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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fellow Firefighters

Welcome to our 2013 summer newsletter! Fifty years ago, firefighters wanted to make a difference for the firefighters of Maine. In 1949, the financial assistance of Maine State Federation of Firefighters existed, and then in 1963 conventions were being held in different counties in the State of Maine. Our first President was Eugene Temple from Portland. We had 17 new Presidents throughout the years. I've served as the President from 1994 to present. I've seen a lot of changes in

the fire service and have met many good firefighter families.

A lot of new developments have occurred throughout the years for the Federation. We have a Lifetime Achievement Award that is awarded to a deserving firefighter that has gone above and beyond his or her call of duty. This prestigious award is awarded at the State Convention. Information can be found on our website or you can get in touch with your County V.P. The deadline for nominations is August 10th.

Our scholarship program allows financial assistance to whoever wants to attend the Fire Science Academy. Our memorial services are held on the first Saturday of October, on the State grounds in Augusta at 1:00 p.m. - everyone is invited.

Tone to Tone was accepted with amendments. The LOSAP did not go through.

I wish the City of Ellsworth a very successful Convention.

Sincerely Yours,
Richard A. Cyr
President MSFFF

**BIG ELECTRONICS RAFFLE
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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE ON LINE BURN PERMIT SYSTEM

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BACKGROUND ON THE ON LINE BURN PERMIT SYSTEM:

The on line burn permit system has been in existence since July 2005 in the Maine Forest Service's Southern Region and has proven to be a safe and convenient way for homeowners to obtain burn permits electronically. It is currently available in all unorganized towns as well.

To date, over 45,000 permits have been sold. One reason it has been safe is that people are not allowed to burn until after 5pm and can only burn on class one or two days. Historically, mid-afternoon is when most escaped brush pile fires occur. The MFS has also found more volunteer firefighters are available to respond to escaped debris fires during the evening, rather than during the day (especially if they work 20 – 30 miles away from the town they live in).

During the fall of 2012, a legislative proposal was submitted to expand the on line burn permit system statewide. Due the interest in this system, the MFS has put together the following list of frequently asked questions.

1. Will towns be able to "opt out" of the on line burn permit system?

If the Maine Legislature approves expanding the on line burn permit system statewide, all 456 organized towns will be set up for the system, based on the towns' geocode. If approved, all Town Fire Wardens will be sent a letter with information on how they can log on to the site with administrative access for their town. They will get this information several weeks before permits are available in their towns.

Presently, the system can be shut down for up to three days, but we are considering extending that for a month or more. The TW does this by setting the amount of permits allowed to be purchased each day to zero.

Currently, the pilot project in the Maine Forest Service's (MFS) Southern Region has about 81% of the towns "actively" participating in the on line burn permit system. This means the Town Fire Wardens have gone in and listed email addresses and text message numbers to receive notification when on line burn permits are

purchased.

Out of 257 organized towns in the MFS Southern Region, only 4 – 5 choose to go in every three days and limit the amount of permits to zero and not allow permits to be purchased. If special circumstances require the on line burn permit system to be shut down for more than 3 days, the MFS can extend it. One example of this would be a long weekend where most of the fire department is attending training.

2. Can a TW limit the amount of permits issued each day?

Yes, the TW can restrict the amount of permits available for purchase each day with the on line burn permit system. This is helpful on busy Saturdays during the spring, when the fire department is occupied with training, or during mud season when road access is limited.

If the TW restricts the amount of permits for their town, a message will then be shown that reads, "Permit limit restrictions for (name of town): 1/24/13 – 1/27/13

The TW has the following three options for a reason the restrictions are in place: a. limited access

b. limited firefighting resources

c. special events

d. town administrative ban

It should also be noted that in the past, as a precautionary measure, the MFS usually shuts down the on line burn permit system for a few days each spring if there have been a period of three or more class 2 days in a row and a weekend is approaching.

3. What types of burns are allowed with the on line burn permit system?

The system is designed for brush piles, debris piles and can also be used for agricultural burns with some restrictions. It is not set up for campfire permits and has warning messages in 3 places within the website to avoid any confusion.

The person desiring to burn has to select one of the following burn types:

Residential (permanent or seasonal)

Commercial (burning for a fee) Note: they

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list both their contact info and the location of the burn.

Agricultural (associated with commercial farming < 10 acres in size)

*Prescribed fires are not allowed and require a pre-approved burn plan.

Note 1: This has not been a problem with the current system, but for the new system, if the town fire warden does not approve of using the on line burn permit system for agricultural permits, they can shut that type of permits down.

Note 2: the minimum requirements for purchasing an on line burn permit for an agricultural burn 5 – 10 acres is:

6 adults + telephone access at site

1 charged garden hose

2 portable pumps with hose

200 gallon water supply

4 backpumps 6 rakes or brooms +
6 shovels

4. Does the person conducting the burn have to own the property where the burn occurs?

The current system does not address this, but the new system will require the person requesting the permit to check a box that reads:

"By checking this box, I either own the property where the burn will take place or have written permission from the landowner to conduct this burn."

5. Can someone purchase an on line burn permit to burn on tribal land?

To our knowledge, this has not been a problem in the past. However, the new system will be set up with the following statement:

"The location you have selected has tribal land within the township. On line burn permits are not valid on tribal lands. Please contact the tribal Town Fire Warden to obtain a hand written burn permit."

6. Can the TW increase the amount of restrictions listed on the permit?

Yes, the TW can *increase* the restrictions via a drop-down menu (example: increase the number of adults required from 2 to 5). However, the TW's cannot *decrease* the restrictions. These restrictions are also helpful for the Forest Ranger who has been called for an open burning complaint. It is unlawful to burn without following the

restrictions listed on the permit.

Here is an example of the restrictions listed automatically for a Brush/Lumber (pile less than 20' x 20'):

2 adults

1 charged garden hose unless ground is completely covered with snow

1 back pump or 2, five gallon buckets of water

1 shovel or rake

Pile must be at least 100 feet from structures

No burning shall be conducted prior to 5pm, nor after 9am unless there is a steady rainfall or when ground is completely covered with snow.

7. How will a TW be notified when burn permits are purchased?

The TW can enter up to six email address and six cell phone numbers that can receive text messages. The MFS will not send faxes of permits to town offices.

The email and texts list the name and location of the permit and a link that shows the actual permit with the restrictions and contact info.

8. Can local dispatch and Regional Communication Centers (RCC's) be notified when permits are purchased?

Yes, we have a separate "read-only" system that allows RCC's to view all "active" permits for that day in all the towns they dispatch for. However, they usually don't contact the TW each time a permit is purchased. Rather, they provide the info via radio to help avoid sending fire vehicles when "report of smoke" calls come in.

Example:

Fire Chief: "Dispatch, we have a report of smoke call on Back Forty Road, can you check to see if it's an on line burn permit?"

RCC: "We checked and there is a permit at 248 Back Forty Road at the Smith residence. Would you like their phone number? The permit says they have one 10' x 10' brush pile, 2 adults and a charged garden hose and are burning in the back field."

9. Can the on line burn permit system be set up so brush piles can be inspected before the permit is issued?

Yes, the MFS has developed the "passcode" system which requires the person request-

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ing the permit to call the fire department and request a passcode to be able to purchase a permit. The TW has the ability to change the passcode after each

Here is an example of the text for the "passcode" system:

"In order to obtain a burn permit on line, you are required to call the Westbrook Fire Department at 854-0655. Should the location of your burn be approved, you will be issued a passcode by the Westbrook Fire Department. Once you have that passcode, it will need to be entered below before you can proceed. All permitted burns are subject to inspection and/or revocation if the fire danger increases or a nuisance is created. Thank you for your cooperation and for burning safely.

10. Can individuals who have had open burning violations be blocked from purchasing on line burn permits?

Yes, the TW can enter their name and address into the system and the person requesting the permit will get a message advising them to call the TW for a hand written permit. MFS dispatchers are available to help with entering this data or other information such as email addresses for notification when permits are purchased.

11. Will TW's still issue hand written permits as they have in the past?

Yes, TW's are still responsible for issuing hand written permits for those without access to computers or who prefer not to pay the fee for the on line burn permit.

12. What if a town has an ordinance in place that requires an additional burn permit?

Although it is not feasible for the MFS to create "custom messages" (e.g. listing upcoming fire department events, etc.) for each town, a message will be available for towns with local ordinances. One example would be Orono, which currently charges for their own burn permits. The MFS can either set them up with the passcode system or create a short message that informs the person requesting the permit of the local ordinance.

13. What improvements will be made to the current on line burn permit system?

The MFS is currently working with the software developer, InforME to make the on

line burn permit system more compatible with smart phones and allow more than one permit to be viewed at a time. There is also discussion of allowing TW's more flexibility in allowable burn times and having access to view permits in neighboring towns.

HANCOCK COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY GRADUATES 24 STUDENTS IN THE ACADEMY'S NINTH YEAR!

On Saturday, June 1st, the 9th Hancock County Fire Academy recognized the 24 students from 11 Hancock County towns, two towns in Washington County and one city in Penobscot County.

Graduating students included Southwest Harbor Fire - Barry Fletcher, Colton Sanborn and Benjamin Hampton, Ellsworth Fire - Matt Fendl, Greg Beal, Sam Hanna, Brandon Randall & Adam Brackett, Trenton Fire - Elizabeth Keene, Lamoine Fire - Rick Gallegos and Lance Bishop, Isleford Fire - Cote Hadlock, Castine Fire - Sam Brown, Lisa burton, Evan Gaskin & Christopher Carter, Gouldsboro - Tate McLean, Hancock Fire - Jeremy Ogden, Tremont Fire- Justin Kelley , Penobscot Fire - Kathleen Ruggiero,

Surry Fire - Bryan Tucker, Harrington Fire - John Hedberg, Milbridge Fire - Shawn Tucker and Bangor Fire - Christopher Wilcox.

The Bangor Fire Color Guards led the instructors and students in to the graduation as the Acadia Bagpiper finalized the processional song. After the setting of the colors and the pledge of allegiance, family, friends, chiefs, visitors, instructors and students viewed the 15 minute video recapping the last five months of the academy with videos of their Class B burns and many pictures taken by Academy Photographer Tina Smith, Franklin Fire Dept.

Once the students were seated on stage, Maine Fire Service Institute Director William Guidon stated that Hancock County should be proud of the academy, it's instructors and students. He told the students that this is just the beginning of their learning in the fire service and never should they expect anything but the best, so that all can go home safe from any scene they respond to.

Guest Speaker, Isleford Fire Chief Richard Howland, 2011 Academy graduate, recalled his first day at the academy and a comment from Lead Instructor Bland regarding having to shave bringing a laugh from the class and the alumni in the audience. Chief Howland stated that he has attended the academy and now has sent three students because he believes in what the academy teaches and how knowledgeable the students come back to the department and that everyone wants to share the information.

Class president Chris Wilcox, Bangor Fire, spoke to his class and reminded them that on the first day, they were individuals and through the academy they became a team and a family. He stated that in "speaking for the class, this academy has gone above and beyond teaching us just how to be a good firefighter. We have also learned the importance of competency, compassion, physical fitness and pride to name a few. To offer assistance to someone on the worst day of their life is quite an honor, and without the knowledge and ability to perform in a competent manor, we're only adding to the problem. Without compassion we lose the insight of how our actions and attitudes affect the views of those we serve, a heroic rescue can quickly become jaded by a poor attitude. Without physical fitness we become a burden to our own crew, with an average gear load in excess of 70 pounds,

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typical fire ground activities can quickly become taxing. And without pride, we lose the drive to better ourselves and become more than we are today, although firefighting is not an individual evolution, the strength of the team is determined by the attributes of each.

Rather it be laddering a building, rescuing a victim, or rushing to the aid of a fellow comrade, one motto stands true, "When the time to perform has arrived, the time to prepare has passed". Although this particular quote was adopted by us as our class motto, I believe it expresses the objective of this academy. Every minute we spent together, we spent training; rather it be rotating through multiple skill stations, or standing together practicing knots, no time was wasted. We learned how to combat wild land fires, control a leaking transport tanker and quickly impede the flow of a charged sprinkler system, well some of us did anyway, and the others may still be drying their gear. We breached doors and foundations, vented roofs and overhauled rooms. But most importantly of all, we learned to operate as a team. One unified group, cooperating in unison to complete a task quickly and efficiently, as many hands makes light work. Although at times we were given rewards for our hard work, most was done simply for the satisfaction and pride of having completed another step towards our goal of successfully completing this academy.

Over the last 5 months, we have had the opportunity to learn from some of the best in the business. Kevin and his team of hand selected instructors are the reason that this academy stands out above the rest. The manner in which this academy operates is what makes US stand out above the rest. Discipline and self-motivation are important aspects of almost any career, especially firefighting. As most of you are well aware; this occupation, rather career or volunteer, is inherently dangerous. It takes discipline to place yourself in a life threatening situation and focus on the task at hand over your internal drive to remove yourself from harm's way. It takes self-motivation to ensure your prepared to act, god forbid the need ever arises that yourself, or a fellow firefighter ever finds themselves within the grasp of a flames deadly hand. Try this when you return home tonight, first shut off every light in your home and blindfold yourself. Proceed by starting at your front door and attempt to crawl from room to room, periodically ask yourself your current location, it's quite scary how quickly you can become disoriented. Now imagine that this isn't a home that you've walked through a thousand times, but rather one that you have never before seen. Imagine the fear of not knowing your surroundings or what possible hazards may lay in your path, or hinder your escape. It is then that you will truly understand the importance of proper training, training that is derived from self-motivation and discipline.

In closing, I would like to say thank you. Thank you to my classmates for stepping outside of your comfort zones, pushing yourself to limits most of us never

deemed imaginable, and for simply being a stand up group of people devoted to bettering your lives and that of those who you encounter. For making yourselves available to respond and aid those in need at all hours of the night, regardless of the weather, or prior engagements. Thank you to all of our friends, family and loved ones for your support as we all embarked on the educational journey of a lifetime. Countless hours of study and numerous weekends were not only sacrificed by us, but you as well. Thank you for your understanding as we pulled ourselves from family activities and the occasional house chore or two to spend our time learning to respond to those in need. Lastly I want to thank all of the instructors and support staff who make this academy possible, for without you, none of us would be here tonight and numerous towns and cities would not be as safe and well protected as they stand today. I am a firm believer that actions speak louder than words, and with that I would like to have Kevin, Jimmy, Bobby, Dennis, Steve, John, and Darryl please come up and join me.

It is with great pleasure that we the class of 2013 presents you with our version of a sincere thank you.

An often overlooked section of any evolution is the logistics and planning that makes day to day activities possible, with that said can I please have Tina, Billy, Deb, Lisa and Keith come join us. "

Lead Instructor Kevin Bland spoke of the importance of the training and pushing themselves out of their comfort zones to learn more each day. He spoke also of the knowledge the current instructors have and that each students had the opportunity to learn from each of them. He also mentioned that during the academy, each student has learned what they are strong at and where their weakness lie, he reminded them that at least one time during the academy, they have had to step out of their comfort zone to do something new – and "can't" wasn't a word to be said. Lead Instructor Bland also thanked the Chiefs, County Commissioners, Instructors and the HCFA Training & Education Committee for their continued support to make the academy be top notch and it continues to get better each year.

Lead Instructor Bland also recognized student, Elizabeth Keene, Trenton Vol. Fire Dept, as the recipient of the Bland Hall of Flame Award . In its third year, this award recognizes a student chosen by the instructors as a dedicated, hardworking, enthusiastic student throughout the academy.

Also, recognized by Lead Instructor Bland was Academy Photographer Tina Smith, who spent time taking pictures of all classes and student in the last five months. The pictures taken not only captured the moments of the academy and each individual student, but it reminded them of where they started and where they are now.

The emcee, Lisa Winger, HCFA Training & Education Training & Education Committee Co-chair called each student to the front and center to receive their cer-

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tificate recognizing their completion of the academy. After Lead Instructor Bland congratulated the student and handed them their certificate, the students made their way to the receiving line of instructors and Chiefs.

In closing, emcee Winger wished the students the

best of luck and stated that each time the tones go off or that an incident happens, we all think of those that have been in the academy. She also stated the students should not only remember what they have learned, but also expand on what they have learned. Be safe and may everyone come home after each incident. Thank you to the chiefs, instructors and HCFA Training & Education Committee members for all of your support and hard work.

STATE SEEING DELUGE OF PREVENTABLE FIRES, FIRE MARSHAL SAYS

By Nick Sambides Jr., BDN Staff

The state's top fire investigator typically sees six to a dozen fires a week that require the services of his office, but 23 were reported about two weeks ago. And most of them, State Fire Marshal Joe Thomas said, should never have happened.

Thomas attributed almost all of the fires to two causes: poorly-maintained alternative heating sources that broke down or a lack of working fire-safety devices, such as smoke detectors.

"It's one thing to have a mechanical failure, like a short circuit or something like that, but the vast majority of fires we are seeing have some type of human element attached to them," Thomas said Friday. "They didn't have to happen."

"A wood stove was the most common source," Thomas added. "Usually the worst combination is a wood stove with a malfunctioning chimney, or a wood stove that isn't even adequately in shape for burning wood or is too close to something that will burn."

The 23 fires reported the week of Jan. 21, plus nine more reported the following week, included blazes in Augusta, Bethel, Casco, Harrington, Lebanon, Somerville, Stockton Springs, Sullivan, Trenton, Waterville, Wells, and Yarmouth, Thomas said.

Of the 32, four have been logged as being of suspicious origin, Thomas said. He said he didn't know whether 23 fires in a single week was a record-setter for Maine.

Smoking materials and a lack of smoke detectors caused a double fatality in Easton on Jan. 29, fire officials said.

Heavy fire damage to a house in Somerville on Jan. 24, in which a 92-year-old man died, will likely leave investigators unable to prove what ignited the flames. Another fire that day, which destroyed a 150-year-old Bangor home, apparently started in a chimney, officials said.

The sudden surge in fires has left Thomas' 13-member staff of inspectors and investigators scrambling. The preventable nature of the fires is frustrating to contemplate, Thomas said.

"You want to stand up and scream 'Pay attention!' There is information out there. We make everything as

informative as we can about safe appliances and everything else. People need to pay attention and heed that word. The information is out there for a reason."

Winter fires are also especially miserable for firefighters, who have to battle climate conditions in addition to the flames. In Millinocket, firefighters trying to extinguish a blaze that destroyed a Medway Road house in early January had to surmount big piles of snow, icy conditions and water runoff that created icy that two firefighters slipped on, all caused by a woodstove left burning.



