



Town of Windham

Fire – Rescue Department

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March 2014

Activities:

- Statistics for the month are listed below

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
January	251	218	245
EMS	165	148	176
February	200	231	180
EMS	138	153	122
March	208	185	195
EMS	139	124	130

The EMS numbers are part of
monthly numbers

- In the end of February we had several bad weather events. This pushed the driver training program into March. We finally completed the demonstration of the cone course which is a required component of the certification for the Emergency Vehicle Operators Course
- We are now catching up with Back Safety for the people that missed the program for one reason or another.
- Our final event will be to meet with personnel to review and discuss the Personal Protective Equipment. We are four months into the calendar year have been hampered in playing catch up on the mandatories. We have paid more than the \$2800 dollars in time and effort to alleviate a fine.
- Emergency Action Plans have been reviewed in monthly meetings.
- We have dealt with several personnel issues regarding lack of attendance at training, lack of participation by members, and not presenting a good public image for the department.
- Suspensions for not completing Mandatory Trainings – more to come
- A member that was injured at the Corsetti fire has had surgery to repair knee damage is in the process of returning to work. This will be a benefit as he is a Fire/Paramedic and serves on the call company.

Equipment

- Windham Ladder 4 was tested and a problem discovered in a gear alignment. We are working with Emergency Vehicles of Maine to establish a cost of repair and know it will be an expense. The follow up to this is we went to the manufacturer and got a satisfactory repair. The process required two people to complete the repair and we have done it. The estimated cost was around \$25,000.
- We are having vendors present their materials and product on cardiac monitors. The monitors are left for use for a two week period. During this time the members are evaluating each of the monitors and presenting written feedback on the units. We are in hopes that they will be in the upcoming Capital Plan for replacement. The current monitors are 100 years old.
- We are also monitoring two pieces of apparatus Engine 7 and Ladder 4. Both are major pieces of the fleet and are used on a daily basis. They are apparatus that are primary responders on all of our fire calls.