

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.

Fire Station

The Fire Station is now fully operational and serving the needs of the Fire Department and the Town. During the December Ice Storm, the station served as the Emergency Operations Center. Not only for emergency services personnel, but also to assist town citizens with concerns/questions, dispensing drinking and non-drinking water. The training-meeting room is available for use by town organizations. If a town organization or town civic group would like to reserve the training room, call the fire station [at a least a month in advance] and leave a message for the Chief at 673-1383. If an emergency occurs and the room is needed, groups will be required to leave the 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 Firefighter's Dave Bellamy, John Hazen, and Pim Grondstra assisted Deputy Chief's Jay S. Wilson and Sean Mamone. The programs discuss how to react in a fire, pre-planning your home and 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 till you have a fire.

Fire Department Responses

During 2008, the Fire Department responded to 214 requests for assistance. The Department provided water to the Library during and following the fire station construction project until the Library had a new well put in. Just under half of these responses occurred during the December Ice Storm.

1	Building Collapse	19	Mutual Aid
14	Carbon Monoxide Incidents	10	responses to the scene
6	Check Conditions	1	Odor Investigation
40	Conditions /Assists [Ice Storm]	28	Power Lines Down
2	Chimney Fires	2	Safety Inspections
1	Dumpster Fire	2	People searches
3	Electrical Fires – Residential	34	Service Calls
18	Fire Alarm Activations	2	Smoke in Building
5	Flooded Basements / Concerns	9	Storm Coverage
4	HazMat / Propane Leaks	2	Structure Fires
6	Illegal / Non-Permit Outside Fires		
5	Medical Assists		
10	Motor Vehicle Crashes		

In December 2008, the town and the state endured an ice storm that left almost all of us without power. When this storm began Thursday night for 8 days following the storm the fire station was staffed 24 hours a day. Department personnel responded to wires down, propane leaks, carbon monoxide investigations, fire alarm activations, performed well being checks on and assisting residences, assisted citizens at the station, picked up and dispensed drinking water, and worked at clearing trees and debris from the roads [noted as Conditions / Assists – Ice Storm]. While not every road in town was fully open by Monday, almost every road could be driven on and the residences reached. Emergency Management opened the Emergency Operations Center at the fire station Friday morning. The town's Department's would meet there in the morning to discuss the days activity plans, tree and power companies would stop in for briefings as to what areas they would be working in, citizens came to the station to meet with town officials to get information on what was happening in town.

Grants, Apparatus Refurbishment and Capital Reserve

Grants:

The Department applied for State and Federal grants during 2008, receiving one for a Forestry Grant from DRED for protective clothing. An application grant to replace the 1980 fire truck was denied [the 1980 is due for replacement in 2011]. The Department continues to follow other avenues for capital improvements and grant funding.

Apparatus Refurbishment:

The Department is requesting funds to accomplish some needed refurbishment work on the 1993 fire truck. This truck is 15 years old and does need some corrective and improvements done to it. This truck is not scheduled to be

replaced until 2023. Part of this work includes needed pump repair, body work, electrical and lighting repair/change.

Capital Reserve Funding:

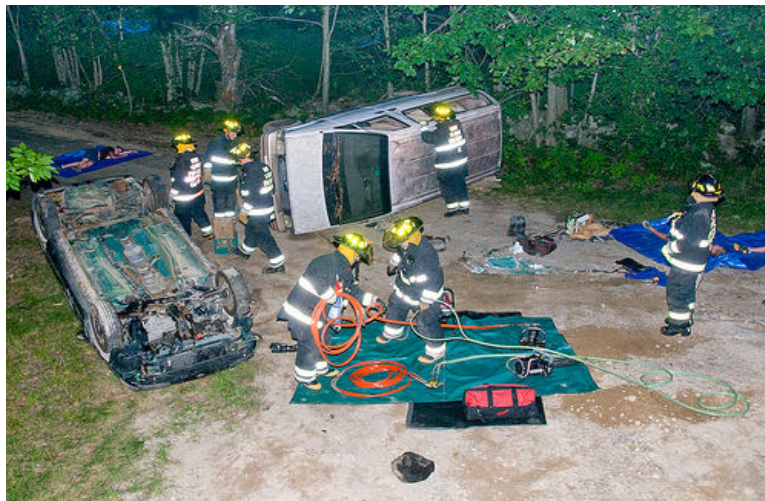
As part of the Department's ability to maintain fire apparatus that are up to date and able to serve the town, we request continued funding of the capital reserve account established for this reason. The next planned apparatus to be replaced is the 1980 Pierce International in 2011 to 2012. The cost of this truck with equipment is estimated at \$375,000.00. The capital reserve funding programming has allowed the town to replace aged fire apparatus without large impacts to our tax rate or having to take out long term bonds. This program insures that the Town's fire apparatus is up to date and meet newer standards.

