

To: Deering Board of Selectmen
From: Chief Andy Anderson
Date: 1 July 2009
Subject: Monthly Report

This month's report will cover the period from 1 June to 30 June 2009. The Deering Fire and Rescue responded to 14 calls during the month, all were Ambulance responses.

Engine Two suffered a mechanical failure on the 23rd which required the services of the Highway Department, towing the vehicle from the area of His Mansion to the Highway garage. Unfortunately, despite the efforts of our Town Mechanic, the Engine had to be towed to a repair facility out of town on the 25th. The good news is that the apparatus was only out of service until the evening of the 26th. Until that time, Tanker One was repositioned to the East side of town to provide coverage.

Two members, Lieutenant Ron Gleason and Firefighter Chrissy Elliott, were granted Medical Leaves of Absence for ninety days beginning June 1st.

Firefighter Kris Saunders successfully completed his EMT-Basic program and along with recent graduate James Wilcoxon has been temporarily reassigned, for the month of July, to the Murdough Station to participate in weekly training with the Ambulance.

Thanks to the efforts of Lieutenant Cindy Gidley, our Department was chosen by the Bureau of EMS to receive a Continuous Positive Airway Pressure device. The CPAP unit, which came at no cost to the town, will provide assistance to patients with severe breathing difficulty. Many times the use of this unit will prevent the need for the patient to be placed on a ventilator.

Lieutenant Gidley did the necessary research for the grant application and the rest of the Ambulance members came forward and voluntarily paid the fee to join the New Hampshire Association of Emergency Medical Technicians, a requirement for award consideration.

The Deering Ambulance officers, Assistant Chief Ladue and I have met with members of the Hillsboro Ambulance and their Chief Officers to discuss cross training and relying on each other more than we have in the past. We believe this will be in the best interest of both Departments. At this time we are providing this service through our present Mutual Aid agreement.

Motor Vehicle Extrication was our Training for the month, as we dismantled the wheel chair van at the Murdough Station on the 16th. On the 18th, our members traveled to the Henniker Fire Station for a visit from the crew of the DHART helicopter. The weather, unfortunately, left the chopper on the ground in Hanover.

On the 2nd, immediately following the Department meeting, our members participated in a tour of The Wilds of New England so we could get a first-hand look at the layout of the facility. The line officers are working on a preplan of The Wilds for both Fire and Ambulance responses.

On the 22nd, Assistant Chief Ladue completed an inspection of the renovated Deering General Store. The few items that he found non-compliant were corrected within days of the first inspection on the 18th. Work also continues on the new dormitory at His Mansion that will be constructed soon with an approved sprinkler system.

A large contingent of Fire and Rescue members and their spouses/significant others joined with other Deering employees to watch the Portland Sea Dogs defeat the New Hampshire Fisher Cats in extra innings on June 26th. Our thanks to Selectman J.P. Marzullo for organizing the event – we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and are already looking forward to next year's Third Annual trip to Manchester!

The Deering Fire and Rescue Association's current fundraiser is the raffle of a 42" HDTV as we continue raising money for the purchase of a Thermal Imaging Camera. See any Deering Fire and Rescue member for information or tickets. The drawing will take place on 12 July 2009.

The Fire and Rescue Call Summary and Apparatus Report for the month of June are attached.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chief Andy Anderson
Deering Fire and Rescue

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