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## LRMFA Personnel Honored

On September 25, 2017, hundreds of members of the NH Fire Service and their families packed the house at the Concord City Auditorium for the 26th Annual New Hampshire Fire Service, Emergency Medical Services Committee of Merit, and Academy Awards ceremony. This ceremony occurs each year to honor the men and woman of the NH Fire and EMS Communities for their actions in the preceding year. Recipients are recognized with "Years of Service" awards, Unit Citations, and Medal of Valor awards. I am honored to serve on the Committee of Merit and represent NH Dispatchers in the fire service. I would encourage anyone who has an opportunity to include the Dispatchers in any awards ceremony to do so if possible. It is a great opportunity to recognize Dispatchers for the involvement they have in any call that results in an award.

The following Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid Personnel received awards at the ceremony this year.

### PAUL W. SYPEK MEDAL OF VALOR (POSTHUMOUSLY)

**Chief Chester Brickett**  
*Winnisquam Fire Department*

### CLASS 3 MEDAL OF VALOR

**Captain David Hall**  
*Tilton-Northfield Fire Department*

### 40-49 YEARS OF SERVICE

**Chief James Hayes (ret.)**  
*Gilford Fire, LRMFA*  
**Deputy Coordinator Richard Heinis (ret.)**  
*LRMFA*



Chief Goldman (right, front) with members of the Brickett Family at the NH Fire Service Committee of Merit Awards ceremony.



Chief James Hayes (ret.)



Dep. Coord. Rick Heinis (ret.)



Captain David Hall, Tilton-Northfield Fire Department, receiving his award.

### UNIT CITATION

**Lt. David Parker/  
Dispatcher Bonnie  
Canfield**  
*Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid*

Along with Alton, Gilford, and Tufonboro Fire Departments for their actions during a multiple victim ice rescue in early 2017.



Lt. Dave Parker and Dispatcher Bonnie Canfield (fourth and fifth from left) alongside members of Alton, Gilford, and Tufonboro, being presented a Unit Citation for their work during an Ice Rescue incident in Alton this past winter.

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## From the Chief Coordinator

By Chief Jonathan M. Goldman, RPL



Summer is winding down, and the leaves are starting to change. Pumpkin Spice everything has returned, and will be with us until it is time for peppermint stick everything. Fall, and Autumn, are my favorite times of year. Soon, the summer tourists will be replaced with leaf peepers, and then with snow mobilers, skiers, and ice fisherman. As I wrap up my first six months here at Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid, I wanted to take a moment and thank everyone for their hospitality. This has been an amazing experience, and I haven't looked back. Everyone from the chiefs, to the local government, to the staff have been amazing and welcoming. We are doing great things within the communications center. The staff has been re-energized, we are working on projects that have need to be cleaned up, and starting new projects that will enhance the efficiency of the services we deliver.

Of those projects, the Hemp Hill site is almost complete (see photos on page 10). This was a joint project with the Town of Bristol where we eliminated an outdated "utility pole" style radio site, and replaced it with a graded, and properly installed cement pad, tower, and building. The project was supposed to last 6-8 weeks, but went on for several months. To keep the radio site up and running, Southwest NH District Fire Mutual Aid was gracious enough to let us use their mobile radio site. We placed the site right down the street from the existing Hemp Hill site at an old Metro-cast site. On August 16th, Lt. Paul Steele worked with OME and Southwest District Fire Mutual Aid personnel to decommission the temporary tower, and relocate the equipment back into the newly-built Hemp Hill Site. The move went well, and there was very little down time to the radio site. I would like to thank Lt. Steel for his tenacity in getting the project completed with little downtime to the system.

Lt. Steele is also working with OME to continue to replace our Spectracom clocks. These clocks are located within each of our radio sites and are integral to the timing of the simulcast system. It was determined that each clock needs a firmware upgrade which is covered under warranty. Lt. Steele is coordinating with OME at each radio site; they are putting in a repaired clock, sending the old one out for the upgrade, and when it returns, placing it into another site, and sending that clock out. It is a long process, but each site only requires an hour or two of time to have the swap done.

You may also notice that this edition of the *Rural Hitch* is not being mailed, but is only being sent electronically. In 2018, we will also be bringing production of the *Rural Hitch* in house, and Dispatcher Lois Cilley will become the "Editor in Chief."

