

2023 FREMONT TOWN REPORT APPRECIATION

Commencing with the 1991 Town Report, the Town has annually recognized an individual who has stepped up to the plate and gone above and beyond, to work with, and for the Town of Fremont.

The 2023 Town Report Appreciation recognizes
Fire Chief Richard Butler

Rich Butler and his wife Kristy moved to Fremont in 1985. He joined the Fire Department as soon as he hit six months of residency. He came from the Byfield MA Fire Department, where he began at age 16 on the Association before becoming a firefighter at 18. He quickly acclimated to life in NH and they raised their three children here, one of whom

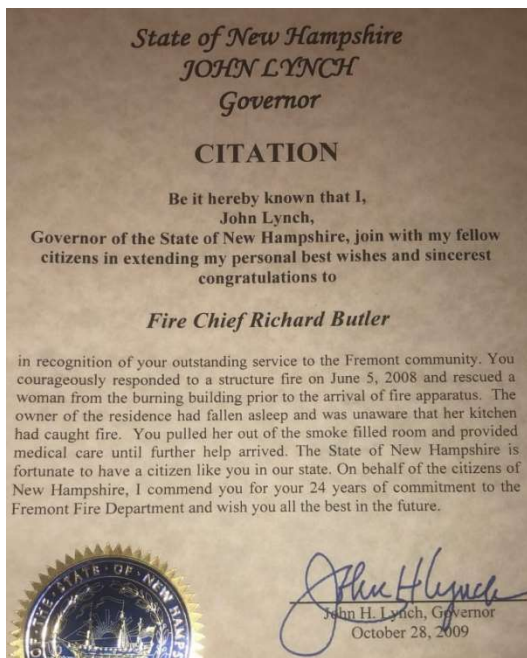


follows in his Fire Rescue footsteps. Rich rose up through the ranks and was promoted to Chief of Fremont Fire Rescue in 2008 when Dick Heselton

retired. He has been in the role ever since.

In 2008 he was recognized for lifesaving efforts with a Citation from NH Governor Lynch for his quick action to save the life of a Shirkin Road woman who had fallen asleep and didn't realize her kitchen was on fire.

Collectively, Rich has more than 45 years in the fire service. He is an EMT, Firefighter C2F2 and has a variety of other certifications – Ice Rescue, Swift Water Rescue, Haz Mat, Vehicle Extrication, just to name a few. He was also a member of Fremont's Dive Team and is one of a very few who can drive any piece of apparatus you put him in.



Despite multiple personal challenges in recent years, Rich has continued to give his all leading the Department. He has seen FFRD through many changes. This includes the combination of Fire and EMS functions to one Department and working with consultants to better the Department and enhance his leadership. We have gone from a 100% volunteer organization to a paid, call department with competitive wages, a staff of personnel with extensive experience, training and dedication to the cause. In 2023 the Department received its new EMS vehicle and he has been part of several truck committees, having purchased the 2015 engine and helped with the tanker due to arrive in June of 2024.

Thank you Chief, for your service in so many ways!
We appreciate your dedication!

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