

Milton Fire-Rescue and Emergency Management 2018 Annual Report

In 2018, Milton Fire-Rescue responded to a total of 817 calls for service, with 67% being medical related. The following is a breakdown of those responses:

Incident Type	# Incidents
Fires	52
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	550
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	26
Service Call	54
Good Intent Call	81
False Alarm & False Call	50
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	2
Special Incident Type	2
TOTAL	817

EMS Incident Details	
Paramedic Intercepts Received	55
Calls with 2 nd EMS crew not available	10
Mutual aid ambulance required	13
Transports By Hospital	
Frisbie Memorial Hospital	305
Wentworth Douglas Hospital	40
Huggins Hospital	6
Portsmouth Regional Hospital	4
Sanford Medical Center	4

*Mutual aid ambulance required due to multiple incidents or multiple patients 9 times

In 2018, voters graciously authorized the funding of the department's Capital Reserve Fund with \$65,000. This money will allow for future purchases of department equipment as described in the Town's approved Capital Improvements Plan. One such purchase being the replacement of the department's self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), which were purchased in 2005. SCBA have a useful operating life of no more than 15 years. In 2019, voters will be asked to fund the remaining portion of the SCBA replacement plan by adding an additional \$70,000 to the Capital Reserve Fund. The funding of this project is absolutely critical as our current SCBA will be obsolete in the next year and will no longer be able to be used in hazardous atmospheres.

In October of 2018, Milton Fire-Rescue was presented with a unique opportunity. Eastern Fire Apparatus of Milton, NH offered the department a used 1994 Engine, previously owned by Ashland, NH. The vehicle is in excellent condition and valued at over \$30,000. Milton Fire-Rescue purchased the apparatus for \$5,500 and it was immediately placed in service as Engine 2 from central station. The purchase of this vehicle returns the department back to its 2009 capabilities. In 2009, Engine 5 was removed from service and due to financial reasons and space constraints at our old station, was never replaced. The purchase of this vehicle adds an additional 1,000 gallons of water as well as a reserve pumper to the firefighting fleet. This allows us to maintain an effective fleet of apparatus if

one of the other pumpers is out of service for maintenance. Most importantly this purchase gives us the opportunity to plan an additional year for the replacement of Engine 4. With the addition of Engine 2 the department will not be in a critical position if Engine 4 were to fail in the near future. Though this puts the department in a much better position, it does not relieve the need for the replacement of Engine 4 with a large capacity tanker.

In 2018, the department continued to have success with grant writing. In early December, the department took delivery of a new 14' all hazards response trailer built by Proline Products LLC of Milton. The trailer was funded by a \$10,000 Emergency Management Performance Grant from New Hampshire Homeland Security and Emergency Management and will be used to transport the department's ATV, as well as supplemental wildland firefighting equipment and hazardous material response supplies. Additionally, a grant was received to purchase wildland firefighting personal protective equipment.

One of the many responsibilities of the Emergency Management Director is to coordinate disaster recovery grants. Milton's 2018 town Election Day brought record snowfall to the region and was later declared a disaster by FEMA, which authorized expense reimbursement to local municipalities. After several months of calculations, to ensure all possible funding was returned to the town, we received reimbursement in the amount \$21,375. I would like to extend gratitude to the Public Works Department on their detailed record keeping during each and every winter storm. Without these records the coordination of recovery grants would be nearly impossible. One of the requirements for eligibility of many federal grants is to have an up to date Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP). This past year we contracted Mapping and Planning Solutions to assist with our update, which was completed and adopted by the Selectman by late summer. I would like to thank the town officials and employees who contributed greatly to this tedious process.

For the last three years Milton Fire-Rescue Ambulances have been able to provide paramedic level services. Milton currently has 6 paramedics on the department all bringing with them a great deal of experience from other agencies. In June of this past year, firefighter Alex Wood began the 18-month process of becoming the department's first full-time paramedic. I am proud of Alex for his drive and commitment.

I would like to congratulate the following members on their promotions in 2018; Jarrod Wheeler promoted from Captain to Deputy Chief, Joshua Biron and Justin Bellen promoted from Lieutenant to Captain and Christopher Stevens promoted from firefighter to Lieutenant. I wish them all success in their new positions and am grateful to have them as a part of our team.

Milton Fire-Rescue has grown in membership in recent years and currently has a roster of 45+ individuals. Each and every firefighter contributes in some way to our continued success. Whether that contribution is big or small, daily or a few times each year, it is greatly appreciated. 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 and the Milton Fire Department. I look forward to serving as your Fire Chief for many years to come.

Respectfully submitted,



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