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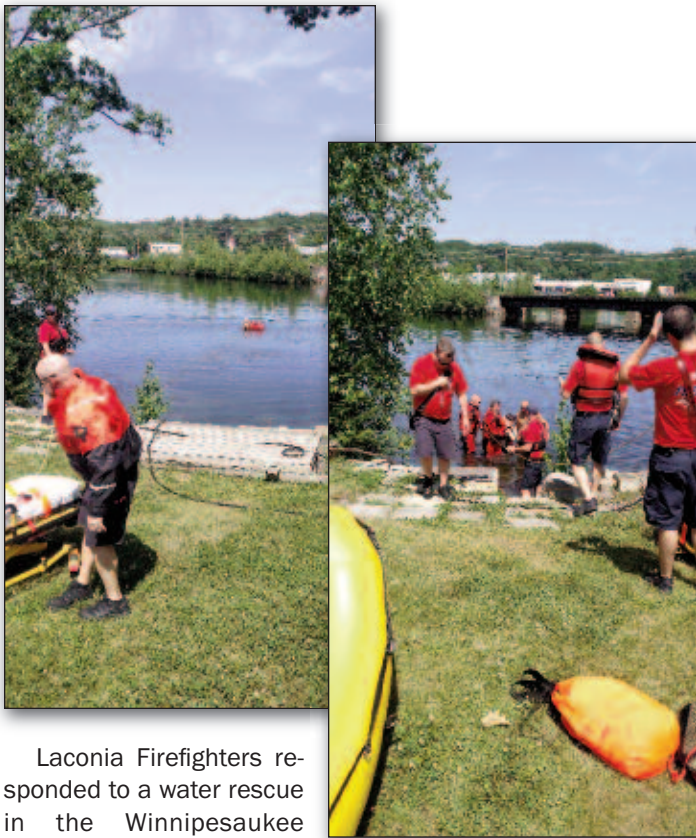
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# Laconia Fire Department Water Rescue



Laconia Firefighters responded to a water rescue in the Winnepesaukee River on Friday, July 21 around 1:13 p.m. Reports indicated at least one person in distress in the middle of the river. Lt. Ellingson arrived from Central Station and witnessed a man in the water about 100 feet from shore. The man, identified as Shafek Fosut, of 125 Messer Street, had swam out to one of the boys and held him afloat. He stated that the boy had gone underwater several times. The other boy was able to self-rescue.

As firefighters prepared their inflatable rescue boat, Firefighter Nate Mills jumped in the river and swam to the two people. He put the boy in a life jacket and brought him to shore. The two boys were transported to LRGH for assessment. The boy in the river was being treated for near-drowning. Mr. Fosut said, "I couldn't let him die. So, I jumped in. Thankfully we were home having a late afternoon cookout."

For Laconia Firefighters, this was the fourth emergency call in the hour. While at the river, rescue the Weirs crew and a Gifford ambulance responded to 1330 Union Avenue for an unconscious person. The Weirs had just cleared from a motor vehicle crash on Summit Ave. As soon as the units cleared Messer Street there was another serious medical emergency on Court Street. That person had to be transported to Concord Hospital. Minutes later there was an alarm activation at the Taylor Home. While at that location there was another serious medical emergency on Summer Street. Earlier that morning, at 8:15 a.m. there were two simultaneous medical emergencies — both patients were high risk. 🚒

# Chief Brickett Added to Fallen Firefighters Memorial

In addition to receiving the Paul W. Sypek Medal of Valor posthumously, Winnisquam Fire Department Chief Chester Brickett's name was added to the Fallen Firefighters Memorial at the NH Fire Academy. He was honored at a recent ceremony held at the Memorial on Smokey Bear Blvd. in Concord. 🚒



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## NH FIRE SERVICE COMMITTEE OF MERIT, TELECOMMUNICATIONS MEDAL

**Lt. Paul D. Steele Jr./Dispatcher Erin Hannafin/Dispatcher Jake Poulin**

*Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid*

For their actions during a motor vehicle accident resulting extended extrication of multiple patients, three helicopter transports, and a Level 1 MCI Declaration



Lt. Paul Steele and Dispatcher Erin Hannafin being presented the NH Fire Service Committee of Merit Telecommunications Medal for their work during a multiple patient MVA that became a Level 1 MCI in Alton this past year.

