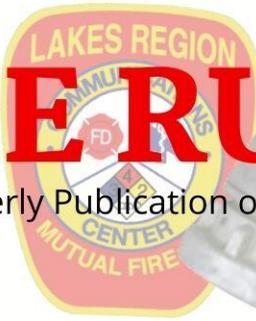


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April brings high call volume for Laconia (see Page 8)

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From the Chief...

Jonathan M. Goldman, RPL



The second quarter of 2021 was an extremely busy one for LRMFA, its staff, and member agencies. As an organization, we dispatched what seemed to be more fires than normal, and of course, Laconia was preparing for the annual Motorcycle Week festivities which always bring additional activity to the area. This year was the first year in recent memory that we had zero MC fatality. Laconia typically has at least one building fire during motorcycle week to keep things interesting. This year, although they did not have any building fires, they did experience a localized natural gas emergency. Over the course of a 36-hour period, Laconia Fire Department, and multiple mutual aid departments were dispatched and responded to 49 calls reporting an odor of gas. Aside from many residential, and commercial calls for service, the St. Francis Home as well as Concord Hospital - Laconia were affected and required significant resource responses. This stretched LRMFA, LFD, and its mutual aid partners thin. Fortunately, there were no actual gas readings, and it was discovered that there was too much mercaptan in the lines, causing the odor.

During the second quarter of 2021, COVID19 and most of its precautions came to a stop. Although COVID19 is still present in NH, vaccinations became much more readily available, and the Governor slowly returned NH to its pre-COVID19 posture and ended the State of Emergency. In March of 2020, as the full threat of COVID19 was becoming known, the NH Bureau of Emergency Communications began to utilize EMD Card 36. "Protocol 36" as it was known utilized the International Academy of Emergency Dispatch uses the "Emerging Infectious Disease Surveillance Tool" to question callers and alert responders of potential for an emerging infectious disease at the location of an emergency. From March of 2020 through the middle of May 2021 LRMFA dispatched a total of 1,141 calls for service using the Protocol 36 EMD card. The busiest months for use of this card were April (201), and May 2020 (172) "Protocol 36" dispatches.

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In January of 2021, we completed all the necessary work relating to the radio system infrastructure project, and formally "accepted" the project. We distributed the balance of funds owed to the vendor and could not be happier with the results so far. We also completed all the necessary work to build and deploy the microwave link from Kearsarge to Belknap. This was a collaborative project with the Capital Area Fire Mutual Aid Compact, and the NH Division of Emergency Services and Communications. With this project completed, all three agencies will be able to pass microwaves throughout their catchment areas using each other as backups. DESC contributed to performing the tower climbing work at both Kearsarge and Belknap. With their participation, the cost of the project was significantly reduced, and we appreciate their efforts.

As part of the radio project, we determined that the Pegwood (Campton, NH) site does not give us the coverage we really need from the site to properly serve Waterville Valley, Campton, Thornton, and Ellsworth. In the past, we had a site on Mount Tecumseh, located in Waterville Valley that was an amazing site, and provided coverage to those same areas much better than Pegwood. For some reason in the past, we abandoned this site in favor of Pegwood. History leads us to believe it was due to cost. Plymouth Police have recently undergone a radio infrastructure project, using the same vendor we use, and replaced their site at Mount Tecumseh. Deputy Chief Paul Steele Jr and our radio vendor, fortunately, had the foresight to envision benefits to both agencies' systems and worked with the FCC to relicense that site and collaborate with Plymouth Police Department to jointly share antenna and rack space with them on the mountaintop. On July 1 we transitioned the Pegwood simulcast site to Mount Tecumseh. We will still leave some equipment at Pegwood for fireground coverage and redundancy, but this change will greatly enhance the northern portion of the district's talk-in and talk-out capabilities with the simulcast site now being placed on a 4,003-foot summit, as opposed to the 1,600-foot site in Campton.

