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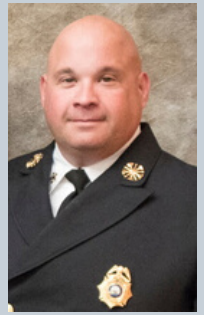
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From the Chief...

Jonathan M. Goldman, RPL



As I sat down to write this article, I was thinking about the events of COVID19. It seems like not that long ago as an organization we were coming off the hustle and bustle of the holidays, ready to take on 2020 with a vengeance. Here we are, just three months later and our schools are shut down, our economy is shut down, any gains we have seen in our investments and 401(k)'s have all but vanished, and as a nation our unemployment rate has risen to a rate not seen since the great depression.

As Public Safety, it is our job to serve, and protect our communities in many ways. Whether we are Firefighters, EMT's, Dispatchers, Police Officers, or Command Staff we are expected to go to work every day with a single goal of identifying risks, mitigating hazards, and responding to everyday emergencies. In the course of 3-4 weeks, as a region, as a state, and as a nation we have changed our posture from everything we have known, to now planning and preparing for an enemy, a risk, a hazard that cannot be seen, touched, or felt until it has taken hold of someone. Like all of the agencies that LRMFA serves, the LRMFA staff have spent much of the last several weeks in endless conference calls, prowling the local stores for hand sanitizer and seeking alternative sources for PPE all in an effort to first and foremost protect our personnel, and prepare our agencies. Please know, that LRMFA is here to work with, assist, and protect our member communities, their responders, and their citizens in a collaborative effort among us all. I have often said "we are stronger together, then we are apart" and in these uncertain times, this is so true.

One of the many benefits of being a member of the Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid Association, is that you and your agencies are members of a professional standards-based emergency communications center that is lead by industry professionals. LRMFA as a communications center has been plugged in at the state level and has been able to pivot our operations to meet our agencies needs daily. A project that Lt. Parker had been working on was to reprogram the CAD system to use the actual 9-1-1 EMD Determinants as call codes allowing us to get call types out to the field via text messages in a more simple and timely manner. With the implementation of the Pandemic 36 protocol Lt. Parker advanced that project, and our responders are now seeing the actual call determinant "card" sent to them via text message. This advancement had been in the works, but we simply stepped up the deployment, and implemented it. Thank you to Lt. Parker for his commitment and dedication to continuing to seek out ways to better enhance our responder safety, the level of emergency communications services we provide.

As LRMFA worked through the first quarter of 2020 we continue to work with our radio vendor to keep the new radio system implementation forward. We are awaiting an MOU from the State of NH which will allow us connectivity from Blue Job mountain in a better manner then what was originally anticipated. We are working with our radio vendor to enhance the microwave connectivity to Kearsarge Mountain, which will bring that site online. Once those two sites are online, we will be very quickly moving towards the final steps needed to turn on the much awaited, and anticipate new radio infrastructure system.

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As part of the new radio infrastructure system, we planned to stand up a "new" repeated Channel 7. The new repeater system will allow three interconnected repeaters located on Tenney, Blue Job, and Belknap to all work together as a district wide repeater system. The repeater system will be used for district wide communications, disaster communications, and will be used as a failsafe in case our building is destroyed. Internally we will be able to make some configuration changes to the radio network on the fly and begin dispatching on Channel 1 through the Channel 7 repeater. The flexibility the new system will give us during daily operations and disaster operations will be unlike a system that LRMFA has ever seen.

The first quarter of 2020 also gave way too much discussion about the ongoing failed attempts to migrate to the XCAD software system. After much discussion and consternation, the decision has been made to stop that project and move towards implementing a different, cloud-based CAD system. The LRMFA CAD team has been looking at options, and soon a decision will be made as to which cloud-based CAD system to recommend. By moving to a cloud-based system, along with the improvements to our radio infrastructure, LRMFA will be uniquely positioned to have a robust COOP plan allowing us to continue uninterrupted operations from almost anywhere as part of our continuity planning.

The first quarter of 2020 also brought a couple of new voices to our airwaves. Dispatcher Dave Avery completed training and has been assigned to Lt. Parkers shift. Dave comes to us with years of experience dispatching in Massachusetts as well as being a call FF/EMTB with the Pelham NH Fire Department. Dave is doing a fantastic job and is a remarkable firehouse chef. Dispatcher Kellie Regan also completed her training, and comes to us with Dispatch experience, formerly having dispatched for Tufts University Police, and serving the country as a Military Police Officer in the United States Air Force.