LRMFA should be extremely proud of the caliber of our personnel. Our personnel provide dedicated, selfless service to the residents and visitors of the Lakes Region every day with little to no recognition. Congratulations to all of the 2017 honorees. 🚒

When Dispatcher Cilley first came to LRMFA as a Dispatcher, we knew she possessed some publishing skills, as she had done some of that work at the NH Fire Academy while she worked there. This will be an opportunity for her to take this project and run with it. She has some really good ideas so far about how to get the member communities and personnel involved, and there are some great articles in the pipeline. After bringing the editing in house and publishing it electronically there will be some significant savings. Although savings are always a good thing, we also believe the *Rural Hitch* will be able to reach more people via an electronic publication.

There are some great things happening here at Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid, and I continue to be extremely proud to be a part of this great organization. 🚒



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# Inherent Limitations In The Front & Rear Auxiliary Pump Suction

By Alex McCurdy, Owner, FDSS, LLC

Use of the front or rear suction inlet is great, but they will present specific challenges that should be identified and addressed. There are a lot of departments that equip their new pumpers with auxiliary suction inlets. It really doesn't matter if it is a rural department, who wants to use it at draft or a metro department, who wants to take in a water supply from the front or rear of the apparatus. There are tactical and operational considerations for both. The most common aux suction is on either side of the pump panel. However, the purpose of this discussion is about the front or rear suction intake. As handy as these are, they have limitations. They are, after all, a long piece of pipe extending most typically, from mid ship to the front or rear of the apparatus. That path includes elbows, bends, valves, and drains. In this transition they are typically reduced to smaller diameter pipe and adapted back up to, let's say, a 6" termination. This means that when they are used, there is friction loss and turbulent water flow to consider. In addition, the Initial UL flow & pump rating testing done by the apparatus manufacturer customarily doesn't include a flow test through aux suction inlets. However, firefighters often assume they are capable of reaching the pumps "rated" capacity when using the front or rear suction inlet. The truth is most won't even come close to being able to flow that capacity. In the pressurized water supply situation, this means a higher supply pressure is needed to overcome the loss. This may or may not be feasible. In the drafting situation, it means expect the pump to achieve a lesser flow. In either case, the department needs to know in advance what the limitations are. There are different rule-of-thumb viewpoints, but most conclude that a 30% or more reduction can be expected with a total flow less than 1,000 gpm at draft. That translates to a 1,500 gpm pumper becoming a 1,000 gpm pumper. Preplanning for this variable is important to achieving successful results on the fireground. I am reminded of a statement from an old retired army

master sergeant I knew. "Remember the five P's !" (Prior Planning Prevents Poor Performance). Wise words for firefighting situations where the primary water supply comes through a front or rear aux suction.

The Chief from my old home town wanted to know what the front suction intake loss was in his supply engine. His department had experienced some problems in recent training exercises. Consequently, FDSS developed a testing protocol as an add-on to our pump service testing package. In this case we found that the 1,500 gpm pump could only reasonably flow 900-1,000 GPM. Anything beyond that was taking the pump into cavitation. Vacuum as shown on our test gauges was over 35% more. With real numbers in hand the Chief can effectively put his preplanning to work. There are additional issues for departments who draft utilizing a front or rear suction. As I stated earlier, there are bends and elbows in the piping. With that come ups and downs. Each high point is a place that air bubbles will persistently hang on. Operator training must include how to draft and get these bubbles cleared. Also, many drafting reliant departments have a separate suction valve and primer control installed on their apparatus for the aux suction. This allows for priming that suction while otherwise flowing water through the pump. In order for this prime feature to be most effective, particularly at getting the air out, the manufacturer should place the priming intake at the high point. Do they actually get installed there? Not necessarily! In the process of testing an aux suction inlet, FDSS will test the pump priming functionality via that suction. The results will again help with preplanning realistic expectations and developing training to address the challenge.

The short of this is that use of the front or rear suction inlets are great but they will present limitations and additional challenges. Knowing what they are and training to them is essential. FDSS can help you do both. 🚒

# He Was Always Doing The Right Thing... Especially When No One Was Looking.

## THE LINE OF DUTY DEATH OF FDNY & NEW YORK VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER RAY PFEIFER

By Billy Goldfeder

### DO THE RIGHT THING, EVEN WHEN NO ONE IS LOOKING....

That was the “mantra” or “theme” of one of the most inspirational men I, and so many others, ever met. Ever.