Thomas recommends that homeowners and landlords ensure that chimneys are inspected and cleaned regularly; smoke detectors have fresh batteries and are placed in well-trafficked areas; and any heat source has at least three feet of clearance around it.

Homeowners and renters should also have clearly outlined escape plans from their dwellings and keep those exits free of snow and ice, Thomas said.

Anyone with fire safety questions is encouraged to call their local fire department or the fire marshal's office at 626-3870.

The fire marshal's office investigated 650 fires in 2012, including 164 confirmed arsons and 19 fatalities. In 2011, 604 fires, 22 fatalities and 179 arsons were investigated, while in 2010, 546 fires, 9 fatalities and 157 arsons were investigated, Thomas said.

SO MANY GOOD WORDS DESCRIBE BRUCE WOODWARD

By Holly S. Edwards

ROCKPORT — When one asks about Bruce Woodward, who he is and how he is described in the community, some of the same words and phrases come up whether it's friends, family or co-workers responding.

Well-respected. Patient. Thrifty. Steady. Voice of reason. Rock. Dependable. Calm. Frugal. Cool.

These are all words uttered by people interviewed for this story about Bruce Woodward, who has served as Rockport's fire chief for the past 41 years. His 42nd year on the job ends March 29, his official retirement date, and his friends and co-workers are throwing Bruce a day-long party March 30. It begins with a Rockport fireman's breakfast, and is followed by a big parade and party in the afternoon, which is open to the public. The breakfast at the fire station is for past and present Rockport firefighters to bid farewell to their chief.

Bruce, a Rockport native, was hired as the town's fire chief March 23, 1971. He was 24 and he had been helping fight fires since about the age of 15. He officially became a member of the Rockport Fire Department in 1965. Since 1971, Bruce has been the only full-time employee of the department.

"There was a 'sireen' on the building, because there was no such thing as pagers back then. If they blew that sireen more than once, it meant they needed help. Many times they put us kids together with back pumps on and we helped with grass and woods fires," said Bruce. "After I did that a few times, they asked if I wanted to come to some drills, so I kept coming to drills and learning more."

It's a simple start to a career that would ultimately become his life's passion. Bruce wouldn't call it a passion, just a way of living, of being a part of the community. Doing his job comes pretty naturally. And he is respected for doing his job well.

Bruce said his first working fire as chief was in May 1971. It was an escaped blueberry burn that turned into a woods fire on Mt. Pleasant. It required firefighters to walk up the hill with water-filled back pumps to battle the fire while two planes circled overhead and dumped water from above.

The challenges back then were that there were not yet portable radios available and the area of the mountain where the fire went over was very steep, even while climbing on hands and knees. The fire also went over the top of the mountain and they didn't know how far it had traveled until the planes went up and radioed back to Forestry.

The biggest fire he went to was the Samoset fire in 1972.

"It was a very big fire and we had very little water," said Woodward. "Back then we had 2-1/2-inch hose,

compared to where today we work with 4-inch and 5-inch hoses."

For comparison, a 2-1/2-inch hose pumps 250 gallons per minute versus a 4-inch hose that pumps up to 1,000 gallons a minute.

Memorable fires for Bruce include the Dec. 23, 2008, fire at a commercial building under construction at Camden's Bay View Landing on the waterfront. The building is currently home to Graffam's Harborside Restaurant and Grand Harbor Inn. A propane heater left on to dry insulation ignited the blaze that leveled the building in a spectacular fire that had firefighters battling to keep the fire from spreading to adjacent and nearby buildings.

"The fire on Central Street was also a notable one. It was in the second floor apartment in what was the Pen Bay Oil offices building. It had extended to the third floor, and the guys stopped it before it got to the attic. It was also moving horizontally in the timbers in the ceiling between the second and third floors. It was a good save," said Bruce.

Then there was the fire on Route 90, in what many people referred to simply as the "turret." That fire burned spectacularly, but what was notable for Bruce was what did not burn that afternoon.

"I told them I was giving them foam and to lay it down on the adjacent mobile home, which we were able to save even though it was so close to the big fire in the building behind it," said Bruce.

Bruce said he is very proud of the firefighters in his department, many of whom have been working by his side for a long while. He said he's also enjoyed the family nature of the work, which has seen fathers and sons join the department at the same time, as well as three generations following in the footsteps of the one that joined before them.

"There is a great amount of satisfaction rolling up on an emergency situation and you work as a team to bring the scene under control," said Bruce. "There is mutual admiration between me and the guys."

Bruce said the positive cohesion in Rockport comes from the personalities, but that the most important part is the amount of training the firefighters do.

"Longevity and experience are great teachers. Every fire is different so you have to make judgments on very little information when you roll up to a situation. You have to coordinate where the hose stream goes in and where it's placed, and where and when to ventilate. These guys help make those decisions based on their experience," said Bruce. "They know what needs to be done and they will slide in to fill that slot without being asked or told."

Bruce credited Charlie Knight with being a great coor-

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dinator of teams. He said Charlie handles initial attack lines and which crews are going in first and who is on each team. Charlie is good at picking the crews for each team because he knows the people so well, said Bruce.

But at the end of the day, Bruce said it's all about getting water on the fire or it doesn't go out. And in many cases, that requires someone to go inside the building to get to the fire, among other things.

"You just can't plain squirt water at it. You have to search buildings. The first priority is life, make sure everybody is out," said Bruce. "You can have all the shiny equipment money can buy, but without properly trained people working as a team, you won't be successful."

Speaking of equipment, Bruce said pagers and mobile radios have made a huge improvement in the job they do and communicating about it, especially on the fire ground. But they have also allowed firefighters to be more mobile and still get to a fire when needed.

Smoke detectors and thermal imaging cameras have also done their part to help, the former with alerting to fires earlier and the latter with helping firefighters find fire hidden behind walls and up inside ceilings.



Rockport Fire Chief Bruce Woodward helped fight the house fire on Lily Pond Drive in Camden March 26, a roaring inferno that some will view as a fitting end to his 42-year career as chief. Bruce retires March 29, and on March 30 a parade will lead the community to a party in his honor at the place where he fought his biggest a year into the job -- the Samoset Resort. (Photo by Holly S. Edwards)



A photo of Bruce Woodward taken by an unknown Maine Photographic Workshops student. (Courtesy Woodward family/Justin Ford)



Another Maine Photographic Workshops student photograph of Bruce Woodward. (Courtesy Woodward family/Justin Ford)



Bruce Woodward has always enjoyed hosting kids at the Rockport Fire Station. (Photo by Holly S. Edwards)



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To the Maine Fire Community:

The Maine Fire Service Institute currently has adopted the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1001 2008 Standard for Firefighter I and II Professional Qualifications for certification and training of firefighters. The NFPA standards are reviewed on a 5 year cycle.

In the fall of 2013, the Maine Fire Service Institute Advisory Committee will consider adoption of the NFPA 1001-2013 Standard for Firefighter Professional Qualifications. Upon a review of the 2013 version, there appears to be a limited number of changes involving the following items:

Fire Fighter I

-The value of fire and life safety initiatives in support of the fire department mission to reduce fire fighter line of duty injuries and fatalities.

-Delete 1 minute rule for donning PPE

-New: 5.2/4 Activate an emergency call for assistance, given vision-obscured conditions, PPE, and department SOPs, so that the fire fighter can be located and rescued.

Fire Fighter II

-Perform a fire safety survey in an occupied structure (this was formerly a private dwelling).

-6.5 Fire and Life Safety Initiatives Preparedness and Maintenance (Fire and Life Safety was formerly Fire Prevention).

Upon review of the above changes to the NFPA 1001, it has been recommended that the Donning time for PPE be kept in place as the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) requirement for the state of Maine. If the Donning Time is adopted, it would be included in the specific Skill Sheet and be used during Firefighter I and II Skills Testing.

As part of the adoption process, the Maine Fire Service Institute Advisory Committee will be considering the adoption of the new Jones & Bartlett Learning 3rd Edition of the Fundamentals of Firefighter Skills Curriculum. The new curriculum is based on the NFPA 1001 2013 Standard for Fire Fighter



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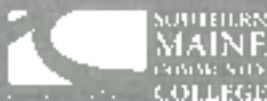
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Professional Qualifications and has a few minor changes. The changes are as follows.

- Chapter 3: PPE & SCBA (taken from Chapter 2 Fire Fighter Safety)
- Chapter 16 Water Supply - Getting water to pumper
- Chapter 17 Fire Attack Lines and Foam - Getting water to the fire
- Knowledge & Skills Redesign - Ability to Don PPE (5.1.2)
- Knowledge and Skills Objectives are separated by level
- New - Fire Fighter II Tips
- New - Fire Fighter II Case Study
- Quick Response Code - Skill Drill Videos

The Maine Fire Service Institute is planning to implement the new NFPA 1001 2013 Standard for Fire Fighter Professional Qualification and the new Jones & Bartlett Learning Fundamentals of Fire Fighter Skills Curriculum on July 1, 2014 following the October 2013 adoption. As part of the adoption update process the Maine Fire Service Institute will make available and provide updated progress charts and skill sheet by early 2014.

We welcome your comments regarding the consideration of maintaining the PPE Donning 1 Minute time as the minimum acceptable skill for Fire Fighters in Maine.

Please feel free to contact me at 207-844-2076 or bgwindon@smccme.edu or MFSI Advisory Committee Chair Chief Ken Brilliant at 207-725-5541 Ext. 11- or kbrilliant@brunswickme.org

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Bill Guindon, Director



that you can't find in the traditional classroom" Ian is currently part of the "Live In" program sponsored by SMCC. After successful completion of his class work he will earn a degree in Fire Science.

This year the class is under the supervision of Jon Longley a veteran to both the Fire Service and Education. Instructor Longley brings with him over twenty years of service in each field. His classes are run similar to a traditional Fire Fighting Academy where each candidate participates in classroom lecture followed by in the field hands on training. After completion of the program candidates can then challenge the pro board exam and skills test for competency.



The key to success with Region 9's Fire Fighting program is the external support from the surrounding communities Fire Departments. The program was originally designed by these stakeholders to fulfill a need: Recruitment for local Fire Departments. The majority of Fire Departments in New England are facing the same challenge: Current members are aging and recruitment of younger members is at an all time

low. Region 9 Fire Science program was conceived to hopefully offset the current decline in new membership and provide candidates with job skills.

Equipment needs are met from the sponsoring fire departments as well



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as donations. All students belong to a Junior program locally. The sending fire department prepares the candidate by having the medical clearance and fit test before students enroll in Region 9. Currently the school has two outfitted engines and a garage full of equipment and props. In keeping with traditional values, many hours of educational enrichment come from Fire Fighters and other subject experts with varying degree of skills volunteering their time and expertise. Region 9 is fortunate to have these resources available.



The course work and JPRs (Job Performance Requirements) are identical to that of a Fire Fighter I and II program. Candidates are tasked with performing with proficiency in the same manner as an adult. Region 9 is always looking for guest speakers willing to share and welcome visitors to observe our program. We are very fortunate to have this program and will probably never realize the full impact in which it will have on our Fire Departments and the communities we protect.





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www.50msfff.com

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DAY	TIME	EVENT
FRIDAY, SEPT. 13 TH	10 AM – 6 PM	REGISTRATION AND VENDORS OPEN
	9AM- 6 PM	ANTIQUE FIRE APPARATUS JUDGING @ CONVENTION CENTER
	1 PM – END	BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING @ CITY HALL
	7PM-END	ANNUAL MEETING @ ELLSWORTH HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
	9 PM – 11 PM	A EVENING WITH COLIN AND BRAD COMEDY SHOW TICKET REQUIRED, DOORS OPEN @ 7:30 PM
SATURDAY, SEPT. 14 TH	6 AM – 9 AM	PARADE LINE-UP (MIDDLE SCHOOL AREA)
	6 AM – 8 AM	ANTIQUE FIRE APPARATUS JUDGING
	6 AM – 5 PM	REGISTRATION OPEN
	10 AM – 5 PM	VENDORS OPEN
	9 AM – END	PARADE
	12:30 PM – 3 PM	ANTIQUE FIRE APPARATUS DISPLAY AND PUMPING DEMONSTRATION @ CONVENTION CENTER
	2 PM – 3 PM	9-11 AND FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL SERVICE
	4 PM – 5 PM	SOCIAL HOUR
	5 PM – 7:45 PM	BANQUET AND AWARDS CEREMONY
	8 PM – 11 PM	MOTOR BOOTY AFFAIR WITH CLASSICAL NIGHT FEVER TICKET REQUIRED, DOORS OPEN @ 7:30 PM
SUNDAY, SEPT. 15 TH	8 AM – 2 PM*	VENDORS OPEN (*end @ finish of muster)
	8 AM	MUSTER TEAMS CAPTAINS MEETING
	8:30 AM – FINISH	MUSTER @ CONVENTION CENTER
	FOLLOWING MUSTER	MUSTER AWARDS CEREMONY

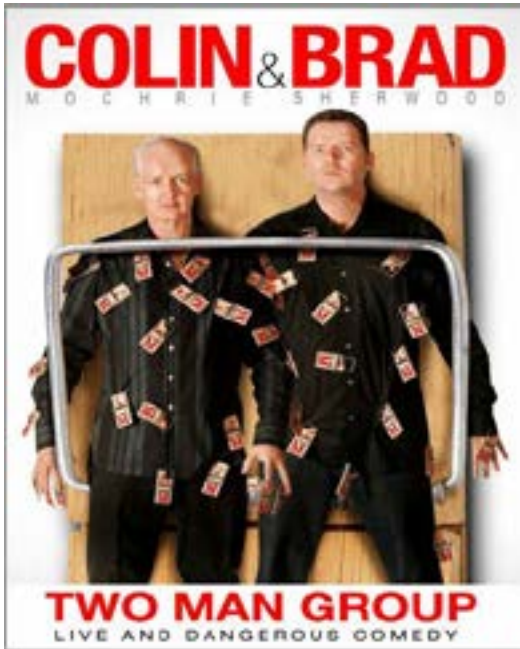
Any questions regarding the schedule of events, please call 207.667.8666



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Friday Night Major Entertainment



Colin Mochrie and Brad Sherwood have emerged as two of America's most popular comedic personalities. The most recent concert DVD released by the Emmy-nominated *Whose Line Is It Anyway?* Start, "The Man Group," is the culmination of seven successful years of touring theaters, colleges and corporate events across the country.

Using their razor sharp wit and amazing improv skills, the duo takes contributions from the audience to create hilarious and original scenes. An extraordinary evening of improvisational comedy, the show becomes truly interactive, as audience members are called to the stage to participate in the fun.

Colin and Brad are currently featured on a new daily prime-time series, "Drew Carey's Improv-a-Ganza" on GSN. In addition, due to the Overwhelming response of *Whose Line Is It Anyway?*, Colin and Brad Can be seen performing over fifteen times a week, between ABC, Comedy Central, and Lifetime.

A wide-range appeal appropriate for all ages, nothing matches Colin and Brad's unique blend of spontaneous and smart comedy. Get your tickets early as this show is sure to sell out. Doors will open at 7:30 – show starts at 9 pm at the 50th MSFFF Convention Center.

Saturday Night Dance Party

Motor Booty Affair has been funkifying stages across America with 70's extravaganza for several years, continually improving the show that has been dubbed – The Ultimate Disco Party Band. The music is infectious – the most danceable songs of all time. The band is tighter than tight, delivering dance floor classics with authenticity, groove and just the right amount of attitude.

The show is spectacular – from the afros, bell-bottoms, platform shoes and polyester. Watch Spanish Fly, Super Fly, Cyclone and Sir Rumpus Funkberry once and you'll be hooked.

BUT WAIT, there's more! *Motor Booty* has taken our show over the top by adding a 40 piece orchestra! That's right, for one night only you can hear the sounds of *Classical Night Fever*. This show cannot be missed and tickets will go fast! Firefighters – you need to get your tickets early! Prices will increase after July 31st so don't be left out! 70's Disco dress is encouraged, but not required. It is your duty to shake your booty! Party starts @ 8:00pm at the 50th MSFFF Convention Center.



Fill out and return your reservation located in this packet for your reservation to these two great shows.
You can also register on-line @ www.50msfff.com

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50th MSFFF Convention Center

Saturday, September 14th @ 5 pm



BUFFET MENU

Seating Limited to 850

Chef Alex Grant's
BIG CAT'S
Catering & Bartending!

<i>Appetizers</i>	<i>Big Cats Smoked pulled pork BBQ cheese dip with tortilla chips</i> <i>Big Cats fresh salsa and chips</i> <i>Big Cats cilantro lime BBQ chicken bites</i>
<i>Salad</i>	<i>Big Cats house salad</i>
<i>Meal buffet</i>	<i>Dinner rolls with honey cinnamon butter</i> <i>Big Cats country coleslaw</i> <i>Big Cats grilled seasonal vegetables finished with a balsamic reduction</i> <i>Cheddar garlic mashed potatoes</i> <i>Big Cats rice pilaf accented with cranberries</i> <i>Big Cats famous cider marinated flank steak</i> <i>Big Cats chicken Florentine</i>
<i>Dessert</i>	<i>Brownie ala mode</i> <i>Apple Crisp ala mode</i>

Banquet tickets are \$20.00 per person if purchased by July 31st 2013. Beginning Aug. 1st 2013 Banquet tickets will increase to \$30 per person.

