

## Milton Fire-Rescue 2016 Annual Report

In 2016, Milton Fire-Rescue's call volume rose by 98 calls for service, a thirteen percent increase from 2015. The department responded to 865 total calls for service, of which 542 were medical related and 323 were fire related. The following is a breakdown of those responses:

Fire and EMS Incident Descriptions	#	Fire and EMS Incident Descriptions Continued	#
Fire, other	1	Person in distress, other	2
Building fire	30	Lock-out	5
Cooking fire, confined to container	1	Water or steam leak	2
Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue	3	Smoke or odor removal	2
Mobile property (vehicle) fire, other	1	Animal rescue	3
Passenger vehicle fire	6	Public service assistance, other	1
Road freight or transport vehicle fire	1	Assist police or other governmental agency	4
Off-road vehicle or heavy equipment fire	1	Police matter	7
Forest, woods or wildland fire	13	Public service	5
Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	7	Assist invalid	4
Outside rubbish fire, other	1	Unauthorized burning	17
Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire	2	Cover assignment, standby, move up	19
Special outside fire, other	2	Good intent call, other	11
Overpressure rupture, explosion, overheat other	1	Dispatched & cancelled en route	63
Rescue, EMS incident, other	3	No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	5
Medical assist, assist EMS crew	6	Authorized controlled burning	4
Emergency medical service, other	15	Smoke scare, odor of smoke	2
EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	459	HazMat release investigation w/no HazMat	2
Motor vehicle accident with injuries	25	System malfunction, other	2
Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	35	Sprinkler activation due to malfunction	1
High-angle rescue	1	Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	8
Watercraft rescue	1	Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	6
Hazardous condition, other	1	CO detector activation due to malfunction	5
Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	4	Sprinkler activation, no fire - unintentional	2
Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	3	Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	9
Oil or other combustible liquid spill	2	Detector activation, no fire - unintentional	3
Chemical hazard (no spill or leak)	1	Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	7
Carbon monoxide incident	8	Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	3
Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other	2	Wind storm, tornado/hurricane assessment	3
Power line down	6	Lightning strike (no fire)	1
Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	3	Special type of incident, other	2
Building or structure weakened or collapsed	1		
Service Call, other	9	<b>TOTAL INCIDENTS:</b>	<b>865</b>

<b>EMS Incident Details</b>	
Paramedic Intercepts	115
<b>Transports By Hospital</b>	
Frisbie Memorial Hospital	306
Wentworth Douglas Hospital	31
Huggins Hospital	4
Portsmouth Regional Hospital	4
<b>Ambulance Staffing</b>	
Calls with One Medical Responder Available	5
Calls with no Medical Responders Available	2
Mutual Aid Ambulance Required	17

\*Mutual aid ambulance required due to multiple incidents or multiple patients 14 times

2016 will be a year that will never be forgotten for the members of Milton Fire-Rescue as well as the residents of Milton. After nearly a decade of various attempts, a new Fire and EMS station finally reached the required 60% approval at the 2016 annual town meeting. Between March and May preconstruction work began and contracts were signed with subcontractors. By the first of May work began and construction continued throughout the remainder of the year. By December the project was nearly finished. On the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January 2017 the members of Milton Fire-Rescue answered the last call from the station located at 460 White Mountain Highway and responded to the new station located at 865 White Mountain Highway. On behalf of the Officers and Firefighters of Milton Fire-Rescue I would like to extend our gratitude to those long time supporters of the project, we are forever grateful.

On the 2017 ballot voters will be asked to support two warrant articles for the Fire Department both of which are represented in the town's newly created capital improvements plan. First, is an article requesting the town enters into a lease to purchase program to replace the department's outdated and unreliable portable radios. Our portable radios are utilized on a daily basis to communicate critical information with dispatchers and other public safety personnel. This year we requested to replace the remaining 30 portable radios from the original 40 we have had in-service since 2005. The second article being in accordance with the capital improvement plan, the department is requesting funding to replace two department vehicles to consolidate with a single pick up truck. We intend to replace an old police cruiser, currently used as Car 2 and the department's utility truck with one single more versatile vehicle. The vehicle will be utilized daily for inspections, transporting manpower, towing department equipment, and moving bulky equipment to and from emergency scenes. Purchasing this vehicle continues our efforts to operate a leaner, more modern fleet, resulting in controlled maintenance costs. We appreciate your support as we continue our mission serving the residents and visitors of Milton.

Each year we strive to improve our service to the town of Milton. In 2015, Captain Wheeler worked to license both ambulances at the paramedic level. In 2016, Firefighter Kate Thurston and Firefighter Maryssa Goodrich both became licensed paramedics, this being a huge accomplishment and a great benefit to the town of Milton. Milton Ambulance is now staffed with one of our own paramedics more often than not. Although Frisbie Paramedics are still utilized, our dependency on there service has drastically been reduced. I'm extremely proud of

the service provided by our ambulance crew, the passion they have for the department doesn't go unnoticed. In the coming year we intend to replace the departments 2003 ambulance. As our call volume increases we rely frequently on the reserve ambulance and the newest ambulance is become utilized on a more frequent basis. To illustrate the increase use; the 2003 ambulance was primary for 7.5 years until the current 2011 ambulance was purchased. The 2011 ambulance has now been running primary for 6 years and is on the verge of surpassing the older ambulance's mileage with 60,000 and 63,000 miles respectively. For this reason it is imperative to retire the older ambulance and preserve the life of the newer ambulance by placing it into reserve status. The funding for the new ambulance will be from the self-supporting ambulance revolving account.

As 2016 came to a conclusion so did the service of long time EMT Lisa Delimont. Lisa served the Milton Ambulance and community for 17 years. I would like to personally thank Lisa for her years of dedicated service and wish her luck in her future endeavors. I would like to thank the members of Milton Fire-Rescue and their families for their time, commitment and dedication to the town of Milton.

Respectfully submitted,

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