On June 30th, the last day of the quarter, we were notified by the Association of Public Safety Communications (APCO) that we had obtained Agency Training Program Certification (ATPC). This certification weighs our new hire and ongoing training efforts against 111 individual standards. The project took over one year and was submitted to confidential peer reviewers through APCO. Our Training Coordinator Erin Hannafin led the project. Lt. Hannafin worked with me, and Deputy Chief Paul Steele to work through each of our policies, procedures, and training manuals to align them with the national standards. LRMFA is now one of only three communications centers in New Hampshire to have obtained this certification. Obtaining ATPC demonstrates LRMFA's commitment to providing the highest level of service possible not only to our staff, but to the member communities, their first responders, and the residents and visitors we all serve. 🇺🇸



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Plymouth Battles 3rd Alarm Fire



In the early morning hours of Sunday, May 23rd Lt. Ricky Fowler, and Dispatcher Brian Searles took several telephone calls reporting a building fire at 63 Pleasant St. in Plymouth. Plymouth Fire-Rescue, along with Campton-Thornton were dispatched. Plymouths Engine 3 was the first to arrive on the scene and found heavy fire from the rear of the structure in an attached garage, along with a car on fire that was parked outside in the same area. A second alarm was immediately requested upon arrival, bringing crews from Campton-Thornton, Holderness, Ashland, Waterville Valley, and Rumney. A special request was made for a ladder truck from Bristol to the scene.

As crews worked the labor-intensive fire, a third alarm was requested as more personnel were needed. This brought LRMFA C1, Hebron, New Hampton, Bridgewater, and an additional engine from Bristol. Meredith and Center Harbor also arrived on the scene to assist. An ambulance from Bridgewater and an engine from Wentworth were requested to cover the Plymouth station. At the time of the fire, there were three occupants inside of the residence that stated that the smoke detectors alerted them of smoke in the home and they were able to evacuate the building safely. Unfortunately, a family cat did not survive the fire.

Plymouth Police Department, as well as Plymouth State University Police Department supported and assisted companies while they were on scene during this incident, as well as many residents in the area who brought cases of water to the command post for the responders. The Red Cross was contacted to assist the residents, and the NH Fire Marshals Office assisted Plymouth Fire-Rescue in trying to determine the cause and origin of the fire. The cause of the fire is undetermined at this time and is still under investigation.





Laconia Fire Along with Mutual Aid Responds to multiple Gas Odor Calls

At 1503 hours on Wednesday, June 16, Laconia Fire was dispatched to 406 Court St, the St Francis Nursing Home, for a fire alarm activation with an unknown odor in the building. On arrival first due companies were met by staff stating there was an odor of gas in the mechanical room. Crews entered and confirmed an odor of natural gas with no gas detected on their meters. While operating on the first scene, Laconia Fire began receiving calls from multiple businesses and residents reporting the same odor. A first alarm was requested bringing in off-duty personnel as well as mutual aid to assist in responding to the calls.

The largest single response was to Concord Hospital -Laconia for a strong odor of gas in the lobby and one of the hallways. No evacuation was necessary, but the hospital did shut down some of their gas-fired appliances in the event this was an actual natural gas leak. Liberty Utilities dispatched several technicians to the area to assist with metering buildings, and to try to determine the source. With the increasing number of calls, Laconia Fire Department opened the City's Emergency Operations Center to organize the growing emergency response. At 2200 hours the Emergency Operations Center was closed. Between the start of the incident and our final related call, which was two days later, 49 odor of gas calls were handled. The cause was determined to be an excessive amount of Mercaptan was added to the main gas line on Rt 3 in Tilton, which comes into Laconia.

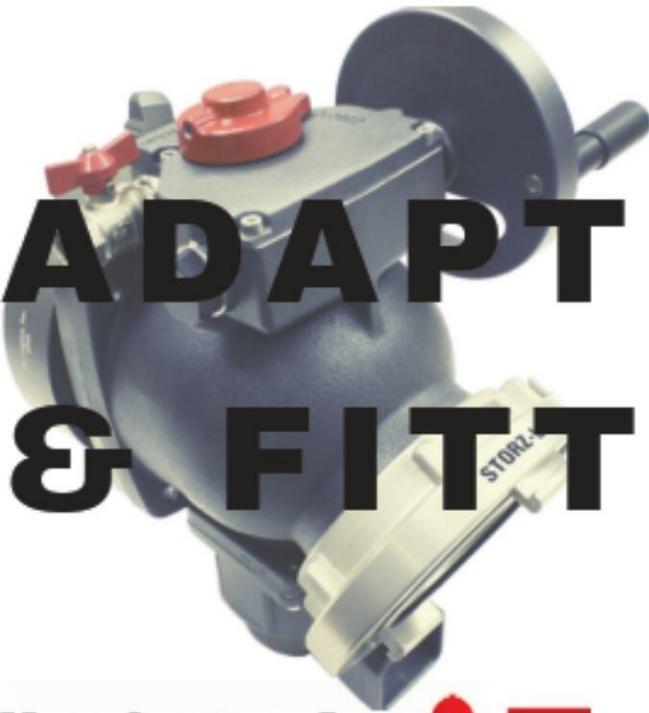
Laconia Fire was assisted by Gilford, Belmont, Meredith, and Tilton-Northfield Fire Departments and Meredith EMS. Also aiding us were Laconia Police, NH Homeland Security, and Emergency Management as well as Liberty Utilities.



