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New Hampton Fire Dept. Line of Duty Death



The flags were lowered to half staff at the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in honor of Firefighter/AEMT Douglas Clement (right).

It is with great sadness that the town of New Hampton announces the line of duty death of Firefighter/AEMT Douglas Clement. Firefighter Clement was on call for the New Hampton Fire Department after returning from rescue training Monday evening June 13th. The fire department was called to his residence at 5:24 a.m. Tuesday for a medical emergency. Firefighter Clement was transported to Speare Memorial Hospital in Plymouth, NH where he was pronounced dead. An autopsy was performed at Concord Hospital and the NH Medical Examiner's Office has released the cause of death as accidental due to a heart attack. Firefighter Clement was a member of the New Hampton Fire Department since 1997 and leaves behind four children. 🚒



Center Harbor Fire Dept. Celebrates 100 Years!

The Center Harbor Fire Department celebrated 100 years of service this year! The town's July Fourth parade was dedicated to the department. Area departments were invited to join in the celebration and the following departments sent apparatus: Moultonborough, Meredith, Sandwich, Ashland, New Hampton, and Gilford. The photo above shows all of Center Harbor's participants. Congratulations on 100 years of service. 🚒



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From the Chief...

By Chief James R. Hayes



The second quarter of 2016 has been a busy time period here in the Lakes Region as you will see from the amount of items in this issue of the *Rural Hitch*. I am going to keep this short and let you read the rest of the newsletter. An easy winter provided an early and active spring fire season with multiple fires within the Lakes Region system, as well as requests for resources from our area to respond to fires in other parts of the State. Several structure fires occurred during this same time period and a few of them resulted in brush fires at the same time. LRMFA also sent a Strike Team of Engines to a six-alarm fire in Rochester in June, so the activity has been steady.

The microwave system project that was funded with Homeland Security grant funds has been completed as far as installation is concerned. There are some final adjustments that need to be completed before we can start using it on a daily basis. This extension of the Belknap County Sheriff's microwave will enable LRMFA to control four of our transmitter sites. Fair-Point Communications has completed installing the fiber optic line and equipment in the first half of a project that will provide a redundant control path to all but one of our remote transmitter sites. This will allow direct control and monitoring of transmissions on the tactical radios at each site, as well as future data transmission from each site. Connection of the on-site radio equipment still needs to be completed at these first sites. The remainder of the project will be completed at the end of 2016 or early 2017.

The weather has been beautiful for the most part this summer so enjoy the weather, spend time with your families and be safe when responding on calls! 🚒

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Rumney Fire Dept. News



Laconia Fire Dept. Hosts Open House

By Chief Ken Erickson

Laconia Fire held an Open House on March 15. It was well attended by area firefighters, Laconia firefighters, politicians, family, and many friends. Firefighters gave dozens of tours during the event. A ceremony was held where firefighters and the City Council held a length of new hose and uncoupled the hose — a firefighter's touch on ribbon cutting! A very surprised Deputy Chief Charles Roffo was presented a plaque for all his hard work and dedication to the new facility. City Councillor Bob Hamel, who was the Project Chairman, had some very nice comments to make to Deputy Roffo. To end the ceremony, a large cake was cut and served to all the attendees. 🍰



On March 23rd, a building fire was toned on Will Colburn Road, Rumney. Flames were visible upon arrival and a first alarm tone was immediately requested. All the occupants were outside of the building and sitting in vehicles. This fire was attacked from inside as well as outside and the fire was under control in about two hours, with units there much longer to extinguish hot spots and clean up. The Red Cross was called in to assist the residents with housing needs. The following towns assisted with the fire: Wentworth, Warren, Plymouth, and Campton-Thornton, while Hebron covered the Rumney Station. We thank them and the Rumney Ladies Auxiliary for supplying food and water at the scene.



May 17, 2016. Fire at Moses Body Shop on Route 25, Rumney.

By Chief Dave Coursey

On May 17th, the department was toned for a fire at Moses Body Shop on Route 25. Upon arrival I saw smoke billowing from the sides and around the roof of the building. A first alarm was immediately requested, as was the tower truck from Plymouth Fire Department. Being aware of the history of the building — it has been a body shop for 60 years — I would not allow anyone to enter the building due to the chemicals and hazardous materials used in that business. This fire was fought from the outside with a tremendous need for

water. Additional tankers were requested for water supply. Fire did break through and the fire was brought under control in a little over two hours. An excavator was brought in to dismantle the building and turn debris as the departments remained on site putting out fires within the structure. A thank you goes out to the towns of Plymouth, Campton-Thornton, Warren, Wentworth, Holderness, Bristol, Hebron, New Hampton, Bridgewater, and Meredith for assisting with this fire and protecting adjacent structures.

The Department has been active this spring with several brush and illegal fires, and automobile and motorcycle accidents. Men went from Rumney to Stoddard to assist with a large fire there. Having our forestry truck on the road has been most useful. There are just a few more improvements to be made and it will be 100% finished.

Several members of this department have been promoted and two members have joined the “retiree” list. Nick Coursey has been promoted to 1st Captain and Dan Medaglia has been promoted to 2nd Captain. Sam Coes III was promoted to 1st Lieutenant and Evan Hacker to 2nd Lieutenant. Ken Ward, former Chief and Ken Savage, former Deputy Chief, have become “retirees” on the roster. 🍰

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Spring House Fire Spreads to Surrounding Area

On April 23, 2016, multiple fire crews worked together to combat a fire that heavily damaged a home and spread to a nearby wooded area in Northfield.

Tilton-Northfield Fire Department was called to 70 Reservoir Road in Northfield for reports of a fire. While responding, crews confirmed that the fire had reached a home, along with a half-acre of woods, which was burning nearby.



Firefighters quickly deployed several lines in an attempt to control the blaze and extinguish the house fire.

Crews made an aggressive interior attack on the first floor to keep the fire in one end of the home.

Due to the fast-moving flames, it became difficult to control. A third alarm was called for additional aid.

"This was a difficult fire due to the effort it took to remove the wood-finished ceilings," said Dan Leathers, a firefighter.

A second alarm was called for the growing fire outside.

"We had a lot going on in a short period of time" said Derek Farrell. "We would have never been able to handle

this so quickly if it were not for the outstanding effort of our Mutual Aid companies."

The home sustained significant fire, smoke, and water damage. It is considered uninhabitable.

One civilian was treated and released at the scene. No other injuries were reported.

The fire is considered accidental and caused by a faulty electrical system.

Tilton-Northfield Fire and EMS companies along with Franklin, Belmont, Sanbornton, Laconia, Gilford, Concord, Gilmanton, Ashland, Bristol, and Andover fire departments assisted at the scene. 🚒

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Wednesday	December 7th	Franklin

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Laconia FD Conducts Large-Scale Table-Top Drill

On Wednesday, May 18, the City of Laconia conducted a large-scale table-top drill in conjunction with numerous other agencies. The drill simulated a severe weather event during Motorcycle Week and Laconia Fest. The purpose of the drill was to test our response plans for the two events, as well as test our radio interoperability, mutual aid partnerships, mass casualty capabilities, command and control, and emergency operations in general. From our perspective, the drill was a huge success. There were 67 participants; some had hands-on roles, others were observers. There were seven evaluators from State Homeland Security. The drill was held at Laconia Central Fire Station in the community room and the city's new Emergency Operations Center. Groups were spread throughout the fire station grounds, forcing participants to use multiple radios frequencies and operating channels.

The drill was designed to test our systems and how well we work together. There were many lessons learned and positive issues reinforced. The participants came from NH State Police,

Liquor Commission, Probation/Parole, Laconia Fire, Police, Public Works, Parks & Recreation, City Manager, and Finance and Purchasing. In addition, the Lakes Region Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid, and Lakes Region General Hospital were involved. Neighboring communities that also participated were Belmont Police and Fire, Gilford Police and Fire, Meredith Fire and Stewarts Ambulance, Franklin Fire, and the Belknap County Sheriff's office.

This was a great opportunity for people to work together in a non-emergency mode. State Homeland Security will produce an After Action Report with recommendations for improvements. At the end of the drill an after action review was conducted so that all participants had a chance to talk about strengths and weaknesses and any need for change or improvement. The drill was funded through a Homeland Security grant. 🚒

2016 Rural Hitch Schedule

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Fox Park Apartment Fire, Plymouth

On May 21, 2016, the Plymouth Fire Department responded with 18E3 to 2 Fox Park Drive in Plymouth for a report of a building fire. Captain Tobine was the officer of the day and arrived on scene to find 40' x 160' structure with heavy fire coming from the rear of the building. A second alarm was requested by Captain Tobine and, while doing a scene size up, he assisted one person located in the apartment next to the fire evacuate the building. A 1-3/4" line was pulled and the fire was hit from the outside followed by an interior attack. The fire was contained to one apartment but an additional five other apartments did sustain smoke and water damage. There were a total of twelve apartment units in the building and all were evacuated and no injuries were reported. 🚒



Rochester Fire Requests Mutual Aid During a 6-Alarm Fire in Gonic

By Kenneth L. Erickson, Fire Chief, Laconia

On June 19, Rochester Fire was working a 5-alarm fire in Gonic. Three buildings were on fire and the temperatures were in the 90s. The Fire Chief requested a 6th alarm. He told dispatch (Rochester PD) to call Central Station and ask the firefighters for help filling out the run card as they stopped at a 5th alarm. Rochester Fire called Laconia Fire and asked if we could send a truck. Chief Erickson was notified of the request. He called Rochester direct and asked if they needed a Strike Team. They said – “Please send it. We’ve exhausted our run card.” Chief Erickson called Lakes Region and told Lt. Nugent to tone Laconia, Belmont, Gilford, Tilton-Northfield, and Gilmanton to respond – emergency response. Units were to meet at Belmont Station. From the time of the request to time of arrival at the Gonic Station was 1 hour – a very good effort by everyone involved.

On arrival we remained in staging for a short period of time. We then deployed a RIT as standby. Other crews were assigned to assist with overhaul. We remained on scene for several hours. Once we arrived on scene the Rochester Chief relieved all his personnel and most mutual aid companies. They had all been working for hours in high heat. His crews were sent home to refresh and return as soon as possible. Many Rochester Firefighters thanked us for coming to their aid. They were very appreciative. 🚒



Third Laconia House Fire In A Week

By Kenneth L. Erickson, Fire Chief

On June 5, Laconia, Gilford, and Belmont were dispatched to 1420 Old North Main Street for a reported attic fire. Lt. Ellingson arrived on Engine 1 and reported smoke showing from the attic of a 2½ story wood single-family home. He requested a 1st alarm, which brought in cover trucks from Meredith, Stewarts Ambulance, and Tilton. A 2" line was stretched through the front door and worked its way to the 3rd floor. Crews found heavy fire and smoke in the attic. Chief Beattie, who had assumed Command, observed the smoke changing from brown to dark black. He advised Division 3 of the conditions and requested a 2nd alarm. This brought Meredith, Gilford, Tilton-Northfield, Sanbornton, and Franklin to the fire. Within a short period of time, conditions improved as the crews made a hard push into the attic and knocked the fire down. A few minutes later the 2nd alarm companies, with the exception of Meredith, were placed in service.

This was the third structure fire in Laconia that week. 🚒

Franklin FD Second Alarm Rural Water Supply Drill



7E4 Attack Engine supported by 7E1 Nurse Tanker.



Rural Hitch established to allow two off load sites.



7E3 established a fill site designed to fill two tankers.

On May 25, 2016, the Franklin Fire Department tested their rural water supply operation capabilities with a 2nd alarm rural water supply drill. The target hazard was the vacant building at the former Thousand Acres Family Campground on South Main Street (Route 3) in Franklin.

The objective was to establish an initial flow of 250 gpm within 5 minutes of arrival. After achieving that goal, the objective was to increase flow to 500 gpm or more utilizing a 2nd alarm rural water supply response and the rural hitch to deliver the water to the scene.

Companies were staged at the Franklin Fire Station and dispatched with times adjusted to simulate real-time response times.

DC Goodearl was the incident commander. He assigned the water supply officer position to Captain Hicks and the fill site position to Captain Stetson and FF Lee. Having these positions staffed were critical to ensuring an efficient tanker cycle in the shuttle.

There were a few issues that occurred during the drill needing to be dealt with in order to get water to the scene. These were quickly identified and resolved in a timely fashion.

Once we had all of the units participating in the shuttle, our 500 gpm objective was met and sustained for approximately 20 minutes when the drill was shut down due to time constraints.

Participating departments included Franklin FD, Tilton-Northfield FD, Andover FD, Sanbornton FD, Hill FD, Bristol FD, Belmont FD, and Salisbury FD. Laconia FD provided coverage to the city.

Franklin FD will be publishing a drill summary in the near future. The drill summary will be published on the Franklin Fire Department and Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid social media sites.

Any department wishing to host a water supply drill should contact DC Beland at 528-9111. 🚒



Incident Commander Goodearl and Water Supply Officer Hick's confer on operations.

Winnepesaukee River Rescue

On June 26, the Tilton-Northfield Fire and EMS and Franklin Fire Departments were toned to a water rescue at 17:23 hours in the Winnepesaukee River. Units were advised of a female in the river who was not responsive. Tilton-Northfield units arrived on scene confirming multiple people in the river with one female clinging to a branch in the center of the river at the opening to the Clement Dam in Tilton. Franklin Fire Chief and Swift Water Team Chief Kevin LaChapelle also responded and assumed command. Northfield Police, Tilton Police, State Police, NH Fish & Game, and Marine Patrol assisted on the scene. Belmont Fire Department transported the patient to LRGHealth-Care in Laconia. Sanbornton and Concord Fire Departments provided coverage at the Tilton and Northfield Fire stations.

The initial responders attempted to rescue the female using throw bag ropes and a kayak borrowed from a bystander. Initial attempts were not successful. Chief LaChapelle requested a first alarm water rescue from Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid. As the crews were setting up another rescue attempt, the female lost her grip on the branch and was rushed through the opening in the dam and downriver. The rescuer in the kayak attempted to follow the female through the dam, losing control and capsizing. The rescuer made it safely to the shore.

Chief LaChapelle requested additional alarms to assist with locating the female. Crews were also redeployed downstream to search.

Several bystanders assisted in the search and initial rescue attempts. Two brothers, Trevor and Tylor Bouchard,

and a friend, Tyler Zinkand, of Belmont initially jumped in at the edge of the dam and were talking to the female as rescuers arrived. The three men raced on foot downriver as the female went through the dam. Trevor Bouchard found the female downstream and pulled her into the shore where he was assisted by the other men. Rescuers met them at the edge of the river and carried the female to Belmont Fire Department's waiting ambulance.

"Trevor and the other men are the heroes for this incident," stated Captain David Hall of the Tilton-Northfield Fire and EMS. "We want everyone to have fun on the water. Check the conditions of the river and know your limitations prior to your trip."

There were no other injuries and units cleared the scene at 22:26 hours. 🚒

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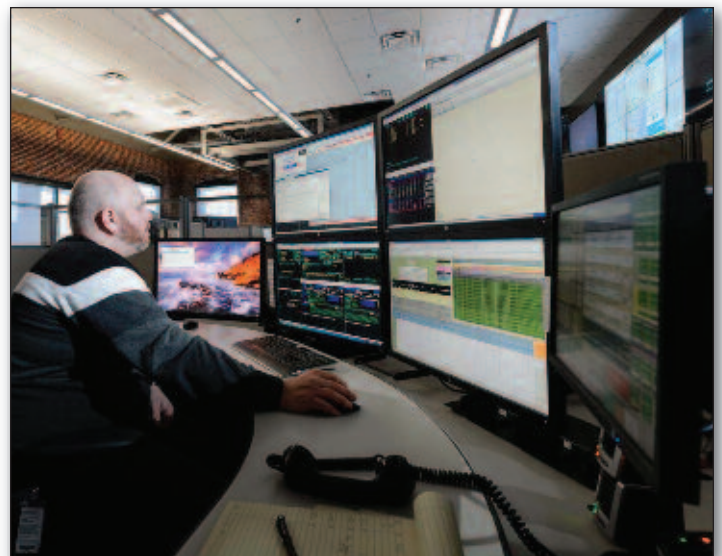
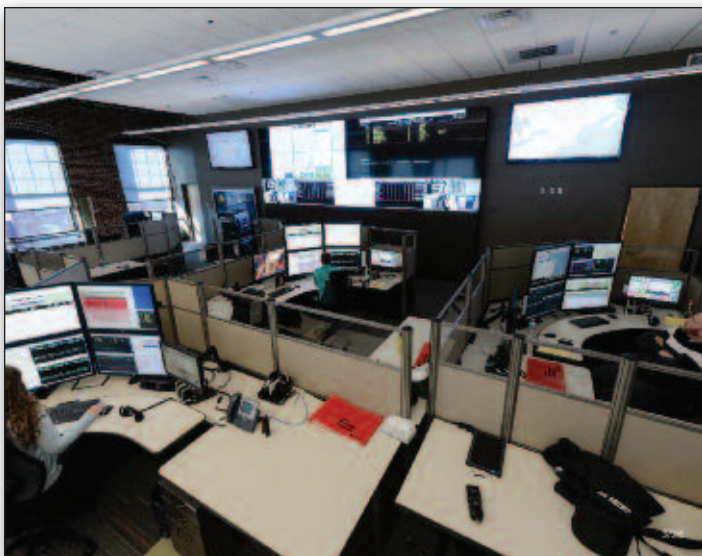
The May LRMFA Chiefs' Breakfast was hosted by Eversource at their NH headquarters, located in downtown Manchester, NH.

Following a breakfast provided by the Bayone Café, Donald Nourse, Manager – Distribution System Operations, presented a program outlining how Eversource receives, prioritizes, and dispatches emergency calls as they are received in their call taking and emergency dispatch center. This was an

informative session and gave attendees the opportunity to ask questions. At the completion of the program, Don brought us into the emergency dispatch center where we were able to view and learn about the state-of-the-art technology employed to monitor and assess issues in the grid. Don gave a great explanation and demonstration of emergency call processing procedures used by Eversource's team of emergency dispatchers.

Following the tour of the emergency operations center, we were treated to a tour of the non-emergency, daily operations areas of the facility by Donna Keeley, Community Relations, Northern Region. Donna did a great job explaining the extensive renovations completed in this historic mill building to make it the beautiful space it is today.

Thank you, Don and Donna, for hosting us and sharing your wealth of knowledge with us. 🚒



Newest Full Time Dispatcher at Communications Center



Michael Dow became the newest full time dispatcher at Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid's Communication Center on January 16 this year. Prior to then he had worked as a per diem dispatcher.

