



Town of Windham

Fire – Rescue Department

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June 2014

Activities:

- Statistics for the month are listed below

	2014	2013	2012
June Total	207	198	228
EMS	149	137	165

The EMS numbers are part of monthly numbers

Year to Date Total	1276	1221	1273
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- In the month of June 2014 the department per diem coverage report was as follows: the department had 2 open shifts and both were on Windham Ladder 4, we had a couple or shorter vacancies Ladder 4 - 2 for 3 hours each and a 5 hour vacancy on Engine 7 and 4 hour vacancy on another day. During June we had 15 vacant Home Shifts. The Home Shift represents a 3rd person on the call and if not used they cover the second rescue vehicle as a responder on a second calls. Just a current note, last night (July 9th) between 9:00 PM and 10:00 PM we had five rescues covering calls in Windham (2 Windham, 1 – Gray, 1 Raymond, and 1 Westbrook). Four of the five calls resulted in transports to the hospitals.
- During the month of June our new Student Live In candidates completed an Orientation program organized by Southern Maine Community College. During the morning long program departmental expectations, responsibilities, student registration information, a program on study skills, and much more was passed on by area chiefs and coordinators. Students were provided their study materials and guidelines for completion deadlines. East Windham Station will have two new candidates that will be arriving in the first part of August to complete three weeks of fire training and driver training. They begin classes in the latter part of August.
- The Chief Officers met a couple of times to discuss the upcoming changes in coverage. Captain John Brennan took the initiative to put some real thoughts together for the organizing of the program. He developed a good program in which took a majority of his thoughts and are using them for the coverage process. We once again will be bringing in outside resources. We have several new perspective candidates for the department. This will involve a meeting with the candidates, a program to show the rigors of becoming a fire-rescue member, and an interview at the end to see what they have to offer us and we have offer them as a member.
- Personnel continue the process of recertifying their driving skills on the apparatus assigned to be done for the year 2014.
- We have prepared the computer system for establishing the per diem schedule for the month of August. The first change we have initiated is to have everyone on the same schedule for fire and rescue. The shifts will be 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM and 7:00 PM to 7:00 AM. A rescue will be housed a t District 2 (North Windham) both day and night. We also are taking a person from Windham Center and putting them in North Windham during the day. This will enable a person to be at the station even when the rescue transports during the daytime.

- Whatever we do will be change and change for some is strenuous. There are 70 members and each of them have their own ideas on what should be done. We are thinking of the whole and they tend to think of themselves.
- During June a Gorham Deputy Chief passed away and we spent much time during the week of Summerfest covering stations, and attending visiting hours. On the day of his funeral we had apparatus covering their stations. Chief Officers covered their community responses for them. This meant we were not able to be present in the Summerfest parade.

Equipment

- The department has completed the evaluation and demonstrator use of the cardiac monitors. The personnel are preparing their information to present to the Windham Town Council on their selection and justification of choice. This will be completed and ready to present in August. Our last vendor for the cardiac monitors came in and presented to interested members. They then left us with a monitor to use. We have completed the demo of the three leading manufacturers of cardiac monitors. The personnel will be preparing a presentation for the Town Council to authorize the department to replace our older units.
- During June we had a breakdown of one of our monitors and had a difficult time with service arrangements. The person that had been performing service in New Hampshire had retired and so a unit had to be shipped from Redmond, Washington. It took them almost 6 days to get us a replacement monitor. Standish had a unit they were returning on a loan basis and we borrowed that to get us to the time when our replacement arrived.
- Windham Engine 7 had a breakdown in the latter part of June. The water pump quit on the apparatus. The motor was schedule for a rebuild in the Capital Plan for 2014-2015. Cummins Northeast agreed to do both and save us some money by doing them together and then bill us and receive their money in July. That has been completed.
- We are preparing to send Windham Ladder 4 for a motor rebuild before it develops any motor problems. This will also be completed by Cummins Northeast. It should be out of service for approximately one week.