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During the months of April/May, in addition to our normal call volume, Laconia Fire also handled a high number of building fires.

- April 7: 169-171 Highland Street / Second Alarm

Although this fire was called in quickly, and we had a rapid response time, this fire resulted in the loss of life. The elderly first-floor resident was rescued by firefighters on arrival and immediately give advanced life support. Unfortunately, she was unable to survive her injuries.

- April 10: 93 Eastman Shore Road South / Second Alarm (plus)

This fire was in a remote part of Laconia and had a delayed alarm, meaning we were not notified until the fire was well advanced. This fire resulted in a total loss of a seasonal home.

- April 11: 12-14 Fair Street / Working Fire

At 3 AM we responded to a reported car fire. As crews arrived it was determined that the fire was beginning to spread to an occupied duplex. Fortunately, we were able to extinguish the fire before it went into the home. All occupants were self-evacuated.

- April 13: 45 Messer Street / First Alarm

At just before 5 AM companies responded to a fire in a multifamily building on Messer Street. As crews were beginning to access the fire apartment, two occupants from another apartment needed to be rescued and were removed through thick smoke to safety. Both were treated and released from LRGH.

- April 22: 728 Union Av / Second Alarm

A cooking fire was determined to be the cause of a fire that heavily damaged a first-floor apartment, with minor damage to the second floor.

- April 25: 142 South Main Street / Working Fire

Electrical fire in a breaker box and meter box spread to the exterior wall. Fire extinguisher with a fire extinguisher. An early notification was key to us arriving early.

- May 30: 180 Union Av / Second Alarm

Originally called into LFD Central as a problem with a smoke detector, LRMFA quickly began receiving calls reporting a building fire. E2 was on scene quickly and found heavy fire conditions in one apartment on the 2nd floor of a 3 story 15-unit apartment building. Fire damage was contained to one unit and hallway. Damage was \$260,000.

We benefited from the use of mutual aid a lot over the last month as well. Mutual aid to the scene and/or to cover included Gilford, Belmont, Meredith, Sanbornton, Franklin, Tilton-Northfield, Holderness, Center Harbor, Bristol, Barnstead, Stewarts Ambulance, LRMFA, and the NH State Fire marshal's Office. LRMFA handled these incidents while dispatching many other simultaneous calls around the district.



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Alton Fire Battles 1st Alarm Building Fire

On Tuesday, April 27, 2021, at 1342 Lt. Ricky Fowler, and Dispatcher Kellie Regan dispatched the Alton Fire Department to a building fire on Loon Cove Rd. The caller initially reported a fire in a utility room.

Alton, along with mutual aid companies responded, with Chief Beaudoin and 1E4 arriving on scene and reported fire showing from the front of a two-story wood-frame structure accompanied by a woodland fire spreading to two neighboring homes. Lt. Trombi, FF Cotreau, and FF Baker immediately deployed a 2.5-inch hose line to the woodland fire, slowing the spread to neighboring homes. The crew then used the hose line on the main body of fire, attempting to slow its growth. The wind-driven fire was continuing to grow rapidly. Chief Beaudoin requested a second alarm, bringing both 1st and 2nd alarm companies to the scene simultaneously. An additional hand line was deployed and dedicated to protecting the neighboring homes. The woodland fire spread to within inches of destroying the two homes before it was extinguished. The entire incident was called under control at 1517. The incident brought mutual aid from Gilmanton, Barnstead, Gilford, Wolfboro, Belmont, Farmington, Stewarts Ambulance, Pittsfield, Strafford, Laconia, Rochester, State Forests, and Lands, and Tuftonboro.

