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County News

Androscoggin County



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Lisbon Fire Department



Lisbon Engine 1 at a fire education detail on display

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Fort Kent Fire Department:



On August 10th the annual Aroostook county muster was held in Fort Kent. This was held in conjunction with the Fort Kent's 150th anniversary celebration and is also an anniversary of Fort Kent Fire & Rescue. Teams from Caribou Fire and Ambulance, North Lakes Fire and a team consisting of members from both Madawaska Fire and St. Francis Fire Depts. Competed. FKFD did not disappoint coming up with great events consisting of a wet line, dry line, bucket and a sprinkler wedge competition. Caribou Fire overall competition for the second year in a row. Fun was had by all participants.

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Limestone Fire Department



On July 15 Limestone fire responded to a potato house fire in Limestone. This potato house was being used as cold storage for Caldwell's auto storing automobile parts. Upon arrival crews were encountered a large amount fire, mutual aid was requested from Caribou Fire and Ambulance and Fort Fairfield Fire depts. Crews were able to stop the spread of fire to surrounding buildings, the potato house was unfortunately a total loss.



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Presque Isle Fire Department:



Early morning fire at a local radio station building that house's there equipment.



Presque Isle fire on scene of a cutting torch that the hose caught fire and was venting its self-members kept the tanks cool till fire burned out.

Members of Presque with the crash truck powder for training.



Isle Fire training shooting purple k

Members at doing class b burns annual airport training.



as part of their

Presque Isle fire getting ready for the parade at this year convention.



Members from Presque Isle fire department at a recent fire at the local
Landfill mutual aid from Mapleton fire with a tanker and
Caribou fire for station coverage.



Cumberland East



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North Yarmouth Fire Rescue:



At 21:05, North Yarmouth E-51, E-52, B-57, S-54, Ambulance 56, Cumberland Ladder 107, and Gray Tank-45 was dispatched to 110 Wild Turkey Lane for a reported Chimney Fire in the residence. Chief 501 arrived on scene to find a 2-1/2 story wood-frame with nothing showing from 2 sides, the building is evacuated, and audible alarms are sounding in the building with Chief 501 assuming command.

Command requested the all-hands to be struck at 21:14 due to heavy smoke conditions throughout the building. The All hands added Cumberland E-102 to the scene for water supply, Yarmouth E-82 to the Scene for RIT, Gray Engine 41 for manpower, and Pownal E-1 to secure a water supply at the hydrant at the intersection of Delwin drive and Walnut Hill Rd. Falmouth E-1, Falmouth Car 1, New Gloucester Tank 1, and



Yarmouth A-86 covered North Yarmouth Station.

E-52 arrived on scene to lay out 300' of 5" supply line for E-51 to pick up water supply. Cumberland Ladder 107 was assigned roof/chimney operations. E-52 stretched an 1-3/4" handline to the front door. Crews extinguished the fire in the wood-stove, then checked the entire building for any possible extension. Gray Engine 41 assisted E-52 with checking the residence for any hidden hot spots. No extension was found in the building and the fire was contained to the chimney. Companies cleaned out the fire box and any creosote from the chimney.



Companies checked the building with a 4 gas meter to find there are 130 PPM. With the fire extinguished, companies ventilated the building of any toxic gases. All companies clear of the scene and back in service at 22:32

Photo Credit: Alexis Thibeault & Chief Payson



September 17th, North Yarmouth Fire Rescue was dispatched to the area of 165 Mountfort Rd for a 2 vehicle car vs. house accident. North Yarmouth E-51, A-56, and S-54 were dispatched on the box. While in-route Chief 501 requested a second Ambulance out of Yarmouth and Cumberland Heavy Rescue 103 to respond.

Chief 501 assumed command, E-51 was assigned to stabilization, A-85 was assigned to triage. Patient was evaluated and released on the scene. Units were

able to stabilize and remove the vehicle from the building.

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Raymond Fire Rescue:



Raymond Fire Rescue working with the Red Cross and Age Friendly Raymond, installed over 30 smoke detectors for citizens in Raymond on Saturday for free. We would like to thank Kidde, the Red Cross, for providing the detectors.

Scarborough Fire Department:



New Scarborough Public Safety Building.

Standish Fire Department:



Standish Fire assisting Buxton Fire with a grass/brush fire on Sept. 29, 2019



Franklin County

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Farmington Fire Rescue:



Michael Alan Bell, 68, of Farmington, a 30 year veteran of the Farmington Fire Department, died in the line of duty on the morning of Sept. 16, 2019

Wilton Fire & Rescue:



At the Maine State Federation of Firefighter's convention, we had the honor of witnessing our own Deputy Chief Tom Doak receive the lifetime achievement award at the 56th annual firefighters convention. Congratulations and Thank you for your service Tom, it's an honor to work beside you.

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Waterville Fire Department:

Article 1 - Waterville Fire Department is pleased to announce that through the hard work of their firefighters, they have been awarded \$229,333.33 in federal funds to purchase new air packs (SCBAs). The departments SCBAs are twenty years old and in need of replacement. This grant acquisition will save the residents from appropriating additional local taxes beyond the 5% grant match for this capital project.

Article 2 - Waterville and several area fire departments will be adding nine cardiac monitors to their equipment supply. Rep. Chellie Pingree, D-1st District, announced Friday that the departments — Waterville, Winslow, Albion, Fairfield and Clinton — received a \$370,415 federal grant to put toward the purchase. Eight additional fire departments in the state’s first congressional district were also awarded funds as a part of the grant. The money comes from Federal Emergency Management Agency Assistance to Firefighter Grants, according to a news release from Pingree’s office. Together, the Maine municipalities will receive \$1,169,893.

Waterville Fire Chief Shawn Esler said that the departments applied for cardiac monitors because of a rise in the number of medical calls they have received, particularly in recent years. The amount of EMS and rescue calls Waterville responded to increased by 7.15% over last year, according to Esler, who is also a deputy chief for Albion.

“In the fire service, we are seeing an increased demand for services specific to EMS delivery,” Esler said. “Eighty percent of our business is responding to EMS and rescue calls, which is about the average throughout the region. So we’re seeing more calls for EMS than ever before, and to meet the demands, essentially, of our customers, we are enhancing our ability to provide those services.”

Article 3 - Waterville just signed a contract with Rosenbauer of America to built their new \$1.3 million dollar Council approved Tower/Quint fire apparatus. They are expecting a Fall 2020 delivery.

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Vinalhaven Fire Department:



Clarence Cap Conway of Vinalhaven received the lifetime achievement award at the MSFFF convention Sept 14th

Lincoln County



Damariscotta Deputy Fire Chief James “High Speed” Hall accepts the Chief Bob Maxcy Lifetime Achievement Award from the Lincoln County Fire Chiefs Association as President Roger Whitney (left) and Vice President Paul Leeman Jr. look on. (J.W. Oliver photo)

Lt. Allen Spinney, of the Bristol Fire Department, the Year Award from Lincoln County Fire Chiefs Roger Whitney (left) and Vice President Paul Leeman Jr.



accepts the Officer of Association President (J.W. Oliver photo)



Rose Adkins, of the Department, accepts the Award, presented by Lincoln County Fire Chiefs Association President Roger Whitney (left) and Vice President Paul Leeman Oliver photo)

Bremen Fire Firefighter of the Year President Roger Jr. (J.W.



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Capt. David Pratt, of the Boothbay Fire Department, addresses fellow members of the Lincoln County Chiefs Association after accepting the President’s Award. (J.W. Oliver

Fire photo)

Oxford County



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Mexico Fire Department:



Larry Shover was born April 21, 1938 on a large farm in Irasburg Vermont. He lived and worked on the farm growing up, he attended Orleans High school in Orleans Vermont his freshman year, before moving to Maine in 1953.

Larry graduated from Stephens High School Rumford Maine in 1956. After graduation he enlisted in the United States Army where he went to school for heavy equipment operations. In December of 1956 he was deployed to Korea where he would serve for the next 16 months. From there he went to Fort Benning Georgia where he was reassigned, 2nd Army Ranger Battalion (2nd Ranger Co.)

Came back to Rumford Maine and started work for Oxford Paper as a spare.

