

Fire & Rescue Chief's Report

Responses for 2008

Structure	Vehicle
Chimney.....5	Accidents.....34
Fires.....10	Extrication.....5
Alarms.....7	Fires.....4
<i>Total</i>22	<i>Total</i>43
Forestry	Other
Unattended Burns.....3	Wires Down.....24
Smoke.....1	Mutual Aid.....38
Grass.....1	Public Assist.....11
Woods.....3	Hazmat.....1
<i>Total</i>8	<i>Total</i>74

Total Fire Department Responses 147

EMERGENCY NUMBER

Total Rescue Responses 208

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This has been a very slow year for grants. The Department received one from Maine Emergency Medical Services. It was for the purchase of a Tough Book Laptop for the Rescue. All of the patient run reports are now done electronically. In 2008 we transitioned to Androscoggin County Sheriffs Department for our dispatching service; which is working well. I am very proud to say the Department has formed a Color Guard. They came together for the services of our Past Chief Donald Brown, but have continued to meet, fill out their uniforms and train.

I can't say enough about the dedication and devotion of department members. Our numbers did shrink a little but the accomplishments didn't. The department has a new Paramedic, three new Intermediates, and a new First Responder. The Department saw four of it's' members achieve Fire Fighter 2 Certification, and a newly Certified Municipal Fire Instructor. These achievements alone account for thousands of hours of class and clinical time. Although things are going well our membership has decreased, so we are constantly looking for new members; anybody that is interested should stop in or call 353-2473.

I would like to recognize the Department's 2007 overachievers. The Officer of the Year was Deputy Chief Curtis Dimock Jr., Firefighter of the Year was FF1/EMTI John Faith, EMS Provider of the Year was EMTI Jackie Turcotte, Rookie of the Year was FF2 Chris Harris, and Explorer of the Year was Alex Kazimer.

Respectfully Submitted,
William St. Michel
Fire & Rescue Chief