As we move into the second quarter of 2020, we are excited about the radio system, getting through the COVID19 Pandemic, and life returning to normal so we can all continue to enjoy this place we call home.

Jon Goldman, RPL, COML
Chief Coordinator 

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PROMOTIONS



Belmont Fire Department Hires an Assistant Chief and additional Full Time Firefighter

Our department started 2020 with some big changes! On January 2, 2020, Firefighter Katelyn Downs started with the Belmont Fire Department. Firefighter Downs was previously volunteering at the Canterbury Fire Department. Belmont Fire Department is her first fulltime firefighter position, and we are so excited to have her! Her motivation and work ethic has her off to a great start. We are excited that she is starting her fulltime career with our department and are eager to see her grow in the fire service. On January 6, 2020, Assistant Chief Deborah Black started with the Belmont Fire Department. Assistant Chief Black was previously the Fire Inspector for the Franklin Fire Department, and before that, a member of the Laconia Fire Department for 13 years. Assistant Chief Black brings a lot to the table for us at the Belmont Fire Department and we are very lucky to have her on our team. She is going to be a great fit! We are very excited to have these additions to our department! Welcome to the department Assistant Chief Black and Firefighter Downs!





Alton Fire-Rescue handles Ice Rescues

The weekend of February 1st and 2nd was a busy weekend for Alton Fire-Rescue. Alton and Wolfeboro Fire Departments joined for an ice rescue training. They quickly learned that something almost fell through the ice off of Brewster Beach. Right at a large crack in the ice a few hundred feet from shore there was a 10' round circle of floating broken chunks of ice. During their second training evolution Alton was called for an actual ATV through the ice at Smith point. The airboat diverted from the training to the call. Alton Fire-Rescue ended up getting 2 calls for vehicles through the ice that Saturday. Thankfully no one was injured and the vehicles have been recovered. Both incidents involved people who are experienced on the lake.



On March 4th members of the Laconia Fire Department were dispatched into the City of Laconia by Lt. Kevin Nugent, and Dispatcher Brian Searles. The crew of 13A5 performed a successful in field delivery of a baby boy.



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If you do not know the tragic story behind this much needed legislation, please Google Kari Hunt. Kudos to her father, Hank, and to others like Mark Fletcher who worked tirelessly to correct an issue that will likely save countless lives going forward.

Kari's Law, nationally went into effect on February 16, 2020. It's named after Kari Hunt, who was tragically murdered in her hotel room in 2013 after multiple failed attempts by her young daughter to dial 9-1-1 because she did not know she needed to dial an extra 9 to dial out. Medical examiners agree that had her daughter been able to reach emergency services, Kari would have survived the attack. The law is designed to ensure that anyone, anywhere can reach emergency services by dialing only 9-1-1 and that critical location data is provided with that call. #no9needed #911 #karislaw



Belmont Fire Battles 4th alarm building fire

On January 18th the Belmont Fire Department, along with many mutual aid companies, responded to a 4th alarm building fire on 121 Brown Hill Road in Belmont, NH. During that time, companies responded to medical calls and fire alarm activations throughout the town. Belmont Fire Department would like to thank their mutual aid partners who came and assisted with the fire last night, and helping run additional calls.



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Plymouth Fire Department Student Live-In Program

The Plymouth Fire Department is now accepting applications for the Student Live-in Program for the 2020-2021 academic school year. The Plymouth Fire Department's Student Live-in program has been developed for students enrolled in the Lakes Region Community College; Fire Protection/Fire Science programs. The Purpose of the program is to provide the student with an educational experience of field related work of Firefighting, Emergency Medical Services, and day to day operations of a combination fire department.

Plymouth Fire Department is a combination fire department that responds to approximately 1600 calls per year. The staff at Plymouth Fire Department is excited to introduce this program and help mature motivated students learn the career of a full-time firefighter.

For additional information and an application please contact the Plymouth Fire Department at 603-536-1253 and ask for Deputy Chief Bonan.