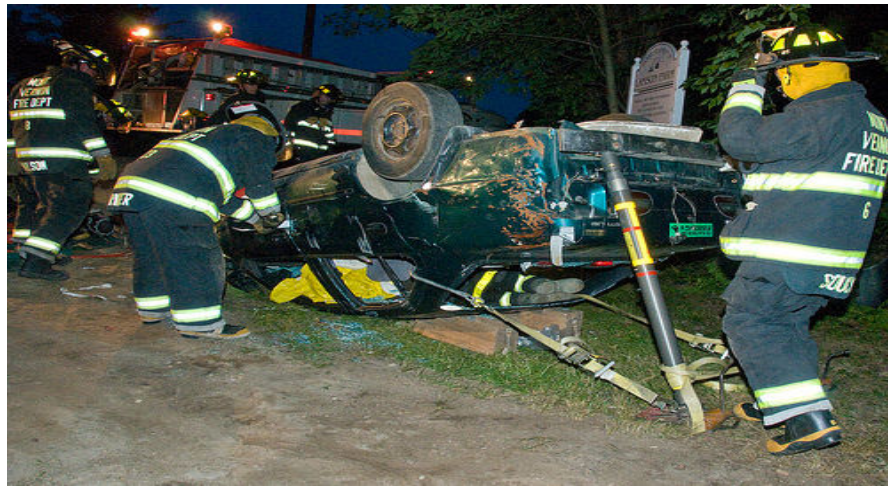
Department Training

The Department trains on the first and third Mondays of the month. Training's consist live fire training, forestry operations, structural operations, vehicle rescue, building construction, self contained breathing apparatus. During 2008 the Department conducted two mutual exercises; a tanker shuttle to test the Department's and our mutual aid towns ability to deliver water to areas that do not have fire ponds or cisterns; Department also conducted a 2-car motor vehicle crash with multiple patients.

Training Exercise: motor vehicle crash with extrication; multiple victims.

Participating: Mont Vernon Fire Department, Amherst EMS, New Boston Fire Department, citizens volunteers as the crash victims





Board of Fire Wards

Kevin E. Pomeroy Jay S. Wilson Sean Mamone

The members of the Mont Vernon Fire Department and Auxiliary

Tony Amadon, Dave Bellamy, Dave Clough, Rick Crocker, Bill Davidson, Jim DeWitt, Pim Grondstra, Dave Hall, John Hazen, Karen Lindquist, E. Chip Lyon, Sean Mamone, Jeff Naber, Brian Parliman, Greg Pomeroy, Kevin E. Pomeroy, Lucien Soucy, Roger Seacole, Lou Springer, Todd Wilkins, Jay S. Wilson, John R. Wilson, Randy Wilson

Angela Bellamy, Sara Davidson, Zoe Fimbel, Julie Howard, Dawn Lyon, Kelly Parliman, Christina Pomeroy, Jessica Pomeroy, Linda Pomeroy Sharon Soucy

The Department recognizes Gregory Pomeroy who is retiring from the Department, for his service to the Department and the town. Greg joined the Department in February 1979.

The Department recognizes Kevin E. Pomeroy for his service and leadership as our Chief. Kevin may be retiring as our Chief, but will be remaining on the Fire Department.