

Milton Fire-Rescue 2010 Annual Report

2010 Fire Report

In 2010, Milton firefighters responded to 343 requests for service. These calls are broken down in the table below.

Building Fires	16
Chimney Fires	6
Vehicle Fires	7
Brush Fires	16
Other Fires	11
Total Reported Fires	56
Motor Vehicle Accidents with Injury	10
Motor Vehicle Accidents with no Injury	26
Other Medical Assists	49
Ice/Water Rescue	2
Total Incidents for which Fire Assisted EMS	96
Hazardous Conditions	41
Service Calls	46
Good Intent Calls	47
False Alarms	34
Severe Weather/Natural Disaster	18
Total Non-Fire Non-Medical Incidents	186
Total Fire Incidents Reported	343

In 2010, Milton Fire-Rescue and the Town of Milton suffered the loss of retired Fire Chief John “Bobby” Gilman. Chief Gilman was a member of the Milton Fire Department for 35 years, serving as chief from 1976 until he retired in 1996. The department would like to thank Chief Gilman and his family for his years of dedicated service to the town of Milton and Milton Fire-Rescue.

Last year, the department had a warrant article on the ballot to allow funds in the Town of Milton Capital Improvement Plan to be reallocated and used to improve the current Milton fire station. Unfortunately, the article failed to receive the 2/3 majority vote required to pass, resulting in the department’s fourth year of operation from the temporary construction trailer adjacent to the main fire station. This year the department will present two warrant articles, one requesting \$60,000 to improve and update the current fire station and a second requesting \$5,000 to begin plans for a future fire station.

Herbert Downs Jr., owner of the “old Moose Club” property, has approached the town to discuss donating the property as the site of a new fire station. If the proposal is finalized, it may resolve many of the shortcomings of the previously proposed fire stations. Members of the department remain hopeful about the possibilities of this piece of property and would like to thank Mr. Downs for his kindness and generosity. When constructed, the new fire station will be known as the “Herbert Downs Fire Station” in memory of Mr. Downs’ father, who served as Milton fire chief for many years.

During the past year, Engine 5 was removed from service. No replacement was added to the fleet. It was no longer cost effective to keep the aging 25-year-old truck in service; it was becoming more of a

safety concern than it was worth. In the future, Engine 5 will be replaced with a tanker. However, that project is on hold until a new fire station is constructed. Most modern firefighting apparatus will not fit into the current substandard fire station. The department is currently establishing a capital improvement plan for the fire department. When completed, the plan will be available to the public and will include buildings, apparatus, and other major pieces of equipment the department will be pursuing over the next several years. In the coming year, the department plans to replace the 1985 forestry truck with a new multipurpose forestry vehicle. This vehicle will be purchased from funds previously established.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Lieutenant Tyler Taatjes on his promotion to Captain and to thank him for his service to our country. Captain Taatjes has been serving in Iraq as a firefighter with the U.S. Air Force since early September and is expected to return to Milton in late January.

As always, I would like to thank the members of Milton Fire-Rescue and their families for their dedication to the fire department and the residents of Milton.

2010 EMS Report

In 2010, Milton EMS responded to 447 requests for service. These calls are broken down in the table below.

Transports	212
Non-Transports	235
Paramedics Requested	196
Mutual Aid Given	40
Mutual Aid Received	208
Transport Locations	
Frisbie Memorial Hospital	193
Wentworth Douglas Hospital	14
Huggins Hospital	1
Goodall Hospital	2
Portsmouth Regional Hospital	2
Total Patients Seen	367
Calls with One Medical Responder Available	101
Calls with No Medical Responders Available	25

This year Milton Fire-Rescue made some forward progress in terms of providing ambulance coverage for the majority of calls for service. Last March, the town voted to establish a revolving fund for ambulance revenue. The money received when the ambulance responds to calls is deposited into an account for the purpose of operating the ambulance. This account has allowed the department to expand ambulance coverage to include weeknight on-call coverage and to ensure a full crew is at the station during weekdays. Previously, no coverage was provided if one of the two full-time firefighter/EMTs was absent from work. The revolving account allows the department to pay part-time members to be on duty at the station to answer calls for emergencies and assist with many of the duties involved in managing the department.

In addition to increasing ambulance coverage, the revolving fund will be used to offset the ambulance's operating budget by as much as \$10,000 in 2011, with hopes of increasing this amount as revenue increases. Each year, the department plans to set aside approximately \$35,000 to go toward capital expenditures, such as replacement ambulances, defibrillators, and stretchers. In 2012, Ambulance 1 will be replaced with funds already available in the revolving ambulance account.

Frisbie EMS continues to provide advanced care to Milton residents in conjunction with the town's dedicated EMTs. The department thanks the paramedics of Frisbie EMS for their dedication to providing nationally renowned care to patients in Milton and surrounding areas.

Congratulations to Captain Lisa Delimont on her promotion to Deputy EMS Chief. This past year she was recognized as EMT of the Year among all ambulance services that transport patients to Frisbie Hospital.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nicholas Marique
Chief