**FDNY Firefighter Ray Pfeifer died in the Line of Duty last May 28, 2017. Ray died in the Line of Duty from the injuries, illness, sickness, and disease he, like so many others, contracted while operating on 9/11 at the World Trade Center.**

Since 2009, cancer had taken his kidney, leg, and a bunch of other physical stuff – but it never touched his heart. Those of you who knew Ray know what I am talking about. Those of you who don’t will just have to trust us – and I would never lie to you. His heart couldn’t be touched by cancer.

You DO know Ray... he was “that” FDNY Firefighter in the wheelchair, who along with numerous FDNY and NYPD troops and supporters, including famous guy Jon Stewart, made more than 14 trips to Washington D.C. to convince reluctant lawmakers to expand benefits for ailing Firefighters, Police Officers, EMTs, and others who served – and got sick from 9/11 exposure. He even embarrassed my very own senator into committing to support Zadroga by blocking the US Capitol “dweller’s” office doorway with his wheelchair until our “public servant” would commit. Ray would not leave without a commitment...but it wasn’t about him.



I was very lucky to have known Ray over the years as a well-known and beloved Firefighter at FDNY Engine 40. Ray also served as a very active volunteer Firefighter (and former Captain) with the East Meadow (Nassau County, Long Island, NY) Fire Department, Engine Company 3.

We unintentionally reignited our friendship right after he was diagnosed and was assigned to work at the FDNY Counter-terrorism and Emergency Preparedness unit. I hadn’t seen Ray in awhile and you wouldn’t have known he was sick. I don’t mean by looking at him – I mean by his attitude. He was happy, laughing,

breaking balls, and just glad to be “kick’n” after his grim diagnosis. It was truly remarkable – actually I was blown away – as this man had pretty much been handed the worst news ever – and he was gung ho to be at work and ready to fight whatever he had to up until his last breath. **While smiling.**

And fight he did. I mean – like those closest to him described they had never seen anyone fight like this. There was the physical beating he took from the disease and the treatments. There was the mental, emotional, and psychological beatings, but you would NEVER know it. His life’s mission...before and after his diagnosis was to simply do good. And good he did. For example....

A few months ago HE hosted a fundraiser to buy a beautiful new transport van for the FDNY Family Transport. They raised something like \$60,000.00 that day. **BAM. DONE.**

*Done for others.*

The man was literally working until his last breath – and his focus was on others. We are posting photos of the van because it’s a “ya gotta see this” photo. There are dozens of “**Ray Does Good**” stories that you will read about or hear in the coming days. The van story is just one example – and one he would be embarrassed about me sharing. He genuinely was one of THOSE not so common strong and determined people. **No matter what.**

I received a call on the 15th of last May that Ray had been moved to a hospice unit in Long Island and time was very short. His friend and brother FF Jimmy D (from FDNY and EMFD) called and Ray actually pranked me on the phone, making me think it was the hospice administrator determining if I could come visit or not. Seriously. I was worried about the intent of the phone call and it’s Ray fu@king” with me. He did what he did best – making others benefit from him being here on earth.

My wife Teri and I were able to be with Ray, some of his friends and family on May 18th. When asked how the visit went, I will tell you what I told a few friends, “It was almost spiritual. We laughed, busted chops, told a few stories, helped him

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# Laconia Transfer Station Fire, August 25

By Ken Erickson, Laconia/Belmont Fire Chief

Friday morning August 25th, 2017 just before 10:00 a.m. an automatic fire alarm was received for the Laconia Transfer Station at 385 Meredith Center Road. The Central Station units (Engine 1, Ladder 1 and Ambulance 2) responded. Captain Shipp arrived in Engine 1 and saw smoke coming from the roof vent of a very large storage building. As they drove up to the front of the building he could observe a building that was filled with recyclables and there was a large area of fire on the right side of the building. The Captain directed his crew to stretch a 3" hose



line and attack the fire. The Captain saw that there was a large volume of smoke and visible heat banking down from the steel frame ceiling area. He quickly realized that there was significant deep-seated fire in the building and requested a First Alarm. The First Alarm brought the Engine from the Weirs Station, and a Tank truck from Meredith Station 2 and an Engine from Gilford. Belmont sent an Engine to cover Central Station and Meredith Station 1 sent an Engine to cover the Weirs Station.



Assistant Chief Beattie arrived on scene shortly after the First Alarm. Conditions had changed quickly. Fire was now venting along the roof line on the rear and right side of the building. The upper four-foot portion of the walls was fabricated from fiberglass and was designed as a fire vent. It would melt and release heat in order to protect the roof structure. The building is 125 feet wide and 100 feet deep. It is the equivalent of a 3-story building in height. Chief Beattie assessed the situation and requested a Second Alarm. The Second Alarm called in off-duty firefighters and brought a Gilford tank truck, the Belmont Engine and Meredith Engine from cover, and a Tilton and Franklin Engine to the scene.

