stand-by for rehab at a working fire on Union Street. I had a great vantage point, as I observed the men and women from several different fire departments. I was impressed with the passion, the purpose, the strategy, and the results. A fire was put out in an unstable structure and every one came up healthy and safe.

The event reminded me of the importance of mission. Mission is defined as any number of persons appointed by authority to perform any service. When we understand our mission and embrace it, we are then empowered to persevere to the goal even in the face of challenging internal or external circumstances. Therefore it is very important to keep in mind the stated mission of the Milford Fire Department, "to safeguard the citizens and visitors of our community by providing high quality fire suppression, technical rescue, fire prevention and public education services." *Keep up the good work.*

Total Calls
Year to Date
Sept. 30
2007 - 880
2006 - 806



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September Birthdays

- 11th - FF Gordon
- 26th - FF Wetherbee
- 31st - FF Park
- 31st - Lt. Chappell

We wish you all a very
Happy Birthday!

Special points of interest:

- Pumpkin fest 5,6,7th
- Fire Prevention Week Oct. 7 - 13.
- Columbus Day observed 8th
- State Auction 13th

Personnel Changes:

Welcome to FF Jeff Sickler, Jeff rejoins the department and has been assigned to engine 2.

Best wishes and good luck to FF Alan Peck and FF Shawn Crotty, both have resigned due to increased family and work commitments. Thank you for your time and good luck.

Congratulations:

- ⇒ Chief Fraitzl has been named to the NH permissible fireworks review committee to represent the NH Association of Fire Chiefs.
- ⇒ And thank you to Capt. Carter for coordinating another year of successful waffle breakfasts.
- ⇒ Dean and Duane Chappell, Jake Shaw and Mike Canter for winning the 1st Annual MFD Golf Tournament.

Noteworthy Items:

- ◆ Utility 1 is out of service permanently. It will be sent to the state auction in October.
- ◆ Firefighter Safety and Survival (RIT) class Oct. 24th 1800-2200 and Oct. 27 & 28 0800-1700 each day. This is mandatory for all personnel who have not completed it previously.
- ◆ Rescue Trainings have been cancelled due to the RIT class.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Keep the date: Saturday May 17, 2008 for the 118th Annual Milford Fireman's Ball.

Highlights of the Month:

