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From the Chief

Chief Coordinator Jonathan M. Goldman, RPL

As I write this, I can hear motorcycles screaming up and down Route 106. The first half of Laconia's 95th annual motorcycle week has been very busy for the Communications Center, as has been the second quarter of 2018. We have had a lot of changes since the beginning of the year. We have bid farewell to Lt. Rob Frame, a thirteen-year veteran and pillar of the NH Fire Service in the Lakes Region. Lt. Frame has decided to pack it up and move south where he will never have to shovel snow again. Dispatcher Esther Bertolami has also dropped to per-diem status as she continues with her fire service education.

With the leaving of Deputy Beland in January as well as Lt. Frame and Dispatcher Bertolami there have been several personnel changes. After a lengthy and formal hiring process, Paul Steele has been promoted to full time Deputy Chief Coordinator, Erin Hannafin and Rick Fowler have been promoted to Lieutenants, and we have welcomed Dispatchers Nelson, Rice, and White to the team.

Once the personnel changes were taken care of, and Deputy Steele began working his new schedule we were able to work towards continuing to improve and enhance the communications infrastructure. We are continuing to work with Warren, as they have received funding for a generator in their building, we are working on tower quotes and will eventually bring the Warren fire station online as a simulcast site. This will improve communications in Rumney, Wentworth, and for WWEMS as we repurpose some equipment and build a simulcast site.

Chief Art Heath (40C1) approached the board at their February meeting about communications needs in his area. After some discussion the board authorized Chief Goldman to begin working up price estimates and options. As part of this process we will be sitting down with HSEM to see about grant funding this needed improvement to our communications system infrastructure. We are also actively working to cost out and design a new district wide system in anticipation of presenting costs and funding options to the Executive Committee, and Board when the time comes. *Continued Page 4*

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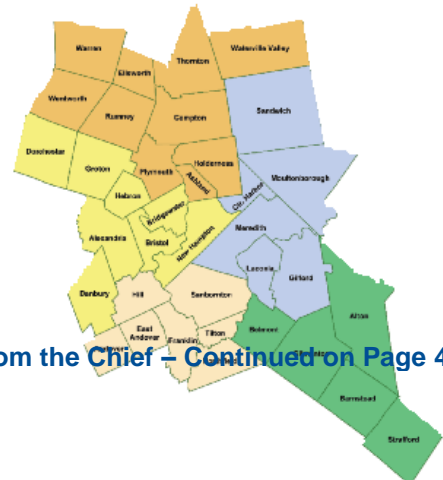
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Chief Goldman was approached by retired Concord Firefighter Cory Clark, and NHSP Lt. Joe Villers about an opportunity to collaborate with the State of NH Information Analysis Center (Fusion Center) by sponsoring the first ever Fire and EMS Intelligence Liaison Officer, assigned to the NHIAC. After much discussion, and a presentation to both the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors a motion was made to hire Cory Clark as an Intelligence Liaison Officer. Chief Goldman applied for a grant to fund this much needed position within the state and the grant was approved. We would like to welcome Cory Clark to Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid. ILO Clark will be permanently assigned to the NH Information Analysis Center and work directly

from Concord. All of ILO Clarks payroll expenses will be reimbursed by the grant. His primary objective will be to work with the entire fire and EMS Community and analyze data as part of the fusion center. ILO Clark will be presenting to the fire and EMS community over the next several months to make departments aware of his mission. This is a great opportunity for the State of New Hampshire, and the Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid Association. LRMFA is again, on the cutting edge of technology and service amongst our peers.



MISSION STATEMENT:

“To deliver the highest quality telecommunications, training and education, and emergency services coordination for our community partners and the public we serve.”

VISION STATEMENT:

“We strive to develop and promote exemplary, nationally recognized, regional emergency communication and mutual aid services resulting in a culture of safety for our communities.”

LRMFA Meeting Dates:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

(1st Tuesday of each month at the Communications Center at 1400)

8/7/18 9/4/18 10/2/18 11/6/18 12/4/18

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

(Quarterly at the Communications Center at 1900)

9/19/18 10/24/18

LRMA Intelligence Liaison Officer

Cory Clark, Analyst

Have you ever heard of a Fusion Center, or the NH Information and Analysis Center (NHIAC)? It is a cooperative effort within the NH Department of Safety between NH State Police and NH Homeland Security and Emergency Management. There are 78 Fusion Centers across the country with at least one in every state, and NHIAC is New Hampshire's Fusion Center it is an all crimes/all hazards, counter terrorism intelligence and analysis center. The Fusion Center monitors information from a variety of open and classified sources, analyzes that information, and provides informative bulletins to serve public safety and private sector interests. NHIAC goes beyond just terrorism. The center also is involved in almost every special event in the state such as, Laconia Motorcycle Week, Hampton Seafood Festival, NASCAR and the many fairs that take place in the fall.

The center works with the local jurisdictions to make any planned event as safe as possible for all involved. This is done by monitoring multiple channels for intelligence or potential threats leading up to, and during the event, and providing detailed GIS mapping services. Intelligence gathering and analysis of narcotics trafficking, and the current opioid crisis is constantly being monitored to push out the latest information to public safety agencies. Since the creation of NHIAC, as a result of House Bill 587-FN signed in to law by Governor John Lynch on May 19, 2010, it has been largely directed to the law enforcement side of public safety. A new partnership has emerged here in the great State of New Hampshire. Our fire service members will now be represented by the implementation of a Fire/EMS Intelligence Liaison Officer in the NHIAC.

My Name is Cory Clark and I now have the great honor of being a part of the NHIAC as the new Fire/EMS Intelligence Liaison Officer after retiring from Concord Fire Department after serving 23 years. The ILO position is paid for with Homeland Security grant money through the State of New Hampshire. In order to secure this position, it was necessary for me to complete a background check and participate in a polygraph examination. I then needed a sponsor agency that would employ me and permanently assign me to the state, enter Chief Jon Goldman and Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid. I called the chief, having never met him before, and asked if Lakes Region would be interested in helping me with this endeavor. He was immediately very interested and asked that I come to a meeting of the executive committee along with the director of NHIAC NH State Police Lieutenant Joseph Villers, to talk about the position. The executive committee shared the chief's enthusiasm about this new position and thought it best to run it by the entire Board of Directors. That was the final hurdle that needed to be overcome.

Did I mention, no other state in New England has fire service representation in their fusion center? So once again, Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid is on the cutting edge of public safety. So, that brings us to the question of, what exactly is this position and what is it going to do for the fire service of NH, as well as the public. Considering this is entirely new for all of us involved, it's going to be constructed as we go along.

First and foremost, I am here to serve every fire department and EMS agency statewide. Initially, we need to investigate and establish the best way to get the latest intelligence to our firefighters and EMTs that are on our streets working directly with the public on a daily basis. Next, there will be a significant educational component where I intend to travel to departments to present a program that will inform first responders of the information we have available for agencies. In addition to that, I hope to inform our first responders about the kinds of information we are looking to receive back from their observations.

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FIRE SERVICE BIDS FAREWELL TO STATE FIRE MARSHAL DEGNAN

On June 20th, 2018 several hundred members of the fire service from New Hampshire, and as far away as Indiana gathered aboard the M/S Mount Washington in Weirs Beach NH to celebrate the retirement of NH State Fire Marshal J. William Degnan. After forty-three years in the NH Fire Service, and fifteen years as the New Hampshire State Fire Marshall, Fire Marshal Degnan is retiring. The New Hampshire State Fire Marshal's Office is tasked with preventing deaths, injury, and property loss by promoting a safe fire, building, and hazardous materials environment for the citizens and visitors of New Hampshire through education, investigation, and enforcement. Marshal Degnan started his career in the New Hampshire Fire Service as a firefighter in Merrimack NH. He became an investigator with the State Fire Marshal's Office and rose through the ranks to be appointed as the Fire Marshal, and Director of the Division of Fire Safety. The ceremony was



emceed by John Raymond, of the NHFMO and opened by M/S Mount Washington Captain Jim Morash, who spoke about Marshal Degnan's involvement with the M/S Mount Washington over the years, and his involvement in the installation of a new fire suppression system, and his general support and love of "The Mount." Captain Morash then presented Marshal Degnan with a "Golden Ticket" which entitles him to board the ship with his guests for free for the rest of his life. Marshal Degnan was then designated an "Honorary Captain" of the M/S Mount Washington. Captain Morash talked about a plaque in the Captains Lounge which lists all the previous Mount Washington Captains, and in which Marshal Degnan will now be listed on the plaque as an Honorary Captain. Marshal Degnan also received accolades, and presentations throughout the evening from groups such as his staff from the Fire Marshal's Office, the National Fire Protection Agency, NH Association of Fire Chiefs, NH Association of Chiefs of Police, the Granite State Fire Service Support Team, the NH State Fireman's Association, and the NH Builders Association. All groups that Marshal Degnan has had significant involvement with over the course of his career. Attendees were also regaled with stories of Marshal Degnan from throughout his career and were treated to hors d'oeuvre's and a cash bar aboard "The Mount." Marshal Degnan, and his wife Sandy were seated on stage during the presentations, while other family members, and many of his neighbors from Merrimack were seated in the front rows. It was a beautiful night on Lake Winnepesaukee, and a great time to gather and honor a man who has had so much involvement in many of our careers, legislative action, and investigations. We would like to wish Marshal Degnan well, as he enters retirement, and wish him a long, healthy, and happy retirement.

Happy Retirement



Town of Meredith 250th Anniversary Parade

The town of Meredith is hosting a parade to celebrate its 250th Anniversary! Antique and current fire apparatus welcome!

**When: Saturday, August 11th, 2018
Where: Main Street to Route 3 to Mill Street
Time: 10:00 a.m. (Rain or Shine)**

Lineup will be at Middleton Lumber yard or along Waukewan Street, arrive for lineup no later than 09:00 a.m.

Contact Chief Ken Jones with interest in attending and truck count by July 31st. Contact via phone (603) 279-6061 or email at kjones@meredithnh.org.



Gilford Fire-Rescue

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'Twenty-Minute' Residential Fire Results in Over \$350,000 Loss

The following is an outline of events that occurred at 55 White Birch Drive in Gilford, NH on November 8, 2017. Property owners: Jeremy and Jeanin Onos.

Gilford Fire-Rescue, along with Laconia Fire Department was toned for smoke in the building. On arrival GFR reported smoke showing from the rear of a 2 ½ story wood-frame building, a first alarm was requested. First arriving fire companies located a fire in the basement family room.

Property Summary:

- 2-story Colonial with 2-car attached garage w/0.41 acres
- 1,904 sf
- Built in 2003 with open web floor truss construction
- 2017 net evaluation \$234,890

Events of November 8, 2017 Summary:

- Normal morning routine included breakfast for kids, laundry, getting ready for work and making kids lunch for school
- Jeanin makes two trips to the basement laundry room during this time, no smoke odor or other problems noticed
- Jeanin's 2nd trip to the basement was just before leaving to take the kids to school, at approximately 7:30-7:40AM
- 7:45-7:50AM Jeanin leaves with kids to drop off at school (Jeremy is on vacation and stays home)
 - Gilford Elementary School is a 3.5 mile, 5 minute drive from 55 White Birch Drive
- 8:01AM Gilford Fire Rescue dispatched to smoke in building (reported to 911 by Jeremy – Jeanin received notification that 911 had been called by Jeremy's phone at same time she arrived at Gilford Elementary school)
- 8:08AM Gilford Fire-Rescue arrives
- 8:18AM fire is under control, crews begin overhaul and check for extension
- 10:45AM Gilford Fire-Rescue clear of scene

**This fire was under control in approximately 17 minutes

**Total time for fire department on scene is 2 hours 44 minutes

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Results of events:

- Approximate twenty (20) minute fire in basement family room
- Open web floor truss partially covered with a non-fire-rated ceiling tile
 - A width of 4-5 open web floor trusses were completely burned through over the point of origin of the fire
- Uninhabitable home; heavy fire damage to basement family room, heat and smoke damage through-out entire home.
 - Total loss of contents (some personal items and clothing were restored)
- Family of 5 displaced, minimum 6 months.
- Two pets perished in this fire.
- Emotional stress to family members
- Incidental living expenses, including potential property tax loss to Town of Gilford
- Estimate to repair home and loss of contents; \$328,467
- Estimate for property loss of use; \$25,000

The Fire Department response time to this incident was 7 minutes. Studies have proven light-weight construction fails in 3-8 minutes; this exposing residents and firefighters to a floor collapse risk.

This incident should be reviewed when considering adoption of updated Building and Fire Codes. In this case, if the home had included one of the 12 proposed floor protection systems; mostly likely 80-90% less damage would have occurred, therefore drastically reducing insurance and other related costs.

An argument against adopting the 2015 Code Edition is the cost for floor protection. Compare the cost of this 'twenty-minute' fire, which is estimated (to date) at \$353,467 to (estimated) \$1,000-\$2,000 for floor protection (varies due to square footage and building design).



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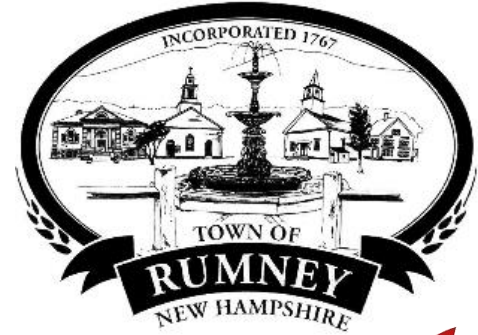
RUMNEY ANNOUNCES PROMOTIONS

Rachel Legg has been promoted to
Lieutenant

Evan A. Hacker has been promoted to
Captain

Brett Durham has been promoted to
Assistant Director of EMS

Daniel Medaglia has been promoted to
Director of EMS and maintains his Captain
position with fire.



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2018 ALS BREAKFAST AND QUALITY MANAGEMENT (QM) MEETINGS

DATE	HOST	QM REGION	NOTES
August 1	New Hampton	2	**QM Meeting Only. Time TBD
September 5	Laconia	3	
October 3	Stewarts	1	Location TBD
November 7	New Hampton	2	
December 5	Laconia	3	

Time: ALS Breakfast will be at **0830hrs** and QM meeting to follow immediately.

****Please note the new start time****

For any questions, please contact Shawn Riley at smriley@lrgh.org



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Domenica Medaglia-Brown, Rumney Fire Department

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LRMFA TRAINING COMMITTEE

The LRMFA Training Division and Training Committee is an integral component of what LRMFA offers to its member communities. The Training Committee is currently lead by Chief Steve Carrier, of Gilford and comprises of many dedicated volunteers. During Deputy Coordinator John Beland's tenure, the Training Committee worked to bring many training programs to the lakes region that otherwise may not have been conducted. The LRMFA Training Division has hosted FF1, FF2, EMT, Leadership/ Fireground Development Series, "homegrown programs," Rural Water Supply Operations, and is currently working to host an Incident Response to Terrorism and Bombings program in Socorro New Mexico.

Access to the Training Division and its program coordination are one of the greatest benefits of Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid and sets us apart from other Mutual Aid Districts. We can coordinate training across the region and have access to a multitude of classes, class locations, and instructors that individual departments may not have access to.



As part of the recruiting for a Full Time Deputy Chief Coordinator, both the Training Division, the Executive Committee, and the Chief Coordinator are committed to keeping the Training Division both relevant and cost effective. Deputy Chief Coordinator Paul Steele works with the Training Committee to coordinate the trainings and provide staff assistance.

The LRMFA Training Committee is actively recruiting new members...Are YOU someone who takes an active role in training in your department? Do YOU believe training is valuable to your profession? Do you want to bring your training and development skills to the mutual aid district as a whole? Do you want to meet new people? How about shaping the future of the NH fire service? If YOU answered yes to any of these questions, then YOU are just who the LRMFA Training Division and Committee is looking for.

Join us on September 18th at the Communications Center for a reorganizational meeting of the LRMFA Training Committee, who knows you may just become the new Chairman as Chief Carrier would like to take nominations for a new Chair.

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- ACLS and PALS will in person classes scheduled in small groups in Aug. and Sept.
- ACLS and PALS scheduling options will be emailed after registration
- There is an opportunity for “on-line” ACLS and PALS if the student has scheduling issues

DATES: Tuesday October 16
Thursday October 18
Tuesday October 23
Thursday October 25

TIME: All classes are schedule from 0800 – 1700hrs

ACLS/PALS: Upon registration, you will receive options to sign up for ACLS and PALS times

LOCATION: Laconia Central Fire Station

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Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee

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New Hampshire Public Safety Chiefs and Radio System Managers:

As you know, work continues in several of New Hampshire’s public safety initiatives to improve interoperability. For some time, we have had a standard radio frequency matrix for suggested programming by all public safety agencies. These matrices (*better known as the LAWNET, FIRENET and EMSNET*) have almost always included a zone of radio channels largely designated for interoperability usage (“Zone H”) when needed by multi-agency responses. Zone H is mostly populated with channels designated for usage across the country which enhances interoperability and common programming, particularly along our several borders. Most of the Zone H channels are adopted by the FCC with standardized naming and programming.

Over time and for various reasons, several of the frequencies now utilized in Zone H and on a nationwide basis, have been utilized locally in New Hampshire under different names and programming that is incompatible with the accepted standard. An example of this is the frequency 155.4750, which has been utilized for years by NH Law Enforcement as a tactical, car-to-car, and administrative channel, popularly known as “Channel 2”, “LP Car-to-car” and any number of other variations in both naming and in radio programming. This frequency is now adopted in the nationwide approach as VLAW31.

The second example is frequency 154.2800, which has been utilized, named, and programmed in several different formats as a “fireground” and “mutual aid” channel. This frequency is designated as VFIRE21 in the nationwide programming. Both of these issues have been highlighted in both exercise and event scenarios, where users may not even realize they are using identical frequencies due to sub-audible signaling protection in place. Reuse of frequencies in close proximity can easily cause interference or dropped communications. As we have a nationwide standard to follow, the recommendation is to ensure that any re-use of frequencies utilized or designated for interoperability, have the same naming and programming if they are being re-used in radios outside of Zone H. In some cases, programming adjustments will be required in infrastructure equipment also (ie. Law enforcement base stations with “Channel 2”, and fire base station with “statewide fireground”).

Conversations with New Hampshire’s two-way radio vendors revealed that a large number of public safety radios are being reprogrammed regularly. It is the hope that agencies will take the opportunity to incorporate these changes into their regular radio maintenance or replacement schedules.

On behalf of the Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee’s Radio Frequency Working Group,

John T. Stevens
Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC)
New Hampshire Department of Safety

NEW HAMPSHIRE STATEWIDE INTEROPERABILITY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Frequency/Interoperability Workgroup
Standard Public Safety Radio Template guidelines

The New Hampshire Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) developed the Standard Radio Template for all public safety agencies. The purpose of the template is to provide interoperable capability between agencies for mutual aid and multi-disciple/multi-jurisdictional response. The SIEC strongly recommends adoption of this template by all agencies, and additionally may require this template for certain grant-funded purchases.

Understanding departments have different types of radios, the Standard Radio Template is predicated on a 128-channel capacity. While some radios have a higher capacity, 128-channels is considered to be the minimum complement available in any department's radio.

No encryption technology should be programmed or utilized for events requiring interoperable communications.

A – C: Local / Agency Programming (48 channels)

Zones A-C shall be programmed with any channels the agency determines necessary for their mission. Examples include: agency channels, other departments (ie. educational facilities, public works, etc) in your or neighbor jurisdictions, etc.

Channels from other Zones in this template may be included in the A-C Banks, but must retain the same naming convention, configuration and programming, including CTCSS, as they exist in other Zones.

