



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, advisory committee and now the Fire Commission for all your hard work and dedication. Please watch for upcoming important dates. Building dedication; and switch over to municipal department. Our website is www.gmfd.org.

This past and current year has been 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 exercising our Grant Awards from the following entities.

Maine Municipal Association our workman's compensation provider has awarded a \$2000 grant towards radio headsets for our ladder truck. These headsets have been installed in our ladder truck. The responders now have hearing protection, and can hear the radio transmissions regarding the incident they are responding to. This heightens 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 towards 25 Scott Air Packs and 10 voice boxes; our match was \$6700. This grant brings us up-to-date with the latest safety standard keeping our personnel safe when in a harsh environment. These units have been purchased and are currently in use.

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 this will give our personnel a place to rest and revitalize for the next shift. The new addition on the building is almost complete. The project ran behind schedule due to contractor issues; however, the quality of work is acceptable. Captain Robert Lang has overseen this project with countless hours researching and monitoring the total project.

Fleet

We have been maintaining our fleet with great care. Engine 3, a 1987 E-One Ford, is still showing much corrosion; however still manages to pass testing.

The 2008 Chevrolet Service Truck was involved in an accident while returning from a training conference “without fault to our operator”. The insurance company replaced it with a 2011 equal vehicle, which has been put into service.

Budget

When reviewing Profit and Loss Statements please understand the rescue is self-funded and supports the fire department operations and the fulltime staff budget. The rescue portion of our department requires no Town funding, however requires a substantial fund balance to assure their operation thru the year. The Fire Operation’s budget shows a balance which was carried over to finish ongoing projects this current fiscal. For this coming year (2011-2012), all budgets have been brought together for future municipal accounting purposes. We have proposed a Call Pay for personnel based on a per-call basis that utilizes training levels and certifications, and then required officer duties on an hourly basis.

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 the Town Hall for a list of available programs to assist you.

Advisory / Fire Commission

The advisory board has been disbanded due to a job well done. A Fire Commission has been appointed. The Fire Commission has taken the lead and moving full speed ahead. The minutes from each meeting are posted on both Towns’ websites. I encourage you to read about their hard work and dedication to the public safety of our communities.

Training and Certification

The following members completed levels assisting us to maintain services provided to the community.

- Matt Duross, Rob Lang: Paramedic
- Rob Lang, Jim Huff, Ben Harris: Officer 1 & 2
- Gregg Robert, Nicole Steiner, Carol Dunham, Stacey Taylor: Firefighter 1 & 2 Level
- Michelle Beaulieu, Perian Carpenter, Rod Carpenter: EMT-B
- Howard Smith: Swift Water Rescue

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

Robert Smith

10 years

Capt. Mathiew Duross

Lt. James Huff

20 years

Lt. James Johnston

David Pendleton

25 years

Chief H. Rodney Carpenter

Lyman Selectman's Award for 1000 calls since 1997

Ret. Chief Normand Bilodeau
Lieut. Christopher Carpenter
Stacy Taylor

Dayton Selectman's Award for 1000 hours of training since 1997

Carol Dunham
Daniel Roy
Stacy Taylor

Dayton Selectman's Award for 2000 hours of training since 1997

Captain Mathiew Duross
Captain Benjamin Harris
Captain Robert Lang

Outstanding Junior Firefighter

Dylan Martin

Chief Milton Monroe Fire Service Award: Firefighter of the Year

Nicole Steiner

President Richard Mere Medial Service Award: EMT of the Year

FF/EMT-I Stacy Taylor

Chief Donald Lord Leadership Award: Officer of the Year

Capt. Benjamin Harris

Chief Coyle R. Meserve Outstanding Service Award: Member of the Year

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