

## Report of the Fire Rescue Department

Members of the Fremont Fire Rescue Department took on constructing a pole barn to be used for training and storage of trailers and support equipment for the Fire Rescue and Police Departments. With the assistance of an Asplundh Electrical Division employee and Fremont resident Charles Rand, the poles were put in place. Captain Kevin O'Callaghan and Lieutenant Ryan Dame led the project. Lieutenant Eben Bond presented them with plaques at the annual dinner on behalf of the Special Recognition Committee.



The Fremont Fire Rescue Department responded to over 300 call for service this year. We are an all-call department with members responding to the station from their homes. Our men and women are well trained and dedicated. They balance full-time jobs, family and other obligations yet still find time to devote to emergencies.

Unfortunately, there are some times when we don't have anyone available in Town to respond to your urgent calls. We have mutual aid agreements with surrounding towns which does help. Our difficulty in recruiting new members for a larger department, or day time availability is not unique to Fremont. It is an issue that is seen nationwide. People are less able or willing to volunteer, generally due to the time commitment and the amount of training that is required.



The Chief Officers and the Board of Selectmen met during this fall to discuss options. After several meetings and careful consideration, it was decided to hire an outside consultant. The Town

entered into a contract with Municipal Resources Inc to work with members of our Department, the Department Officers, and Town Officials in an attempt to map out the future needs of the Town and our residents with regard to safety response.



Thank you to the Town Hall staff, Police Department and Highway Department for their ongoing support.

We wish you all a safe and healthy 2018!

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Butler  
Fire Chief

Details regarding incident response for 2017 is shown in the following chart:

Structure Fire	6	CO Alarm Activation	4
Mutual Aid Provided	11	Public Assist	12
Fire Alarm Activation	33	Medical Emergency	170
Woods/Brush Fire	8	Motor Vehicle Crash	19
Chimney Fire	2		
Other	37	<b>Total for 2017</b>	<b>302</b>



During the spring of 2017, members of the Fire Rescue Department began construction of a pole barn at the rear of the Safety Complex lot to be used for storage of public safety equipment. More photos included in the Community Projects section of the Town Report.

Photos courtesy of Richard Butler