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hide the smell of a little “medicinal,” er, uh, “beverage” with TicTacs. We hugged, kissed, a few ‘we’ll seeya around’ and there was no sadness. I’m not sure he would allow it or whatever, but it was something else. Maybe, according to Ray, there was no time for sadness.”

Clearly when we left we could see the heartache and heartbreak of his closest family and friends; when in the room, you might as well have been at his firehouse kitchen shooting the bull. But when we left, our hearts were full with every emotion pinging on high.

Ray died in the Line of Duty that morning. He died right when our own and mutual aid firefighters were picking up from a third alarm commercial building fire in the heart of our historical district. I’m not sure there is any connection with Ray in that, but I promise you this, it was the kind of fire Ray would have loved to fight. He was a 100% Firefighter. Day and night, he was always a firefighter — one of THOSE guys. Always wearing FD “colors,” always wanting to know the latest, always wanting to train, always listening to the radio, and he even owned his own rig. One of THOSE Firefighters.

This story is longer than I usually write because most of you are ADD/ADHD and rarely take your medicine, so odds are I already lost many of you about five sentences into this story, but hopefully not. Hopefully I gave you a quick snapshot about who Ray was and the extraordinary impact this man had on others.

I’ll end for now with this comment from Ray, one that he made last year when he received the key to NY City from the Mayor:

**“I am a lucky man,” he said. “No matter what happens, I had 14 more years than the people who died that day.”**

Ray lived every moment, up until his last breath that morning, with the philosophy and attitude to do the right thing, even when no one is looking.

Rest In Peace, Firefighter Ray Pfeifer. 🚒

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The Weirs Engine had hooked up to the fire pond on the property but quickly determined they could get no water from the dry hydrant. Most likely this was caused by weed infestation. Laconia's Ladder truck set up behind the building and was supplied tank water by the Gilford Engine and Meredith Tanker. They quickly poured 3,000 gallons of water up into the ceiling area with the intention of cooling the steel roof structure. The Laconia Engine poured an additional 2,000 gallons on water onto the main fire. Deputy Chief Newhall was assigned the job of getting a good water supply for the fire. He started having trucks pump their water through a 4" hose line up to the Laconia Engine. As more resources arrived a portable dump tank was set-up in the parking lot to expedite off-loading of water. Franklin's Engine set up drafting water from the dump tank. Chief Jones assisted with water supply and two separate operations were running; one for the dump tank and one using a rural hitch water supply operation.

A Command post was established on site and Public Works Director Anderson and Police Chief Canfield, arrived at the Command Post to offer assistance. Lakes Region Community Emergency Response Team was activated to assist with traffic control and to set up a food station for the working firefighters. This was going to be a long operation. Staff from Waste Management were also on-hand. Director Anderson worked with Waste Management to set up a contingency plan to keep the flow of rubbish and recyclable in operation. Public Works employees set up traffic barricades on Elm Street so that fire trucks could get easy access to the fire hydrant at Elm and Parade Road.

Additional water supply was needed so Chief Erickson requested Tank Trucks from Belmont, Holderness, and Center Harbor. A Laconia Engine staffed by off-duty firefighters set up at the hydrant on Elm Street to expedite filling tank trucks. The round trip to the hydrant was 2.6 miles. In the end, there were 13 fire engines, 2 ladder trucks, and 1 ambulance at the scene until 3:30 p.m. A total of 40 firefighters worked for five hours. There were no injuries. A structural engineer will be assessing the heat damage to the steel structure. It is estimated that 300,000 gallons of water was used to extinguish the fire.

This was a huge water supply operation. Chief Jones and Chief Newhall did a great job coordinating the multiple trucks offloading there water supply. LRMFA did a great job filling in all the special requests and covering area towns. 🚒



# Photos From Hemp Hill Tower Project



# Belknap County Public Safety Day

On September 10, Belknap Public Safety Day gave local families the ability to meet their first responders up close and in person, as well as tour equipment and ask questions. There was a K-9 demonstration as well as a Jaws of Life Demo. This year's event was held at Gunstock Mountain Ski Area.