The building was occupied at the time of the fire, the fire was started by burning leaves. One firefighter was treated at the scene for a minor injury, and the original structure was a total loss. The neighboring homes remained intact with some damage to the outside of the properties.



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2nd Alarm Fire Damages Plymouth Motel

At 12:31 A.M. on June 9, 2021 Lt. Ricky Fowler and Dispatcher Chris Conway began receiving telephone calls of a building fire, with an explosion at the Red Carpet Inn in Plymouth. Plymouth Fire Rescue along with Automatic Aid from the Campton-Thornton Fire Department was dispatched to 166 Highland Street in Plymouth. The initial arriving engine company staffed by Captain Vachon and Firefighter Legg reported heavy fire showing and requested a second alarm. An aggressive fire attack was initiated, and the fire was quickly brought under control and contained to the room of origin. There were no reported injuries. There were seven tenants displaced by the fire. The cause of the fire is under investigation by Plymouth Fire-Rescue and Investigator Matt Wilmot from N.H. State Fire Marshal's Office.

We are thankful for the assistance provided at the scene by the Plymouth and University Police, and the Ashland, Holderness, Rumney, and Waterville Valley Fire Departments. Station coverage was provided by the Bristol and New Hampton Fire Departments. We are also thankful for the communications services provided by the Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid, and the water supply maintained by the Plymouth Village Water and Sewer District.

"The fire crews did a superb job of containing this fire to the room of origin. The potential for loss of life and property in a building of this size and construction type that is not equipped with an automatic sprinkler system is significant. We are thankful for the early notification of the fire, and the fact that our duty crew was not out on another call at the time of the fire. These facts allowed us to control the fire in a timely fashion with the resources that we had on the scene." Chief Morrison.



Training Division Hosts Quarterly Training

25 personnel from within the district, and as far away as Atkinson attended the training division technology review program on April 13, 2021. It was very informative, we learned a lot and had a great meal catered by PORK EEZ PIG Roasts

Pictured: DC Ober (8C2) presenting on how Gilford Fire-Rescue leverages their records management system.



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Hello friends, we meet again! Last issue I discussed the importance of prioritizing your health. This quarter I want to discuss nutrition and fitness, so you can start implementing some of these tools, as these are just a couple of the key ingredients to staying fit for life and fit for the job.

Nutrition: Food affects how we think, act, and feel. You cannot expect to run an engine off dirty fuel and then presume it will run at a high-performance level. It just does not happen, and that goes the same for us. Food is fuel and we want to be fueling our engines with top-notch sources. While being a first responder, you are constantly having to make quick decisions and think FAST. Lives are on the line and those neurons need to be firing quickly! If you want your brain and body to perform optimally, and at a high-performance level, eating the proper human diet that aligns with your genetic makeup should be a top priority. That means eating foods from the earth and avoiding processed foods that deplete you of nutrients and contribute to poor health. You can be a great example to your brothers and sisters by making good decisions in the kitchen!

Fitness: The benefits of exercise are endless. Just look at the impact exercise has on your body, and your life:

- Boosts your immune system.
- Promotes longevity.
- Decreases your risk of heart disease.
- Improves your blood pressure and insulin levels.
- Helps prevent certain cancers.
- Improves cognition.
- Improves mood.
- Decreases chances of developing osteoporosis or fractured bones.
- Reduces anxiety and stress.
- Decreases depression.

Instead of looking at exercise as a chore, you can change your perspective and start looking at it as an opportunity to be better, stronger, and faster. An exercise program does not need to kill you to achieve your fitness goals. You can set a realistic goal for yourself and your schedule on how many days a week you can work out. Not only will you be strengthening your body and endurance, but you will be also reaping all the benefits stated above.

There are many factors that play a huge part in your overall health. In the following quarters to come, I will cover sleep, stress management, sunshine, the importance of slowing down, and the value of human connection. In the meantime, thank you for taking the time to read this and if you are not already prioritizing your health, I encourage you to start today. As always, stay safe and stay healthy!