Moultonborough Rescue 2 has been placed in service. This is the sister truck to Rescue 3 that was purchased in 2016. Both trucks carry 400 gallons of water with a 1500 G.P.M pump, and 15 gallons of foam with CAFS capability. Both trucks are also equipped with advanced life support medical equipment and will be housed one at each fire station. Thank you @hmeahrensfox and @lakesfire for the great service provided and the Town of Moultonborough for your continued support



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On February 9, 2020 Campton-Thornton Fire Rescue held its holiday dinner at the Sunset Grill. The event is paid for by the Campton-Thornton Firemen's Association.

This is an annual event, where the members and their families get together to enjoy a good meal. The 2019 EMT and Firefighter of year awards were also presented. They are voted upon by the Fire Officers (Deputy Chief, Captains and Lieutenants) and is presented by the Fire Chief at the annual dinner.

The 2019 EMT of the year award went to FF/EMT Peter Hicks. Peter recently completed the Advanced EMT course. It was a very emotional moment, when the 2019 Firefighter of the year was posthumously awarded to Captain Dave Lavoie, who passed away in November, hours after he responded to an emergency call. Dave's son Evan was on hand to accept the award.

Chief Defosses surprised everyone and presented the first ever "Meritorious Conduct Award," to Lieutenant Tim Muldoon, for his "hard work, leadership and service beyond the call of duty, following the passing of Captain Lavoie." Lt. Muldoon served as the family liaison, maintaining communication between the family and CTFD. Lt. Muldoon was pivotal in the planning, organization and execution of the funeral service, and becoming a ray of light in our darkest moments.

Congratulations to this year's honorees. Thank you to the Sunset Grill for the great meal!





**GILMANTON FIRE DEPARTMENT
STUDENT PROGRAM**

IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2020/2021 SCHOOL YEAR

The Gilmananton Fire Department Resident Student Program is a cooperative learning environment developed for students enrolled in the Lakes Region Community College, Fire Protection/Fire Science program. The purpose of the Resident Student Program is to provide practical educational opportunities for students seeking a fire service career, in exchange for firefighting, emergency medical services and other fire service related duties for the Gilmananton Fire Department.

Students will reside at the firehouse, and they will participate in the daily responsibilities of fire department. Students will work with fulltime and call personnel gaining necessary knowledge and experience in preparation for a fulltime career in the fire service.

Gilmananton Fire Department has hosted students for over 30 years. Our staff is keenly aware of the skills and tools needed to successfully position a student for a successful career in the fire service. We are proud to have assisted in the development of many firefighters and officers currently employed in our state.

Please submit a letter of interest and resume to the attention of:

Chief Paul Hempel

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Gilmananton IW NH 03837



Laconia Fire Department announced on January 25th, the passing of Retired Lieutenant Michael Shastany. Lt Shastany proudly served the department for 24 years, from 1986-2010. Mike leaves behind his wife, and two adult sons. Mike had an amazing career as a lieutenant at Laconia Fire Department, retiring after 24 years of service. The brotherhood continues for life: all the stories, the poker games, his memories of his beloved fire-rescue boat, and the many, many projects always being worked on at the station during down-time. Someone always had the answers on how to do things — or so they thought. It was always a “let’s try this” kind of day at LFD.

Mike began his second career in information technology and biomed for LRGHealthcare. He worked with amazing people all through the hospital. Mike loved computers and technology. With his passion to learn new things and his EMS experience, he was a great asset to the hospital. A celebration of Life was held for Lt. Shastany at a packed, standing room only Beane Conference Center on Firday, January 31, 2020. #RIPMike



On the evening of December 26, 2019, LRMFA Chief Jon Goldman was browsing through a Firefighter group page via Facebook. He observed a gentleman, later identified as a retired Assistant Fire Chief, from a small Mississippi Volunteer Fire Department expressing his wishes to harm himself. This gentleman was repeatedly making statements such as “I feel like just giving up...for what it’s worth I just want to go in peace.” He further went on to say “...it has cost me two jobs and most everything I own, now my health is getting worse I’m about to lose the rest. I have no family left. If I go in for help, I lose my house and probably my wife...” There were many posts over several minutes with other post followers offering requisite words of support and encouragement. Of the most alarming post was one that read in part “If I continue, I know I will not be able to keep going. I hope to get my family/home in order and die.” These particular words struck a chord with Chief Goldman, knowing that mental health issues, and PTSD is one of the leading killers of first responders across all disciplines, it was at this time he reached out to the individual via Facebook Messenger, trying to contact him to divert his attention away from whatever demons had hold of him in that moment. He had stopped posting, so Chief Goldman was able to track his wife via Facebook Messenger and reached out to her. It was at this point a Brady Lutton posted that he was talking with the individual. **(Continued on next page)**



