



TOWNSEND FIRE-EMS DEPARTMENT

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Fire-EMS Quarterly Report

ACTIVITY

Call volume has been average for this time of year. In mid-February several of our members went above and beyond the call of duty to save the life of a young man suffering from a brain aneurism. The crew responded to a reported diabetic emergency and quickly identified the adolescent was having an aneurism. Thanks to the early recognition and their efforts he was flown to Boston Children's Hospital for emergency Neuro Surgery. He survived the event and has fully recovered. The members on this call have been recognized by me at our last membership meeting. They have also been recommended to the Office of Emergency Medical Services for consideration for awards.

March 7th we had our first structure fire for the year at 23 Proctor Road. Crews spent several hours battling a fire on the second floor of a residential home. The fire was challenging due to heavy fire load from hoarding. Mutual aid assistance was provided by the Towns of Lunenburg, Groton and Ashby.

POLICY CHANGES

Draft policies for "mayday" and "rapid intervention" are being reviewed by the officers of the department and will be implemented next month. The department Rules and Regs are also being reviewed and updated.

PERSONNEL

In December three new members came on board. Two of these were per diem paramedics which did not make it through probation. Long-time Firefighter Paramedic Kurtis Trehey resigned in February after being on an extended leave of absence. Kurtis no longer has the time to help us out due to other family and work obligations.

The board recently approved two per diem Paramedics and one Paid-On-Call Firefighter. We have one additional Paramedic and one call firefighter application being process at this time.

2016-2017 Shift Shortages

	ALS Short (HRS)		No ALS (HRS)		NOBODY WORKING		Fire Short (HRS)		Total	
	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017
January	13	9	42	0	0	0	0	4	55	13
February	16	18	1	19	14	0	0	1	31	20
March	5	18	0	27	0	0	10	11	15	56
April		0		7		0		0		7
May		20		5		0		18		43
June		17		28		0		11		56
July		36		32		0		4		72
August		38		47		0		30		115
September		15		76		0		11		102
October		18		38		0		0		56
November		0		37		0		20		57
December		24		37		0		15		76
Total	34	161	43	251	14	0	10	189	101	673

STAFFING

As you can see in the chart above we continue to struggle filling shifts. The total hours of shortages for the first quarter of this year are slightly above the same time period last year.

BUDGET

Budget wise were are in good shape. Because we have been short staffed we are seeing a savings in wages. We are currently underspent in wages by \$30,000.

GRANTS

In January we received our annual fire SAFE grants for kids fire safety and senior safety program totaling \$6,123

WEST FIRE STATIONS STATUS

This project is well underway but behind schedule nearly two months due to the extreme cold, snow and change orders. Currently the concrete walls, roof and gable ends are complete. We are hopeful the floor will be completed by April 15th so interior construction can begin. Estimated completion date is August 1st.

COMMUNICATION CENTER

Fire and Police have attended the first half of IMC Software training. Additional training is scheduled for April. PAMET to IMC data conversion has started and should be completed sometime this summer. Phone system and dedicated radios at NVRDD for Townsend are still pending.

Respectfully

Chief
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