Biography from the Author: My name is Meghann and I'm so happy to be here! Life took a little detour, and I am now a retired firefighter/AEMT at the age of 32 due to an on-the-job injury. Although I lost my entire career I was afforded the opportunity to recreate myself and turn a negative situation into a positive one.

I'm a survivor of a traumatic brain injury, a recovering fitness and food addict, and a certified health coach and certified personal trainer on a mission. My deepest pains, struggles, and hardships have become my driving force to improve myself and empower others to do the same. I'm beyond honored to be in this space to share my passion for health and wellness with you in the months ahead.



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LRMFA Chief Coordinator Jon Goldman Earns Prestigious Certified Public Safety Executive Professional Designation



LRMFA Chief Coordinator Jonathan M. Goldman has successfully completed the coursework necessary to achieve the professional designation as a Certified Public Safety Executive (CPE). The CPE designation, conferred by The Association of Public Safety Officials (APCO) is the only executive leadership program focused specifically on the public safety communications profession. It consists of two 12-week online courses in addition to a ten-day capstone seminar.

The first of the online courses begin with an introduction to leadership concepts, leadership issues, models of leadership, and leadership in the 21st century. The second course explores how leaders provide vision, manage change, and ensure accountability. The program culminates with the capstone course, during which participants draw on what they have learned during the program to tackle challenging case studies.

"We are the leaders of our industry. We are the ones that need to forge ahead and make the changes we want to see," class president Tammy Wright, of the Berlin CT Police Department said. "We need to lead our profession into the next generation by being brave leaders who create courageous cultures."

Achieving this designation signifies Chief Goldman's commitment to his career in emergency communications and public safety dispatch. Chief Goldman is the only CPE in New Hampshire, and one of only 125 graduates of the CPE program in the United States, with only five CPE's in New England.



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LRMFA/CAFMAC Complete Joint Microwave Link Project

LRMFA radio system vendor, ALL-COMM Technologies, in conjunction with the State of NH and Capital Area Fire Mutual Aid Compact has been working on installing a 24-mile long microwave link from Mt. Kearsarge to Mt. Belknap. This link will provide additional redundancy to our radio network. Both LRMFA and CAFMAC worked in collaboration to fund this project, while the State of NH Division of Emergency Services performed the tower work, running cable and hanging equipment.

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CELEBRATIONS

LRMFA would like to congratulate Lt. Erin Hannafin for being selected by the NH Emergency Dispatchers Association Executive Board to fill out the remainder of a vacant term as a member of the Executive Board. Lt. Hannafin will serve until April 30, 2023. Lt. Hannafin has been actively involved with NHEDA for several years, most recently working as part of the Membership Committee, Conference Committee, and in other support roles.

Congratulations Lt. Erin Hannafin!



Chief of Department Alfred Poulin Jr announces the following Promotions Effective April 30, 2021

FF Will Bartels promoted to Rank Deputy Chief of EMS

Lt Daniel Conger promoted to Rank of Captain

FF Benjamin Arey promoted to Rank of Lieutenant

FF Timothy Robbins promoted to Rank of Lieutenant

Lieutenant Tim Robbins

Tim Robbins joined Barnstead Fire Rescue in 1998 and went full-time in Barnstead on August 1st of 2014. One of his many duties includes being the Infection control officer for the Town. Tim has been a Paramedic since 1997 and has many degrees. His Master's degree is in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. Tim also works as a Registered Nurse at River Bend. He became a fire Chaplain for the town of Barnstead-sponsored Center Barnstead Christian Church in the spring of 2021. Tim was Promoted on April 17, 2021. Tim has been married to Sue Robbins for 27 five years and has a 19-year-old son. In Tim's off time he likes to ride his motorcycle and spend time with his family.

Captain Dan Conger

Dan Conger joined Barnstead Fire Rescue in 2004 as a full-time Firefighter Paramedic. In 1986 Dan started his career with Gilford Fire as a Call member before pursuing a full-time career in multiple private EMS agencies to include Best Care, North Conway, and Care Plus. In 2000 Dan earned his paramedic from New England Institute. Dan has furthered his education at NH Fire Academy. Lieutenant Conger was Promoted to Captain Conger on April 17, 2021. Dan has been married to Pam Conger for 16 years and has 3 kids and 3 grandkids. You can find Dan on his off time working with his son welding and crafting metal. He is also found Cooking for various different reasons. Dan has been known to compete in BBQ competitions.

