Report of the Fire Rescue Department

The Fremont Fire Rescue Department has had a good year. We are a volunteer Department made up of men and women who are dedicated, highly trained, and have a wide set of skills to complement each other. Together, we have responded to 284 calls for service. However, the Department has also been undergoing many challenges. One of the biggest challenges facing our members, which also impacting other volunteer departments across the country, is the ability to find volunteers who are able to balance work, home life and the Fire Department responsibilities since everyone is so busy. We are always looking for new members to join our team, and by doing so, we not only increase our knowledge and resources, but we would then also have additional members to share the responsibilities of our Department. If you, or someone you know would like to meet new people, offer time and assistance to our fellow townspeople, come on down to the Safety Complex to get more information on joining our team. We are here every Monday evening for meetings or training or your can give us a call to set up an appointment on a day that works better for you.



Unfortunately, there are times when no one from Fremont Fire Rescue Department is available to respond to emergency calls. This is not because we are choosing not to respond, but the majority of our members work during the day and are away from town. For those times when members cannot respond, you should know that we have a contract with Raymond Ambulance to cover medical calls,

and mutual aid agreements with surrounding towns so someone will always respond to your emergency. Like many other towns, Fremont is looking to hire full-time coverage in the not too distant future. Department members and Fremont Board of Selectmen have been working with a company, Municipal Resources Inc, to examine ways to improve the services we currently provide to our residents. Warrant Article 12 addresses the ability to fund Fire and Emergency Medical Service coverage at night and on weekends, when it is most difficulty to ensure prompt and adequate response. This important Warrant Article that impacts us all, should an emergency arise for you or your family member. We appreciate your support.

Department members Mario and Melissa Gutierrez, Steve Shea, Brendan Tangney, and Thomas Ryan have resigned as members of the Department this year, as life has taken them in different directions. We thank them for their previous involvement.

Finally, I would like to thank all of our members for their time and commitment to helping to keep Fremont safe. As always, we extend appreciation to the Fremont Police Department, Highway Department, and Town Hall staff for their assistance whenever we need them as well.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Butler, Chief

Details regarding incident response for 2018 is shown in the following chart:

Structure Fire	3	CO Alarm Activation	7
Mutual Aid Provided	19	Public Assist	10
Fire Alarm Activation	21	Medical Emergency	167
Woods / Brush Fire	8	Motor Vehicle Crash	21
Gas Leak / Odor LPG	5		
Other	23	Total for 2018	284



Fire Rescue Members hosting the Memorial Day BBQ 27 May 2018

Photo courtesy of Kevin Zukas



Fremont Tank 4 Staging at a mutual aid fire in Kingston

Photo courtesy of Joe Nichols

Commendation Presentation to Lt Bryan Bielecki (L) by Deputy Chief Kevin Zukas (R) for a lifesaving rescue at the 2017 Grassdrag Event on Martin Road. Presented at the Fire Rescue Department Monthly Meeting 05 March 2018



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