

Report of the Fire Rescue Department



The men and women of the Fremont Fire Rescue Department have been busy during the year 2022. Not only have they responded to 495 calls for service along with monthly meetings and trainings, we had three members FF/EMR Gallant, FF/EMT Sclafani and FF Wood attend Firefighter II class which is an 80 hour

class involving both classroom and hands on training.

We have had a Truck Committee led by FF Wood, Deputy Zukas, Lt. Dame, FF Lennon, FF Roderick and Chief Butler working on replacing our aging tanker. This truck is a 1988 Mack with a standard transmission which is difficult to drive and does not meet any of the current safety standards of the day to protect our firefighters and the motoring public. This Committee continued working through the year and met with different vendors after establishing specifications for the truck. The Committee choose Fouts Brothers as the builder for the truck. We would like your support of Warrant Article 6 which would authorize this truck with no additional tax impact. The new truck would help us better serve the community and keep our members safe. Follow us on Facebook Fremont NH Fire Rescue for more information on both the Warrant Article and the reasons why we are replacing the truck. There is also a presentation on FCTV with some slides with more information available for viewing. Please reach out to us if you have any questions.

A Rescue Truck Committee was also formed over the past 18 months to work on specifications for replacing our existing rescue vehicle. The existing vehicle is a 2003 Chevy Suburban and responded to over 380 calls during the past year. The Committee consisting of Deputy Nichols, Captain O'Connor, Lt. Bielecki, FF Sclafani, and Chief Butler; also looked at many options that would serve the Town the best. We chose a light rescue truck which allows us to bring more equipment and members to calls for service.

The Committee worked with the Select Board and the Town Administrator and was able to place the order for a 2023 Ford F550 with an enclosed body. This vehicle was purchased using ARPA grant funds (and no tax impact). We are looking forward to delivery later this year. Thank you to both Committees for all of your hard work.

The Select Board in concert with public safety officials, primarily the Fire Rescue Department, spent several meetings during the summer looking at our communications with Raymond

Dispatch. Increasingly we have had a worsening connection to the tower they dispatch from, causing concern for our members safety.



We would like to thank the Town of Raymond, led by Police Chief Michael Labell and Dispatch Supervisor William Wyner as well as several other of their staff, for their time and energy as we looked at potential solutions. In the end, due to proximity and financial considerations, the Fire Rescue Department made a decision to move to Fire Rescue emergency dispatching

though the Rockingham County Sheriff's Office.

The safety services are now all dispatched by the same agency, and this ameliorates our coverage as well as the ease of transfer of information. This was a difficult decision as we have had a greater than 40 year relationship with Raymond Dispatch. We cannot thank them enough for their wide variety of service to Fremont and our Fire Rescue Department over many years. We continue to work well with Raymond as one of our initial mutual aid responder partners, as well as maintain a contract with Raymond Ambulance for transport services.

The members of the Fremont Fire Rescue Department are also busy attending meetings and in house trainings every Monday of the month keeping up on their skills and learning new ones to better serve the residents and visitors of Fremont. We are always looking for people interested in giving back to their community. If this is something that might interest you reach out to one of our members or stop by the station on a Monday evening.

I would like to thank the men and women of the Department for all they do to serve the community. Thank you to the Fremont Police, Fremont Highway Department and the Town Hall staff working to make our job easier and making Fremont a great place to live.



Patriot Riders presenting a flag to FFRD on their 9/11 ride

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Butler
Chief

Photos courtesy of Rich Butler and Heidi Carlson

Giving your time to Fire and/or EMS service is one of the most rewarding things you will do. If you think you might be interested, stop by and see us on Monday evenings at the Safety Complex. Members have meetings, trainings, and various activity nights every (non-holiday) Monday night beginning at 7:00 pm. Reach out to Chief Butler at rbutler@fremont.nh.gov for more information.

Our call information for 2022 includes:

EMS Calls for 2022	
Patient Transports by Raymond Ambulance	249
Services Rendered	130
Total for the Year	379

It is noteworthy that there were 79 more calls in 2022 than 2021; which was 20 over 2020. As our population grows, so does call volume.

Kudos to some of our own who have joined the full-time Fire/EMS workforce! Both did a year of probation with their full-time department prior to these ceremonies early in 2022.

Fire Calls for 2022	
Smoke/ Odor Investigations	6
Fire Alarms - Services Rendered	32
CO Alarms - Services Rendered	3
Accidents - MVA, ATV, Other	20
Structural Fires	3
Chimney Fires	1
Appliance Fires	1
Vehicle or Truck Fires	2
Brush/ Forest Fires	5
Mutual Aid - Services Rendered	21
Assist Ambulance - Services Rendered	10
Wires Down - Services Rendered	5
Illegal Burns - Services Rendered	1
Misc. Calls - Services Rendered	6
Total For the Year	116



Jared Butler (center) upon his swearing in as a full-time career member of the Exeter NH Fire Department. Chief Wilking (L) and Lt Bradford (R)

Photo courtesy of Kristy Butler

Joe Parisi being pinned by his wife Rose as he is sworn in as a full-time career member of the Derry NH Fire Department in February 2022.

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