



GOODWINS MILLS FIRE-RESCUE

Weekly Newsletter



UPCOMING IN HOUSE TRAINING/MEETINGS & EVENTS:

- ✚ Business Mtg April 1st
- ✚ Hose Testing Every Tuesday & Thursday in April

UPCOMING OUTSIDE TRAINING/MEETINGS & EVENTS:

- Cumberland County Fire/Rescue School May 3 & 4 in Gorham is posted on the board check out www.ccfas.net FMI
- Western Maine Fire Attack School in Bethel May 16, 17, & 18 is posted. Check out www.frandford.org

BURN PERMITS WILL BE ISSUED THIS WEEKEND BY: P-22

• FROM THE FIRE CHIEF'S DESK:

- o I met with the budget committee rep this past weekend and am pleased to report the following items
 - The operations budget will be presented with an increase from last year (not quite what we asked for, but some where's close)
 - The full time staff article will include a cost of living raise, \$\$ to support the increase in insurances as well as some educational funds to increase our employee(s) ALS license(s).
 - The Fire Truck article will include the releasing of funds to support the replacement of Ladder 2 with a used Quint, the replacement of the body of Squad 1 and the purchasing of a Service Truck.
 - The Towns will also be putting in \$20,000 to hire a consultant to review and give guidance on our staffing needs as well as where the corporation should fall within the realm of the Towns.

Though, we did not get everything we asked for, it has been a building year for confidence within the budget boards and they understand some of the corners that we have been pushed into. I am confident that this consultant will see the things that we all see, as well as give us an outside opinion on our operation.

• CAR 2'S COLUMN:

- 47 Goodwins Mills Road has been flagged by Saco and we should absolutely stage for any call until PD arrives.

• CAR 3'S COLUMN:

➤ **CAREER COMPANY:** P-24>CAREER CO.

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➤ **PLATOON A:** P-20>ENGINE CO. 1 & LADDER CO. 2

- Attached is the on Call hours Balance reminder April is now available
- Upon request of the Chief, we now have several group emails that can be used by all of us, this will allow anyone the ability to mass email and also allow you to not divulge the entire email list. The groups are set up as follows:
 - ◆ all@gmfd.org
 - ◆ chiefs@gmfd.org
 - ◆ captains@gmfd.org
 - ◆ officers@gmfd.org
 - ◆ als@gmfd.org
 - ◆ engine1@gmfd.org
 - ◆ engine2@gmfd.org
 - ◆ engine3@gmfd.org
 - ◆ ladder2@gmfd.org
 - ◆ rescue5@gmfd.org
 - ◆ squad1@gmfd.org
- We have changed the look of the front end of DataTrac to include a link to the on call schedule. As of this week we will no longer print the On Call schedule for the bulletin board, for the simple reason that it becomes antiquated the minute we post it. When you click to the On Call Schedule through DataTrac, you may use the Guest Account which will allow you to quickly go right to the current date as well as require no password.
- Thanks to FF Howard Smith for building the monitor rack in the bay, this will come into play in the next few months when we go live with the I AM RESPONDING.
- There have been some problems with the new PC in the dispatch, we hope to clear them up this week. Thank you for your patience.
- Special Thanks to Ron Stewart and his wife Carol for getting the cabinets and counter tops donated for the new Audio/Visual Area that we will construct in the back corner of the meeting room.

➤ **PLATOON B:** P-21>ENGINE CO. 2 & SQUAD CO. 1

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➤ **PLATOON C:** P-23>ENGINE CO. 3 & RESCUE CO. 5

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➤ **TRAINING DIVISION:** P-22>SPECIAL SERVICES CO.

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DEPARTMENT TRIVIA QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

In what year did we purchase the Department's 1st VCR?

- A) 1985 B) 1987 C) 1989

Last Weeks Answer: 3:: Bob Monroe attic Fire, Cole Farm House, Stan Stearns Sr. Camp. (Normand and Rod Hooper got 2 out of 3)

Since the early 1980's how many working fires have we had on John Street alone?

TRAINING QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

Can we run 1 or 2 tools simultaneously off of our Extrication Pump?

Last Weeks Answer: This means that we are 12% toward blowing up, when you hit 100%, there is no if, it is BOOM. Our meters are calibrated on Propane, so if we were in a natural gas atmosphere we could assume that we may not go BOOM until after 100%. Even though the LEL of propane is 2.1% or air, our meter is registering how at what % we are toward getting to that 2.1%. So if the air contained 2.1% of propane our meter would read 100%.

If we respond to a propane leak in a house and our meter read 12% LEL, what does this mean?