(Continued from previous Page) Chief Goldman then reached out to Brady via Facebook Messenger and advised him he would assist him in any way he could. Brady advised Chief Goldman he was a crisis dispatcher, the Chief inquired if he was a 9-1-1 Dispatcher, and he said yes. Brady then communicated with this individual for several hours, while he and Chief Goldman continued to research the information, they could find on who and where he may be.

Through Dispatcher Luttons skills and training as a Professional 9-1-1 Dispatcher, he was able to locate an address that he thought might be the right location. Dispatcher Lutton, then contacted Police and Fire for that location. The initial location ended up not being the correct one with Dispatcher Lutton telling Chief Goldman "he is sending me on a wild goose chase, but I will find him." Through conversation with the distraught individual Dispatcher Lutton determined, he and his wife were having some personal struggles, and coupled with his PTSD and life experience, he was in a mental health crisis. When he realized, locating the address or actual location would be difficult, Dispatcher Lutton changed gears, and ultimately ended up talking the individual into walking into his local fire station. Dispatcher Lutton had contacted the station in Gulfport, MS ahead of time so they knew to expect this individual. Dispatcher Lutton kept speaking to the individual, until they in fact did walk into the fire station and were evaluated and transported by local EMS.

Dispatcher Lutton contacted Chief Goldman the next morning to tell him that he had spoken with the individual's wife, and she told him he was already feeling better, and had been started on medication with a referral to counseling for his mental health. The individual himself, messaged Dispatcher Lutton and stated "Brady don't stop doing what you do, people need you, I don't know where things would have gone last night if I hadn't went to the room or group I did. Keep going, don't you give up. Your good at what you do." On December 29th Dispatcher Lutton reported to Chief Goldman that he had still been in contact with this gentleman, and he had now attended his first AA meeting. He then arranged for another group he was aware of to pay for this gentleman's much needed counseling.

We often hear that Dispatchers are the "First, First Responders" and make a difference every day. This is a tangible example of the lifesaving work Dispatchers do every day, Dispatcher Lutton utilized the technology available to him, and clearly assisted someone who wasn't even in his jurisdiction in such a way, that it will make a permanent, life altering difference in this person's life. I believe it is also worth mentioning that the on-duty Supervisor, Lindsay Callahan was made aware of Dispatcher Luttons "in progress" incident and supported him every step. The City of Murfreesboro should be proud of the outstanding work its Dispatchers do every day.

For Dispatcher Luttons actions, Chief Jon Goldman virtually presented Murfreesboro, TN 9-1-1 Dispatcher a Commendation, and has nominated him for the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials "Dispatcher of The Year" award.. Murfreesboro, TN Police Department also nominated Dispatcher Lutton for some additional recognition and he was presented with the Murfreesboro "Jerry Anderson - Hero Award."





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NH Recognizes states 2nd ever RPL



Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid would like to congratulate Fire Alarm Operator Cassandra Leavitt, of Hampton Fire-Rescue in Hampton, NH, in having completed the requirements necessary to receive the APCO Registered Public-Safety Leader (RPL) Designation.

The comprehensive Leadership Certificate Program offered by APCO Institute is a 12-month online program that leads to the professional designation of Registered Public-Safety Leader (RPL). RPL recipients receive a certificate of acceptance into the APCO Institute Registry of Public Safety Leaders, a prestigious acknowledgment of excellence within our profession. Obtaining her RPL demonstrates her commitment to becoming a better leader and working with high-performance teams in emergency communications throughout the State of NH.

FAO Leavitt has consistently contributed to emergency dispatch in the State of NH, New England, and beyond. FAO Leavitt is now only one of two APCO Registered Public-Safety Leaders in the State of NH, the other being Chief Jon Goldman of Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid. There are currently only 366 registered RPL's internationally. Of the 366 Registered Public Safety Leaders nationally, only 44 are within New England, NY, and NJ.

The Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid Association wishes to Congratulate FAO Cassandra Leavitt, RPL, and Hampton Fire Rescue, for their commitment to the Emergency Communications Field.