As you can see from the photos, LRMFA attended with Car 1, Car 2, and the Mobile Command Post. Chief Goldman and Lt. Frame were available to answer questions. 🚒





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# Rumney Fire Department

By Chief Dave Coursey

The month of July was one of the busiest this department has had for some time. It started with a storm that caused water damage, including undermining propane tanks, and road washouts that marooned elderly people. The high water remained for several days and a group of youngsters had to be rescued from the river after kayaks overturned. The month continued on a high note with various calls.

The rest of the summer has been quieter. A recent automobile accident did require a helicopter ride for the driver.

An LZ was set up in a nearby field (at right) and the driver was successfully taken to the hospital.

A great training was recently held on Tenney Mountain with the Division of Forests and Lands, sponsored by Hebron Fire Dept. This was a joint training with Campton, Rumney, Plymouth,



Hebron, and Wentworth showing improved methods to relay water to elevations during forest fires.

We now have a moto-cross track in

town where bike racing has a new home. Emergency coverage is provided by this department. 🚒



## Plymouth Fire/Rescue Handled Two Second Alarm Fires In Two Days

The first of two second-alarm fires in two days occurred on July 16, 2017. Plymouth Fire/Rescue was toned for a structure fire at 50 Pleasant Street, which is a two-and-a-half story wood frame house with an attached barn. Companies arrived to heavy smoke from the front windows of the house. An outside and interior attached were mounted and the fire was knocked down without damage to the attached barn. No one was home at the time and no injuries were reported.



The second fire was July 17, 2017, when Plymouth was toned for a structure fire secondary to a lightning strike at 264 Texas Hill Road. Chief Clogston was first on scene and found smoke pushing from the eaves. Fire appeared to be confined to the attic. Hose line was stretched and the fire was suppressed through vents. Several articles of furniture were salvaged from the home. No injuries were reported. 🚒



# New Faces, Places, Equipment, Congrats



## PROMOTED TO CAPTAIN

**Lt. John Powell**

Tilton-Northfield  
Fire Department



## NEW PER DIEM DISPATCHER

**Jake Poulin**

LRMFA

## PASSING

**Capt. James Dion (ret.)**

Franklin Fire Department



James (Jim) Hector Dion, Franklin Fire Department Retired Captain, passed away October 1. He was at home and surrounded by his family. He began his fire service as a "sub" in 1967 and retired in December 1988 as a Shift Captain.

He will especially be remembered for his work with the FFD Explorer Post #230. His guidance and leadership allowed many current firefighters and officers to enter this great profession. We are forever grateful for his leadership.



## NEW AMBULANCE

**Campton-Thornton Fire Department**

Ambulance is a used 2012 Ford E-450 chassis with a Road Rescue box stocked to paramedic level. It was formerly an onsite ambulance at a metal factory in Missouri and only had 6,000 miles on it when purchased!



## NEW RESCUE

**Campton-Thornton Fire Department**

2017 E-One Typhoon with a 25Kw generator, light tower, hydraulic rescue tool reels, CAFS system, and is stocked with equipment for technical rescues and auto accidents.



NEW LRMFA CAR 1



# Campton-Thornton Had a Very Busy Summer



6-26-17 – Technical Rescue Training at Campton Mountain Ski Area.



6-29-17 – First Responder Appreciation Day included spray down of the kids!



6-30-17 – Water Rescue, Pemi River in Thornton. 2 Persons stuck on an island.



7-1-17 – 35 UTV 1 en route to persons trapped in their house, Mill Brook Rd.



7-2-17 – Picking up, Branch Brook Water Rescue. 4Rescue1, 2Boat1 and 4Boat2 pictured.



7-5-17 – 1st Alarm Water Rescue. 35Boat1 ferrying some of the 10 children trapped on an island in the Pemi River.



7-5-17 – 1st Alarm Water Rescue, Pemi River, Thornton. Patient trapped in eddy



7-16-17 – 2nd Alarm Building Fire in Plymouth, 18Engine2 and 2Engine1.



8-10-17 – Training burn in Campton.



8-27-17 – Lawnmower Rollover in Campton. 23Engine1 with Landing Zone at Campton Elementary School.



9-9-17 – Forestry Training Tenney Mountain in Plymouth, 35 UTV 1.



9-16-17 – 35 Ambulance 2, Rescue 1, Utility 1 working a construction site accident. Technical Rescue required to carry out patient.



## Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid Training Division Fireground Development Seminar Series 2017



The presenter is Billy Greenwood, a 23-year student of the fire service, holding positions in volunteer, paid on-call, and career fire departments. He is currently the Assistant Fire Chief of Training with the Manchester-Boston Regional Airport and Lieutenant with the City of Keene Fire Department. He is a Pro-Board Instructor III; Senior Staff Instructor for the New Hampshire Fire Academy; FDIC International presenter for the past six years; member and presenter for ISFSI – International Society Fire Service Instructors, and the owner of FETC Services. Mr. Greenwood has been published in *Fire Engineering* and *Fire Rescue* magazines and hosts a radio show called *Tap the Box* on Fire Engineering Radio.

### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2017**

#### **“Tactical TIC Thermal Imager Training – Do We Really Understand How This Thing Works?”**

Training will be held at the Laconia Fire Department, 848 North Main Street, Laconia. Please park at Opechee Park. Class time will be 1830–2100 hours.

A full course description may be found on the Training Center Page, [www.lrmfa.org](http://www.lrmfa.org).

Pre-registration is required; registration form is available at the Training Center page, [www.lrmfa.org](http://www.lrmfa.org). The cost is \$10.00.

If you have questions, please contact [jbeland@lrmfa.org](mailto:jbeland@lrmfa.org).

# LRMFA Water Supply Training

July 13, 2017 was a fun night of water supply training at Ragged Mt. Resort in Danbury. The resort recently enhanced their snowmaking capabilities with the installation of a 10" dry water main at the facility. Danbury FD proactively took advantage by installing two dry hydrants in the snowmaking pond. This allows two pumpers to draft water and pressurize the water main, which in turn supplies yard hydrants. The result is a pressurized water supply system with plenty of volume. Con-

current to the pressurized water main drill, Bristol E4 established a rural hitch operation, supplied by a tanker shuttle operation, which was able to sustain 500 or more gpm to 4L1. Participating in the drill: Danbury FD, Bristol FD, Alexandria FD, Hill FD, Andover FD, LRMFA C2, Grafton FD, and Wilmot FD. Thanks to all for your enthusiastic participation. Looking forward to the next drill at Ragged Mt. 🚒







# EVERY SECOND COUNTS

PLAN 2 WAYS OUT!



## FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

OCTOBER 8-14, 2017

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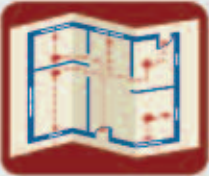



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How fast does fire move? Very fast. You could have less than 2 minutes to get out safely once the smoke alarm sounds.


### 7 steps to practicing your escape plan


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Draw a map of your home. Include all doors and windows.
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Find two ways out of every room.
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Make sure doors and windows are not blocked.
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Choose an outside meeting place in front of your home.
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Push the test button to sound the smoke alarm.
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Practice your drill with everyone in the home.
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Get outside to your meeting place.

For more information about escape planning, visit:  
[www.usfa.fema.gov](http://www.usfa.fema.gov) and [www.firepreventionweek.org](http://www.firepreventionweek.org).

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# Franklin Fire Department Weekly Training

Franklin Fire Department, Tilton-Northfield Fire Department, and Sanbornton Fire Department have a regular weekly training regimen. Here are a few shots from a training that was conducted on 9/19/2017 at the Townline Plaza in Tilton. The training is planned, organized, and scheduled by Deputy Goodearl (7), Deputy Joubert (21), and Deputy Taylor (19). 🚒





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## Our Newest Deliveries



**Congratulations, Farmingdale, ME Fire Department on the recent delivery of your HME Ahrens-Fox Rescue Pumper**

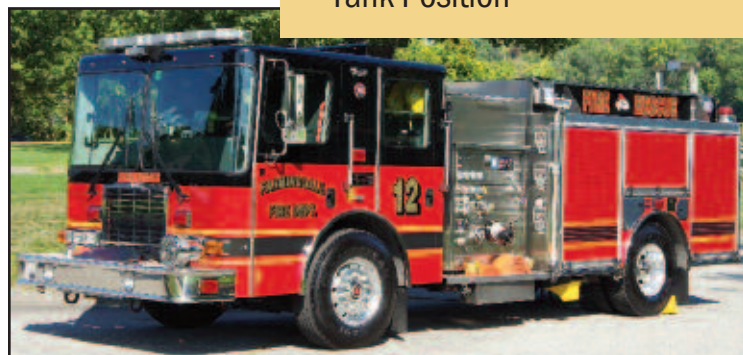
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- ▶ 1000 Gallon Tank
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**Congratulations, Moultonborough, NH Fire-Rescue Department on the recent delivery of your HME Ahrens-Fox Big Water Tanker**

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# LRMFA Headquarters Laconia, NH

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## Third Quarter 2017 Statistics...