~ Social Hour: 4:00 to 5:00pm ~ Cash Bar ~

~ Buffet begins sharply at 5pm ~ Awards Ceremony immediately following the meal ~

Featuring

Motor Booty Affair with Classical Night Fever

~ Doors open @ 7:30 pm ~ Cash Bar ~

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Convention Chairman – Richard Tupper @ rtupper@ellsworthmaine.gov
Co-Chair Gary Saunders – Gary Saunders @ gsaunders@ellsworthmaine.gov

Ellsworth Area Listings

Hotels/Motels

Colonial Motel- 667.5548
Comfort Inn- 667.1345
Eagle's Lodge- 667.3311
Ellsworth Motel- 667.4424
Hampton Inn- 667.2688
Homestead Motel-667.8193
Jasper's Motel- 667.5318
Ramada Inn-667.9341
Twilite Motel- 667.8165
Sunset Motor Court- 667.8390

Food & Beverage

The Maine Grind- 667.0011
Union River Lobster Pot- 667.5077
Riverside Café- 667.7220
Jordan's Snack Bar- 667.2174
Jasper's- 677.5318
The Mex- 664.0480
China Hill- 667.5308
Giant Sub- 667.5585
Sylvia's Cafe- 667.7014
Helen's Restaurant- 667.2433
Shinbashi- 667.6561
Finelli Pizza- 664.0230
Pat's Pizza- 667.6011
Angelo's Pizzeria- 664.0077
Finn's Irish Pub- 667-2808
Bankok Restaurant- 667.1324
Simone's- 667.1007
Morton's Moo- 266.9671
86 This! 610.1777
Mainely Meats- 664.5239
Governor's Restaurant & Bakery- 610.1880
Pizza Hut-
Denny's- 667.4193
Charlie's Pizza & Sub Shop- 667.3189
KFC/Taco Bell
McDonald's
Burger King
Wendy's
The Fall's Takeout- 667.5242
Downeast Billiards- 667.7711
Ellsworth Ale House- 664.0844

Campgrounds

Forest Ridge Campground & RV Park- 664-7070
Patten Pond RV & Camping Resort- 667.7600
Timberland RV Park & Campground- 667.3600
Branch Lake Camping Area- 667.5174

Places of Worship

1st Congregational Church- 121 Bucksport Rd
Ellsworth Assembly of God- 131 Beechland Rd
Maine Coast Baptist Church- 867 Bangor Rd.
Family Bible Church- 460 High St.
Latter-Day Saints- 130 Beechland Rd
Emmanuel Baptist Church- 50 Park St.
Ellsworth Church of the Nazarene- 445 High St.
Unitarian Universalist Church- 121 Bucksport Rd.
St. Joseph's Catholic Church- 231 Main St.
United Baptist- 28 Hancock St.
Community of Christ- 283 State St.
Church of Life & Praise- 321 State St.

City Services

Ellsworth Fire Dept- 667.8666
City Hall- 667.2563
Police (non emergency) - 667.2133/2168
State Police (Ellsworth Barracks) - 667.5697
Sheriff- 667.7576
Hancock RCC- 667.7575
County Ambulance- 667.3200
Maine Coast Memorial Hospital- 667.5311 (switchboard)
For All Emergencies ~ Dial 9-1-1

Taxi Service

Cell Kell Taxi, Ellsworth- 667.7306
LandJet, Ellsworth- 266.1085
Atlantic Taxi- 664.4994

For other area businesses listings, check with the local area Chamber of Commerce.



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REGISTRATION FORM

Limit one family per registration form please.
Registration Questions? (207)667-8666
 (Please Print Legibly)

FF's Name: _____
 Spouse: _____ Guest(s) _____
 Fire Department: _____ County: _____
 Home Mailing Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Daytime Phone: _____ Cell _____
 Email: _____
 (a registration confirmation will be emailed to you)

For Official Use Only

Date Received _____
 Date Paid _____
 How Paid
 Check # _____
 Credit
 Confirmation Notice Sent
 Date _____
 Initials _____

Fire Fighter General Registration \$5 per person
 First 2000 registered will receive a goodie bag

Registration- Pre Registration deadline ~ July 31st.

 Total # of Registrations-@ \$5.00 per/person x \$ 5.00 Sub total

50th Annual MSFFF Convention Items for Purchase

(Indicate # ordered in the corresponding box)

_____ 50 th Convention Beer Mugs	x \$10.00	<input type="text"/>
_____ 50 th Commemorative Limited Edition 2-Bar Glass Set	x \$20.00	<input type="text"/>
_____ 50 th Special Edition Commemorative Book	x \$25.00	<input type="text"/>

50th Convention T-Shirts- (Fire Dept. /Hose Co. t-shirts available in adult sizes only)

50 th Convention Youth Sizes	_____ S _____ M _____ L	x \$20.00	<input type="text"/>
50 th Convention Women's Sizes	_____ S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ 2XL _____ 3XL	x \$20.00	<input type="text"/>
50 th Convention Men's Sizes	_____ S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ 2XL _____ 3XL	x \$20.00	<input type="text"/>
Ells. Fire Dept./SHHC - Adult	_____ S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ 2XL _____ 3XL	x \$20.00	<input type="text"/>

50th Convention Sweatshirts-

Crewneck-Youth	_____ S _____ M _____ L	x \$25.00	<input type="text"/>
Crewneck- Adult	_____ S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ 2XL _____ 3XL	x \$25.00	<input type="text"/>
Hooded Pullover- Youth	_____ S _____ M _____ L	x \$30.00	<input type="text"/>
Hooded Pullover-Adult	_____ S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ 2XL _____ 3XL	x \$30.00	<input type="text"/>
¼ Zip Job Style -Adult	_____ S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ 2XL _____ 3XL	x \$35.00	<input type="text"/>

Ball Caps- (one size fits all)

_____ 50th Commemorative Ball Cap x \$15.00

Banquet & Entertainment *NOTE- All tickets purchased on or before July 31st 2013 will be at discounted rate. On August 1st 2013, all ticket prices will increase by \$10 per event and will be available to the general public.

_____ # Fri. Comedy Show-\$30 (before Aug. 1 st)	_____ # Fri. Comedy Show - \$40 (after July 31 st)
_____ # Sat. Banquet Tickets - \$20 (before Aug. 1 st)	_____ # Sat. Banquet Tickets - \$30 (after July 31 st)
_____ # Sat. Dance Tickets -\$20 (before Aug. 1 st)	_____ # Sat. Dance Tickets - \$30 (after July 31 st)

Mail To: Ellsworth Fire Dept. ~ 1 City Hall Plaza ~ Ellsworth ~ ME ~ 04605 **TOTAL DUE**

Make Checks Payable To: Ellsworth Fire Department 50th Convention ~



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VENDOR/EXHIBITOR CONTRACT

Registration contract must be received by July 31st 2013. Registration Questions? (207)667-8666

Company: _____ (please print legibly)

Parent Company/Division: _____ (if applicable)

Billing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Contact Name*: _____ Title: _____

* This is the name of the person who will receive your invoice and other exhibitor related information

Business Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____ (a registration confirmation will be emailed to you)

Exhibitor Website: www. _____ Products or Services: _____

_____ (brief description, write on back if necessary)

NAME OF INSURANCE COMPANY: _____

NOTE: Proof of Insurance must be attached to this form (details below)

Location Preferences- Booth Choice # 1. _____ #2. _____ #3. _____ #4. _____ #5. _____ **No Preference**
(See enclosed vendor area map to make your selections. Please fill on spaces or indicate box for "no preference".)

Check this box if more than one booth is required. If an additional booths are required please indicate the total amount of booths for each choice (example: #1 23, 24. #2 5, 6 etc).

Vendor/Exhibitor Space	Cost
Standard Booth Space(s) # _____	x \$350 ea. = \$ _____
Premium Booth Space(s) # _____	x \$450 ea. = \$ _____
Outside Space(s) *see below	= \$ _____
* Outside vendor areas are available. If you prefer an outside vendor space please contact us @207.667.8666 for price, space size and availability	
Total Cost of Exhibition Space Due 	
<u>Your Vendor/Exhibitor registration contract must be received no later than July 31st 2013. All payments are non-refundable in the event the Exhibitor cancels, downsizes, or chooses not to be present for the event. Spaces are on a first-come, first-paid basis</u>	

For Official Use Only
Date Received _____
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Direct Competitors: Please indicate companies that you prefer not to have next to your booth location.

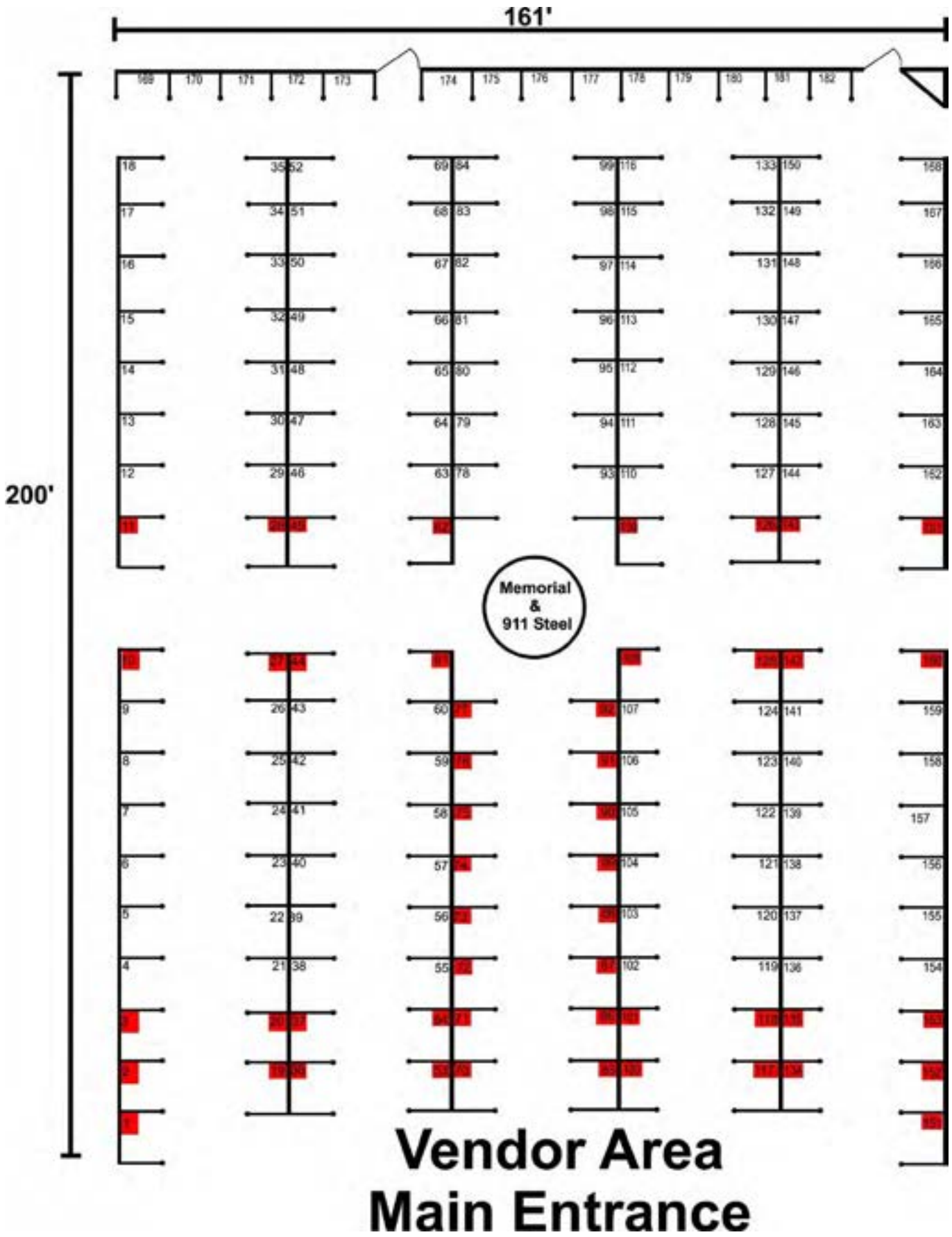
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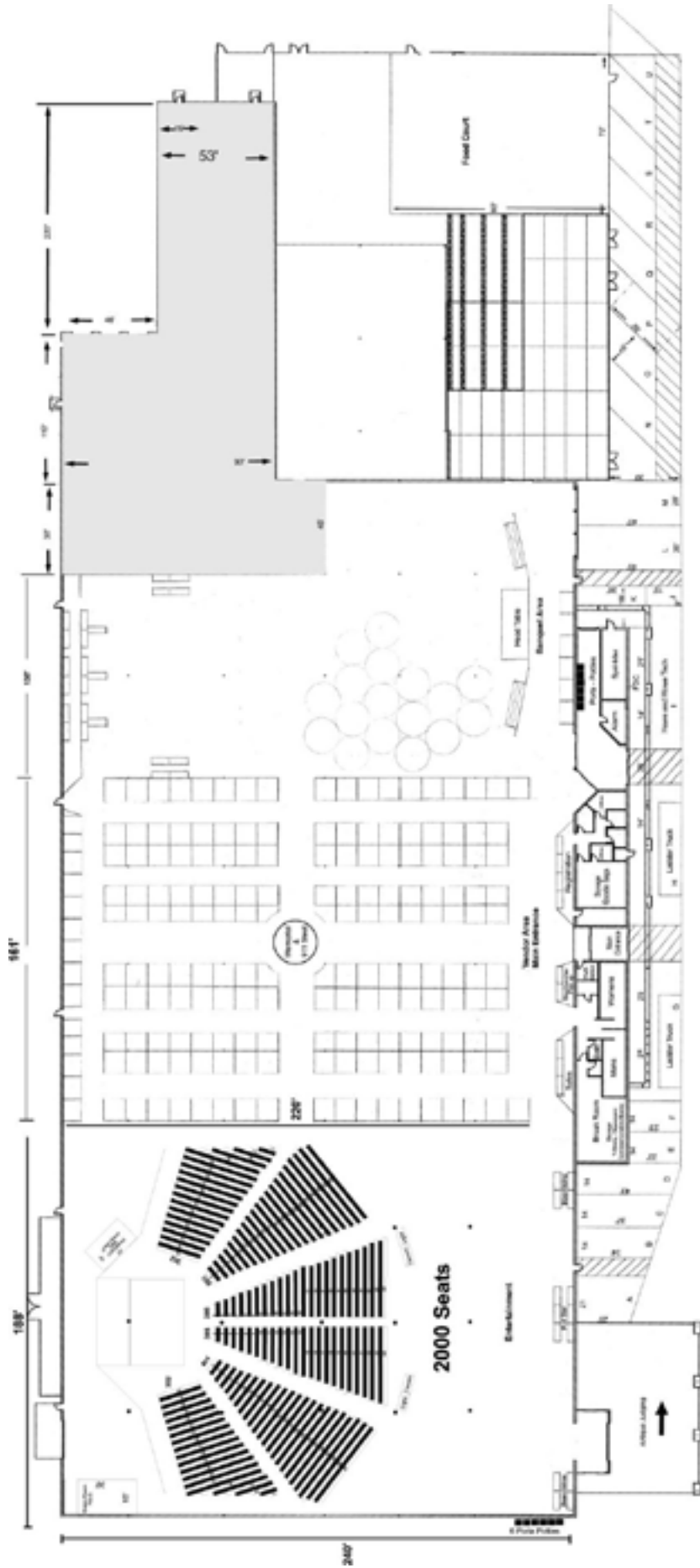
Payment- Checks Made Payable To: Ellsworth Fire Department 50th Convention
As a participating vendor, I agree to be open for display beginning on Friday at 10 am until 6pm Saturday from 10 am until 5 pm and Sunday from 8 am until close (2 pm estimated).

Authorized Signature: _____ Date: _____

By signing I acknowledge that I have received the rules and regulations contained in this contract. The signed contract shall become a binding contract in accordance with the terms of the agreement and the rules and regulations.

Mail To: Ellsworth Fire Dept. ~ 1 City Hall Plaza ~ Ellsworth ~ ME ~ 04605





MSFF RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR EXHIBITORS/VENDORS

1. VENDORS EXHIBIT INSURANCE: the City of Ellsworth, Ellsworth fire department, senator hale hose company, Maine state federation of fire fighters, nor Jackson laboratory maintains insurance covering exhibitors or exhibitors property. exhibitors must carry comprehensive general liability coverage of at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence, \$1,000,000 in the aggregate for bodily injury, property damage, personal injury / advertising loss and statutory workman's compensation with employers liability at the applicable state limits. Certificates of insurance with liability limits must be provided and insurance must be in full force and effect through the duration of the time the exhibitor is on the premises of the Jackson laboratory property and one day after. the certificate of insurance must name the exhibiting company with the booth number as insured. the City of Ellsworth, Ellsworth fire department, senator hale hose company, Maine state federation of fire fighters, and Jackson laboratory along with the following dates September 10-18th, 2013, must be present on the insurance certificate. The City of Ellsworth, Ellsworth Fire Department, Senator Hale Hose Company, Maine state federation of fire fighters, and Jackson laboratory reserves the right to require in excess of the amounts stated at the exhibitors cost. such insurance should include coverage of the indemnification obligations of the exhibitor under the Jackson laboratory rules and regulations and should cover, the City of Ellsworth, Ellsworth Fire Department, Senator Hale Hose Company, Maine State Federation of Fire Firefighters, and Jackson laboratory, its officers, directors, agents, and employees. Each exhibitor is responsible for obtaining, for its protection and entirely at its expense, such property insurance for its exhibit and display materials as the exhibitor deems appropriate. Any policy providing such property insurance must contain an expense waiver by the exhibitors insurance company of any right of subrogation as to any claim against, the City of Ellsworth, Ellsworth Fire Department, Senator Hale Hose Company, Maine State Federation of Fire Fighters, and Jackson laboratory, its officers, directors, agents, and employees. All agents or representatives performing services at the Jackson Laboratory property, directly for an exhibitor other than the exhibitor's employees must provide original certificates of insurance. no waivers are allowed. Those displaying vehicles must also include auto liability insurance. The minimum limits are \$1,000,000. the City of Ellsworth, Ellsworth Fire Department, Senator Hale Hose Company, Maine State Federation of Fire fighters, and Jackson laboratory must be shown as an additional insured for with the following dates September 13, 14, 15, 2013, including 50th MSFF annual convention. No waivers are allowed.

2. MANEGEMENT: The word 'management' as used herein shall mean management as previously specified in the contract, or its officer or committees or agents or employees acting for it in the management of the exhibition.

3. ELIGIBLE EXHIBITS: Exhibits will be limited to those companies or other entities offering materials, products or services or specific interest to registrants. Management reserves the right to determine the eligibility of any product floor display. Exhibiting manufacturers representatives and/or distributors must list his participating principals as the exhibitors of record. Only the sign of the exhibitor who's name appears upon the face of this contract may be placed on the booth or in the printed list of exhibitors of the exhibition. No exhibitors or advertising will be allowed to extend beyond the space allotted to the exhibitor or above the back and side rails. Management reserves the right to reject, eject, or prohibit any exhibit in whole or in part, or exhibitor or his representatives upon the management's good faith determination that the same is not in accordance with these rules and regulations.

4. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY: The exhibitor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the management, its subsidiaries, the sponsor, owner, exhibition hall facility, and city in which this exhibition is being held and their officers, agents, and employees, against all claims, losses, suits, damages, judgments, expenses, costs and charges of every kind resulting from its occupancy of the space herein contracted for by reason of personal injuries, death, property damages, or any other cause sustained by any person or others. The management will not be responsible for loss or damage to displays or goods belonging to exhibitors, whether resulting from fire, storms, acts of god, air-conditioning or heating failure, theft, pilferage, mysterious disappearance, bomb threats or other causes. All such items are brought to the exhibition and displayed at exhibitors own risk, and should be safeguarded at all times. Management will provide the services of a reputable agency for perimeter protection during the period of installation, show and dismantling and exhibitor agrees that the provision of such services constitutes adequate discharge of all obligations of the management to supervise and protect exhibitors' property within the exhibition. Exhibitors may furnish additional guards at their own cost and expense, only with prior approval by management.

The exhibitor agrees that management shall not be responsible in the event of any errors or omission in the exhibitors' official directory and in any promotional material. Exhibitor agrees to indemnify management against and hold it harmless for any claims and for all damages, costs and expenses, including without limitation, attorneys' fees and amounts paid in settlement incurred in connection with such claims arising out of the acts or negligence of exhibitor, his agents, or employees.

5. DEFAULT IN OCCUPANCY: If exhibition space is not occupied by the time set for completion of installation of displays, such space may be possessed by management for such purposes as it may see fit.

6. SUB-LEASING: Exhibitor shall not sublet his space, or any part thereof, of the exhibition of anything not specified in the contract. Exhibitor may not exhibit, offer for sale, give as a premium, or advertise articles not manufactured or sold in his own name, except where such articles are required for the proper demonstration of operation of exhibitor's display, in which case identification of such articles shall be limited to the regular nameplate, imprint, or other identification which in standard practice appears normally on them. Exhibitor may not permit in his booth non-exhibiting company's representatives. Rulings of the management shall in all instances be final with regard to use of any exhibit space.

7. OFFICIAL SERVICE CONTRACTOR: To assure orderly and efficient installation, operation, and removal of the displays, and to minimize confusion by the presence or solicitation of unknown or unqualified firms, management, has designated an official service contractor. In venues where permitted, exhibitors may be free to use its own display house providing the outside contractor for setup and dismantle of the exhibit submits a request, in writing, to management and includes a list of the names of all display company representatives working in the exhibit area along with the proof of liability insurance satisfactory to management.

8. BOOTH REPRESENTATIVES: Booth representatives shall be restricted to exhibitor's employees and their authorized representatives. Booth representatives shall wear badge identification furnished by management at all times. Management may limit the number of booth representatives at any time. All booths must be staffed by the exhibitor during all open show hours.

9. ELECTRICAL SAFETY: All wiring on displays or display fixtures must conform to the applicable standards established by various governmental agencies and standard fire inspection ordinances.

10. SAFETY AND FIRE LAWS: All applicable fire and safety laws and regulations must be strictly observed by the Exhibitor. Cloth decorations must be flameproof. Wiring must comply with local Fire Department and Underwriters' Rules. Smoking inside the building is forbidden. Crowding will be restricted; Aisles and fire exits must not be blocked by exhibits. No displays of paper, pine boughs, leafy decorations, trees, or tree branches are allowed. Acetate and most rayon drapes are not flameproof and may be prohibited. No storage behind exhibits is provided or permitted

11. DISPLAYS: Management shall have full discretion and authority in the placing, arrangement, and appearance of all items displayed by exhibitor, and may require the replacing, rearrangement, or redecorating of any item or of any booth, and no liability shall attach to management for costs that may devolve upon Exhibitor thereby. An exhibitor must make certain that the surfaces of dividers and back walls are finished in such a manner as not to be unsightly to exhibitors in adjoining booths. All exhibits should be ready for the opening hour of the exhibition. No exhibit may be built or erected to exceed the height limitations as set forth in this exhibitor guideline. Any exhibitor whose booth exceeds the height limitations will be required at his own expense to alter the display in order to conform to those regulations. Booth set up will be on Wednesday, Sept. 11th and Thursday Sept. 12th. Management will not allow any noise or moving of exhibits after this time.

12. SOUND LEVEL: Mechanical or electrical devices which produce sound must be operated so as not to prove disturbing to other Exhibitors. Management reserves the right to determine the acceptable sound level in all such instances.

13. PERFORMANCE OF MUSIC: The exhibitor acknowledges that any live or recorded performances of copyrighted music which occur in the exhibitor's booth must be licensed from the appropriate copyright owner or agent. The exhibitor undertakes full responsibility for obtaining any necessary licenses and agrees to indemnify and hold harmless management from any damages or expenses incurred by management due to the exhibitor's failure to obtain such licenses.

14. LOTTERIES/CONTESTS: The operation of games of chance, or lottery devices, or the actual or simulated pursuit of any recreation pastime is permitted only to the extent permitted by applicable law and on written approval from management. Furthermore, any such shall remain within the constraints of the booth only.

15. PERSONNEL AND ATTIRE: Management reserves the right to determine whether the character and/or attire of booth personnel is acceptable and in keeping with the best interests of exhibitors and the exhibition.

16. EXHIBITOR CONDUCT: Exhibitors wishing to conduct retail sales within their booth are subject to rules set forth by Show Management and the facility. Exhibitors will be responsible for all applicable federal, state and local taxes. Subject to the foregoing, the distribution of samples, souvenirs, publications, etc., or other sales or sales promotion activities must be conducted by Exhibitor only From within his booth. The distribution of any articles that interfere with the activities or obstructs access to neighboring booths, or that impedes aisles, is prohibited. No article containing any product Other than the product or materials made or processed or used by Exhibitor in his product or service may be distributed except by written permission of Management.

17. OBSTRUCTION OF AISLES OR BOOTHS: Any demonstration of activity that results in obstruction of aisles or prevents ready access to nearby exhibitors' booths shall be suspended foray periods specified by management.

18. ADMISSION: Admission is open to the public.

19. TERMINATION OF EXHIBITION: In the event that the premises in which the exhibition is or into be conducted shall become, in the sole discretion of management, unfit for occupancy, or in the event the holding of the exhibition or the performance of management under the contract (of which these rules and regulations are a part) are substantially or materially interfered with by virtue of any cause or causes not reasonably within the control of management, said contract and/or the exhibition (or any part thereof) may be terminated by management. Management shall not be responsible for delays, damage, loss, increased costs or other unfavorable conditions arising by virtue of any cause or causes not reasonably within the control of management. If management terminates said contract and/or the exhibition (or any part thereof) as aforesaid, then Management may retain such part of Any Exhibitor's rental as shall be required to recompense it for expenses incurred up to the time such Contingency shall have occurred, and there shall be no further liability on the part of either party. For purposes hereof, the phrase "cause or causes not reasonably with the control of management "Shall include, but not by way of limitation; fire; casualty; flood; epidemic; earthquake; explosion or accident; blockage embargo; inclement weather; governmental restraints; or orders of civil defense or military authorities; act of public enemy; riot or civil disturbance; strike, lockout, boycott or other labor disturbance; inability to secure sufficient labor; technical or other personnel failure; impairment or lack of adequate transportation facilities; inability to obtain condemnation, requisition or commandeering of necessary supplies or equipment; local, state or federal laws, ordinances, rules orders, decrees or regulations whether legislative, executive or judicial, and whether constitutional or unconstitutional; or act of God.

20. RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES: In the event of a dispute or disagreement between: Exhibitor and official contractor, or between exhibitor, or between two or more exhibitors, all interpretations of the rules governing the exhibition, actions, or decisions concerning this dispute of disagreement by management intended to resolve the dispute or disagreement shall be binding on exhibitor.

21. RECEIPT OF GOODS AND EXHIBITS: All arriving goods and exhibits will be received at receiving areas designated by management. All incoming goods and exhibits must be plainly marked and all charges prepaid.

22. CARE AND REMOVAL OF EXHIBITS: The management will maintain the cleanliness of all aisles; Exhibitor must, at his own expense, keep exhibits clean and in good order. All exhibits must remain fully intact until the exhibition has officially ended. Disturbing or tearing down an exhibit prior to the official closing hour of the exhibition can result in a penalty and a refusal by management to accept or process exhibit space applications for subsequent exhibition. Exhibits must be removed from the building by 5 pm, Monday Sept. 16th. In the event any exhibitor fails to remove his exhibit in the allotted time, the management reserves the right, at the exhibitor's expense, to ship the exhibit through a carrier of management's choosing or to place the same in a storage warehouse subject to the exhibitor's disposition or make such other disposition of this property as it may deem desirable without any liability to the management.

23. INSURANCE: Exhibitor is advised to see that his regular company insurance includes extraterritorial Coverage, and that he has his own theft, public liability, and property damage insurance.

24. LOSSES: Management shall bear no responsibility for damage to Exhibitor's property, or lost Shipments either coming in or going out, nor for moving costs. Damage to inadequately packed Property is Exhibitor's own responsibility. If exhibit fails to arrive, Exhibitor is nevertheless responsible. For exhibit space cost. Exhibitor is advised to ensure against these risks.

25. AMENDMENT TO RULES: Any matters not specifically covered by the preceding rules shall be Subject solely to the decision of Management. The Management shall have full point in the matter Of interpretation amendment and enforcement of all said rules and regulations, and that any such Amendments when made and brought to the notice of the said Exhibitor shall be and become part hereof as though duly incorporated herein and subject to each and every one of the terms and Conditions therein set forth.

26. DEFAULT: If the Exhibitor defaults in any of its obligations under this contract or violates any obits obligations or covenants under this contract, including without limitation any Exhibition Rule or Regulation promulgated pursuant to the contract, the Management may, without notice, terminate this agreement and retain all moneys received on account as liquidated damages. The Management May thereupon direct the Exhibitor forthwith to remove its Employees, Agents or Servants, and all obits articles of merchandise and other personal property from the space contracted for and from the Exhibition Hall.

27. AGREEMENT TO RULES: Exhibitor, for himself or herself and his or her employees, and Representatives, agrees to abide by the foregoing rules, rules and regulations set forth in this contract and by any amendments that may be put into effect by management.

28. CONTRACT ACCEPTANCE: Deposit of your check does not constitute contract acceptance. This agreement shall not be binding until accepted by management. A confirmation email will be sent to exhibitor.

29. FORUM SELECTION: All disputes and matters arising under, in connection with or incident to this Agreement, shall be litigated, if at all, in and before a court in the State of [Illinois], to the exclusion of the courts of any other state or country.

30. CHOICE OF LAW: This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the internal laws of the State of Maine regardless of such State's conflict of laws principles).

31. PROMOTION: Any promotion of the event, at but not limited to, the convention center, hotels, Airports, restaurants and bars must receive prior written approval from management. Actual fire protection or safety devices given to convention attendees shall be listed in accordance with the appropriate Manufacturing standards and shall be in full working order.

32. SPACE ASSIGNMENT: Initial space assignments will be made during the space selection meeting of the 50th Convention Directors Committee. All space assignments will be made on a first-come, first-paid basis. Reasonable effort will be made to assign the Exhibitor of its chosen space(s) however the 50th Convention Directors Committee reserves the right to make the final space assignment or to revoke or change the space assignment after the Exhibitors signed contract is received should the 50th Convention Directors Committee determine it to be in the best interest of the 50th MSFFF Convention.

33. CANCELLATIONS: There will be no refunds for cancellation or reduction of booth space.



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AD ORDER FORM

DEADLINE FOR AD HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO JUNE 30, 2013.

Ad Questions? Call (207)667-8666

Company: _____ (please print legibly)

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Contact Name*: _____ Title: _____

* This is the name of the person who will receive your invoice and other ad related information

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Ad Size Requirements for Convention Program	Cost	
Full Page Color	\$ 600	\$ _____
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Deadline for Ad is June 30, 2013.

Authorized Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Mail To: Ellsworth Fire Dept. ~ 1 City Hall Plaza ~ Ellsworth ~ ME ~ 04605

AD SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

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 EFD AD, c/o Downeast Graphics & Printing, P.O. Box 1103, Ellsworth ME 04605. A confirmation email and proof will be sent to you for approval.

MUSTER RULES AND REGULATIONS

The purpose of these rules is to ensure that the muster events are safe, fun, and fair for muster teams and spectators alike. Safety shall be of the greatest concern when events are planned.

1. The muster shall start on time. It is up to the host town to set a specified time and to make sure that events are ready to start at the specified time.
2. A team captains meeting will be held one half hour before starting the muster.
 - a) All team captains are required to attend the captains meeting.
 - b) If the team captain cannot be present at the captains meeting, an alternate shall attend in their capacity.
 - c) Starting positions will be drawn at the captains meeting.
 - d) If a team captain or alternate is not present, the team will automatically assume the first position in each event. If more than one team captain or alternate is not present, those teams will be drawn at random for their starting positions.
 - e) A detailed set of rules will be given to all captains to describe each event and the point system.
 - f) The captain or alternate will be the only team member allowed to attend the captains meeting.
3. All federation vice presidents will be at the captains meeting.
4. All persons participating in the muster must be on the current roster of the Maine State Federation of Firefighters and registered at the convention.
 - a) If any team member participating in the muster that is not a current member of the Maine State Federation of Firefighters the team will surrender any rights to a trophy.
6. Teams shall consist of 6 members. Teams will be allowed to borrow up to two members from another department.
7. All muster teams shall conduct themselves in the highest manner of sportsmanship at all times.
 - a) There will be no offensive language or gestures.
 - b) Maine State law prohibits drinking alcoholic beverages in public.
 - c) There will be no unfair or cutthroat tactics used that may injure any team member.
8. The muster will consist of four events: dry hose, wet hose, mystery, and water ball.
 - a) There will be no deviation from the water ball rules already established.
 - b) The mystery event must have a written description and a walk-through for all team captains prior to the running of that event.
9. The Maine State Federation of Firefighters will supply:
 - a) Two (2) 1 ½" straight tip nozzles
 - b) One (1) 2 ½" straight tip nozzle
 - c) Water ball, and cable
 - d) This equipment shall be the responsibility of the host vice president.
 - e) Equipment for the mystery event shall be supplied by the host department.

10. Points will be awarded based on the reverse number of teams entered.
 - a) Example: If there are 27 teams entered, the first place team in an event will receive 27 points. The second place team will receive 26 points; the third place team will receive 25 and so.
 - b) The team with the most points from all four events will be the overall winner.

11. The Wallingford sportsmanship award, for the muster only.
 - a) Is to be voted on by the teams that are competing in the muster.
 - b) A team may not vote for themselves.
 - c) Voting will start at the conclusion of the third event and the plaque will be awarded at closing awards ceremony.
 - d) This award is not a traveling plaque.
 - e) In case of a tie more than one plaque can be awarded.

12. Penalties will be assessed at the rate of five seconds per infraction.
 - a) Examples: Five seconds per buckle not snapped; five seconds if jacket is not zipped or Velcro not fastened; five seconds for not keeping one hand on the coupling.

13. Each team will be allowed two false starts per event after which any further false starts will mean disqualification.

14. Judges:
 - a) There will be three judges per event, per lane.
 - b) The judges shall be supplied by the host town.
 - c) All judges shall keep times.
 - d) The final time will be the middle time with the high and low times thrown out.
 - e) The time will then be communicated to the scores table.

15. All grievances will be settled by local judges.

16. The host department will supply a three member committee to act as an arbitration board in the event that the judge's decision is challenge. This board should be used as a last resort measure only.

17. Full turnout gear is required to participate in Muster.
 - a) Turnout gear will consist of turnout coat and bunker pants with liners intact per manufacturers specifications.
 - b) Helmet with working face shield, chinstrap must be secure (shield must be down during water ball)
 - c) Turnout boots
 - d) Firefighter gloves.
 - e) All members must fasten all buckles and or snaps.
 - f) If a turnout coat has Velcro and zipper, both must be fully secure.
 - g) There shall be no foreign material such as duct tape to secure pants to boots.
 - h) You shall wear your turnout gear as it is intended to be worn at a fire scene.
 - i) All your gear must start the event intact and be intact when crossing the finish line.

Water Polo Rules

1. In the event of an odd number of teams the team with the highest score after three events will draw a bye for that match.
2. The team drawing the bye will be allowed only one bye for the duration of the eliminations.
3. Water polo teams shall consist of six members.
4. All members shall be members of the Maine State Federation of Firefighters.
5. All members shall wear full turnout gear.
6. Choice of goal will be determined by toss of a coin with call of the toss going to the team with the highest score.
7. The object is to drive the ball to the cable stop.
 - a. If this is not accomplished, the position of the ball when time has elapsed, will determine the winner.
8. The ball will be centered before each match.
9. No team member shall be permitted to compete as a member of another team.
10. Competition will commence after field judge blows one whistle for the flowing of hose lines, and a second whistle to push the ball.
11. The match will be two minutes in length.
12. A third whistle will signify a goal or that time has elapsed.
 - a. Lines will be shut down at this time.
13. There will be three judges.
 - a. One at each goal and one timekeeper.
14. The target is a free sliding ball suspended a maximum of 3 feet on a 200 foot cable supplied by the Maine State Federation of Firefighters, stretched between two poles or other solid anchoring device at a level of 18 feet above the ground.
15. The goal will be permanent cable stops placed a minimum of 40 feet from the center of the cable.
16. Straight tip nozzles with 1/2" orifice, on 1 3/4" hand lines at 75 PSI pressure will be used.
17. Both handlines will be equal in length and supplied from one 2-1/2" line with a gated wye to assure equal pressure on both lines.
18. Intentionally wetting the opposing team members will result in automatic disqualification of the team committing the act.

All decisions of the judges are final.



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Fire Dept. Parade Registration Form

Parade Registration Form must be received by July 31st 2013. Registration Questions? (207)667-8666

Department: _____ (print legibly) County _____ North | South (circle one)

Primary Contact _____

Address: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Email Address: _____

Please Check Box Indicating Your Entry And Enter The Number Of Units:

Marching Unit(s)	# _____	Drill Unit(s)	# _____
Color Guard(s)	# _____	Pumper(s)	# _____
Ladder(s)	# _____	Tanker(s)	# _____
Rescue(s)	# _____	Hose Cart(s)	# _____
Chief's Car	# _____	Float(s)	# _____
Class A Band-more than 45 members	_____	Class-B Band-less than 45 members	_____
Other(please specify) _____			

Entry Description: (please print legibly)

APPARATUS: (if bringing more than one apparatus, please write information on reverse side of this form)

Year: _____ Condition: (circle one) Original Restored Make _____
Model: _____ Description: _____

HAND TUBS:

Year: _____ Condition: (circle one) Original Restored Make _____
Model: _____ Description: _____

FLOAT:

Description: _____

ANTIQUES:

Will you need a secure area for your Antique? Yes | No (circle one)

Will you need any special assistance with loading/unloading? Yes | No (circle one)

Would you be willing to display your Antique Fire Apparatus after the parade? Yes | No (circle one)

Size of Space(s) Needed: _____ (length X width)

(Release, Assumption of Risk and Agreement to Indemnify and Hold Harmless: By signing this registration form you are acknowledging that you have read and will comply with the rules for participation in this parade. All Parade participation is voluntary and done at one's own risk. You agree to release and to indemnify and hold harmless the City of Ellsworth, the 2013 Convention Committee Members and Volunteers, from any and all liability, action, damages and claims of any kind or nature whatsoever, including liability for injury, harm or damage to any person or property.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date _____

Registration can also be done on line @ www.50msfff.com.