Examples:

- if 155.4750 exists in Zones A through C, it should be labeled VLAW31, using CTCSS 156.7 (not old nomenclature, such as "LP2" or "Car-to-Car".
- if 154.2800 exists in Zones A through C, it should be labeled VFIRE21, using CTCSS 156.7 (not old nomenclature, such as "280", "Statewide Fireground, "TAC2" etc.

D - G: Standard Radio Template

Zones D-G shall be programmed with the prescribed Standard Radio Template. These Zones include state, county and local agencies across New Hampshire. Three aircraft emergency response channels (labeled MHT) are included in all matrices-these are available statewide and may be included in individual airport response plans.

Law Enforcement (LAWNET)

- Zone D includes state agencies such as: State Police, DNCR, Fish & Game, etc.
 - Zones E-G include county and local LE such as: Sheriffs, Local PD's, etc.
- These channels are grouped alphabetically by County area, followed by cities within each County, followed by regional/multi-agency police dispatch channels.

Fire & EMS (FIRENET, EMSNET)

- Zones D-F include Fire-Rescue agencies such as: Mutual Aids, Local FD/EMS, etc.
- Zone G includes state agency channels such as: DNCR, Fish & Game, etc.
- EMS template offers expanded lineup (256 channels) for hospitals and medical facilities.

H: Interoperability

Zone H shall be programmed with the prescribed template for interoperability channels. This Zone includes national interoperability channels, and statewide interoperability channels. These channels are generally intended for use at or near an actual event scene. Special notes about Zone H channels:

- VCALL10, VTAC11, VTAC12, VTAC13, VTAC14 are designated non-federal national interoperability channels.
- VFIRE21, VFIRE22, VFIRE23, VFIRE24, VFIRE25 are public safety fire mutual aid channels.
- VLAW31, VLAW32 are public safety law enforcement mutual aid channels.
- VEMS02 is the NH EMS Statewide tactical frequency.
- VLAWLPS and VLAWLPN are New Hampshire State Police LP SOUTH AND NORTH channels and are currently still being used by state agencies for daily operations. They may be monitored by NHSP and other state agencies for hailing.
- VMED29 is the designated air medical-to-ground operations channel.
- VTAC36 is a designated interoperable deployable repeater pair and included in the State Agency Zone. VTAC36 utilizes the VTAC11 for output and VTAC14 (non-standard CTCSS).

I plan to put together presentations on awareness level information pertaining to suspicious activity reporting, clandestine drug labs and improvised explosive devices. Other ideas have been suggested and will be explored such as, our dealing with gangs and or outlaw motorcycle clubs.

I would like to make these presentations available to all departments and provide in-house trainings. I am open to any and all suggestions. You are invited to contact me any time. Because my schedule does fluctuate every week and my hours are limited I suggest using email to contact me at cory.clark@dos.nh.gov . You can also leave a voicemail message at my office (603)223-3744. I look forward to serving all the fire/EMS agencies and personnel around the State of New Hampshire.

LRMFA FIRST QUARTER STATISTICS

	Admin-Phones	Emergency-Phones	Incidents
January	1,900	2,886	2,449
February	1,425	2,376	1,977
March	1,310	2,080	1,825
Total	4,635	7,342	6,251
Average/Day	51.5	81.5	69.5

LRMFA SECOND QUARTER STATISTICS

	Admin-Phones	Emergency-Phones	Incidents
April	1,454	2,291	1,942
May	1,802	2,649	2,211
June	2,027	2,936	2,315
Total	5,283	7,876	6,468
Average/Day	58.7	87.5	71.86

LRMFA Celebrates Pinning and Recognition Ceremony

On June 6, 2018 Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid personnel gathered with approximately fifty of their friends, family, and coworkers at the communications center to officially “pin” several promoted members, as well as recognize the dedicated years of service for others.

The receiving of one’s badge, and having it pinned on by a family member has a long history in the fire service. Four employees were pinned with their badges, and took their oaths, symbolizing their commitments to their promotions. Nine employees were recognized for their years of service and contributions to the Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid Association.

Three new employees were introduced, and welcomed to the fire service family, and two of them participated in a friendly coin toss to determine seniority.

