



North Conway Fire Department

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The North Conway Fire Department answered 1,103 requests for assistance during the 2010 year. Four hundred fifty-three (453) of these calls were rescue related, (from medical to auto accidents) and six hundred fifty (650) were fire related calls, (from simple debris fires to structure fires). The fire department saw an increase of 72 calls from the previous year. This year was a busy year for the fire department an average of 3.02 calls per day.

The Fire Department issued 254 burn permits for outside burning. Reminder, it is state law to get a burn permit for any outside open flame fire.

The Zoll Auto Pulse Non- Invasive Cardiac Support Pump that the department purchased is working out very well and has been used four times. Out of the four times it was used on emergency calls we did get a pulse back to the patient, later due to her illness she passed away at the hospital.

The department is proposing two warrant articles this year, one is its normal operating budget and the second warrant article is to put money into the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

Once again the Board of Commissioners requested the superintendant and the fire chief maintain flat budgets as much as possible and see where we could lower the tax rate for the precinct. I am happy to say we were able to accomplish this task without cutting or reducing fire department services. In 2010 the voters approved the total appropriations for the fire department warrant articles was \$703,462.00 this included the operating budget and warrant articles. This year 2011 total proposed appropriations for the fire department if the voters approve the fire department operating budget and warrant article will be \$656,231.00 this would be a reduction of \$47,231.00 to the tax rate compared to last year. The operating budget for the fire department is up \$8,160.00 of the increases is contractual obligations and N.H. Retirement and insurances.

The fire department is looking for new members to join the fire department. If you are interested or have any questions and would like an application, feel free to stop by the fire station to pick up a application.

I am very pleased with the fire explorer program, we have a great bunch of young adults who are working hard and doing very well. I would like to personally thank Lt. Justin Bellen and Tiffany Pearce for donating all of their own time in training the explorers.

In closing, I would like to express my thanks to the members, their families, and precinct staff for their support, dedication, and hard work over the past year. My thanks to the Board of Commissioners for their continuing support of the fire department. The fire department would also like to thank the voters of the North Conway Water Precinct; we appreciate your continued support of the North Conway Fire Department.

Respectfully,

Patrick L. Preece
Chief