Lieutenant Harold (Ben) Arey

Ben Arey started as a per diem in Barnstead in 2009 and then went full time in October of 2010. Starting in Loudon as a Call Firefighter in 1998 Ben was guided by many mentors to do EMS. Receiving his EMT in 1999 while working for Pittsfield Fire. In 2005 Ben joined the United States Marine Corps and did two tours of deployment to Iraq and was Honorably discharged April 9, 2009, reaching the rank of Sargent. Back as a Firefighter/AEMT, Ben has found his place being in charge of Maintenance of the apparatus and taking on Department Training. Ben has also been called on to serve as a Chaplain sponsored by Epsom Bible Church. Ben was promoted to Lieutenant on April 17, 2021. Come fall Ben can be found in the woods hunting with his dogs. Married to his wife for 7 years having two Boys and 6 dogs together they run a Dog training business and spend a lot of time with his family and friends.

CELEBRATIONS



NH State Fire Marshal Paul J. Parisi has retired after 3 years of committed service to the office of NHFMO. We wish Fire Marshal Paul J. Parisi the very happiest retirement and offer sincere thanks for his incredible dedication and leadership!

Mark McGlone 39 Years with Plymouth Fire



Dr. John Connell, 32 years of service to Lakes Region Community College



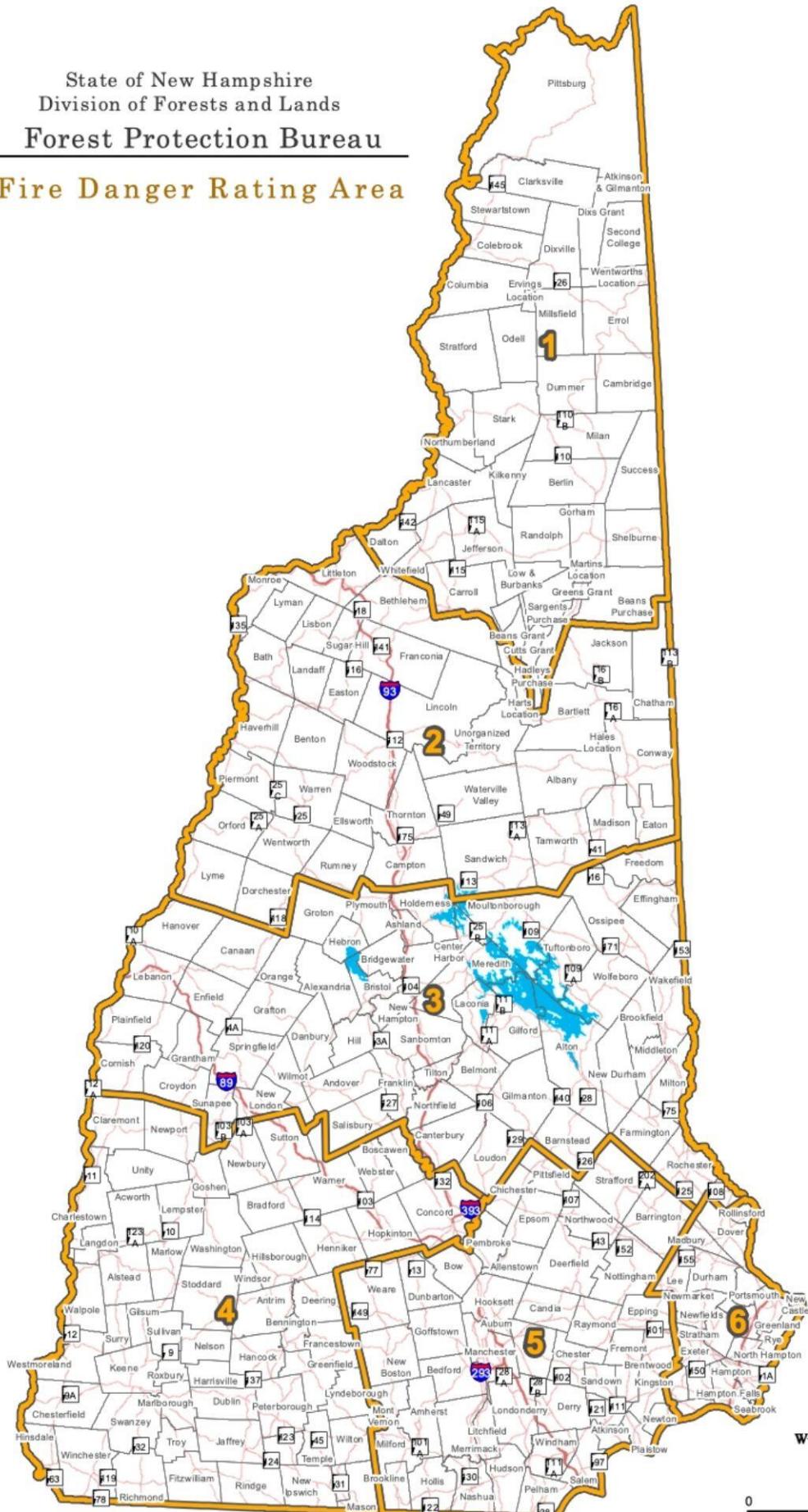
Brian Tobine Plymouth - 25 Years of service

