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A Quarterly Publication of the Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid Association

## 2nd Alarm MCI from Vehicle Crash in Laconia

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## From the Chief...


Jonathan M. Goldman, CPE



As summer winds down, and we begin to see the leaves changing we begin to transition from Summer, to Autumn. The summer has been fairly quiet for large fires, and with the ground as wet as it has been we have not had any significant building fires, or brush fires this quarter.

We are ramping up the beginning of our CAD rollout, which is slated to Go Live around the end of October. The staff is working on building run cards, common places, and everything else needed for a CAD system being built from the ground up. Lt. Dave Parker has stayed on part time and is continuing to lead the CAD project team. Lt. Parker should be commended for his commitment and dedication to this project. Without his guidance, experience, and expertise we would not be in as good shape as we are.

We spent most of this quarter with two vacancies, one Lieutenant, and one Dispatcher. Both positions were filled towards the end of the quarter with both employees beginning their training period. The Lieutenant candidate will be done training by December, when we look forward to being back to full staff.

We continue to meet with the Department of Safety about the building project, and have a kick off meeting scheduled with the architect and design firm in October. We will continue to work with the Department of Safety, and the Division of Emergency Services and Communication to seamlessly transition to the new building, and keep everyone informed as the project develops. 

Jon Goldman, CPE  
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## The Rural Hitch

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# Vehicle in Looney Bin Bar & Grill causes 2nd Alarm Mass Casualty Incident

The Laconia Fire Department was dispatched to a reported motor vehicle into a building at 554 Endicott Street North in Laconia on July 2nd, 2023. Upon arrival, Laconia's 13 Engine 5 and 13 Ambulance 5 found a four-door sedan inside the Looney Bin Bar & Grill with numerous people injured. Due to the high number of people inside the establishment when the car crashed into the building, and the unknown quantity of people injured, a 2nd alarm Mass Casualty Alarm (MCI) response was requested. Laconia companies quickly began to triage those involved to identify patients with the most significant injuries.

An estimated 14 patients were transported to Laconia Hospital (Concord), Concord Hospital, and Franklin Hospital (Concord). An additional twenty patients were evaluated and did not require medical transport. Two of the patients transported had significant lower leg injuries; the other transports were for lacerations, contusions, and other non-life-threatening injuries.

Laconia Captain Chad Vaillancourt stated, "There were a lot of people inside due to it being lunchtime and a holiday weekend. The great response from our mutual aid partners allowed us to help many injured people in a short amount of time." Crews from Gilford, Belmont, Meredith EMS, Tilton-Northfield, and Franklin assisted Laconia companies with treatment and transport. The building also sustained significant damage due to the impact of the car.

There were no reported firefighter injuries. The cause of the accident is still under investigation by the Laconia Police Department. The Center Harbor and Meredith Fire Departments assisted with station coverage.





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# LRMFA ASSISTS HAMPTON BEACH SEAFOOD FESTIVAL

The Hampton Beach Seafood Festival, celebrating its 34th anniversary this year, ran from September 8, through September 10th at Hampton Beach. New to the festivities this year was an Air Show to be held over the water, right off the beach.

Hosting an Air Show on top of a city-sized Seafood Festival built within the Town of Hampton takes additional planning responsibilities. One such responsibility is the ability to have command and control, over all of the land, air, and water assets simultaneously. The Town of Hampton routinely uses the Seacoast Chief Officers Mutual Aid District Command Post.

LRMFA Dispatcher Sattler is a FEMA Communications Unit Technician Trainee (COMT), and Chief Goldman is a credentialed FEMA Communications Unit Leader (COML), as part of these credentials Dispatcher Sattler was requested to assist in establishing the Communications Networks to be used during the air show.

While on-site prior to the Hampton Beach Seafood Festival, Dispatcher Sattler was able to work in another Command Post that he had not worked in, to conceptualize, mobilize, and test multiple communications networks to be used during the airshow, and during the Hampton Beach Seafood Festival as needed. LRMFA is grateful to the Hampton Beach Seafood Festival, and the Hampton Fire Department for allowing our personnel to perform in real-world training scenarios.



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# Town of Barnstead Posthumously Honors Chief Shawn Mulcahy

On August 12th, 2023 at the Barnstead Old Home Day, late Fire Chief and friend Shawn Mulcahy was honored with a posthumous award for his dedication/ commitment to the town. Always putting the town first. Shawn had a strong belief in community and giving back. His dedication to this community was unwavering and something we should all be thankful for. He touched more lives than we can possibly count.