We'd like to take a minute and thank the LRMFA staff, they've been working for the past several weeks in a constantly changing and evolving environment. Protecting our first responders has and will always be their primary goal no matter what, and the staff has done a fantastic job. They have stepped up to the challenges of uncertainty at home and at work, they have maintained situational awareness and attended conference calls, we've limited their access to friends, family, and fellow first responders in the building.

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Bristol Fire Department

Student Program

APPLICATIONS DUE May 15th

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About the Program

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS:

The Bristol Fire Department, Resident Student Internship, is an independent educational program that operates in cooperation with the Lakes Region Community College in Laconia New Hampshire. The purpose of the program is to provide a two-year field experience that prepares students for careers in the Fire Service by exposing them to the principals of Firefighting, EMS, Emergency Management and Homeland Security.

The Program is designed for mature, motivated students who seek to augment their academic commitment by participating in a supervised program that provides actual job experience. The internship goes well beyond observation and job shadowing and requires active participation as a Firefighter/EMT in a working combination Fire Department.

Students are assigned to shifts that will complement the LRCC academic schedule and allow for adequate study time. Students will learn how to balance their classes, homework and internship responsibilities through a process of planning and communications with supervisors.

Resident Students live at the Bristol Fire Station in assigned student quarters. Working alongside career and call firefighters, students are exposed to the fire service culture and the community we serve.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Candidates for the Bristol Resident Student Internship Program shall be eighteen years old on or before September 1st of their freshman year and enrolled as a full-time student in the LRCC Fire Protection, Science or Investigation Degree Program. Resident Students must maintain a 2.5 average while enrolled in the internship.

APPLICATION SHALL INCLUDE:

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CANDIDATES WILL BE EVALUATED ON THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

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- Town of Bristol Employment Application
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- Motor Vehicle Records Check
- Two personal references
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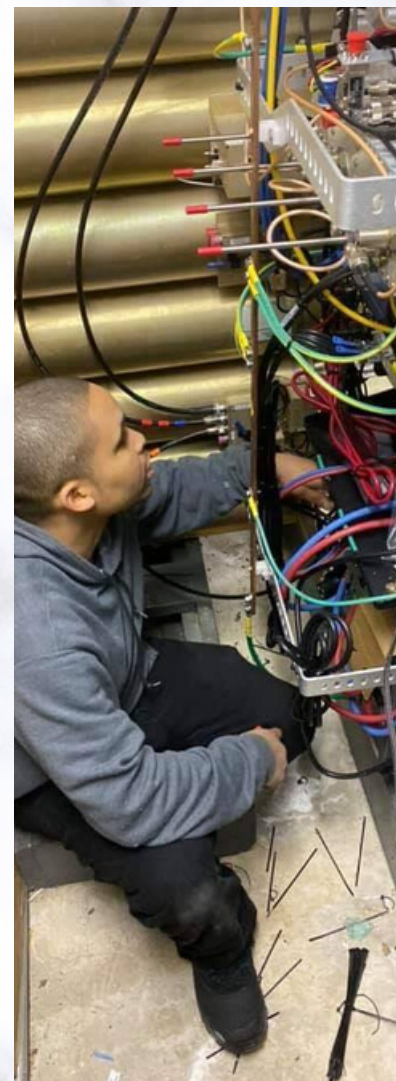
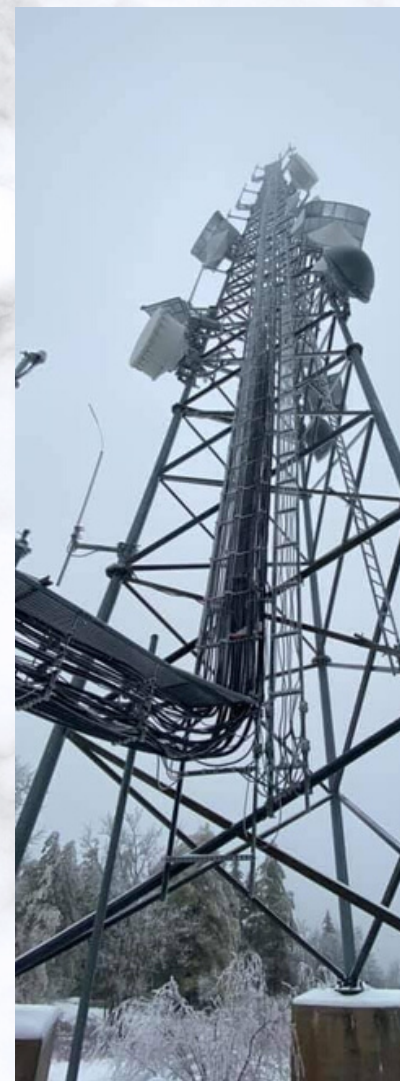
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ALL-COMM TECHNOLOGIES