Mail To: Ellsworth Fire Dept. ~ 1 City Hall Plaza ~ Ellsworth ~ ME ~ 04605



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Parade Rules and Map

Parade Chairman: Bobby Dorr

Parade Questions? Call (207)667-8666 or email @rdorr@ellsworthmaine.gov

PARADE THEME

“The History of the Fire Service (Then and Now)”

Parade Lineup will start at 6am at in the area of the Ellsworth Middle School (look for signage). Parade will begin promptly at 9am and end at the Maine Coast Mall (MCM). All marching units/floats will exit behind the MCM and demobilize. All motorized apparatus will continue, flow of traffic, to the Convention Center.

There will be a **Quiet Zone** that will be **Strictly Enforced**. No sirens, air horns, bells or any other noise makers (except marching bands) will be allowed to sound in this area. Anyone in violation of this rule may be disqualified and will not be eligible for awards or cash prizes.

All parade registrants/participants must wear a visible registration ribbon to be in the parade and to be judged.

All departments in the parade are required to provide a description of your parade entry (located on parade registration form). This is self explanatory but a brief description or interesting fact about the entry should be included. All information will be forwarded to the parade master of ceremonies and may be read aloud during the parade as your unit passes by the review stand. See the parade registration for details.

~ All water tanks will be dumped from apparatus tanks (including indian tanks) before the parade unless by permission of the convention board ~

~ No political advertisements ~

~ No throwing or spraying of water ~

~ NO THROWING OF CANDY FROM FIRE APPARATUS OR FLOATS ~

~ Candy must be handed to spectators ~

~ No intoxicating beverages ~

~ No open flames ~

~ No pyrotechnic displays or devices ~

~ Entrants with animals will be required to clean up immediately as necessary ~

Participants may be disqualified for non-compliance of any of these rules and will not be eligible for winning awards/trophies/cash prizes.

Your department can win this trophy!
A Most Outstanding trophy will be awarded to the overall best fire department in the parade!



See details of all trophies that will be awarded in this packet.

You could win trophies for the following categories

<i>Chemical Apparatus</i>	<i>1st, 2nd, 3rd place</i>
<i>Original Antique Up to 1925 Motorized</i>	<i>1st, 2nd, 3rd place</i>
<i>Restored Antique Up to 1925 Motorized</i>	<i>1st, 2nd, 3rd place</i>
<i>Original Antique 1925-1940</i>	<i>1st, 2nd, 3rd place</i>
<i>Restored Antique 1925-1940</i>	<i>1st, 2nd, 3rd place</i>
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<i>Original Antique 1966-1975</i>	<i>1st, 2nd, 3rd place</i>
<i>Restored Antique 1966-1975</i>	<i>1st, 2nd, 3rd place</i>
<i>Original Antique 1976-1988</i>	<i>1st, 2nd, 3rd place</i>
<i>Restored Antique 1976-1988</i>	<i>1st, 2nd, 3rd place</i>
<i>Hand Tub Class "A" Original</i>	<i>1st, 2nd, 3rd place</i>
<i>Hand Tub Class "A" Restored</i>	<i>1st, 2nd, 3rd place</i>
<i>Hand Tub Class "B" Original</i>	<i>1st, 2nd, 3rd place</i>
<i>Hand Tub Class "B" Restored</i>	<i>1st, 2nd, 3rd place</i>
<i>Hose Cart Original</i>	<i>1st, 2nd, 3rd place</i>
<i>Hose Cart Restored</i>	<i>1st, 2nd, 3rd place</i>
<i>Privately Owned Original Motorized</i>	<i>1st, 2nd, 3rd place</i>
<i>Privately Owned Restored Motorized</i>	<i>1st, 2nd, 3rd place</i>
<i>Antique Chief's Vehicle</i>	<i>1st, 2nd, 3rd place</i>
<i>Horse Drawn Equipment</i>	<i>1st, 2nd, 3rd place</i>
<i>Steamer Apparatus</i>	<i>1st, 2nd, 3rd place</i>
<i>Miscellaneous Category</i>	<i>1st, 2nd, 3rd place</i>
<i>Fire Dept. Marching Unit</i>	<i>1st, 2nd, 3rd place</i>
<i>Non-Fire Dept. Marching Unit</i>	<i>1st, 2nd, 3rd place</i>
<i>Fire Dept. Color Guard</i>	<i>1st, 2nd, 3rd place</i>
<i>Non-Fire Dept. Color Guard</i>	<i>1st, 2nd, 3rd place</i>
<i>Ladies Auxiliary Marching Unit</i>	<i>1st, 2nd, 3rd place</i>
<i>Class "A" School Band</i>	<i>1st, 2nd, 3rd place</i>
<i>Class "B" School Band</i>	<i>1st, 2nd, 3rd place</i>
<i>Non-School Band</i>	<i>1st, 2nd, 3rd place</i>
<i>Civic Float</i>	<i>1st, 2nd, 3rd place</i>
<i>Fire Dept. Float</i>	<i>1st, 2nd, 3rd place</i>
<i>Muster Event Dry Hose</i>	<i>1st, 2nd, 3rd place</i>
<i>Muster Event Wet Hose</i>	<i>1st, 2nd, 3rd place</i>
<i>Muster Event Mystery Event</i>	<i>1st, 2nd, 3rd place</i>
<i>Muster Event Water Polo</i>	<i>1st, 2nd, 3rd place</i>
<i>Home Made Apparatus</i>	<i>1st place</i>
<i>Apparatus Farthest from Parade</i>	<i>1st place</i>
<i>Antique Driven Farthest to Parade</i>	<i>1st place</i>
<i>Most Outstanding Fire Dept. in Parade</i>	<i>1st place</i>



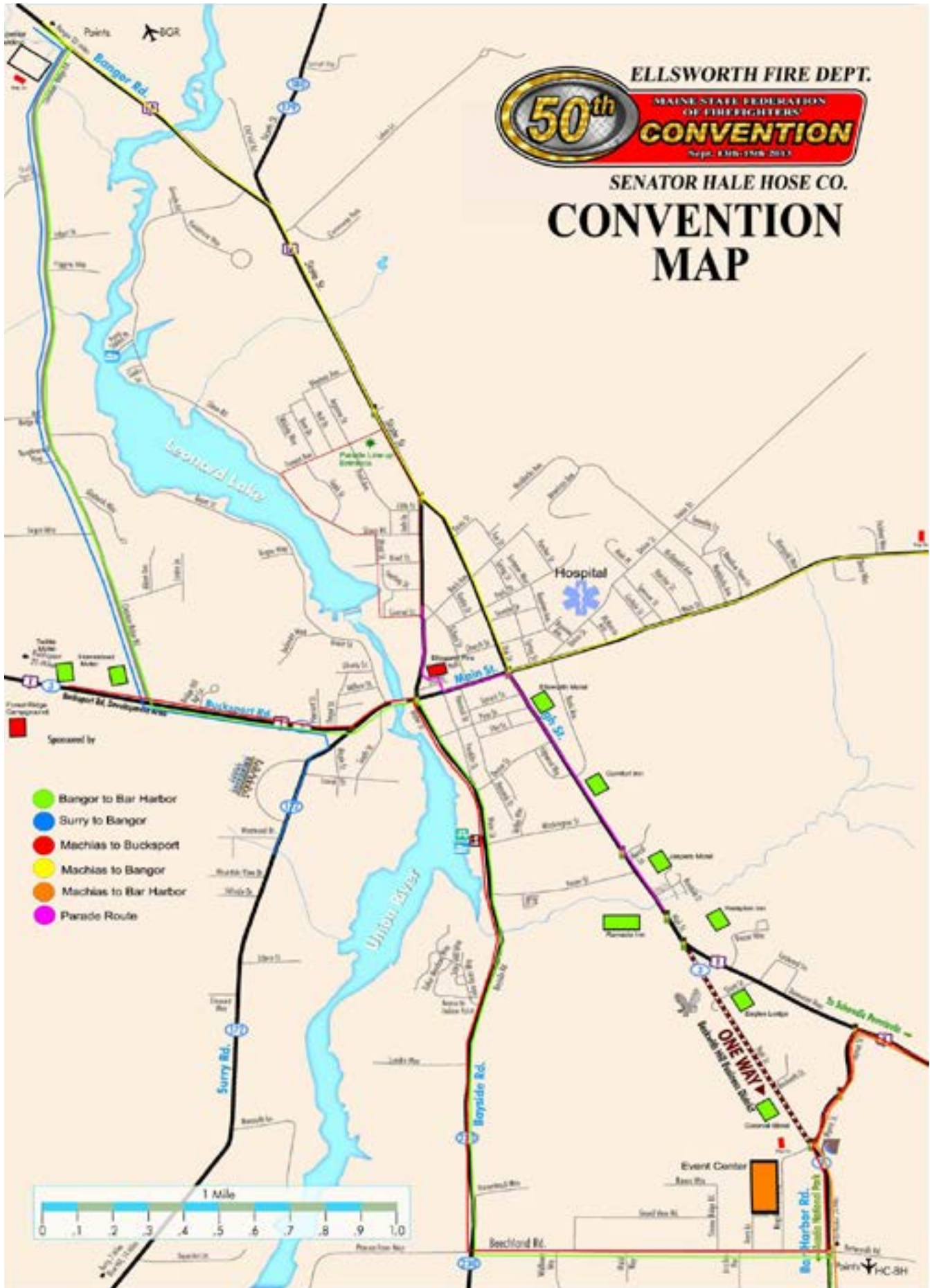


ELLSWORTH FIRE DEPT.

MAINE STATE FEDERATION
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CONVENTION
Sept. 15th-19th 2011

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CONVENTION MAP





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Non Fire Department Convention Parade Registration

Dear parade participant,

On September 14th, 2013 The Ellsworth Fire Department will host: The 50th Maine State Federation of Firefighters Parade

On behalf of the Ellsworth Fire Department; we are cordially, extending this request for your [_____] participation.

Example: Marching Band

Details:

Theme: The History of the Fire Service Then and Now

DATE: Saturday 14, September 2013

FORMATION TIME: 6:00 AM

START TIME: 9:00 AM

APPLICATION DEADLINE: June 1, 2013

Please indicate your entry:

Name: _____

Check all that apply:

Marching Band (Please indicate Music Scores to be Played below)

Float

Performance

Marching Unit

Honor Guard

Other (specify below)

Music Scores to be Played: (if applicable)

Presentation: (for non-bands) please provide a brief description of your parade presentation, float, size, approximate number of participants, etc.:

PARADE RULES:

- No political advertisements
- No throwing or spraying water
- No throwing candy
- No intoxicating beverages
- No use of tobacco products during the parade
- No open flames
- No pyrotechnic displays or devices
- Entrants with animals will be required to clean up immediately

Any floats and participants maybe dismissed for non-compliance of any of these rules. Anyone caught in violation of these rules; will be disqualified and will not be eligible for the winning of any awards.

Participant Contact Information:

Primary Contact: _____

Address: _____

Phone: 207- - ; 207- - ; 207- -

Email:

Secondary Contact:

Primary Contact: _____

Address: _____

Phone: 207- - ; 207- - ; 207- -

Email:

Release, Assumption of Risk and Agreement to Indemnify and Hold Harmless:

By signing this registration form you are acknowledging that you have read and will comply with the rules for participation in this parade. All Parade participation is voluntary and done at one's own risk. You agree to release and to indemnify and hold harmless the City of Ellsworth, Convention Committee Members and Volunteers, from any and all liability, action, damages and claims of any kind or nature whatsoever, including liability for injury, harm or damage to any person or property.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: ___/___/2013

Awards:

First Place Chemical Apparatus	Second Place Chemical Apparatus	Third Place Chemical Apparatus
First Place Original Antique Up to 1925 Motorized	Second Place Original Antique Up to 1925 Motorized	Third Place Original Antique Up to 1925 Motorized
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First Place Hose Cart Original	Second Place Hose Cart Original	Third Place Hose Cart Original
First Place Hose Cart Restored	Second Place Hose Cart Restored	Third Place Hose Cart Restored
First Place Privately Owned Original Motorized	Second Place Privately Owned Original Motorized	Third Place Privately Owned Original Motorized
First Place Privately Owned Restored Motorized	Second Place Privately Owned Restored Motorized	Third Place Privately Owned Restored Motorized
First Place Antique Chief's Vehicle	Second Place Antique Chief's Vehicle	Third Place Antique Chief's Vehicle
First Place Horse Drawn Equipment	Second Place Horse Drawn Equipment	Third Place Horse Drawn Equipment
First Place Steamer Apparatus	Second Place Steamer Apparatus	Third Place Steamer Apparatus
First Place Miscellaneous Category	Second Place Miscellaneous Category	Third Place Miscellaneous Category
First Place Fire Department Marching Unit	Second Place Fire Department Marching Unit	Third Place Fire Department Marching Unit
First Place Non-Fire Department Marching Unit	Second Place Non-Fire Department Marching Unit	Third Place Non-Fire Department Marching Unit

First Place Fire Department Color Guard	Second Place Fire Department Color Guard	Third Place Fire Department Color Guard
First Place Non-Fire Department Color Guard	Second Place Non-Fire Department Color Guard	Third Place Non-Fire Department Color Guard
First Place Ladies Auxiliary Marching Unit	Second Place Ladies Auxiliary Marching Unit	Third Place Ladies Auxiliary Marching Unit
First Place Class "A" School Band	Second Place Class "A" School Band	Third Place Class "A" School Band
First Place Class "B" School Band	Second Place Class "B" School Band	Third Place Class "B" School Band
First Place Non-School Band	Second Place Non-School Band	Third Place Non-School Band
First Place Civic Float	Second Place Civic Float	Third Place Civic Float
First Place Fire Department Float	Second Place Fire Department Float	Third Place Fire Department Float
First Place Muster Event Dry Hose	Second Place Muster Event Dry Hose	Third Place Muster Event Dry Hose
First Place Muster Event Wet Hose	Second Place Muster Event Wet Hose	Third Place Muster Event Wet Hose
First Place Muster Mystery Event	Second Place Muster Mystery Event	Third Place Muster Mystery Event
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SEELEYS HONORED FOR DEDICATED SERVICE

BY JOHN LYNCH



Wayne and Roberta Seeley of Edmunds were presented with an award for their dedicated service to the Dennys River Ambulance. (John Lynch photo)

Wayne and Roberta Seeley of Edmunds were presented with an award on Saturday, November 10, at a baked bean supper in the Pembroke Elementary School gym for their many years of committed volunteer service with the Dennys River Ambulance. Many people who have known or worked with the Seeleys were present.

The award itself was secretly planned by fellow members of the Dennys River Ambulance. "They're wonderful people to work with, and I'm really thrilled to be a part of it," says fellow EMT Kate Vinckus. "They go rain, snow, doesn't matter. They're out there. And as many years as they've been [EMT's], they're quick to jump on [the ambulance] if there aren't enough people to do it."

When an emergency comes up, the Seeleys are the first to be called and then they relay the orders to other EMTs and ambulance drivers. At least two others

who work alongside them would jovially admit that it's not fun to get a call to duty from Roberta at 2 a.m.

It is because of the Seeleys that a lot of the current Dennys River Ambulance EMTs decided to take on their positions.

"I wish more people would do it, because I don't think it's going to last much longer," says EMT Bonnie Smith. "Everybody wants to get paid, and it is hard because the times are tough, but somebody has to volunteer."

Smith maintains that the Seeleys will continue their work with the Dennys River Ambulance until they simply cannot do it any more, as they enjoy what they do.

For ambulance driving itself, the driver does not have to have any medical training. One must take an Emergency Vehicle Operator Course (EVOC) both for driving and to learn other duties required. "They just have to take a class, and they have to put a lot of time in with the training," says Roberta, who has been working for the ambulance service since 1976, while Wayne has been participating for six years longer.

Wayne adds that one can never predict what will take place from the time they pick up the people who need help. This doesn't keep the Seeleys from being dedicated to the job, however. "It's great," says Wayne. "You go in the door when they're sick and it's a relief to them, even though we're probably as nervous and scared as they are. It really helps people to deal with what's going on."

Roberta is just as glad to provide a sense of comfort to the people she and Wayne have helped. "People know us, and they like to have someone that they know come when they're in trouble."

Those interested in working with the Dennys River Ambulance are encouraged to attend one of the meetings, which are held on the fourth Sunday of every month at 6 p.m. at the Dennys River Ambulance and Fire Department.

PUMPER TRUCK WANTED

The Town of Vinalhaven is currently looking for a quality used pumper truck. We are looking for an engine with a 1250gpm pump, with a 1000 gal. water tank, preferably not older than a 1998 model, but would consider other pump or tank sizes. The Town recently lost one its fire engines due to failing a commercial inspection. If anyone has an engine for sale or knows of somebody who does - Please contact:

Chief Marc Candage
(207)-863-4604
mcandage@townofvinalhaven.org

FOR SALE

Dedham/Lucerne FD is selling a used fire truck. It is a 1988 Ford F800, 13205miles, 210F Diesel, Model CL551-25, 5 speed. For more information contact Craig Shane at chief@dedhamme.org.



Androscoggin County News

On April 29 Lewiston Fire Department had a three alarm fire in downtown Lewiston. Three, three-story apartment buildings were destroyed in the blaze late Monday afternoon that left 75 people homeless and caused minor injuries to some firefighters.

The fire started in a three-story building at 105 Blake Street and spread to two neighboring buildings at 172 Bates Street and 82 Pine Street. Thick smoke filled the city block and all the rest of the block was evacuated and hundreds of people lined nearby streets to watch the firefighter's activity.

One of the fire victims was with her 5 day old baby when she heard a loud bang, smelled smoke and went to the kitchen to see flames and smoke coming in the window. She grabbed her baby and left the building but she lost her pet dog in the blaze. A lot of other people also lost some pets in the blaze.