Derrek Trempe - 1 Year of Service at LRMFA





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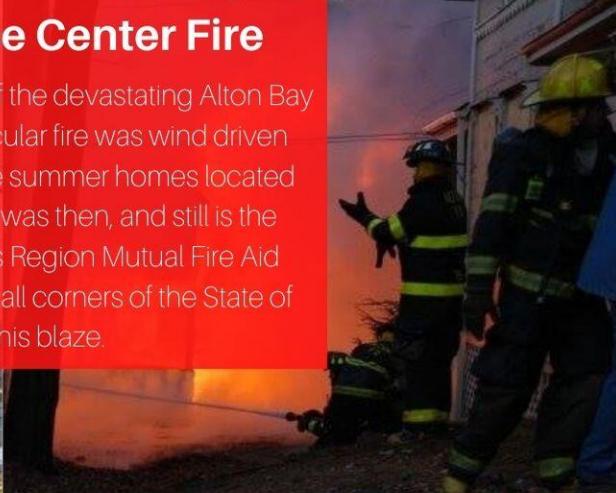
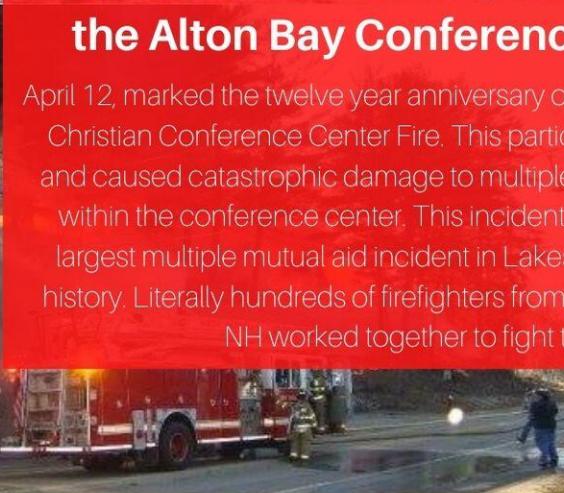
New Hampshire Telecommunication Emergency Response Taskforce (NHTERT) provides a system of telecommunicator emergency response teams to safeguard Public Safety Access Points (PSAP). TERT services are critical during times of significant need and provide additional staffing to respond, support, and make whole, communications centers as needed in the event of local emergencies. The 2021 TERT Rally, hosted at the New Hampshire Fire Academy & Emergency Medical Services Aircraft Rescue Fire Facility (AARF), as pictured, illustrates the opportunity for these mobile emergency operations vehicles to exercise and to employ new technology supportive of their mission.

To learn more about the Office of Interoperability, visit their Facebook page or their website at <https://www.nh.gov/.../nh911/interoperability-swic.html>. They are currently accepting applications for the COML and COMT workshops (info on the website).