Dow enjoys the new and different challenges faced each day as a dispatcher. No two calls are the same and the atmosphere in the Communication Center can go from very quiet to very busy in about two seconds! When asked if it helps his job as a firefighter/AEMT to be a dispatcher – and vice versa, he replied, "Most definitely."

In his full time job as a dispatcher he find his firefighter and EMS training helps him by knowing the questions to ask and gives him an ability to anticipate what may be needed next. And when he's on the job as a firefighter/AEMT, he knows what sort of information the dispatch center is looking for.

Michael is also a member of the Moultonborough Fire Department. He began with them in 2005 as an Explorer, gradually working his way to becoming a full member of the department in 2009. He will become a paramedic by August 1 this year.

He has lived in Moultonborough all but two years of his life. Michael is not married and has a 10-month-old English Labrador named "Ellie." He rents a house in Moultonborough. On his days off, he rides his Harley and hikes with Ellie. During the winter he skis – a skill honed during high school when he downhill raced. 🚗

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EMS Update

Who the Heck is CLIA and Why do I Have to Send Her \$150 Every Other Year?

Shawn Riley, EMS Deputy Chief, Laconia Fire Department

Fairly recently the New Hampshire Bureau of Emergency Medical Services (NHBEEMS) sent out an email regarding a “CLIA Certificate of Waiver.” (Often referred to as a CLIA CoW) This came as a shock to many services but, unfortunately, it is a federal requirement ALL NH EMS services must comply with.

First off, CLIA is a federal law, not a regulatory organization. It stands for “Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments Act.” It was passed by Congress and signed into law in 1988. Its goal is to establish quality standards for all medical laboratories testing regardless of where it is performed.

WHY DO WE NEED A WAIVER?

This part is actually confusing. You don’t have a “waiver”; you have a certificate to perform “waived tests.” Waived tests are determined by the FDA to be “simple tests with insignificant risk of erroneous results and low risk of error.” Other waived tests include urine dip, rapid flu test, and rapid strep test to name a few. As you can see, CLIA CoWs effect lots of non-hospital healthcare organizations, particularly doctor’s offices, urgent care centers, and ambulances. It should be noted that hospital labs and other advanced freestanding labs need a much higher level CLIA accreditation with increased scrutiny and compliance regulations. These labs may perform test ranging from complete blood counts (CBCs) and DNA analysis to genetic testing of cancerous tumors.

IN A NUTSHELL WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO EMS?

First off it means, “YES,” you need to have a CLIA CoW. If you fail to do so you may face daily fines and loose your ability

to bill Medicare and Medicaid. In fact, Medicare and Medicaid would have the right to request refunds on all beneficiaries you billed during your time without a CoW on file. The NH Department of Health and Human Services is required to conduct random inspections on 2% of all “waived labs” each year. It is entirely possible someone could show up at your station for an unannounced inspection. Important: There is no truth to the rumor that since we do not bill for the blood glucose test, we do not need to have a CLIA CoW on file.

WHAT WILL THEY LOOK FOR IF WE ARE CHOSEN FOR A RANDOM INSPECTION?

If you are lucky enough to be selected for a site visit, there are three things the inspector will look for:

1. What waived tests are you performing? In EMS most likely it will only be blood glucose monitoring.
2. Are you following the manufacturers recommendations?
3. Are you using a meter intended for medical use (multi-patient use) or a home meter recommended for “single patient use only”?

ABOUT THE METERS

If you have a “single patient use only” meter, check with the manufacturer. Some manufactures have a second set of recommendations if the meter is used in a multi-patient use setting. Also, the quality controls (QC) needs to be logged and made available for an inspection. The QC is the “high” and “low” reading obtained when you run the control test with the recommended reagents. It is important to note that all meters have different requirements. Some require daily QC while others require weekly or even monthly QC. Check with your EMS supplies representative for more details.

If I am being totally honest, it is hard to see the benefit in having a CLIA Waiver certificate. It really provides no guarantees or assurances of improved patient care or quality of blood glucose readings. I cannot recall or find evidence of a case where an EMS blood glucose monitor was ever called into question. Many EMS services have been operating without this waiver and have never had an issue. However (and importantly) this is the law and there are consequences for not complying with it. It is our job as EMS organizations to meet all mandated requirements. Fill out the paperwork and pay the fee — it’s the right thing to do.

If you have any questions at all you can always contact me directly at smriley@lrg.org or (603) 524-6881. You may also contact Aaron Doyle at NH DHHS at aaron.doyle@dhhs.nh.gov.





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"Battle of the Badges" Hits Close LRMFA

By Lt. Kevin Nugent, LRMFA Dispatcher

My son Conner came into this world on May 3, 2013, eight weeks early. Because he was born so early, his lungs had not yet fully developed. He was placed on a ventilator and transferred by the DHMC ambulance from Concord Hospital to DHMC and CHaD. We would spend the next five weeks in the NICU.

