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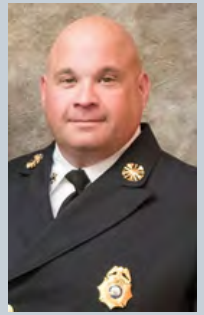
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## From the Chief...

**Jonathan M. Goldman, CPE**



The first quarter of 2025 has been full of progress and momentum! Our collaboration with the New Hampshire Department of Safety and Public Works on the new building continues to move forward. While this is an exciting time, it's also a very busy one as we explore the best and most effective ways to fund the project and turn vision into reality. Many of us were able to attend the groundbreaking ceremony on April 7<sup>th</sup>. Work has finally begun on the site.

In early December, Deputy Chief Hannafin submitted our LRMFA Training Program to APCO International for recertification under the Agency Training Program Certification (ATPC). This certification is akin to an accreditation of both our new hire and continuing education programs. To achieve this recognition, agencies must meet or exceed over 111 ANSI standards—no small feat. We were thrilled to receive notification in late March that our program has officially been recertified. This marks our first recertification period, and it reflects the continued commitment and professionalism of our team.

In January, Dispatchers Hanson and Gannon, along with Deputy Chief Hannafin, had the opportunity to attend a live training burn in Loudon. While both Dispatchers had successfully completed our rigorous training program when they were hired, neither had field experience. This live burn provided a valuable opportunity to witness fire operations from the field side—enhancing their understanding of what responders are experiencing on the ground. Deputy Chief Hannafin also gained additional hands-on experience coordinating communications and working directly with the incident commander at the command post.

A big thank you goes out to Chief Blanchette and the Loudon Fire Department for welcoming our team and providing this meaningful experience.

We are continuing to roll out MDT's and Crewforce applications for mobile users, and the WebCAD training. With WebCAD users are able to obtain all of their call information and run reports through it. Faxing has become very expensive, and there are only a couple of agencies still receiving faxes. As such we will stop faxing to all agencies beginning July 1, 2025. If you want to look at MDT's, Crewforce, or WebCAD training please reach out to our CAD Manager, Dispatcher Sattler at [asattler@lrma.org](mailto:asattler@lrma.org). (Continued on page 3)

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With spring around the corner, we're also looking forward to getting our grant-funded tent, trailer, and generator fully operational. Once ready, this package will become a deployable asset—a new chapter in our continued readiness and support for the region.

Here's to a strong start to 2025 and the exciting developments ahead! 



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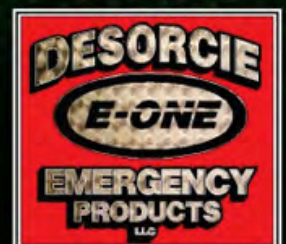
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On January 11, Dispatchers Hanson and Gannon had the opportunity to participate in a live training burn in Loudon under the supervision of Deputy Chief Hannafin. As two of our newer team members, this hands-on experience was invaluable in helping them better understand the operations and challenges they hear on the fire ground every day. Deputy Chief Hannafin was also tasked with coordinating Communications from the Command Post.

## LRMFA Assists at Acquired Structure Training

A huge thank you to the Loudon NH Fire Department for allowing our team to join and gain this critical perspective. Your support helps us strengthen the connection between the fire ground and Communications, ensuring we provide the best possible service to our member communities and mutual aid partners.







## LRMFA CELEBRATES THE BIRTHDAY OF 9-1-1

Happy Birthday to the emergency number 9-1-1. The first 9-1-1 call in the United States was made on February 16, 1968 in Haleyville, Alabama. The call was placed by Rankin Fite, the Speaker of the House for Alabama, and answered by Tom Bevill, a U.S. Representative.

The call was made from Haleyville City Hall to the local police station. The building that was used for the call later became Haleyville's City Hall. The call marked a significant moment in emergency response in the United States.

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# Sanbornton Fire & Rescue

565 Sanborn Rd, Sanbornton NH 03269  
(603) 286-4819



Paul D. Dexter Jr  
Fire Chief  
EMD

Scott Taylor  
Deputy Chief  
EMS Coordinator

## *Looking for a Part-Time Job – Check us out!!!!* *A new era for the Sanbornton Fire & Rescue*

Sanbornton Fire & Rescue is a combination department made up of a full-time Fire Chief, a part time Deputy Chief/EMS Coordinator, 1 full time Lieutenant/Paramedic, 3 full time Firefighter/EMT's, 1 part time administrative assistant, 12 Per Diem Firefighter/EMS providers and 5 On-Call Firefighters and EMS providers.



