

Report of the Fire Rescue Department

In a year that was expected to be easier, the challenges have continued. Covid-19 has impacted so many businesses, families near and far, yet we carry on doing the best that we can. The best, for our community, means that we help one another.

The Fremont Fire Rescue Department is an example of this commitment to helping one another. In a time when folks are instructed to stay home our men and women spend their time attending trainings, meetings and respond to the call from neighbors when they need help. I want to take this moment to recognize their dedication to our Town and its residents. Thank you for all that you do.



In 2021 the Fremont Fire Rescue Department responded to 314 medical calls, 102 fire calls. We also handle oil burner inspections, school and daycare licensing inspections along with permits for outdoor burning. Each year during Fire Prevention Week we visit Ellis School (see photos elsewhere in this report) and the local daycare centers, educating our children on fire safety. We enjoy what we do and know how it is necessary to keep our Fremont visitors and residents safe.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard D Butler
Fire Chief

EMS Calls for 2021	
Patient Transports	210
Services Rendered	101
Canceled En Route	3
Total for the Year	314

Photo of EMS Captain O'Connor doing training
for the Fremont Police Department.
Courtesy of Heidi Carlson

Fire Calls for 2021	
Smoke/ Odor Investigations	8
Fire Alarms - Services Rendered	23
CO Alarms - Services Rendered	8
Accidents - MVA, ATV, Other	18
Structural Fires	2
Chimney Fires	1
Appliance Fires	4
Vehicle or Truck Fires	2
Brush/ Forest Fires	2
Mutual Aid - Services Rendered	14
Assist Ambulance - Services Rendered	6
Wires Down - Services Rendered	6
Illegal Burns - Services Rendered	3
Misc. Calls - Services Rendered	5
Total For the Year	102

Truck Committee Highlights

During 2021 members of the department formed a Truck Committee which is comprised of the following members: Firefighter and President of the Committee Seth Wood, Chief Butler, Deputy Chief Zukas, Lieutenant Dame, and Firefighters John Roderick and Jay Lennon. The Truck Committee started meeting in March of 2021 and has met regularly to form a set of specifications for the replacement of Fremont's existing Tanker 4. This truck is a 1989 Mack and is overdue for replacement, not only in terms of the NFPA's 20-year recommendation, but to keep the Department current with emerging technologies and safety measures. The Committee has met with several manufacturer's representatives and is obtaining pricing for both a custom and a stock tanker.

The Town has been saving money in a Capital Reserve Fund and currently has just over \$256,000 in the fund. At this early stage we believe that a replacement Tanker will cost approximately \$550,000 or more depending on the inflation rates of the materials to build the truck. The Committee is also discussing working with a NH Grant Writer to apply for a FEMA grant to help offset some of the cost associated with this new truck.

Fremont Fire Rescue in Action



Motor vehicle accident on Main Street in June 2021. One patient was medflighted out from the landing zone at Memorial Park.



Santa parade on snowy December 18, 2021





Fremont's Anthony Sclafani (far right) graduates from Firefighter I at the NH Fire Academy on July 15, 2021.



Anthony then in to meet the Select Board at their meeting of August 5, 2021 with Chief Butler, Deputy Chief Zukas, and Firefighter Wood (taking the photo).

The Town takes pride in introducing our new graduates to the community!

Photo's courtesy of Fire Chief Rich Butler, Firefighter Seth Wood, and Michelle Gallant

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"Alone, we can do so little; together, we can do so much."

~ Helen Keller