SAVES THE DAY

February 7th and into the evening of February 8th the LRMFA Radio Project vendor, ALL-COMM Technologies was at Blue Job Mountain interfacing some new equipment to our radio network and preparing for cutover to the new system. Crews from ALL-COMM Technologies were also on Mt. Belknap and Kearsarge Mountain earlier in the week. The dedication and determination is beyond impressive! We're starting to think they're more excited about this project than we are!

As a side note, while the crew was at Blue Job Mountain the site lost commercial power due to the storm. They were able to assist a radio tech from a different agency over the phone in troubleshooting equipment and assisted in getting them back on the air!



NH Bureau of Emergency Communications Receives Two Coveted Designations

NH Bureau of Emergency Communications Receives Two Coveted Designations Congratulations to our partners at New Hampshire Bureau of Emergency Communications, NH, on February 24, 2020 they received Agency Training Program Certification, a Project 33 Initiative, from the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) International. NHBEC is one of only two agencies in NH, and five throughout New England, NY, and NJ to have ever received this coveted training program certification.

Public safety agencies use the APCO International Agency Training Program Certification as a formal mechanism to ensure their training programs meet APCO American National Standards (ANS). Initial and continuing training for public safety telecommunicators is important as they provide essential services to the public in an expanding and rapidly changing environment.

“Effective initial training, as well as continuing education are paramount for public safety telecommunicators,” said APCO International President Tracey Hilburn. “Successfully attaining APCO’s Agency Training Program Certification clearly demonstrates an agency’s commitment to the citizens and public safety responders they serve.”

On February 18, 2020 the NHBEC also re-accredited as the worlds 30th Medical Accredited Center of Excellence through the International Academy of Emergency Dispatch. Congratulations to NH E9-1-1 and all of their staff





Gilford Fire-Rescue would like to give FF/Medic Nate Hanson a sincere thank you for his nearly 10 years of dedicated service to the residents and visitors of the Town of Gilford. We wish him and his family the very best in their future endeavors!



A contingent of NH Firefighters attended the Boston Sparks annual Corned Beef Dinner held at Florian Hall in Boston to support NH State Fire Marshal Paul Parisi speak. Marshal Parisi spoke of the large scale China Star Restaurant fire that occurred in Salem NH on June 13, 2008, just before he became the State Fire Marshal.