Lewiston Fire Department was assisted by Auburn, Turner, Minot, Lisbon, Topsham, Oxford, Wales, New Gloucester, Mechanic Falls, Sabattus, Poland Fire Departments. The State Fire Marshall was on scene late Monday night and will return on Tuesday morning.

Minot Fire Department is expecting to receive their new fire truck this week that was approved at the town meeting last year. It is to be housed over at the West Minot station. The cost of the truck was \$150,000.

Last December Chief Gerry Pineau, from Livermore Falls Fire Department, resigned so he could better himself in the medical field. T.J. Handy was named to replace him as the new Chief for Livermore Falls.

Chief Donald Therrien recently resigned as Chief from Sabattus Fire Department. Deputy Chief Marc Veilleux of ET Smith Hose Co Lisbo was named as the new Chief for Sabattus Fire.

Chief Phil Lavoie of Greene Fire Department recently stepped down as Chief from that department and LT Bruce Sanford was appointed to be the new Chief for Greene Fire Department.

Congratulations to all on their recent promotions.

Recently Minot Fire Department was toned out for a structure fire in that town and all mutual aid departments were called. Another structure was reported in Mechanic Falls. The house fire in Minot was a total loss and the other fire they were able to save most of the trailer in Mechanic Falls

Bangor fire crews fight biting cold to knock down early morning Court Street blaze

By Nick McCrea, BDN Staff – BANGOR, Maine — One man was taken to Eastern Maine Medical Center early Thursday morning to be treated for smoke inhalation after a fire broke out at a Court Street home, according to Bangor Assistant Fire Chief Anthony Riitano.

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Bangor Fire Department responded to a house fire around 1:00 a.m. Thursday on Court Street, in which one person was in the house and managed to escape. There were still a few hot spots in the back of the house that firefighters were tending to later in the morning.

Bar Harbor Fire Chief

I assumed the duties of Fire Chief on January 2nd. Replacing Lyman Kane who was acting interim Chief while they conducted the search for the permanent Chief. I have been a firefighter for the town of Bar Harbor for 23 years. I started out as a call firefighter and was hired full time in 1995.

Chief Matthew Bartlett
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Bar Harbor Me. 04609
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BAR HARBOR – Quick action limits fire damage to Bar Harbor home

By Rich Hewitt, BDN Staff – A quick response by firefighters contained fire damage to the basement of an Ash Street home Saturday night.

According to Assistant Chief Lyman Kane of the Bar Harbor Fire Department, the call came in at about 10 p.m. at the rented home. The call initially described an overheated wood stove, but Kane said when the first firefighters arrived, it had become a structure fire.

The occupants of the home, whose names were not available, were in the building at the time, but were

able to get out and call the fire department. The fire started from combustibles that were too close to the wood stove, Kane said. Firefighters were able to knock down the fire quickly and prevent the fire from spreading beyond the basement, he said. There was some smoke damage to the rest of the building.

"We had a good, quick stop, and the house will still be habitable," he said.

The occupants were not able to return to the house last night, he said, but should be back in soon.

No one was injured in the fire.

The Bar Harbor department was assisted by a crew from the Mount Desert Fire Department who stood by at the Bar Harbor station.

BENTON – Heat tape cause of fire that destroyed Benton mobile home

By Ryan McLaughlin, BDN Staff – Heat tape is being blamed for a fire that destroyed a mobile home on Unity Road in Benton on Wednesday night.

Fairfield Fire Chief Duane Bickford said crews were dispatched to the scene just after 6 p.m., and the homeowners had gotten out safely by the time firefighters arrived.

Bickford said the homeowners were using the heat tape in an attempt to keep their pipes from freezing in the subzero temperatures. He is advising homeowners to use "lots of insulation and be careful."

Firefighters from Fairfield, Winslow and Clinton were able to get the fire under control in about 45 minutes, according to Bickford.

The chief said the freezing temperatures did not cause any water from hoses to freeze at the scene. He added the house wasn't insured.

Berwick Fire Department's New Brush Truck

Forestry 6 – Blanchat Minuteman – 2012 Ford F-550 Chassis with a Customized Body, Has a Hale HP 200X Series Pump, 23 HP Briggs & Stratton Vanguard Engine, 300 Gallon Tank with drafting capabilities.



Blue Hill Incident #56

Date: 04/29/13

Call time: 15:36 temp: 70

Location: 269 Mines Road

Type: Structure Fire

Mutual Aid: Sedgwick & Brooklin, Deer Isle on StandBy at Sargentville Station. Peninsula Ambulance for Support.

Notes: Upon arrival, the building was puffing heavy smoke from the eaves.

An early "all clear" was announced when building owners advised all personnel were out of the structure.

Blue Hill Engine 8 was set up as Attack Pumper and 2 1-3/4" lines were stretched to the man-way door on Side B. Blue Hill Engine 4 was posted behind Engine 8 and setup to nurse.

Sedgwick Engine 4 arrived and provided attack back-up.

Water Supply was established at the Grindleville Pond.

Knockdown was announced at 16:42 with overhaul in progress.

All departments were released and back in service at 17:20.

There were NO civilian or firefighter injuries.

Most probable cause was likely caused by welding.

Denny Robertson, Chief, Blue Hill Fire Department



BLUE HILL – Frigid temperatures hamper fight against Blue Hill house fire

By Bill Trotter, BDN Staff Posted Jan. 18, 2013,

An unoccupied home on Route 15 was destroyed early Friday after fire broke out in the basement and spread throughout the home, according to the local fire official.

Blue Hill Fire Chief Dennis Robertson said Friday that Katie Wieberg, the owner of the home, was temporarily

staying somewhere else but had been in the home around 9 p.m. Thursday to crank up a wood stove in the basement. The stove was being used to make sure the pipes did not freeze, he said.

Around 10:45 p.m. Thursday, someone noticed the fire and reported it, Robertson said. By the time firefighters got to the scene and went inside, the fire had spread through the walls and floors and made it unsafe to stay in the building, he said. The focus point of the blaze appeared to be centered in the floor directly above the stove, he said.

"That it the presumed cause," he said.

Firefighters retreated outside the building and took a defensive stance, making sure the fire did not spread to two nearby outbuildings, according to the chief. While firefighters tried to douse the flames, he said, outside temperatures went from about 10 degrees Fahrenheit to about 5 degrees, complicating matters.

Some pumpers froze up, he said, but by 7 a.m. they had the fire knocked down enough that they used a backhoe to demolish the standing structure. The home was insured, he said.

The blaze flared up again temporarily Friday afternoon, he added.

No one was injured in the blaze, the chief said. Six surrounding towns sent firefighters to the scene and two more had firefighters stand by in case they were needed there or somewhere else, he said. Peninsula Ambulance, Maine Department of transportation and the State Fire Marshal's Office also assisted at the scene.

Robertson said that he cannot be sure if the house had working smoke detectors in it, but that it did 18 months ago when firefighters responded to the same property after the house was struck by lightning.

BRADFORD – Early-morning fire destroys vacant home in Bradford

By Ryan McLaughlin, BDN Staff

Fire destroyed a vacant home on Jones Road in Bradford on Friday morning.

Chief Dusty Kelley of the Bradford Fire Department said crews were dispatched to the scene around 2:40 a.m., and when they arrived, the house was engulfed in flames.

"The roof had already collapsed at that point," Kelley said.

Although the home was vacant, the owners, who live next door, had been renovating the property for the last couple of years, Kelley said.

Crews from Bradford, Corinth, Charleston, Hudson and Glenburn managed to get the blaze under control in about 20 minutes, Kelley said.

Sgt. Tim York of the state fire marshal's office said a cause has not been determined. The fire marshal's of-

fire is continuing to investigate.

The home was not insured, according to York. Kelley said the fire doesn't appear to be suspicious.

Fire destroys 'big old New England-style barn' in Buckfield

About 50 firefighters from six towns battled a barn fire Saturday that singed a nearby trailer and melted siding on a nearby house.

The fire was reported shortly after 2 p.m. at 11 Jim Warner Road. The barn was part of an organic beef cattle farm owned by Richard Piper.

Within minutes, Buckfield fire was joined by departments from Sumner, Hebron, Turner, Paris and Norway.

No one was hurt in the fire.

Campbell said he did not know whether any animals were inside the building when it caught fire.

By 5:30 p.m., the barn was reduced to charred and smoking rubble.

"It's a total loss," Campbell said. The building measured about 60 feet by 40 feet and was tall. "It was a big old New England-style barn."

Also destroyed were a truck and an excavator that were inside.

Firefighters were calling for an excavator to help reach some of the still-burning rubble deep in the site.

"We're going to be here for a while," Campbell said at about 5:30 p.m.

He said there was no word yet on how the fire started.

The State Fire Marshal's Office is scheduled to investigate on Monday.



Six Departments respond to Bucksport Forest Fire

Five area departments assisted Bucksport at a woods fire during the height of the dry spell at the beginning of May on a windy day. Fire permits had been shut off the previous week, so when a fire was reported off Jacob Bucks Pond, crews automatically called for Orland & Orrington crews to respond, as well.

First responding units found approximately 1 acre involved on a heavily forested hillside about 250 yards off a mile long gravel road, with flames torching to the tops of 50 foot softwoods. The fire doubled in size in the first ten minutes and was being pushed by heavy winds. The Maine Forest Service ground and air units were requested, along with crews from Penobscot, Holden & Castine. The auxiliary provided meals and drinks to the crews throughout the weekend.

The fire was contained within about 2 hours by nearly

65 fire fighters using a quarter mile LD hose lay from the pond, portable pumps from a nearby stream, back pumps and hand tools, along with the chopper which dropped about 2 dozen buckets of water. As darkness approached, a fire line was created around the now-5 acre perimeter and crews from 3 towns returned the following day to perform mop-up operations and then wet down the entire area.

The fire cause was determined to be "suspicious" and remains under investigation.

Bucksport Structure Fire battled by 4 departments

On April 15th, fire fighters from Bucksport, Orland, Orrington and Holden quickly doused a structure fire at a residence on the Bucksport/Orrington town line. The house, which is used as a summer residence, was vacant at the time and a passing motorist reported the fire. The house is located nearly 9 miles from the station and had fire in several rooms with heavy heat and smoke throughout the 2-story building upon arrival by the first responding units.

A quick exterior attack was made as interior crews prepared to go inside. The hoses were handed off and 2 teams made entry as the outside crews were performing ventilation efforts. Knockdown was accomplished within about 10 minutes and fire fighters went into mop-up operations. Traffic was stopped for about 15 minutes as Rt. 15 was closed due to the fire, but one lane was opened back up after about 20 minutes.

During mop-up and the subsequent investigation, it was determined that a "break-in" had occurred shortly before the fire was reported and that damage had been done to the furnace located in the basement and that about 15-20 gallons of home heating fuel had leaked out the basement drain. Crews contained the spill and stopped the leak and DEP was notified and responded to clean up the contaminated soil.

The Bucksport Police Department and the Maine Fire Marshall's Office assisted at the scene and with the investigation. The fire has been deemed "suspicious" and remains under investigation.

Camden firefighters get acquainted with new engine

By Lynda Clancy

CAMDEN — When new firetrucks roll into town, they are not just immediately conscripted into service. Firefighters face a new set of controls, systems and updated technology to understand. They have to get behind the wheel, test the pumps, and practice, practice, practice. In the case of Camden's new Engine 4, which features several state of the art functions, firefighters spent this past weekend getting to know it, inside the station and then out on the street.

"It's important to train methodically so everyone uses the systems in the same manner," said Camden Fire Chief Chris Farley. "When all the operators are familiar

with the systems and operate them in the same manner, everyone follows the same routine. This helps to prolong the life expectancy and reduces overall maintenance costs."

On Jan. 26 and 27, John Foxx, a representative from Minute Fire and Rescue Apparatus, Inc., of Walpole, Mass., was in town to help train Camden fire-fighters on the new **Dash-CF multi-purpose vehicle**, built last autumn by Pierce Manufacturing in Wisconsin and delivered to Camden Jan. 7. Sixteen members of the volunteer fire department participated in the training.

"We scheduled the training on the weekend so the part-time employees of the fire department would have a better chance of being able to attend," Farley said. "For most of them, this was the first formal training they received from an apparatus manufacturer's representative. They learned features about the operation of this truck that will apply to improved operations of the department's other apparatus, as well."

On Sunday morning, with temperatures barely reaching 14 degrees, a crew drove Engine 4 to Linden Lane, in a subdivision populated by few homes. There, they unrolled hoses and tested the truck's water and foam systems. Engine 4 has two tanks, one that holds 40 gallons of foam, and the other 750-gallons of water.

Engine 4 is replacing, over the span of several years, Engines 1 and 6, a decision reached by a municipal committee in 2010. Camden has already divested Engine 1, which was sold last fall, subsequently opening a bay inside the fire station for the \$542,000 Engine 4, a purchase approved by Camden voters in 2011.

The new engine is in some ways simpler to operate than the older vehicles, said Farley. It has, however, more computerized systems, which require monitoring.

"The computer systems require the operator to interact with the truck more," he said. "It also has systems which are new to us, such as the onboard generator, foam system, and light tower."

The truck's electrical system incorporates lighting from the deck, rear work lights, and scene lighting that includes four 900-watt flood lights that sit atop a six-foot tower. It has a shorter wheelbase and independent suspension designed to allow the truck to travel with a minimum of road shock over roads of varying conditions. The truck also has increased braking capacity, enabling it to come to a stop more quickly than older vehicles.

The 58,000-pound Dash CF represents design upgrades that Pierce characterizes as its "next generation of fire apparatus." Its six-cylinder, 450-horsepower Cummins-built engine is "green," according to Pierce, and after a major reconfiguration, it meets Environmental Protection Agency fuel economy guidelines. The truck carries a 65-gallon diesel fuel tank. The EPA standards added cost to the vehicle, but the

engine and exhaust system meets 2010 emission levels, reducing nitrogen oxide emissions and diesel particles, according to Pierce.

On Sunday, under clear, cold conditions, Farley compared the visibility of exhaust from the ladder truck (detectable) to the exhaust of Engine 4 (undetectable).

Farley said Engine 4 will be in service after firefighters have supplemental training.

"The operators will also have driver training, including taking the truck on the department's approved course — a driving route around town," he said.



Camden firefighters Mary Stiehler, Cheyne Hansen, Tom Bland and Robert Stiehler. John Foxx, in the orange hat, is from Minute Fire and Rescue Apparatus, Inc., in Walpole, Mass., and is training Camden firefighters on Engine 4 features. (Photos by Lynda Clancy)

Camden firefighters respond to Lily Pond Drive house fire

By Lynda Clancy and Holly S. Edwards

CAMDEN — Camden firefighters, along with mutual aid from Rockport, Lincolnville and Hope fire departments are responding to a structure fire on Lily Pond Drive. The fire initially sent up a thick column of black smoke seen for miles around, and was reported at approximately 1:45 p.m.

The home is fully engulfed by flames. The roof of the main structure as well as the second floor has caved in, and the garage is starting to go. The 5640-square-foot, six-bedroom house is located at 25 Lily Pond Drive, and according to town tax records, is owned by David and Leslie Vangel. It is appraised at \$720,200 and was built 1986.

Traffic on Russell Ave. is being diverted.

The Maine State Fire Marshal's Office has been contacted.



The house owned by David Vangel at 25 Lily Pond Drive in Camden is on fire. (Photo by Holly Edwards)

CAMDEN – Chief Chris Farley: Cause of Camden house fire undetermined

By Holly S. Edwards

A fire Tuesday afternoon at the home of David and Leslie Vangel burned so completely that Camden Fire Chief Chris Farley said it's likely the cause will never be known.

"The cause is presently undetermined, and it will likely remain undetermined due to the extent of the damage," said Farley.

Two investigators with the State Fire Marshal's Office are at the property this afternoon, according to Farley.

The fire was called in around 1:45 p.m. March 26, and Farley said it got a good head start before anyone knew it was burning. When the first fire engines arrived on scene, the entire was engulfed in rolling flames and one corner of the roof had collapsed into the second floor.

Less than two minutes later, the entire roof and second floor of the 5,640-square-foot home collapsed into the first floor, sending an intense wave of heat across the front yard.

The home is located at the end of Lily Pond Drive, off Chestnut Street across from Seaview Cemetery, and is one of 18 parcels on the road tucked back in the woods.

Calls that started coming in to 911 reported a column of heavy black smoke in the area of Lily Pond Drive. There were reports of the smoke being seen as far away as Route 90, as the fire quickly consumed the six-bedroom home. The intense heat eventually ignited a small outbuilding and the adjoining garage, while a detached garage remained unaffected.

The Vangels were not home at the time of the fire, and David Vangel had taken their families dogs to Camden Hills State Park for a walk while his wife was at work. A family cat had been let outside earlier in the day, according to Farley.

As the house and its contents continued to burn, fire breached the oil tank in the basement sending up a new plume of heavy, black smoke around 2:30 p.m. Flames could be seen at the oil intake pipe outside the residence as fuel oil burned.

Camden was joined at the scene by firefighters and

equipment from Rockport, Hope and Lincolnville. As of 5:45 p.m., Camden Engine 4 remained at the scene as a lot of debris continued to smolder.



A fire at the Vangel home on Lily Pond Drive in Camden burned for a while before anyone knew there was trouble. (Photo by Holly S. Edwards)



CHELSEA – Fire destroys mobile home in Kennebec County

By Ryan McLaughlin, BDN Staff – A woodstove is being blamed for a fire that destroyed a mobile home on Hallowell Road Monday morning.

Chelsea Assistant Fire Chief Jim Gagnon said crews were dispatched to the scene around 9 a.m. when a passer-by noticed the flames and called 911.

Gagnon said the blaze started in the living room and quickly spread to the porch. The far end of the home was engulfed in flames when firefighters arrived, he added.

Firefighters from Chelsea and Togus Medical Center managed to get the fire under control in about an hour, Gagnon said.

The homeowners were not home at the time of the fire while their daughter was spending the night at a friend's house, Gagnon said. He added that the family has insurance.

Dedham/Lucerne Fire Department

On Saturday May 4th, at approximately 1:45 pm the Dedham/Lucerne Fire department was dispatched to a reported building fire at 160 Mill Rd. While having a crew at the station we responded right away with 4 apparatus. The fire was called in by the daughter in law, who lives next door, and she confirmed that no one was home or in the building

As we arrived we were met with flames already coming thru the roof, so we laid 4 inch hose from the road down the driveway, and pulled a cross lay for attack. We encountered flames on Alpha side which had self vented from windows which were above the garage doors. We knocked down the outside and then opened the garage door. Small amounts of fire were found and it was obvious that the bulk of the fire was upstairs.