The Town of Barnstead would like to thank the Mulcahy family for not only sharing Shawn with them over countless holidays, nights, and weekends of him answering the call to help but also for their service to our community. Receiving the award for Shawn were his wife Staci, son Christopher, son-in-law Ken White, and sister Joy.

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Chief Alfred Poulin of The Barnstead Fire Department regrets to announce the passing of (Retired) Deputy Fire Chief Rodney T. Boyd. Deputy Chief Rodney Boyd started his fire service career on November 11, 1956, with the Center Barnstead Fire Department until his retirement on November 30, 2015, serving 59 years of continuous and dedicated service to the Town of Barnstead. Over all those years of service, Deputy Chief Boyd was not only active as a firefighter and an officer But during his tenure as Fire Chief of the Center Barnstead Fire Department; he contributed to the merger of the Center Barnstead Fire Company and Barnstead Parade Fire Company and was instrumental in guiding the Center Barnstead Fire Department and Ambulance squad. His career with the fire service in the Town of Barnstead is truly remarkable and will be truly missed.



Deputy Chief Boyd was well known in the NH fire service. Deputy Chief Boyd was also an Instructor for Fire Service, he taught many classes throughout the area. Deputy Boyd also worked as a Lineman and a Supervisor for NH-COOP for many years until he retired.

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## Many Changes for Belmont Fire



On Wednesday, August 23, 2023, Deborah Black was sworn in as the Fire Chief for the Belmont Fire Department. Chief Black joined Belmont Fire Department on January 6, 2020 as our Assistant Chief and Inspector. On April 30th, upon the retirement of our, then, Fire Chief, Chief Black transitioned into the role of Acting Chief, where she took on the roles of Chief, Assistant Chief and Inspector. We are very happy that she has officially been promoted to Chief and can't wait to see what she has in store for this department! Congratulations Chief!

# Waterville Valley First Responders Receive Equipment Grant from Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation

*Grant is part of more than \$75 million given by Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation to public safety organizations across the U.S.*



(Waterville Valley, N.H.) – Waterville Valley Department of Public Safety recently received a \$24,635 grant from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation to purchase vehicle extrication tools. This critical equipment will allow our first responders to be better prepared in emergency situations and protect the citizens served by the Waterville Valley Department of Public Safety to the best of our abilities.

“On behalf of the Waterville Valley Department of Public Safety and its members, I want to thank the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation and our local Firehouse Subs in Manchester,” Chief David Noyes. “We are incredibly humbled to receive this vital equipment to continue to keep the citizens served by the Waterville Valley Department of Public Safety protected.”

The new tools will replace 26-year-old equipment. Newer vehicles present a challenge for us as they are composed of stronger steels which our outdated equipment struggles to cut through. These tools will decrease the amount of time it takes to extricate a victim and increase patient care time. Quicker patient care results in better outcomes.

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## LRMFA Ends Support of Online CAD

The online CAD is part of our current CAD system, which is unsupported by the CAD company. We are transitioning to a new CAD in November.

The online CAD was never intended for public data consumption, but once the link leaked out we chose to leave it public as it seemed the public enjoyed it.

The public-facing CAD had data corruption and began showing old calls. We've taken it down and don't foresee it coming back.

The new software that we are going to in November doesn't currently have a similar feature. The vendor is working on developing one, but it is not currently ready for deployment. We recognize this is disappointing to some who have used the online CAD to stay abreast of emergencies in their community.



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Kyle Boynton



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Dispatcher Jen Olisky



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Lieutenant Matt LaDuke

# PROMOTIONS



**LRMFA**  
Lieutenant Derreck Trempe

Chief Jon Goldman is pleased to announce the promotion of Dispatcher Derreck Trempe to the rank of Lieutenant. Lt. Trempe celebrated his four-year anniversary with LRMFA in June. He began as a Full Time Dispatcher and transitioned to Per-Diem last fall. We are excited that he has decided to rejoin our ranks as a full-time employee.

With Lt. Trempe's promotion, he will be assigned to and lead his own shift in a supervisory capacity. LRMFA staffs one Lieutenant (shift supervisor) and one Dispatcher per shift, 24x7. Lt. Trempe will be the shift supervisor working with his partner to lead the shift and is responsible for ensuring all policies, procedures, and standards are followed. Lt. Trempe's promotion was effective July 12, 2023.



