

To: Deering Board of Selectmen
From: Chief Andy Anderson
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Subject: Monthly Report

This month's report will cover the period from 1 August to 31 August 2011. The Deering Fire and Rescue responded to 22 calls during the month.

Our members stood by at the stations during the height of Hurricane Irene on August 28th. We monitored water levels in several locations of town, including the Contoocook River at Johnson City and Longwoods Park. We also made frequent checks of the dam on Reservoir Road. Fortunately, there was only one incident that required Fire & Rescue intervention as a result of Hurricane Irene – a downed power line on County Road.

Engine One traveled to Claremont to have the air conditioner recharged. Ambulance One suffered minor damage after a call on August 11th when it struck another member's vehicle.

We have been having difficulties with the generator on Engine Three since the vehicle returned from being refurbished. At this time we are trouble-shooting the electrical problem in house.

There were no projects at the stations this month but we did discover during the hurricane that the roof leaks at the Donovan Station.

Probationary Firefighter Adrian Smith began his FFI class at the New Hampshire Fire Academy on August 1st.

Assistant Chief Chris Ladue and I, along with Town Administrator Craig Ohlson, performed an inspection of the Alternative High School on August 3rd. We found the school section needing only minor corrections but we are still working with Rymes Inc. to inspect the hangar section of the building.

The Assembly Permit at the Town Hall was renewed the same day.

EMS Training for the month was held on the 16th. Paramedic Seth Chichester from Washington delivered a power point presentation on Shock.

We did some fairly extensive Fire Training in August, beginning with pump/water supply training while we filled the cistern at the Town Hall on August 7th. At this drill we did find a split in both of the seams of the porta tank from Tanker Two – this twenty-five plus year old piece of equipment was unable to be repaired and a new one was put in service on August 31st.

On August 9th we worked with the Thermal Imaging Camera in a vacant building belonging to The Wilds of New England. They have graciously offered the use of this building through the Fall for additional training with the TIC.

Scheduled training on the 23rd was canceled due to a Motor Vehicle Accident that involved five patients; training on the 30th was postponed due to the Hurricane Irene response from two days earlier.

The Explorers had a busy month as well, supporting our activities at routine calls and during the hurricane. Our Explorer Post has grown in size and they are a valuable asset to our Department. We appreciate their hard work and dedication!

I met with Hillsboro Fire Department Chief Ken Stafford on August 25th to discuss joint training with his Department during 2012.

Antrim Fire and Ambulance Chief Mike Beauchamp gave us a generous donation on the 20th. We are now the proud owners of a Stryker cot for our Ambulance. The cot is in excellent condition and was placed in service on Ambulance One on August 28th. Our thanks to Chief Beauchamp!

The Fire and Rescue Call Summary, Ambulance Call Summary, and Apparatus Report for the month of August are attached.

Respectfully Submitted,

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