**JULY 1, 2017–SEPTEMBER 30, 2017**

<b>Incidents Dispatched:</b>	July 2017	2,025
	August 2017	2,049
	September 2017	2,414
	<b>Quarter Total</b>	<b>6,488</b>
	<b>YTD Total</b>	<b>12,670</b>

### Statistics For This Quarter:

Number of incidents: .....	6,488
Radio transmissions .....	60,756
Emergency phones .....	7,560
Administrative phones .....	4,932

This breaks down on a daily basis to **71** incidents per day and **9** radio transmissions for each incident – or **668** per day on average. Along with the emergency incidents we answered/made, **54** calls were made on the administrative lines and **83** calls on the emergency phones were made per day.

Overall system-wide for the second quarter there has been a 4.5% increase in incidents from the second quarter of 2016. Or an overall 24% increase over the past 3 years during the second quarters.

CAFMAC relocated to the LRMFA Communications Center for three days so upgrades could be made in the Concord Communications Center. This was between June 20 0900 hours through June 22 1100 hours and handled a total of **328** incidents. During that time all of the CAFMAC incidents were processed and dispatched out of the LRMFA Communications Center. LRMFA dispatchers answered **26** overflow phone calls having a minimal impact to the LRMFA Dispatchers.

### Statistics For YTD:

Number of incidents: .....	12,670
Radio transmissions .....	122,154
Emergency phones .....	14,811
Administrative phones .....	9,658

This breaks down on a daily basis to **70** incidents per day and **10** radio transmissions for each incident – or **675** per day on average. Along with the emergency incidents we answered/made, **53** calls were made on the administrative lines and **82** calls on the emergency phones were made per day.

### Resources Available:

Engines	60	Tankers	28
Ladders	8	Rescues	20
Forestry	29	Ambulances	47
Utilities	23	Fire Boats	30
Towers	4	Air Units	2
ATVs	15	Command Vehicles	23

### Statistics:

- 🚒 Began operations in September of 1971. Moved operations to our current facility in June of 2000.
- 🚒 Dispatches Fire and Medical Emergencies for 35 communities and 35 Fire and EMS Agencies.
- 🚒 Serves a population of 115,383 residents.
- 🚒 Is spread over 5 NH Counties, covering a geographical area of 1,494 square miles (16% of the area of the State of NH – 1.5 times the size of the state of Rhode Island).
- 🚒 Protects over \$19.6 billion dollars of property (2011).
- 🚒 Has an operating budget of \$1,261,818 (2017 budget).
- 🚒 Has 8 Full Time Dispatchers, 11 Part Time Dispatchers, 1 Full Time Chief, 1 Part Time Deputy, and 1 Part Time Network Administrator.
- 🚒 Dispatched 26,500 incidents during 2017.
- 🚒 Dispatched 23,039 incidents during 2016.
- 🚒 Dispatched 23,550 incidents during 2015.
- 🚒 Dispatched 22,072 incidents during 2014.
- 🚒 Dispatched 21,570 incidents during 2013.

## 2017 Rural Hitch Schedule FOURTH QUARTER ISSUE: December 26, 2017

Please send your ads, articles, photos, new apparatus photos, new department member information, promotions, department events, etc. to [debbie@debbiek.graphics.com](mailto:debbie@debbiek.graphics.com).

If you would like help writing an article or need photos taken, please give Debbie Kardaseski a call at 603-344-9812.

Remember: This newsletter belongs to all members of Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid. It's a wonderful opportunity to get your information out to all departments within the system as well as over 100 other interested people. And it's FREE to members! 🚒

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# AL's Breakfast

Con-Ed for EMS and Nursing  
2017 SCHEDULE

Who the heck is AL?



Wednesday	May 3rd	Stewart's Ambulance
Wednesday	June 7th	Laconia
Enjoy your	July	Summer
Enjoy your	August	Summer
Wednesday	September 6th	New Hampton
Watch for	Paramedic	RTP
Wednesday	November 1st	Gilford
Wednesday	December 6th	New Hampton

All Breakfasts will be from 0900-1100hrs



Any Question please contact Shawn Riley 524-6881 or  
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