

REPORT OF THE FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT

2009 has been a year of continued economic challenge for our Town and many of its residents. Our members are no different struggling with demands of balancing increased workloads, second jobs and/or family obligations. However, our volunteer members continue to find time to respond to emergencies of their neighbors and visitors of Fremont. They responded to 262 medical and fire calls throughout the year as well as supporting the communities around us. In addition, our members attend trainings and certification courses which are all necessary for efficient response when duty calls.

We celebrated a well-attended Retirement Open House for Dick Heselton in May at the Fremont Safety Complex. It was a memorable day celebrating Dick's 50 plus years of dedication to the Town of Fremont Fire Department. We thank Dick for all his service and wish him the very best in his retirement.

The year ahead will require the support of our community. We are in need of money in Capital Reserve for future replacement of our aging fleet. We have one truck which is 31 years old and another that is over 20 years old. The life expectancy of a fire truck is 20 years. This is not only because of hours of use, but because outdated equipment on the trucks make it difficult to maintain safety and work with today's technology in emergency response. Although our Town is fortunate to not have a lot of major incidences, but if and when we do face one, we want to be able to function efficiently and with adequate resources to minimize injury and damages. Additional funds, as with years past, will continue to provide training and compensation for those that dedicate their time for you and your family's safety.

As the New Year began, Deputy Chief Darrell Turner lost his battle with cancer. Darrell was a member of the Department for 35 years, as well as being a Deputy Forest Fire Warden. His dedication, knowledge and positive attitude will greatly be missed by us all.

I would like to thank all of our members of the Fremont Fire and Rescue Department for the hours spent away from their families, the interrupted sleep, and the exchange of leisure time for the well being of our community. Your commitment to our Town and safety are noticed and appreciated. Thank you to the Police and Highway Departments, along with the Town Hall staff for all their help and assistance through the year.

Wishing all of our residents a safe and prosperous new year,

Richard D. Butler
Chief
Fremont Fire Department

*"We are made wise not by the recollection of our past,
but by the responsibility for our future. "*

~ George Bernard Shaw

**FIRE RESCUE
INCIDENTS REPORTED FOR THE YEAR 2009**

Structure Fire	9		Carbon Monoxide	10
Weather Related Incident	6		Vehicle Fires	2
Alarm Activation	18		Public Assist	13
Woods/Brush Fire	3		Motor Vehicle Crash	12
Chimney Fires	2		Medical Emergency	163
Mutual Aid Provided	15		Illegal Burn	9

SOME SAFETY TIPS FOR THE COMING YEAR

- ❖ Be sure to change the batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms every time you change the clocks for daylight savings. These detectors SAVE LIVES!
- ❖ Be sure everyone in your home knows how to dial 911 in an emergency and that children know their address.
- ❖ Have a designated meeting place outside your home and teach children how to exit in case of a fire or other emergency in your home.
- ❖ Never leave matches in the reach of children. Be extremely careful if you use candles in your home.
- ❖ Practice FIRE SAFETY every day!

*"I have no ambition in this world but one, and that is to be a fireman.
The position may, in the eyes of some, appear to be a lowly one;
but we who know the work which a fireman has to do believe his is a noble calling.
Our proudest moment is to save lives. Under the impulse of such thoughts
the nobility of the occupation thrills us and stimulates us to
deeds of daring, even of supreme sacrifice."*

~ Edward F Crocker
Chief
Department F.D.N.Y.
1899-1911