

Mont Vernon Fire Department

Pride

Tradition

Honor

To report a fire, police, or medical emergency, dial 911. To contact the dispatch center to report an urgent matter, dial 673-1414. For business and non-emergency assistance, dial 673-1383, and a Fire Department official will return your call.

New Fire Station

At the 2007 Town Meeting, the town approved the construction of a new fire station. In December of 2007, the Fire Department moved into the Town's new Fire Station. The members of the Department express their appreciation to the town for your support of this project and the Fire Department.



December 8th, 2007 the new fire station became operational.

We all watched the progression of the workers, from the old building being torn down, the walls and roof structure going together, to the beginning interior work. The Department was looking forward to moving into the new facility.



On December 8th, that became a reality. The fire apparatus and equipment were moved from the highway garage and into the fire station. With some equipment in storage, the members continue to place equipment in the new station. As of January, there were still some items that needed to be completed, but nothing that would hamper the operation and use of the building. The Department wishes to thank the members of the Fire Station Building Committee for all the hard work they put into this project, we are grateful to the citizens of our town for the endeavor.

To view the construction process, Earle Rich photographed and posted the station activities at: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/mvfotog/sets>

The Department is planning an open house for March (date to be announced) for the public to view and tour the new fire station.

Fire Prevention

The members of the Fire Department volunteer their time to put together safety programs for the Village School for grades Kindergarten to Third Grade. This year Firefighters Dave Bellamy, Karen Lindquist and Pim Grondstra assisted Deputy Chiefs Jay S. Wilson and Sean Mamone. The programs discuss how to react in a fire, pre-planning your home escape routes, how to call for assistance, and assist other people. The members also demonstrate equipment used by firefighters and show what the firefighters wear and how firefighters operate inside a building.

We ask all citizens to check your smoke detectors and alarm system yearly; change batteries as needed, develop and practice an escape plan for your house. If you have a fire or suspect a problem, call immediately, fires double in size every minute. Your greatest tool in protecting you and your family, is planning ahead, don't wait until you have a fire.

Fire Department Responses

During 2007, the Fire Department responded to 120 requests for assistance. The Department provided assistance to residents during the spring storm; responded mutual aid to surrounding communities for 10 structure fires and a multiple alarm woods fire.

Brush fires	3	Medical Assists	10
Carbon Monoxide Incidents	4	Motor Vehicle Crashes	17
Check Conditions	6	Mutual Aid	18
Chimney Fires	4	Outside Fires/Good Intent	4
Fire Alarm Activations	11	Power Lines/Transformers	11
Flooding/Storm Response	16	Service Calls	10
Haz-Mat Incidents	2	Vehicle Fires	1
Illegal/Non-permit fires	3		

The Department also performed sprinkler inspections, oil burner inspections, site plan reviews, child and adult care inspections.

Department Training

The Department trains on the first and third Mondays of the month. Department Trainings consist of breathing apparatus, search and rescue operations, rope rescue systems, water supply evolutions, vehicle rescue, and live fire exercises. This year on Beech Hill Road, with the assistance of volunteers from the community, the Department conducted a mass casualty involving the Mont Vernon Police, Milford Fire Department, and Amherst EMS.

Department members spent 217 hours of in-house training and two members completed NH Firefighter Level 1 (160 hour course). We now have 85% of our members are NH Level 1 certified.

Outside Burn Permits

State law requires a written permit for any outside burning, when there is not complete snow cover. To obtain a permit, contact Chief Kevin Pomeroy at 673-9130, or leave a message at 673-1383.

Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund

The Fire Department will be requesting your continued support and funding of the town's Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund. This fund was established for the replacement of fire apparatus. The next planned apparatus replacement is the 1980 Pierce [Engine 2] in 2011 to 2012. The capital reserve program has been in place for over 20 years. It allows the town to purchase apparatus without dramatic impact on our tax rate. This fund also assisted us when we received the grant to replace the 1972 Tanker; we had the matching funds in the reserve account.

The Department applied for State and Federal grants during 2007, receiving one for a Forestry Grant from DRED for protective clothing. The Department continues to follow other avenues for capital improvements and grant funding.

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Fire Wards:

Kevin E. Pomeroy, Jay S. Wilson, Sean Mamone

The members of the Mont Vernon Fire Department and Auxiliary:

Dave Bellamy, Dave Clough, Rick Crocker, Bill Davidson, Jim DeWitt, Pim Grondstra, Dave Hall, Charlie Ingham, Karen Lindquist, Elliott Lyon, Sean Mamone, Jeff Naber, Brain Parliman, Greg Pomeroy, Kevin Pomeroy, Kirk Pomeroy, Lucien Soucy, Lou Springer, Todd Wilkins, Jay S. Wilson, John R. Wilson, and Randy Wilson

Angela Bellamy, Sara Davidson, Janna DeWitt, Zoe Fimbel, Julie Howard, Dawn Lyon, Sarah Miles, Kelley Parliman, Christina Pomeroy, Jessica Pomeroy, Linda Pomeroy, and Sharon Soucy

The Department would like to thank and acknowledge Firefighter Kirk Pomeroy for his 20 years of service to the town and the Department.

The Department would like to thank and acknowledge Earle Rich for his time in photo-documenting the fire station construction project.

The Department would like to thank and acknowledge Jim Whipple for re-conditioning the wooden chairs and conference table.