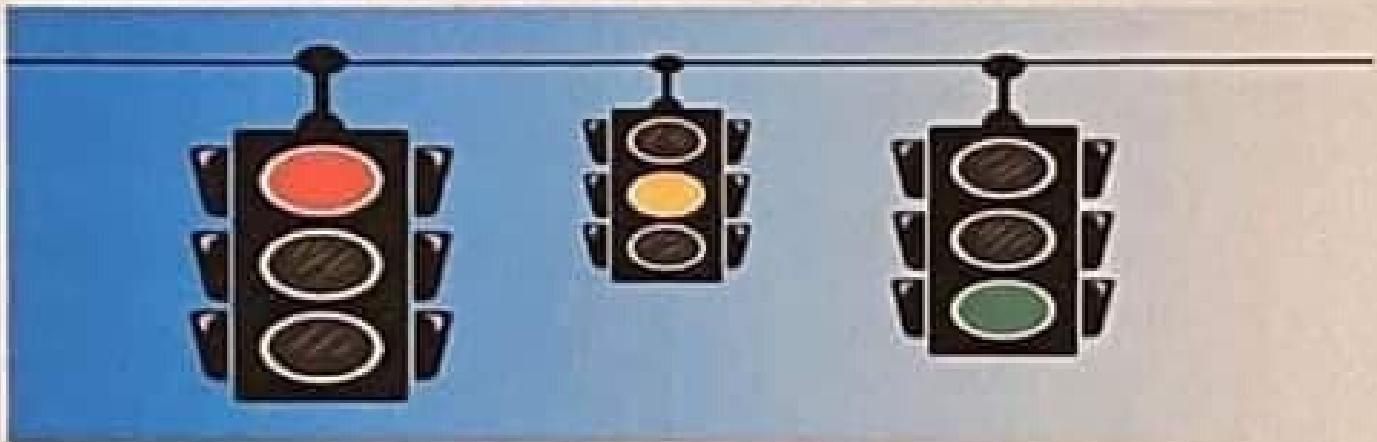


Marshal Parisi spoke at length about the fire, how the calls came in for it, his thoughts leading up to his arrival at the fire scene, and the aftermath. If you have never heard Marshal Parisi speak before, he is a dynamic and genuine speaker who just tells a story. You cannot help but to pay attention and listen to what he is talking about. Marshal Parisi talked at length about the Mayday that occurred at this fire, and how he and his command staff worked through clearing the Mayday and getting his personnel to safety. Represented at the meeting and presentation were Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid, Hampstead Fire Department, Sandown Fire Department, and several others plus many from MA and RI.

SOCIAL DISTANCING:

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Social distancing is the practice of reducing close contact between people to slow the spread of infections or diseases. Social distancing measures include limiting large groups of people coming together, closing buildings and cancelling events.



AVOID	Use Caution	Safe to DO
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Group GatheringsSleep OversPlaydatesConcertsTheatre OutingsAthletic EventsCrowded Retail StoresMallsWorkouts in GymsVisitors in your HouseNon-essential workers in your houseMass Transit Systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Visit a local RestaurantVisit Grocery StoreGet Take OutPick up MedicationsPlay Tennis in a ParkVisiting the LibraryChurch ServicesTraveling	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Take a WalkGo for a HikeYard WorkPlay in your YardClean out a ClosetRead a Good BookListen to MusicCook a MealFamily Game NightGo for a DriveGroup Video ChatsStream a favorite showCheck on a FriendCheck on Elderly Neighbor

Plymouth Battles 3rd Alarm Fire



At approximately 12:00 PM on Sunday March 8, 2020 Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid dispatched the Plymouth Fire-Rescue Department along with Campton Thornton Fire-Rescue to 30 High St. in Plymouth for a building fire. Upon arrival, the initial Plymouth crew found a 2.5 story single family home with heavy smoke and fire showing from the front of the building. Plymouth Police, and an off-duty firefighter were on scene evacuating residents from the building prior to Plymouth Fire-Rescues arrival. Crews immediately called for a second alarm, which brought in additional resources from Ashland, Holderness, Rumney, Waterville Valley, and LRMFA C2 Deputy Chief Paul Steele. Crews encountered heavy fire throughout the first and second floor of the building and were withdrawn from the building to take a defensive posture. A third alarm was sounded upon the orders of Deputy Chief Jeremy Bonan bringing in more crews from New Hampton, Bristol, Hebron and Bridgewater to the scene. Center Harbor and Meredith EMS provided station coverage. All residents were able to safely escape, along with their dogs, unfortunately several cats are believed to have perished in the fire. Deputy Chief Bonan stated that the fire appeared to have started in an area of a container used for the disposal of smoking materials, and due to the amount of combustibles in close proximity, and the wind the fire had a head start on responders. The fire was brought under control in about two hours, with no injuries reported to civilians, or first responders.



LAKES REGION MUTUAL FIRE AID STATISTICS

	<i>Month</i>	<i>Admin</i>	<i>Emergency</i>	<i>Incidents</i>
2020 First Quarter	January	1683	2241	2031
	February	1406	2401	2125
	March	1425	2196	1935
	<i>Total for Quarter</i>	<i>4514</i>	<i>6838</i>	<i>6091</i>
	<i>Avg/Day</i>	<i>49.60</i>	<i>75.14</i>	<i>66.93</i>
2020 Second Quarter	April			
	May			
	June			
	<i>Total for Quarter</i>			
	<i>Avg/Day</i>			
2020 Third Quarter	July			
	August			
	September			
	<i>Total for Quarter</i>			
	<i>Avg/Day</i>			
2020 Fourth Quarter	October			
	November			
	December			
	<i>Total for Quarter</i>			
	<i>Avg/Day</i>			
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