

Milton Fire-Rescue and Emergency Management 2019 Annual Report

In 2019, Milton Fire-Rescue responded to a total of 803 calls for service, with 65% being medical related. The following is a breakdown of those responses:

Incident Type	# Incidents
Fires	45
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	522
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	32
Service Call	61
Good Intent Call	97
False Alarm & False Call	45
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	1
TOTAL	803

EMS Incident Details	
Paramedic Intercepts Received	65
Calls with 2 nd EMS crew not available	5
Mutual aid ambulance required	16
Transports By Hospital	
Frisbie Memorial Hospital	255
Wentworth Douglas Hospital	58
Dover Emergency Room	2
Huggins Hospital	6
Portsmouth Regional Hospital	9
Sanford Medical Center	1

*Mutual aid ambulance required due to multiple incidents or multiple patients 11 times

In 2019, Milton Fire- Rescue continued to be successful with grants. In September, the department was notified of the award of a Federal “Assistance to Firefighters Grant” (AFG) from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in the amount of \$171,428.57. The purpose of this grant was to replace the department’s aged and obsolete self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA). Twenty-five SCBA were purchased for a total cost to the Town of Milton of \$8,571.43 (5% of the project cost). Milton Fire-Rescue continuously seeks ways to improve our capabilities and the safety of our firefighters, particularly through creative funding opportunities like the AFG grant process. I would like to extend a sincere thank you to Captain Josh Biron for his assistance and support with completing this successful grant.

With the replacement of our SCBA being funded by a federal grant, money previously set aside in capital reserve became available for use on other priority projects. After an evaluation of our needs the department began a search for a replacement to our 1985 Aerial Ladder. In late 2019, the department was able to secure the purchase of a 1997 75’ Tower Ladder with 500 gallons of water and a 1250 GPM pump. Purchased for \$85,000 from the town of Grey, Maine, this vehicle is much safer and more versatile. Once purchased the vehicle was sent to a certified fire

apparatus repair shop where an additional \$30,000 will be put into the vehicle for upgrades and repairs. I expect the vehicle to serve our community for the next 10 years.

With the replacement of our oldest vehicle and most critical piece of safety equipment in 2019, our next priority is the replacement of Engine 4, a 1989 pumper, with a large capacity pumper tanker. In 2020, a warrant article will ask to add \$40,000 into the fire department capital reserve for the future replacement of this vehicle.

I would like to congratulate David Silbernagel on his promotion from Firefighter to Lieutenant. Lieutenant Silbernagel's unwavering dedication to the department and years of fire service experience made him an ideal candidate for the position. In 2019, Firefighter Alex Wood completed paramedic school and successfully passed the National Registry exam process. Alex becomes the department's first full time paramedic. I wish both Alex and David much success in their new positions and am grateful to have them as a part of our team.

Despite periodic lulls in available manpower, Milton Fire-Rescue continues to have a solid membership of dedicated responders. 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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