We stretched another line and when Holden arrived we went up an outside stairwell to hit the upstairs. With Mutual Aid crews from Eddington and Orrington arriving we continued the attack and rotated people that were running short on air. A good knock down was done upstairs and we had already contained the fire downstairs.

Our concern now was for the barn which was attached to the "Bravo" side. We placed a 2 ½ line to protected that section and then laddered the roof of this barn. A secondary walk around confirm a propane tank on "Delta" side which had been shut off. With a better view for "Charlie" side it was deemed that the barn was not very stable and all crew were told not to go inside.

While crews were advancing upstairs they came to a weakness in the floor and then a hole that had burnt thru, they could not advance any further. At this point we laddered the roof of the barn to gain access thru the gable vent. While working gingerly we knock

down more of the fire on that end and were deemed under control. Crews inside worked and removed two sections of the metal roof and that gave us a lot more visibility. We then pulled people off the roof and changed out crews inside. With smoke cleared from the roof removal further extinguishment and overhaul was done upstairs and total overhaul was done down stairs. The foam system worked extremely well as we finished overhaul and crews were started to be release. We picked up a few lines and let the building sit for approx. 30 minutes and then did a walk thru. Down stairs was all set but we overhauled a bit more up stairs as we know could move safely around the hole in the floor.

The Fire Marshall was called and the situation was explained, they will respond on Monday. We finished picking up, and all crews cleared just before 5:00pm.

Ellsworth – Exposure to Flame Retardant Chemicals Means Firefighters Face Higher Cancer Risk than Previously Thought

New research by a Blue Hill scientist shows that during a fire, firefighters are exposed to dangerous levels of toxic, cancer-causing chemicals created when commercial flame retardants burn.

That firefighters develop cancer at an alarming rate is not news to industry professionals or scientists. But Dr. Susan Shaw, founder and director of the Marine Environmental Research Institute, said there's still a lot to learn. Shaw and a team of other scientists recently published the results of a study on firefighters in San Francisco.

"We know that firefighters have a high rate of cancer, we know that outcome," Shaw said in an interview Friday. "So we're looking for how to connect the dots. What are the chemicals that might be causing these cancers? Do the firefighters have more in their blood immediately after fighting a fire?"

The study tested the blood of 12 firefighters immediately after they responded to an alarm. The results were striking. Its authors, including Shaw, concluded that firefighters are at an even higher risk of cancer than previously thought.

Levels of polybrominated diphenyl ethers, or PBDEs, were three times higher than levels in the general U.S. population, at a rate of 135 parts per billion compared with the national average of 40 parts per billion.

PBDEs are used as flame retardants in household furniture, carpets, plastics, computers and foam insulation. A growing body of evidence suggests the chemicals are toxic to human beings and animals.

Two forms of PBDEs were phased out of production in 2004 because of health concerns. Shaw said both are listed as banned chemicals under the Stockholm Convention, a treaty aimed at eliminating persistent organic pollutants.

The study also showed that some of the firefighters

harbored high levels of dioxins and furan, two compounds associated with cancer and other health risks that are produced when the flame retardants burn. The levels in firefighters were "hundreds of times higher than has ever been detected in the general population," Shaw said.

For John Martell, a Portland firefighter and president of the Professional Firefighters of Maine, it's not just research that links his profession with long-term health risks. It's experience.

"There's a group of firefighters in their 50s and early 60s here who have just retired," he said. "Out of that group, I can think of at least 14 that have come down with cancer. We've lost a couple guys to cancer in the last year and a half. ... When you look around, and I've asked other people who don't have the job I have, you don't see that same rate."

"We've always worried about firefighters being killed in duty, buildings collapsing, things like that," Shaw said. "But the hidden danger now is what's in the smoke and dust that they're breathing, or ingesting, or getting on their skin. And that can't be helped during a fire."

Chemical flame retardants have been used for decades. Early versions were banned in the late '70s after they were shown to pose serious health risks, including non-Hodgkins lymphoma. Shaw said that as more evidence mounts about the danger of modern flame retardants, industry groups are already cooking up replacements that are also "troublesome."

"The proposed replacements are not very different, chemically, than the chemicals they're replacing," she said.

The American Chemistry Council, an industry trade group, last year issued a statement defending chemical flame retardants, saying they are necessary to meet safety standards and doubting studies that show a causal link to cancer.

But a 2012 investigation by the Chicago Tribune into flame retardants found that the chemical industry has manipulated scientific findings to overstate the effectiveness of flame retardants and downplay the health risks.

Shaw said a larger study of firefighters in New York is being planned. Researchers will examine the blood of about 300 firefighters in Albany, she said, in an attempt to find indicators of clinical conditions that could be pre-cancer.

The goal is to tie chemical exposure to clinical outcomes, to further prove the link between PBDEs in firefighters blood and the high occupational rate of cancer and other chronic disease.

Shaw said the ultimate goal is to convince Congress to pass laws regulating chemicals such as PBDEs through legislation such as an updated Safe Chemicals Act, which would tighten oversight and regulation of risky chemi-

cal. Maine's U.S. Sen. Angus King is one of the Act's sponsors.

But there are also efforts on the ground to minimize firefighter exposure and take care of them if they do get sick.

Chief Richard Tupper of the Ellsworth Fire Department demonstrated a washdown procedure at the city's fire station on Thursday.

Smoke, soot and dust containing these dangerous chemicals often covers a firefighter's gear during a response and "the products of combustion that adhere to the turnout gear literally off-gas for days after the fire if it isn't washed properly," Tupper said. "You could absorb those byproducts simply by standing here at the station."

So Ellsworth firefighters often hose down their gear before they even leave the scene of the fire. They have also purchased special washing machines dedicated solely for turnout gear.

Martell, from the firefighters' union, said there have been other changes made since it became clear in the last two decades that firefighters were getting cancer at an alarming rate.

In the past, he said, crews would bring their gear home with them, often leaving their boots and pants in the bedroom for easy access in case of a late-night alarm. That practice has been largely abandoned today. The use of oxygen and specialized gas masks is also growing, with firefighters often wearing them even when they're not working directly in the hot zone.

Firefighters also secured legislative support to help those who do come down sick. A 2009 law made it easier for firefighters to get workers compensation to cover treatment for the 10 most forms of cancer most common to firefighters.

The firefighters union has also been active in pursuing tighter regulations on dangerous chemicals, Martell said. Professional Firefighters of Maine supported a bill pushed by former Maine House Speaker Hannah Pingree to ban the flame retardant known as "deca" in 2007.

That chemical was a suspected neurotoxin and was linked to other long-term health problems. Maine was one of only two states to ban deca, but today its manufacturers are voluntarily phasing it out of production.

Shaw said that her focus is on firefighters because they are exposed to many more dangerous chemicals than the general population. Still, she said the presence of flame retardants should concern everyone.

"Americans have 10-40 times higher levels of these things than other countries," she said. "We're talking about involuntary exposure. People believe they are protected from toxins by the government. The truth is they're not. That's the bottom line."

EXETER – Fire breaks out at church in Exeter

by Andrew Neff – BDN Staff

Firefighters from Corinna, Corinth, Dexter, Garland and Newport have been called to a fire at the Full Gospel Church at 1741 Exeter Road on Monday night.

Flames could be seen in the building before fire crews arrived.

A Penobscot Regional Communications Center dispatcher confirmed that the fire call came in just before 8:30 p.m. and that at least five fire departments had sent equipment and personnel to the scene.

Hancock County

The Hancock County Firefighters Association Fire Academy has finished up the five month long Firefighter I & II course. The 24 students have been devoted to the academy every other weekend since January and represent 10 Hancock County, two Washington County and 1 Penobscot County towns. The students participated in classroom training as well as hands on training that included anything from learning their self contained breathing apparatus and personal protective equipment, throwing extension ladders, placing roof ladders, ventilation, forcible entry and structural firefighting. The students put all of this training together when they burned a donated house in Ellsworth this spring. Not only do they learn about structural firefighting but they also learn about and practice their skills with vehicle extrication, vehicle fires, and Class B fires. This academy has graduated over 200 students, meaning that Hancock County communities are gaining well trained firefighters. This years students will be sitting for their state certification written and practical tests in June. To date, the majority of students who have attend this academy have passed the state tests and become Pro Board Certified, meaning they are recognized in several others states besides Maine.

As the academy has grown, the curriculum has grown as well. Instead of doing some classroom training on wildland firefighting, hazmat and emergency services, the students can come out of the academy certified in wildland firefighting taught by Acadia National Park Firefighters, HazMat Operations and CPR & First Aid. The dedication of the instructors, Hancock County Firefighters Association and Hancock County Fire Chiefs as well as the support of the Hancock County Commissioner and local business is the reason this academy has been a success and continues to be a great resource for firefighters in Hancock County and throughout the state.

The academy students will be recognized at graduation on Saturday, June 1st at 6 p.m at Ellsworth High School. Graduating students include: Castine – Sam Brown, Lisa Burton, Evan Gaskin & Christopher Carter; Ellsworth – Greg Beal, Adam Brackett, Matt Fendl,

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Andrew Bragdon, Sam Hanna & Brandon Randall;
Hancock – Jeremy Ogden; Islesford - Cote Hadlock;
Lamoine – Lance Bishop & Rick Gallegos; Penobscot –
Kathleen Ruggiero; Surry – Bryan McLellan; Southwest
Harbor – Barry Fletcher, Benjamin Hampton & Colton
Sanborn; Sullivan – Tate McLean; Trenton – Elizabeth
Keene; Tremont – Justin Kelly; Bangor – Christopher
Wilcox; Milbridge – Shawn Tucker; Harrington – John
Hedberg



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Lewiston Fire Department

Lewiston Fire Department had a very busy week last week. The day after they fought a four alarm fire in down town Lewiston and lost four apartments in the fire they were toned out for a brush fire on College Street .Most of the department was still on scene doing over haul when the tone came in. The department called out all their mutual aid departments for help again fighting this blaze. In all they had eleven departments and the Forest Service helicopter assisting with the blaze. The fire burnt over twenty acres and took over three hours to put out. The cause of the fire was caused by sparks from an off road vehicle. On the four alarm fire a twelve year boy was charged with arson for the fire.

On Friday Lewiston Fire Department was toned out for a second four alarm fire. This fire was on Bartlett Street and spread to other buildings on Pierce Street late Friday night. Another four more apartments and a garage were lost in this blaze. The blaze was a fast moving fire and being so late at night thankfully no one was hurt real bad in the blaze. The fire was only four days after the first four alarm fire and it displaced a lot of tenants. Mutual aid departments also helped out for this blaze. Another twelve year boy was charged with setting this fire.

On Monday Lewiston Fire and all the mutual aid departments were called out again for another fire in down town Lewiston. The blaze was at on Bartlett Street again. The fire destroyed only two apartment buildings and badly damaged two other buildings. The early morning blaze was at an empty and secured apartment building. Again it is thankful that no one was injured in the blaze. Investigators are trying to determine the cause of this blaze.

On April 23 Turner Fire was toned for a structure fire on the Plains road in Turner. When we arrived on scene the house was fully engulf in flames and we couldn't save it. We called all our mutual aid departments to help with the blaze.

Lewiston firefighters battle apartment fire

By Mark LaFlamme, Sun Journal

Firefighters made quick work of a fire on Pleasant Street late Thursday, but crews were expected to remain at the scene into Friday morning searching for a cause.

When fire crews arrived at 48 Pleasant St. at about 10:20 p.m., fire was blowing from the windows of a second-floor porch.

The apartment was occupied at the time, a witness said, but it appeared everybody got out of the building without harm.

The two-story apartment house is near the corner of Pleasant and Webster streets. Firefighters quickly knocked down the flames and spared damage to nearby buildings. The fire was declared under control at 10:40 p.m.

Crews remained at the scene later Thursday night, snuffing out hot spots and preparing to begin an investigation.



Firefighters battle a blaze at 48 Pleasant St. in Lewiston on Thursday night.

Lincolville's new fire truck rolls into town

By Lynda Clancy

Hauling two-thirds of Florida water in its tanks for ballast, Lincolville's brand new fire truck made its last miles up the east coast from Bradenton, Fla., to the Lincolville Fire Station on Route 52, parking with a flourish late Saturday morning. A lineup of firefighters waited outside the station, and though some were in their hunting gear and others in their weekend Carhartts, the occasion was far from casual.

It had been months in production, then days on the road heading north, weeks more in Massachusetts getting gold-gilded and polished again, and finally, the town's newest addition to its stable of fire trucks was home in Maine.

Lincolville carefully budgets for its fire apparatus, spacing out the purchase of new trucks every seven years. This was the year to replace an old 1,000-gallon capacity tanker built in 1981 with a new truck that can haul 3,000 gallons of water to the remotest of locations in a town with 56 miles of mostly rural roads and long dirt driveways.

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On Saturday, Ray Smith, the Minuteman Fire and Rescue Apparatus sales rep (and longtime Portland firefighter) drove the new Pierce-built tanker to Lincolnville from Walpole, Massachusetts. The tanker had been built in Pierce Manufacturing's Florida plant in Bradenton, Fla., and Lincolnville's Fire Department received weekly photographs of the truck under construction. The tanker carried a \$332,000 price tag, with 42 percent of that cost funded by donations from the fundraising portfolio of Lincolnville Fire Department, while the rest has been shouldered by Lincolnville taxpayers, who approved the purchase at town meeting last June.

On Nov. 3, Engine 3, with its International engine and Allison transmission, steamed through Rockport and Camden, then alongside Megunticook Lake — a smooth ride all the way, said Smith.

With typical Yankee reticence, the firefighters stood quietly as the truck pulled into the driveway of the fire station on Route 52, but as soon Smith parked and killed the engine, smiles broke out and there was swarm of men assessing every inch of the new vehicle — top, bottom and side, engine and controls. Especially impressed with the LED lights, they flipped switches, opened doors and the hood, tested instruments, lights and horn, and did just about everything else but kick the hard tires, which are large and tough with deep tread.

Fire Chief Jason Peasley said Nov. 4 that training has already started on the new truck, and on Sunday, eight firefighters spent several hours learning to drive it.

"Each firefighter will need multiple driver training sessions before getting checked off," he said. "Pump training will take place on Tuesday and a representative from Minuteman will be coming on Saturday for a full day of training in *everything*. Over the next two to three weeks, there is a lot of equipment to add, install and modify before we can put it in service."

Lincolnville has three other Pierce-built engines, and decided to go with Pierce again because of the company's history of producing quality fire trucks.

Lincolnville has an all-volunteer fire department with stations in Lincolnville Center and Lincolnville Beach. The department has approximately 20 to 25 volunteers, with one chief, a deputy chief, and two assistant chiefs.



Lincolnville's Fire Department welcomed its brand new tanker on Saturday, Nov. 3, and immediately, firefighters were inspecting every aspect of it. (Photo by Lynda Clancy)



Lincolnville firefighters on hand to welcome the new truck were: Millard Eugley, Hank Lang, Mike Eugley, Brian Englander, Assistant Chief Peter Rollins, A.J. Weed, Assistant Chief Don Fillington, Todd Young, Chief Jason Peasley, Orrin Todd, Robert Libby and Brandon Allen. (Photo by Lynda Clancy)

Lovell Volunteer Fire Department - Activities

On January 7th Jeff Fox, a 36 year member, was the recipient of our Volunteer Member of the Year Award for 2012. Jeff was recognized for his commitment and service to the fire department and the town of Lovell as we thanked him for his hard work and expertise that have been most beneficial to the department and community.

On January 22nd at 11:30am Oxford County Commissioners will recognize Ronald McAllister, a 57 year member of LVFD, and present to Ron a Lifetime Achievement Award this event will take place in the County Commissioners office in South Paris and family

and friends are welcome.

Memorial Plaque - In an effort to honor members of the department who have passed away an idea of a Memorial Plaque came to light one day while speaking with the Thomas family as to their wishes for funds that were received in the memory of Scott Thomas. It was then decided that there should be a plaque to honor all of our members that have continued on. A beautiful plaque was then purchased and upon it are inscribed more than eighty names of members. This plaque along with many other plaques and awards are on display on our "wall of honor" and next time you're in the station take a minute to stop and observe.

Firefighting is a huge commitment and requires a lot of training to help the members of LVFD we are holding a Basic Fire School here in Lovell. This course will consist of more than 100 hours of training by the time it is completed. This is a state approved program and at its completion students will receive a certificate from Maine Fire Service Institute.

Authorized by Tommie C. McKenzie, Chief

LOVELL

Fire crews from five communities battled a fire in a historic landmark building in Lovell Saturday morning.

According to Chief Tom McKenzie of the Lovell Volunteer Fire Department, the fire broke out around 6:45 a.m. Saturday at 224 Main St.

McKenzie said that by the time the first crews arrived on scene, the building was 75 percent involved. About 60 volunteers worked quickly to battle the fire as reinforcements arrived from other communities.

Crews from Stoneham Fire and Rescue, Fryeburg Fire and Rescue, Saco Valley Fire Department, East Conway Fire Department and Center Conway Fire Department assisted in the blaze that was not declared under control until 11 a.m.

McKenzie said the nationally registered 1830s building had once been home to a general store, post office and telephone switchboard. The building, now a total loss, he described as the "town center" for the community.

Recently, the building was home to five tenants with one space under renovation. In the space under renovation, there was an LP gas heater being used, and McKenzie suspects that was the cause of the fire.

Two nearby buildings escaped damage, and McKenzie said his crews were able to keep the three large LP gas tanks in the rear of the building cooled until the fire was under control.

Electricity in town was cut for five hours, with phone and cable service out for 12 hours. McKenzie said the lines all passed in front of the building and were melted.

McKenzie expressed his gratitude to residents in town

who came out in the inclement weather to provide water, coffee and sandwiches to emergency personnel.



Lowell Fire Department's Newly Acquired Engine

Here are some photos of our new engine we purchased from North Granville Hose Company New York.

It is a 92 Beck/Ottawa pumper with a 6 person cab and 5 airpack seats. It has a 1500 gpm pump and a 1000 gallon tank. The engine came with a set of Hurst Jaws, 13 airpacks and 25 bottles, several sets of turn-out gear, a 35' extension ladder, a 14' roof ladder and various hoses.



Madison home destroyed by fire Friday morning

By Ryan McLaughlin, BDN Staff

Faulty wiring in an attic is being blamed for a fire that destroyed a home in Madison on Friday morning.