The Sanbornton Fire & Rescue aggressively responds on average to 500 emergency calls for service with approximately 50% Fire and 50% EMS, covering an area of 50 sq miles including three bodies of water and 8 miles of Interstate 93, we are also one of 35 communities that make up the "Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid" which Sanbornton Fire & Rescue assists with mutual aid and automatic aid responses to those members. With a fleet of apparatus that is modern and

current with an ambulance and Engine currently on order slated for delivery in 2026 and 2028 respectively.

In 2023 the residents of Sanbornton overwhelmingly supported the addition of two full-time firefighter/EMS providers to bring the full-time staffing to four which included coverage of the Central Station to 24 hours per day. Also, that year the Sanbornton Police Department moved out of the "Life Safey building" into their own space across the parking lot allowing us to expand and improve our administrative space and add two bunk rooms with room for four positions. Ultimately renaming the building the "Central Fire Station".

This year (2025) at the town meeting again the residents supported staffing needs with the addition of a 24-hour Per Diem shift, bringing staffing up to two firefighter/EMS providers 24-hours per day covering the Central Fire Station.





We are actively recruiting Per Diem (part-time) Firefighter/EMS providers for staffing 12 and/or 24-hour shifts.

Pay scale – per hour (due to state of NH restrictions can only work a maximum of 1,508 hours per year – average 29 hours per week). This new pay scale begins 7/1/2025

Firefighter/EMT - \$23.00 to 24.12 (\$34,684 to \$36,373) Based on 29 hours per week

Firefighter/AEMT - \$24.60 to \$25.81 (\$37,100 to \$38,922) Based on 29 hours per week

Firefighter/Paramedic - \$26.32 to 27.61 (\$39,691 to \$41,636) Based on 29 hours per week

Minimum requirements:

- 18 years of age
- High School diploma (or GED)
- NH Licensed provider at the EMT level (AEMT or Paramedic preferred)
- Valid NH driver's license
- Pro-Board Firefighter I (Firefighter II preferred, above pay scale base on FF II)
- **Highly self-motivated individuals** that can show a commitment to the town, our residents and the department.

Benefits: This is a permanent “Part-Time” position with no benefits

Compensation is based on credentials and experience, email a cover letter and resume to Fire Chief Paul Dexter – [pdexter@sanborntonfire.com](mailto:pdexter@sanborntonfire.com) , or mail to 565 Sanborn Rd./P.O. Box 112, Sanbornton NH 03269.

\*\*\*Closing Date: On Going\*\*\*





# LRMFA Hosts quarterly Training



On March 25, the LRMFA Training Division had the opportunity to host Dave Quick and his class, *The Engine Boss: 5 Years of My Mistakes*. We had an incredible turnout, with 68 attendees from New Hampshire, Maine, and Massachusetts, all eager to learn from Dave's experiences.

A huge thank you to everyone who participated—we appreciate your dedication to training and professional growth! We look forward to seeing you again on June 3rd for our next Quarterly Training on Swift Water.

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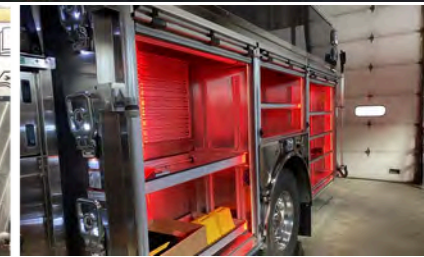
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- The Chief will also be responsible for the selection, evaluation and discipline of all Hill Fire Department members.
- The Chief is responsible for emergency management for the Town of Hill.
- Minimum requirement must be certified as NH Firefighter I.
- Firefighter II (OR able to obtain within one year or next class available)
- EMT or A-EMT preferred (OR able to obtain within two years or next class available)
- Two years practical experience in fire department leadership role
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	February	1213	2517	1961
	March	1381	2469	1966
	Total For Quarter	3855	7470	5945
	Avg/Day	42.83	83.00	66.06
2025 Second Quarter	April	0	0	0
	May	0	0	0
	June	0	0	0
	Total For Quarter	0	0	0
	Avg/Day	0	0	0
2025 Third Quarter	July	0	0	0
	August	0	0	0
	September	0	0	0
	Total For Quarter	0	0	0
	Avg/Day	0	0	0
2025 Fourth Quarter	October	0	0	0
	November	0	0	0
	December	0	0	0
	Total For Quarter	0	0	0
	Avg/Day	0.00	0.00	0.00
2025	Month	Admin	Emergency	Incidents
	Total for 2025	3855	7470	5945
	Avg/Day	42.83	83.00	66.06

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