We found out about the CHaD buddies program through a mutual friend of ours whose daughter was also a CHaD buddy. The CHaD buddies program matches up local Police and Firefighters with kids who were or are patients of the Children's Hospital at Dartmouth. CHaD buddies participate at many events over the course of the year, from "Battle of the Badges" hockey and baseball games to events with the Fisher Cats and many more.

Conner has participated as a CHaD buddy for the Battle of the Badges hockey game the past three years. His buddy is Firefighter Emmett Plourde from the Plymouth Fire Department. Conner and Emmett formed an instant bond. Every time we watch a hockey game, Conner excitedly yells, "I see Emmett!" Conner has gone to visit Emmett at the fire house and Emmett even came to Conner's third birthday party. I truly think Conner has a friend for life in Emmett.

As a parent of a CHaD buddy, I really enjoy returning to the events every year and seeing how happy and excited the kids and players are to be hanging out with their buddies. 🚒



Conner with his CHaD buddy Emmett Plourde from Plymouth Fire Department.

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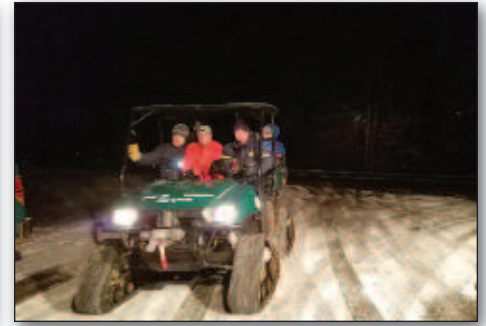
Campton-Thornton Fire Department Has a Busy First Quarter



4/1/16. MVA with entrapment. CTFD and Plymouth responded. Non life threatening injuries.



4/3/16. ATV accident in Thornton. CTFD and Waterville Valley responded. Serious injuries.



4/4/16. CTFD, WVDPS, NHF&G, Thornton PD responded to look for lost hikers in fresh snow.



4/7/16. MVA with entrapment. CTFD and Plymouth responded. Minor injuries. Same location as 4/1 except southbound.



4/9/16. We got a new sign installed!



4/19/16. MVA. Car drove up a guy wire on Pinnacle Road in Campton.



4/22/16. Brush Fire in Stoddard. CTFD and Rumney sent crews for overhaul, along with other departments from LRMFA.



4/25/16. Outside fire in Campton. CTFD and Plymouth responded, as well as NH Forest & Lands.



5/6/16. Welch-Dickey Trail, lost hiker. WVDPS, CTFD, Woodstock, Plymouth, Ashland responded.



5/17/16. Moses Auto Body Fire in Rumney.



5/21/16. First Alarm in Plymouth at the Fox Park Apartments.



5/27/16. CTFD Engine 3 spraying the kids at Campton Afterschool Program. They set up a tarp and made a huge slip-and-slide!

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6/15/16. Campton-Thornton Explorer Training.



6/16/16. Waterville Valley Active Shooter Training.



6/22/16. Building fire. Structure was a total loss, burned for several hours before being noticed. CTFD, Plymouth, Holderness, and Woodstock responded.



6/25/16. Touch A Truck at the Plymouth Airport.



Training Division News

The Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid Training Division can provide the following training programs to our member agencies. Cost will vary depending upon available funding and class student-to-instructor ratio. To schedule a class or receive pricing, please contact Deputy Chief John Beland at LRMFA by calling 603-528-9111 or emailing jbeland@lrmfa.org.

FIREFIGHTER CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS

FIREFIGHTER I

These programs can be delivered as individual modules.

- History & Orientation
- FF Survival Skills
- Water Supply
- Salvage & Overhaul
- Standard First Aid
- Fire Behavior
- Ropes & Knots
- Fire Suppression — Size Up
- Fire Communications/Radio Interoperability
- Detection & Suppression Systems
- Building Construction
- Forcible Entry
- PPE & SCBA
- Ladders
- Extinguishers
- Wildland FF I
- FF Rehab
- Ventilation
- HAZMAT Awareness — Operations
- Health Care Provider
- Search & Rescue
- Hoses, Nozzles, Streams

FIREFIGHTER II

- Incident Command Systems
- FFI Skills Review
- Pre-Incident Survey and Prevention/Public Education
- Flashover Recognition & Simulator
- Utility Emergencies
- Vehicle Rescue
- FF Safety Skills
- Fire Suppression II
- Fire Causes
- Rescue Skills

DRIVER OPERATOR PROGRAMS

- Driver Operator — Pumping Apparatus — Non-certified
- Driver Operator — Pumping Apparatus — Certified

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS PROGRAMS

- Hazardous Materials — Decontamination

- Hazardous Materials — Awareness/Operations
- Hazardous Materials — Technician
- Hazardous Materials Refresher
- Computer-Aided Management of Emergency Operations (C.A.M.E.O.)

