



Goodwin's Mills Fire-Rescue

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To the Taxpayers and residents of Dayton & Lyman

Most importantly I would like to thank all the members and staff of the Goodwin's Mills Fire Rescue. They have committed themselves to the safety of our two towns by spending multiple hours away from their family attending trainings, meetings, answering calls and doing maintenance.

We would also like to thank the selectmen, budget committee, and advisory committee for all your hard work and dedication.

This past and current year is a very busy year for the Fire Rescue. We have been very fortunate with our grant writing Results. The following sums up our efforts.

Grants

This current year we have been real lucky on receiving grants.

Maine Municipal Association, our workman's compensation provider, has awarded a \$2,000.00 grant towards radio headsets for our ladder truck. These headsets will provide hearing protection as well as keeping all riders informed with radio updates during travel. They are wireless and may be operated up to 300 ft away giving the operator the use of a 45 watt truck radio vs a 5 watt portable radio. This elevates the level of safety for our firefighters.

The Federal government thru FEMA granted us all new breathing apparatus from the fire act grant we received \$128,759.00 towards 25 Scott air packs and 10 voice boxes. Our match was \$6700.00 this grant brings us up to date with the latest safety standard keeping our personnel safe when in a harsh environment.

The federal government thru ARRA (stimulus money) fire station construction grants also awarded us \$879,000 for an addition of staffing quarters and to bring our existing station to national fire protection association code. This money along with \$100,000 of match money will complete our capital projects to our station. We will then be prepared for overnight staffing or live-in students as those options present themselves. Also during storm coverage will give our personnel a place to rest and revitalize for the next shift.

Fleet

We have been busy bringing our fleet to meet today's standard. Our ladder truck has had several hydraulic hoses replaced as well as hydraulic leaks repaired. This years test showed the truck to be in great shape and will serve the department well.

The truck in need will be the 1987 e-one pumper this apparatus has corrosion issues on the frame and will need replacement soon. Hopefully this economy will break or a grant opportunity will arise to replace it. Our front line engines and rescues are doing well.

Budget

When reviewing profit and loss statements please understand the rescue is self funding and supports the fire department operations and fulltime staff budget. The rescue portion of us requires no town funding However requires a substantial fund balance to assure their operation thru the year. The Fire operations budget shows balance which is carried over to finish ongoing projects.

Fire Prevention

Times are still tough for most families. We are experiencing unsafe environments caused by unapproved heating appliances and electrical short cuts. Please follow manufacturer guidelines and be safe, contact Town hall for a list of available programs to assist you.

Advisory Board

The advisory board has been meeting all year and held two public hearings just recently.

The ballot will give you the options for change as well as staffing the department to meet your needs. Please visit our website @ www.gmfd.org for more information.

Retention of members

The department is always looking for individuals willing to train for service within our organization. Please stop by or visit our website if you have any interest or would like questions answered. You may also call our business line 207-499-2362.

The following members received awards at our annual awards banquet:

5 years of service

Amanda Demeule

10 years

Lt. T.J. Roma

Jill Tibbetts

Daniel Roy

Ron Stewart

Ron Rowell

15 years

Capt. Steve Dupras

Capt. Ben Harris

20 years

David Pendleton

30 years

Past Chief Norm Bilodeau

Promotion to Captain

Mathiew Duross

Ben Harris

Lyman Selectman's award for 1000 calls since 1997

Deputy Chief Mike Lord

Deputy Chief Karen Gagnon

Roger (Rod) Hooper

Dayton selectman's award for 1000 hours of training since 1997

Donald Pelletier

Chief Milton Monroe Fire Service Award

Firefighter of the Year

Greg Roberts

President Richard Mere Medial Service Award

EMT of the Year

Lt. James Huff

Chief Donald Lord Leadership Award

Officer of the Year

Capt. Robert Lang

Chief Coyle R. Meserve Outstanding Service Award

Member of the Year

Capt. Chad Johnston