April 12 marks the 12 year anniversary of the Alton Bay Conference Center Fire

April 12, marked the twelve year anniversary of the devastating Alton Bay Christian Conference Center Fire. This particular fire was wind driven and caused catastrophic damage to multiple summer homes located within the conference center. This incident was then, and still is the largest multiple mutual aid incident in Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid history. Literally hundreds of firefighters from all corners of the State of NH worked together to fight this blaze.



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Gilamanton Fire and Mutual Aid Partners Handle 4th Alarm Brush Fire



At 4:30 p.m. on April 8th, the Gilmananton and Belmont Fire Departments responded to a brush fire in the Munsey Hill / Sawyer Lake Road area. With incoming reports, a 1st alarm was struck and upon the arrival of our first unit, a 2nd alarm was called.

Shortly after, a 4th alarm was called because of the size and quick spread of the fire. This brought in units from as far away as Strafford and Concord to the south, Farmington from the east, Franklin from the west, Meredith and Stewart's Ambulance from the north, the State of New Hampshire Forest Rangers responded with manpower and equipment and Deputy Steele from Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid assisted Command with communications.

Soft ground presented problems for some of our forestry vehicles, and we used all-terrain vehicles (UTV's) as well to maneuver through the fields and brush. In total, the fire was about 9.5 acres. We would like to thank the Gilmananton Police and the Belknap County Sheriffs Office for helping us with traffic and RM Daigle Construction for helping us remove our vehicles. Finally, we would like to thank most of the motoring public for your patience while we had to block off and shut down Sawyer Lake Road for a while, we know it was an inconvenience to you and to the gentleman who also brought us pizzas after the fire, we can't tell you how much we appreciate those things that you do for us, thank you.

A side note... A 4th Alarm brought in 22 Departments: Gilmananton, Belmont, Laconia, Gilford, Alton, Wolfeboro, New Durham, Farmington, Strafford, Barnstead, Pittsfield, Concord, Chichester, Canterbury, Loudon, Tilton, Sanbornton, Tilton, Franklin, Meredith, State Forest Rangers and LRMFA.





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Barnstead Fire Department Responds to Garage Fire

On Sunday, April 18, 2021, Lt. Ricky Fowler, and Disp. Brian Searles dispatched The Barnstead Fire-Rescue Department to a reported Garage Fire at 18 N. Barnstead Rd., Barnstead. The 1st alarm with a special request for additional takers and Forestry was immediately requested.

First arriving units found a fully involved 20X30 garage. Two other structures were being threatened by the fire conditions. The fire extended into the house basement, first floor, and attic. A Second structure had heat damage only. Along with the garage, a car and boat were also a total loss. A secondary brush fire also resulted from this fire and was contained and brought under control as well.

All occupants escaped with no injuries and the Red Cross was called in for assisting the family because the home was inhabitable. Barnstead Fire Rescue would like to thank not only its members but the numerous departments that responded mutual aid to assist us.



LAKES REGION MUTUAL FIRE AID STATISTICS

	<i>Month</i>	<i>Admin</i>	<i>Emergency</i>	<i>Incidents</i>
2021 First Quarter	January	1209	2314	2115
	February	1310	2300	2057
	March	1753	2604	2250
	<i>Total for Quarter</i>	<i>4272</i>	<i>7218</i>	<i>6422</i>
	<i>Avg/Day</i>	<i>47.47</i>	<i>80.20</i>	<i>71.36</i>
2021 Second Quarter	April	1653	2553	2218
	May	1647	2746	2388
	June	1696	3049	2627
	<i>Total for Quarter</i>	<i>4996</i>	<i>8348</i>	<i>7233</i>
	<i>Avg/Day</i>	<i>54.90</i>	<i>91.74</i>	<i>79.48</i>
2021 Third Quarter	July			
	August			
	September			
	<i>Total for Quarter</i>			
	<i>Avg/Day</i>			
2021 Fourth Quarter	October			
	November			
	December			
	<i>Total for Quarter</i>			
	<i>Avg/Day</i>			
2021	<i>Month</i>	<i>Admin</i>	<i>Emergency</i>	<i>Incidents</i>
	<i>Total for 2021</i>	<i>9268</i>	<i>15566</i>	<i>13655</i>
	<i>Avg/Day</i>	<i>50.92</i>	<i>85.53</i>	<i>75.03</i>

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