ICE RESCUE TECHNICIAN

RAPID INTERVENTION CREWS

Rapid Intervention Crews and Firefighter Survival (NFPA Certification Class)

RIC Modules:

- Declaring a FF Emergency*
- Ropes, Slings & Harnesses*
- Tools & Equipment*
- NFA Calling the Mayday*
- Search Techniques*
- Protecting a Downed FF in Place*
- Moving a Downed FF to Safety*
- Access & Extrication*
- Air Supply*
- FF Self Rescue*

RAPID INTERVENTION CREWS PERFORMANCE DRILLS

- Locating, Accessing, Removing a Downed Firefighter
- Removing a Downed FF Up a Flight of Stairs, Removing a FF From a First Floor Window, Removing a FF From a Second Floor Window, Removing a Downed FF From a Hole in the Floor

SWIFTWATER AWARENESS

NH FIRE & ALL HAZARDS MOBILIZATION PLAN

- Crew Level Training
- Task Force Leader Training

COMPANY OFFICER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

- Advancing the First Line
- Fireground Decision Making
- Modern Fires & Firefighter Safety
- Be the Leader You Would Want to Follow
- Modern Property Security Systems and Practical Uses of Traditional Forcible Entry
- Developing Strategies & Incident Action Plans
- EMS — Compassion Fatigue
- Engine Company — Strategy & Tactics
- Commercial Buildings — Why Do They Kill Firefighters?
- NH Firefighters Cancer Awareness Program
- Firefighter Occupational Stress
- Strategy & Tactics at Church Fires
- Pushing Fire From the Unburned Side
- Successful Transition from Firefighter to Company Officer

What's New...



LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD
Lt. Tyler Currier
5 Years
Meredith Fire Dept.



LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD
Nathan Landry
5 Years
Meredith Fire Dept.



LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS
Lt. Jeff Marts 20 Years (left)
1ST Deputy Chief Andre Kloetz 35 Years (right)
Meredith Fire Dept.



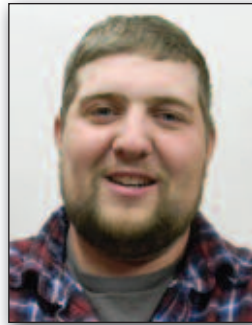
PROMOTED TO 1ST CAPTAIN
Nick Coursey
Rumney Fire Department



PROMOTED TO 2ND CAPTAIN
Dan Medaglia
Rumney Fire Department



PROMOTED TO 1ST LIEUTENANT
Samuel Coes III
Rumney Fire Department



PROMOTED TO 2ND LIEUTENANT
Evan Hacker
Rumney Fire Department



RETIRED
Ken Ward
Chief
Rumney Fire Department



RETIRED
Kenneth Savage
Deputy Chief
Rumney Fire Department



NEW FIRE INSPECTOR
Steve Reale
Franklin Fire Department



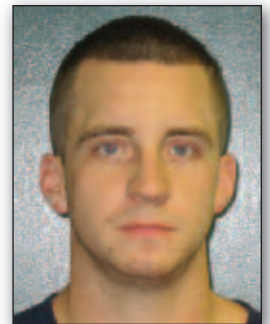
NEW FULLTIME FF/AEMT
Zachary Burke
Franklin Fire Department



NEW FULLTIME
Kevin Patterson
Gilford Fire Department



MOVED ALONG
Nick Proulx
Formerly with Gilford Fire Department



MOVED ALONG
Stephen Finn
Formerly with Plymouth Fire Department

What's New...



NEW FULLTIME
Josh Huestis
Belmont Fire
Department



NEW FULLTIME
Jonathan Harry
Belmont Fire
Department



RETIRED
Richard Brown
Alton Fire
Department



PROMOTED TO
CAPTAIN
Dennis Comeau
Gilmanton Fire
Department



PROMOTED TO
LIEUTENANT
Donald Pickowicz
Gilmanton Fire
Department

Franklin Fire Department Secretary Honored by Franklin VFW



Congratulations to Franklin Fire Department's Carolyn Morrill — 2016 Franklin VFW Loyalty Day recipient for the Fire Department. In the past 32 years, Carolyn has been the Secretary for four Fire Chiefs, seven Deputy Fire Chiefs, countless Captains, Lieutenants, and bus loads of firefighters. She

has baked over 400 birthday cakes for each full time staff member on his/her birthday, and has an infectious laugh that can be heard from anywhere in our 5.5 mile residency requirement. She has been beyond LOYAL to the FFD and our families. THANK YOU, Carolyn, and congratulations!!! Well deserved. 🍰

LRMFA Headquarters Laconia, NH

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Second Quarter 2016 Statistics...