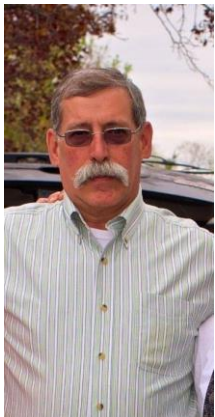
Larry was also a live-in Firefighter for Rumford Fire Department from October 1959 until July 1963, that's when he married his wife Judy. He stayed on as a volunteer for Rumford Fire after he married.

Larry served the Maine National Guard from 1958 till 1967. In August of 1967 Larry was drafted and headed to Fort Knox Kentucky for training

and then in May of 1968 off to Vietnam, he would remain there for a year before being reassigned to Germany to the 3rd Infantry Division Echo Company (10th Combat Engineer Battalion Echo Company)He returned to Maine in April 1972 and went back to work in the mill which had change hands and was now call Boise Cascade Mill.

Larry joined the Mexico Fire Department in March 1978, in 1986 he became a Lieutenant of Hose Co 2. In 1988 he was promoted to Captain in the same company. Larry served as a training officer for several years, helped with Fire Prevention programs. He retired from Mexico Fire in September of 2006 but stays active with the Mexico Firefighter's Relief Association. Larry is a member of many organizations such as the VFW Post 1641, American Legion Post 24, Snowshoe Club, Western Maine Firefighter's Association, (which he is a past president) Maine State Federation of Firefighters to name a few. Larry is also a past president of the Mexico Firefighter's Relief Association. Larry was named The George Downs Memorial Firefighter Of The Year in 1993 by his fellow members of the Mexico Fire Department.

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Dover-Foxcroft Fire Department:



DOVER-FOXCROFT — A pair of extrication tools and a half dozen airbags for the Dover-Foxcroft Fire Department will expand the capabilities of firefighters responding to various accident calls, such as cutting through hard material and lifting heavy debris.

Fire Chief Joe Guyotte said the approximate price of the extrication tools is \$31,500 and the six airbags is about \$10,000 for \$41,500 combined. “Thank you taxpayers of Dover-Foxcroft and anonymous donors,” he said, with department members also conducting various fundraisers

throughout the year. Observer photo/Stuart Hedstrom

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Charlotte Vol. Fire and Rescue Celebrates 60 Years

Along with the service award, many others were given during the event. Senior firefighter Herb Clark was recognized for his 63 years in the fire service. It was presented by Chief Day, Captain Jeff Orchard, and Lieutenant Zach Orchard.

Charlotte Auxiliary President, Eileen Clark was awarded for six decades of her commitment to the Charlotte Volunteer Fire and Rescue Auxiliary. Chief Day, Captain Orchard, and LT Orchard presented the award to her.



Senior Firefighter Herb Clark recognized for 63 years in the Fire service. (Photo provided by Charlotte Volunteer Fire and Rescue)



Auxiliary President Eileen Clark recognized for six decades of commitment. (Photo provided by Charlotte Volunteer Fire and Rescue)

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Buxton Fire & Rescue



Joanne Ward, Department Admin being recognized for her above and beyond service to Buxton Fire and Rescue

FF Matt Angus officially sworn in being pinned by his wife.



FF/AEMT Joey Inamorati having been sworn in officially being pinned by Dep. Grant.



Chief Schools with Deputy McLaughlin and Deputy Harmon, 51 and 58 years of service respectively.



York South



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MSFFF Fundraising:



Challenge coins available through any County Vice President. \$5.00 each plus shipping

70th Anniversary decals available through any County Vice President. \$5.00 each plus shipping.



If you have any ideas or suggestions for fundraising for the Federation, please contact President Ken Desmond.

Legislative News:

LOSAP (Length of Service Award Program) for firefighters in the State of Maine. The program is administered by a board of seven trustees that are appointed by the Governor, with members of the Maine Fire Chiefs Association, the Maine State Federation of Firefighters and Maine Municipal Association. We meet on the second Monday of the month at the Public Safety Building in Augusta at Ten O'Clock and our meetings are open to the public. The LOSAP program rewards firefighters for service to communities in the State of Maine with contributions to a retirement program. Contributions can be made from three funding sources: the individual firefighters, individual municipalities, and the State of Maine. Currently, there is no state funding available for LOSAP, but the board is working on getting the program established to qualify for funding from the State of Maine.

Classifieds:

Education & Training:

56th Maine State Firefighter's Convention 2019



























Annual Maine Firefighters Memorial Service

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