



DURHAM FIRE & RESCUE

Chief's Report on Department

Durham Select Board

04/28/20

Report Date: 04/24/20

General Overview:

- The department is currently functioning well with many discussions and projects underway.

Departmental Changes/Major Projects:

- **SCBA Bottle Replacement Purchase** - The last of the bottles have been received and are being placed in service.
- **DFR COVID-19 Response and Preparedness** - We continue to monitor the situation locally and state wide. We receive updates daily from Maine EMS, the Maine CDC and other entities. With this information, we update our providers regularly to ensure our preparedness for any response. We have altered our response guidelines and instituted staff monitoring procedures. Any information applicable to public government activity will be forwarded immediately. We continue to work with the other down departments to provide readiness and information dissemination as needed to ensure best practices are being used town wide. Beginning to process information to submit COVID-19 specific expenditures for reimbursement.
- **New Employees/Staffing** - Our staffing, both Per Diem and Volunteer membership remains strong. We continue to manage a fluctuating call volume well and are covering calls effectively. Working now on advancing the responsibilities and functions of the per diem staff to ensure station, equipment and apparatus readiness in this time of limited department function.
- **Joint Work with Code Enforcement** - Continued work with CEO on code issues within the town as they apply to both departments. Our work focuses on current issues as well as how to streamline a joint department approach to any future issues with the goal of providing a timely, transparent and collaborative response to citizens.
- **Annual Hydrant Testing** - Ongoing work to complete annual dry hydrant testing. This will include the removal of a defunct hydrant on Colonial Drive.



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Apparatus:

- No Major Issues - All apparatus are in service and functioning. Engine 21 going out of service for 2-3 days on 4/29/ 20 for pump work.

Discussion Topics:

- Well/Septic Replacement RFP - RFP has gone out for both the well and the septic projects here at the fire station. It has been posted to the MMA website as well as mailed directly to local vendors. Discussion of working in conjunction with Public Works to see how the cost of either project could be controlled using current town resources. Bids due by May 4th at 4pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph C. Moore, Chief of Department