APRIL 1, 2016–JUNE 30, 2016

Incidents Dispatched:	April 2016	2,041
	May 2016	1,933
	June 2016	2,228
	Quarter Total	6,202
	YTD Total	11,992

Statistics For This Quarter:

Number of incidents:	6,202
Radio transmissions	64,352
Emergency phones	7,405
Administrative phones	5,381

This breaks down on a daily basis to **68** incidents per day and **10** radio transmissions for each incident — or **707** per day on average. Along with the emergency incidents we answered, **59** calls were made on the administrative lines and **81** calls on the emergency phones were made per day.

Statistics For Year-to-Date:

Number of incidents:	11,992
Radio transmissions	137,926
Emergency phones	14,115
Administrative phones	9,988

This breaks down on a daily basis to **66** incidents per day and **12** radio transmissions for each incident — or **758** per day on average. Along with the emergency incidents we answered, **55** calls were made on the administrative lines and **78** calls on the emergency phones were made per day.

As the trends continue, the Communications Center has seen an increase in incident volume of 6%. This increase is based on what the Communications Center did for volume last year during the same time of year. Taking a look back to 2014, there has been a 20% increase in incident volume during the second quarters between the two years.

Resources Available:

Engines	92	Tankers	12
Ladders	5	Rescues	22
Forestry	38	Ambulances	52
Utilities	26	Fire Boats	30
Towers	7	Air Units	5
ATVs	13	Command Vehicles	31

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 \$18.8 billion dollars of property.
- 🚒 Has an operating budget of \$1,165,880 (2014 budget).
- 🚒 Has 8 full-time and 7 part-time employees.
- 🚒 Dispatched 23,550 incidents during 2015 (65 calls per day).
- 🚒 Dispatched 22,072 incidents during 2014 (60 calls per day).
- 🚒 Dispatched 21,570 incidents during 2013 (59.1 calls per day).
- 🚒 Dispatched 21,504 incidents during 2012 (58.92 calls per day).



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- ◆ Full Height and Depth Rescue Style Compartments



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Fall 2016 Paramedic RTP

This program follows the new NCCP requirements for national content. No NHBEMS cref # is issued

- Dates:** September 15, 20, 22, and 26
- Time:** All days are 0800-1700hrs
- Limited Enrollment:** 38 seats available – strictly enforced. Preference is given to Lakes Region Area providers.
- Location:** Laconia Central Fire Station. Parking at Opechee Park.
- Register:** Email smriley@lrgh.org. Include name, address, service affiliation, DOB, phone number, and email.
- Cost:** \$400 for non-Lakes Region Paramedics.
- ACLS and PALS:** You must complete ACLS and PALS online and schedule a testing session with Shawn Riley or John Prickett at Laconia Fire Station. There is a \$132 fee each for ACLS and PALS, which is not included. Please contact Shawn Riley for details on how to purchase the online course for ACLS and PALS.

Please contact Shawn Riley with any questions at smriley@lrgh.org or (603) 524-6881

Big Changes To LRGHealthcare Paramedic RTP

The annual LRGHealthcare paramedic RTP is drastically changing this year to meet the standards of the new National Registry NCCP. The good news is it reduces the amount of classroom time.

ACLS/PALS

The most significant change to the “old” Paramedic RTP is the format in which we will be doing ACLS and PALS. We are switching to a hybrid online class with in-person testing. The student must purchase and complete the ACLS and PALS on-line program from the American Heart Association. Once they complete the online portion, they will receive a certificate which they must present before doing an in-person testing

session. We have arranged to have ACLS and PALS testing done at the Laconia Fire Station Sim Lab by either Shawn Riley or John Prickett.

This year, ACLS and PALS are still imbedded in the Paramedic RTP. This is due to the fact that all of our past RTP students expire synchronously with the annual RTP. The future goal is to offer ACLS and PALS recertification asynchronous of the Paramedic RTP. This will allow great flexibility in scheduling both ACLS and PALS and the NCCP RTP content. Hopefully it will reduce over-time cost and staffing conflicts in the future.

CPR

Due to the large number of CPR instructors in

the area it is our goal to discontinue CPR certification in the RTP as well. Anyone in need of CPR recertification can contact Shawn Riley smriley@lrgh.org or John Prickett jprickett@lrgh.org for assistance.

Cost

There is a cost with the ACLS and PALS. It goes directly to Channing-Bete and the American Heart Association. It is approximately \$132 for ACLS and \$132 for PALS. It is our hope that the reduction in over-time will balance out this cost. There will be no charge for the other educational content and testing if the paramedic belongs to a Lakes Region EMS service. 🚒