# NEWS FROM THE DISTRICT







TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

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- Two-Tone Cab Exterior Paint
- Cummins I9 - 450 HP
- Allison 3000EVS Automatic Transmission
- Automatic Tire Chains - On-Spot
- ABS Mud & Snow Selector Switch
- 40 Amp - Battery Charger - ProMariner
- EMS Cabinets - Exterior Door
- Roof Mounted Remote Spotlight - Golight
- Front Bumper Ext - 24"
- Front Suction - 5"
- Frt Jumphine, 2.5"
- 1750 GPM
- 1000 US Gallons
- Foam Tank, (1) 30 Gals
- Foam System, Hale "FoamLogix"
- FRC In Control 400 Pressure Governor
- Heater, Pump House, 53,500 BTU Hot Water
- Speedlay, (3) Beds, 1.5" NST / 1.5" NST / 2.5" NST
- Discharge, 2.5" R/S & L/S Rear
- Rear Suction, Gated, 6"
- L/S & R/S Full Length, Coffin Compartments
- Hosebed Covers, Alum, Dual, Two-Piece, Hinged
- SCBA Tubes, (7) Rear Wheelwell, (3) L/S - (4) R/S,
- Thru The Tank Ladder Group
- Ladder, 14' Roof, Duo-Safety
- Ladder, 10' Fldng Attic
- Ladder, 24' Two-Sect Ext
- Hi Output LED Forward Brow Light
- FRC, Spectra, Ultrabright LED, 20,000 Lumens Body Scene Lighting
- Whelen - LED - TAM-85 Traffic Advisor





# Alton Fire Chief James Beaudoin Retires



**NEWS FROM THE DISTRICT**



The members of the Alton Fire Department would like to congratulate Chief James Beaudoin on his retirement and wish him all the best in his next chapter in life.

Chief Beaudoin led our department for the past 5 years, and his knowledge, experience, and professionalism were great assets as our department navigated many challenges in that time, including record-breaking increases in call volume, a nationwide shortage of fire/EMS responders, and working our way through the Covid-19 pandemic.

Chief Beaudoin was a phenomenal example of a “working Chief”, regularly going beyond the normal administrative and large-scale incident command duties of a Chief Officer. He could regularly be found responding to all types of incidents on nights and weekends and never shying away from throwing on an air-pack, getting his hands dirty, or caring for a patient in the ambulance.

We greatly appreciate the mentorship and support as so many of our members developed themselves into better first responders and pursued higher-level EMS licensure under his leadership. It’s a great feeling to have a leader who truly cares about each and every individual.

Thank you Chief for letting us be a part of your impressive 23-year fire-service career, and don’t be a stranger!

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|                     | <i>Month</i>             | <i>Admin</i> | <i>Emergency</i> | <i>Incidents</i> |
|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|
| 2023 First Quarter  | January                  | 1300         | 2507             | 2322             |
|                     | February                 | 1212         | 2363             | 2232             |
|                     | March                    | 1228         | 2311             | 2168             |
|                     | <i>Total for Quarter</i> | <i>3740</i>  | <i>7181</i>      | <i>6722</i>      |
|                     | <i>Avg/Day</i>           | <i>41.56</i> | <i>79.79</i>     | <i>74.69</i>     |
| 2023 Second Quarter | April                    | 1197         | 2311             | 2067             |
|                     | May                      | 1416         | 2673             | 2416             |
|                     | June                     | 1500         | 2819             | 2619             |
|                     | <i>Total for Quarter</i> | <i>4113</i>  | <i>7803</i>      | <i>7102</i>      |
|                     | <i>Avg/Day</i>           | <i>45.20</i> | <i>85.75</i>     | <i>78.04</i>     |
| 2023 Third Quarter  | July                     | 1485         | 3042             | 2862             |
|                     | August                   | 1527         | 2863             | 2646             |
|                     | September                | 1476         | 2687             | 2513             |
|                     | <i>Total for Quarter</i> | <i>4488</i>  | <i>8592</i>      | <i>8021</i>      |
|                     | <i>Avg/Day</i>           | <i>48.78</i> | <i>93.39</i>     | <i>87.18</i>     |
| 2023 Fourth Quarter | October                  | 0            | 0                | 0                |
|                     | November                 | 0            | 0                | 0                |
|                     | December                 | 0            | 0                | 0                |
|                     | <i>Total for Quarter</i> | <i>0</i>     | <i>0</i>         | <i>0</i>         |
|                     | <i>Avg/Day</i>           | <i>0.00</i>  | <i>0.00</i>      | <i>0.00</i>      |
| <b>2023</b>         | <i>Month</i>             | <i>Admin</i> | <i>Emergency</i> | <i>Incidents</i> |
|                     | <i>Total for 2023</i>    | <i>12341</i> | <i>23576</i>     | <i>21845</i>     |
|                     | <i>Avg/Day</i>           | <i>45.21</i> | <i>86.36</i>     | <i>80.02</i>     |

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