The ceremony was opened with an invocation by Father Marc Drouin of St. Andre’ Bessette Catholic Church in Laconia. The invocation was followed by remarks by Chief Mike Sitar, the Tilton-Northfield Fire Chief, and Chairman of the Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid Association Board of Directors.

Newly promoted Deputy Chief Coordinator Paul D. Steele Jr. took his oath and had his new Deputy Chiefs badge pinned to his chest by his grandmother Helen Steele. Newly promoted Lieutenant Erin Hannafin took her oath and had her new Lieutenants badge pinned on by her father Gary Hannafin, a former Alton Fire Department Lieutenant. Newly promoted Lieutenant Rick Fowler Jr. took his oath and had his new badge pinned on by his father, Kingston NH Deputy Chief Rick Fowler Sr. Dispatcher Lois Cilley has completed her first year of service, and took her oath and received her Dispatcher badge, pinned on by her father Bob Cilley.

At the end of the badge pinning ceremony other employees were recognized for their years of service and accomplishments with the Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid Association. Chief Goldman said during the evenings ceremony that “The LRMFAA should be extremely proud of the caliber of employees we have, and the service they provide day in and day out.” He went on to say “I am excited to be working in an organization, with a team of people who although many are firefighters outside of here, are also here as a profession, a career choice. These men and woman come to work every day knowing they will not be riding in a fire truck with sirens blaring, or doing CPR on a victim, but they come to work every day knowing they will make a difference. Some days it is a small difference and someday it is a big difference. Somedays they will calm a frantic caller, and some days they will make a decision that will impact the life and safety of the citizens we serve, or the responders in the field we work with every day.”



LRMFA Celebrates Pinning and Recognition Ceremony (cont.)



Deputy Chief Coordinator Paul. D Steele Jr. has his new badge pinned on by his Grandmother, Helen Steele



Lt. Dave Parker is recognized for 16 years of service



Dispatcher Lois Cilley recognized for her work as the Rural Hitch Editor, and one year of service



Lt. Kevin Nugent is recognized for 14 years of service

LRMFA Celebrates Pinning and Recognition Ceremony (cont.)



Lt. Ricky Fowler being pinned by his father, Kingston Deputy Chief Richard Fowler



Lt. Rob Frame honored for 13 years of service

LRMFA Honorees



Lt. Hannafin being pinned by her father, Gary Hannafin

Lieutenant Dave Parker 16 Years

Lieutenant Kevin Nugent Jr. 14 Years

Lieutenant Robert E. Frame Jr. 13 Years

Deputy Chief Coordinator Paul D. Steele Jr. 12 Years

Dispatcher David Spinosa 12 Years

Dispatcher Jason Griffin 8 Years

Lieutenant Erin Hannafin 5 Years

Dispatcher John Marcel 5 Years

Dispatcher Lois Cilley 1 Year, also recognized for her commitment and dedication to producing the LRMFA Quarterly Newsletter, the "Rural Hitch."



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The Fire and Explosion Investigations Section is available to respond or provide consult by phone 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Please contact the NH State Fire Marshal's Office for the following incidents:

- Fatalities as a result of a fire, explosion, building collapse or a carbon monoxide release (other than a motor vehicle)
- Serious Bodily Injury as a result of a fire, explosion, carbon monoxide incident, or a building collapse
- Line of Duty Death or Serious Fire Service Injury
- Fires that indicate arson (intentionally set), explosions with criminal indicators
- Fires or explosions that involve large dollar loss or community significance
- Fire or explosions that occur at state owned property
- Fire or explosions with an Undetermined Origin and Cause

All scenes must be secured by police or fire personnel

The FMO Duty-Supervisor will need incident commander/on-scene contact prior to approving and deploying FMO assets

Responding investigation teams can provide the following:

Accelerant Detection K-9s, Origin and Cause Determination, Fire Scene Reconstruction, Post Blast Investigation, Collection of Fire Scene Evidence, Interviews, Scene Documentation, USAR equipment, Command trailers, Criminal and Administrative Search Warrants



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