Madison Fire Chief Roger Lightbody said the blaze was reported at 3:15 a.m., and the upstairs of the two-story home was engulfed in flames when firefighters arrived on the scene at 104 Madison Ave.

An elderly couple who lives at the home were woken up by the smell of smoke and smoke alarms blaring, Lightbody said. The fact that the couple's bedroom is on the first floor may have saved their lives.

"They grabbed their dogs and got the hell out," Lightbody said.

Crews from Madison, Anson, Norridgewock, Skowhegan and Industry battled the fire while Solon covered Madison's station, according to Lightbody.

The couple's son, who lives in a trailer next door, noticed the flames and called 911, the chief said. He had entered the house after his parents and their pets had escaped.

"He tried to go upstairs but he couldn't get up there, there was so much fire," Lightbody said.

The house, which was not insured, was destroyed in the fire, Lightbody said. The homeowners are staying with their son in the meantime, he added.

Frigid temperatures, which hovered around zero overnight, gave firefighters a bit of trouble, Lightbody said.

"It was cold for the firefighters and our cascade system kept freezing up, and gauges on the trucks kept freezing," the chief said.

Lightbody said a couple of firefighters were treated for minor injuries at the scene due to slipping and falling on frozen water.

The chief added he plans on contacting the Red Cross to provide assistance to the homeowners.

Mattawamkeag firefighters get new gear with grant award

by Nick Sambides Jr. – BDN Staff

Town firefighters will get a new fire scene safety system, that they plan to share with other towns, and new turnout gear thanks to a \$101,175 federal grant U.S. Rep. Mike Michaud announced Wednesday.

"We are so blessed to receive this," Mattawamkeag Deputy Fire Chief Lynn Powers said of the grant.

She described the town's turnout gear — overcoats, pants, helmets and other garb individual firefighters wear — as "really old, mismatching, torn, and worn. It's been through a lot of firefighters and it is in poor shape," Powers said.

Powers and her husband, Fire Chief Bobby Powers,

had to take 10 sets of turnout gear offline last year because they were in such bad shape, she said.

The grant will pay for 20 sets of turnout gear, 11 new air packs — or breathing apparatus firefighters wear — and the safety system as part of the grant, Michaud said in a statement.

"These grants improve public safety by providing critical resources to our first responders," said Michaud. "In order to best serve our communities, our firefighters should have access to the best training, equipment and facilities we can offer."

According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the primary goal of the Assistance to Firefighters Grants is to meet the firefighting and emergency response needs of fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical service organizations.

Since 2001, AFG has helped firefighters and other first responders obtain needed equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training and other resources needed to protect the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards, Michaud said.

The fire scene safety system provides firefighters with tags they wear at fire scenes. The tags are collected by incident commanders from interior attack team members and

help prevent firefighters from getting lost in burning buildings or on other searches during emergencies, Bobby Powers said.

The system comes with a camera and tag-making kit that Powers is willing to lend to area departments. Any department interested in borrowing the kit can call him or his wife at 794-4183, he said.

The town's 20 firefighters are paid from minimum wage to \$12 per hour per call they take. The new equipment, Lynn Powers said, will help retain and recruit firefighters. They hope to buy it within two months.

The department also received a new ambulance in November.

MEXICO

A Telstar High School senior took a gold medal in a Skills U.S.A. Career and Technical Education competition earlier this month in Bangor.

This is the first time a Region 9 School of Applied Technology fire science student has been so honored. This is only the second year the fire science program, taught by Jon Longley, has been offered at the Mexico vocational school.

Cody Dux won over 12 others in the fire science competition. Winning third place was another Region 9 fire science student, Samantha Cote, who is a junior at Dirigo High School.

Dux said he competed in several skills associated with fire science, including ropes and knots, ladders, and

tool and gear carrying.

Cody will be traveling to Kansas June 24 – 28 to compete in the nationals for the Skills USA competition.

He said his dad, Jar Dux, a retired professional full-time firefighter from Missouri, is also a volunteer firefighter for the Bethel Fire Department.

"I love helping people," Cody Dux said. "It gives me a chance to give back."

Cody said his fellow fire science classmates pushed him to do well since the beginning of the Region 9 course.

He plans to enter the U.S. Marine Corp. after graduation, and then become a professional firefighter and paramedic.



Photo & Article by Eileen Adams, Sun Journal

MILLINOCKET – Ammunition rounds explode at Millinocket fire

By Nick Sambides Jr., BDN Staff – Posted Jan. 10, 2013, at 8:41 p.m.

Several thousand rounds of ammunition cooked off during a fire that destroyed a Medway Road home on Thursday, killing several pets and heavily damaging a nearby house, firefighters said.

Firefighters were startled at first by the explosions, which sounded like erratic semi-automatic weapons fire, at the fire at 11 Medway Road, Fire Chief Andrew Turcotte said.

The noise briefly reminded Turcotte of several incidents where firefighters were targets of violence, but it soon became clear that firefighters weren't being fired upon. Firefighters stayed calm, and no one was hurt by homeowner Jamie Mackin's stockpile, he said.

"In situations like that, the primary concern is fire-

fighters' safety from shrapnel," Turcotte said Thursday. "There was a little bit of tension. Nowadays, you can [run into] a violent response to first responders."

Turcotte said he believed Mackin was an avid hunter or target shooter and said the fire appeared to be caused by a malfunctioning wood stove. Turcotte delayed fully interviewing Mackin at the scene, he said, because Mackin was distraught over the loss of his home and pets.

The fire was a misery for both the Mackin family and firefighters, Turcotte said. Besides destroying Mackin's 1½-story house and killing one or two of his dogs, the fire burned away the siding and half the roofing to another house about 15 feet away that Turcotte believes was unoccupied, he said.

The fire was reported after Mackin left the home early Thursday afternoon with the stove burning. When he returned, he saw flames pouring from the structure. Firefighters got the call at 1:30 p.m. When they arrived several minutes later, the house was already fully engulfed and propane tanks alongside it had started to explode, Turcotte said.

Firefighters found that the nearest hydrant was so far away that they couldn't quite run a four-inch hose from it to the fire. They had to splice two 2½-inch lines at the beginning of the driveway to really get close to the building, Turcotte said.

By then the heat from the building was so intense that Turcotte said he had to back a firetruck away from the structure and keep his firefighters about 200 feet away. Live electrical wires were an obstruction, as was the ice on the steep driveway.

Icy conditions led to two firefighters falling, without serious injury, he said.

Firefighters returned from Medway Road at about 7 p.m., just as Turcotte was leaving to further investigate the fire's origin.

NEWPORT

By Ryan McLaughlin, BDN Staff

A window-mounted wood pellet stove is being blamed for a fire that broke out at a Water Street home on Thursday afternoon.

Newport fire Lt. Adam Noyes said the fire broke out shortly after noon, and the fact that Newport's station is right down the street from the 52 Water St. residence was a factor in crews getting the blaze under control quickly.

Noyes said Newport police Officer David Wintle was the first to arrive, and he pulled the heater out of the window and knocked the fire down with a fire extinguisher before firefighters arrived shortly after.

The homeowners were not home at the time of the fire, the lieutenant said, but firefighters managed to rescue four cats and two dogs from the house.

The quick response from Newport, Corinna and Etna firefighters kept the blaze from spreading, according to Noyes.

"All the fire was contained to that one room, which was the living room," he said. "It did not extend into the ceiling or walls."

The home suffered smoke and water damage but was not a total loss, Noyes said. The homeowners do have insurance, he added.

The Red Cross has been called in to aid the family, Noyes said. They were staying in a local motel Thursday night.

Newport Fire and Rescue responded to a fire at a house fire on Water Street on Thursday, Jan. 17. No people were reported in the residence during the fire.



NEWPORT – Fire destroys home in Newport; dog alerts owners to blaze

By Ryan McLaughlin, BDN Staff

A Newport couple was able to escape their burning house on Elm Street Friday morning thanks to an alert dog.

Newport Fire Chief Jeff Chretien said the four-legged family member smelled smoke and alerted the homeowners.

"Their dog leaped onto the bed and jumped onto the

guy," said Chretien, noting the couple did not hear blaring smoke alarms.

Newport firefighters were aiding comrades in Stetson with a fire in that town when the alarm went off at their station around 2:30 a.m., according to Chretien.

Fortunately, Pittsfield firefighters were covering Newport's station, and were able to get to the scene quickly, Chretien said.

"They were on scene within a minute of the fire," said Chretien.

By the time the alarm went off in Newport, the fire in Stetson was under control, so Chretien's men were able to respond to the blaze back in their town.

When they arrived, flames were shooting out of all four walls of the two-story, early 20th century-style home, according to Chretien.

The couple's two dogs and a cat also managed to escape, the fire chief said. Firefighters from Newport, Pittsfield, Corinna, Detroit and Dexter fought the blaze. Subzero temperatures made attacking the fire difficult.

"[Pittsfield] had to back out and regroup because of broken [water] lines," said Chretien.

Dexter's crews brought in a ladder truck which helped crews get the fire under control, according to Chretien. The chief believes a propane heater was the primary cause of the blaze.

"There was so much fire everywhere it's hard to tell," said Chretien. He added the state fire marshal's office will arrive in town later Friday to investigate.

Chretien said the house was totaled in the fire, but the owners do have insurance. Firefighters were able to go back into the house after the fire was under control and secure some of the male homeowner's valuables, including a safe and four firearms.

"He was very concerned about those," Chretien said.

The Red Cross has been contacted to provide assistance to the family, Chretien said.

North Berwick Fire Department – New Engine

The North Berwick Fire Department received delivery of their new Engine 1 on March 6th, 2013 and was entered into service on April 7th, 2013. The truck is a 2013 E-One 6 man Typhoon chassis, which is our first custom truck. Engine 1 has a 380 Cummins with an Allison 5 speed automatic. The pump is a Hale Q-Max 1500 gpm pump with a 1000 gal water tank. Also included in this truck is a Foam Pro foam system, an Onan 8 KW hydraulic generator with a 200 ft. cord reel, a Wilburt Nightscan light tower, an Apollo high-rise deckgun, and the ladders are through the tank for inside storage. This new truck now resides in our Central Station in North Berwick and is our first run piece.



Orland's new fire truck

ORLAND—4x4 diesel truck arrived, Monday, March 25, 2013, in time for a weekly training session and to answer a fire call at around 9 p.m. According to OFD Chief Robert Conary, "While conducting driver training, the crew observed a working chimney fire at a residence near the fire station. The new truck's LED scene lights provided such great illumination that it was the only lighting needed at the fire." Conary also said the truck "exceeded the department's expectations. The workmanship was top notch."

The department had hoped to have a truck built in Maine. K&T Fire Equipment in Island Falls provided a design that met the department's requirements both operationally and financially with a cost under \$130,000. OFD needed a four-wheel drive truck to replace an aging rescue truck. The department found it could also use a smaller truck with firefighting and water supply capability, especially to reach areas not accessible to OFD's full sized pumper. "The basic design of the truck includes a fire pump, a 300-gallon water tank with Class A foam system, booster reel with hose, two pre-connected fire hoses and other discharge for supplying water as well as storage for carrying rescue equipment," Conary told department members at Monday night's training.

Orland voters approved funds toward purchase of the truck at Town Meeting 2012.

The truck is as follows: Ford F550 4x4 Diesel, 11 foot

rescue body, 300 gallon water tank, 10 gallon foam tank, Waterous Class A foam system, Electric rewind booster reel with 100ft of hose. Two pre-connected attack lines (1 structural, 1 forestry), one 2 1/2 discharge, 2 LED telescoping LED scene lights a 12,000 lb winch.

Currently is carries: Two SCBA, Spare SCBA bottles, Traffic control signs and cones, Cold Water rescue equipment, Generator, Spare power unit for extrication tools, Stokes litter, Rescue rope, Hand tools and other various rescue items.

Cost was approximately \$129,500



Photos taken by S. Bray at OFD truck training session Monday, March 25, at the Orland fire station.

Owls Head garage destroyed in Sunday afternoon fire

By Lynda Clancy

Oil barrels stored in garage on Route 73 in Owls Head (Weskeg Road) exploded in a fire late Sunday afternoon, sending smoke and flames high into the air, visible for miles around. Fire Chief Frank Ross said Sunday night that he is asking the Maine State Fire Marshal's office to help investigate the fire's cause.

"I've got a pretty good idea, but I'm not certain," he said.

Frankie's Garage went up in flames just after 3:30 p.m. Feb. 10. Melinda Polky, who lives across the street, was moving her car in order to plow snow from her driveway. As she was parking it at Frankie's parking lot, she noticed flames, approximately six inches in height, coming from the building.

"I got out, shut the door, and noticed there were flames coming from the oil furnace," she said. "I yelled over to my boyfriend [Thomas Cain II] to call 911."

Chief Ross said at approximately 8:30 p.m. Sunday night, just as he and his firefighters were returning to the fire station, that the fire had quickly evolved in the old wood-frame building. The call came in 3:39 p.m., and approximately 45 firefighters and eight trucks from four towns — Owls Head, Rockland, St. George and South Thomaston — scrambled to the scene. As oil barrels exploded, several nearby trees also caught fire. A house in back of the garage remained undamaged, as fire raged through the nearby building. Owls Head stationed a truck by that house, just in case.

Firefighters were also successful in pulling oxy-acetylene torches used for cutting and welding from the garage before they exploded.

"Cutting gases are one of our biggest concerns," said Ross.

Firefighters were pumping water into tankers at the hydrant a mile down the road at Midcoast School of Technology. They also drew water from a site on Buttermilk Lane, in Thomaston.

The garage is owned by Cecil Fogg of Owls Head. Frankie's Garage provides car and large truck repair. Fogg, who has owned the garage for approximately 15 years, had just restored a vintage 1966 Mustang that belonged to his daughter, said Polky.

The three-bay garage was also where Fogg stored his motorcycles, and was restoring a Chevy Impala, said Polky. Frankie's Garage had originally been built by Polky's grandfather, Frank Salo. When the family sold the garage, they kept the house across the street, where Polky's grandmother once lived.

As dusk settled, firefighters continued to extinguish the flames. By 6 p.m., there were seven fire trucks still at that scene, and an excavator was there knock-

ing down what was left of the building. By 8 p.m., some Owls Head firefighters remained at the garage, extinguishing smaller burst of flames in another oil barrel. The barrels were used to store waste oil, which the garage then burned in the oil furnace to heat the building, Ross said.

The garage was insured, according to Polky.



A fire on Route 73 in Owls Head destroyed Frankie's Garage in the late afternoon, Feb. 10. Flames and smoke were seen for miles around. (Photo: Rockland Fire Department)

PARIS – Overnight fire destroys Paris home

Wednesday, January 23, 2013

An early-morning fire destroyed a home Thursday and sent three residents to the hospital for smoke inhalation.

According to Paris fire Chief Brad Frost, the fire at 87 Durgin Road began around 2:30 a.m. The house was the rented home of Christopher and Mary Buckley and their two daughters, ages 15 and 17. The boyfriend of one of the girls was also in the home at the time of the fire.

All five escaped, but the two girls and the boy were taken to Stephens Memorial Hospital in Norway for smoke inhalation and treated and released.

"One had asthma, so it kicked off her asthma pretty bad," Frost said.

The cause of the blaze is unknown. Frost said a state fire marshal was expected at the scene Thursday to investigate.

For the Buckley family, it was the second time in less than two years that a fire put them out of a home. In April of 2011, their more than 100-year-old house on Pikes Hill Road burned. Later that year, the Norway Board of Selectmen declared their property a "danger and a nuisance" and spent about \$20,000 cleaning up debris. They had since moved to the rented home on Durgin Road in Paris.

Rockland police, state Fire Marshal's Office investigating shed fire

By Holly S. Edwards

Rockland police and the State Fire Marshal's Office are investigating the cause of a fire that consumed a 10-foot-square gardening shed Tuesday evening.

The fire was reported at 7:56 p.m. Nov. 27 on Prescott Street. Rockland Fire Asst. Chief Adam Miceli said the shed belonged to Ken and Kathy Anderson at 6 Berkley St., but that the driveway and access to it were on Prescott Street.

All Rockland units, including the squad truck, two ambulances, the ladder truck and three engines responded as multiple callers to 911 reported an "outbuilding," a "shed" and a "barn" possibly on fire.

"Until we knew what we had, we erred on the side of caution," said Miceli.

The first units arrived at 8:01 p.m., and what they had was a fully involved 10-foot by 10-foot shed filled with gardening tools, including a lawn mower and chain saw, among other items. Miceli said the shed was located 10 feet from Anderson's residence, and 20 to 25 feet from the next door neighbor's two-family dwelling.

Miceli said they had the fire under control at 8:04 p.m., three minutes after their arrival.

"The garage siding was melted, but there was no damage to the nearby neighbor's residence," said Miceli.

"Most of the units cleared at 9:45 p.m., as we did a lot of on-scene overhaul while waiting for the Fire Marshal's Office investigator to arrive."

Miceli said the initial finding of the cause of the fire was "human element in nature."

"There was no ignition source in the building," said Miceli. "Someone brought something to the building and started the fire, either accidentally or intentionally, but that is what needs to be determined, whether it was accidental or intentional."

The shed and its contents were destroyed, and damaged is estimated between \$6,000 and \$7,000.

Rockport Fire Department was called to Rockland to cover their station in case of another call, said Miceli.

and firefighter Mike Cole work to extinguish a shed fire at 6 Berkley St. in Rockland Tuesday night. (Photo courtesy Rockland Fire Department/by Alan Athearn)

ROCKLAND – Burning debris trapped at top of chimney source of smoke, fire in Rockland

By Holly S. Edwards

Even the smallest fires, and those that extinguish themselves, provide an opportunity for full-time firefighters to stretch their legs, run equipment and practice skills. A reported chimney fire at 7 Talbot Ave. in Rockland, between Union and Main streets, presented just such an opportunity Monday afternoon.

The chimney fire call came in at 12:27 p.m. and eight people from Rockland Fire Department responded. They arrived on Talbot Avenue with two engines, the ladder truck and an ambulance, along with the chief and his squad truck.

Chief Charlie Jordan said the cause of the fire was combustibles in the fire place, which went up through the lined chimney and got caught on the screen at the top.

"It burned brilliantly at the top for a few seconds, prompting the call," said Jordan. "It was essentially out when we got there, but we went up and checked that the debris was out and the chimney was clear."

Jordan said that while the call ended up being not a very big deal, it could have been.

"It was a legitimate call, just not a really big chimney fire. The lined chimney was real clear, but had it not been, the burning debris could have caused a real problem," said Jordan. Burning debris ascending a dirty can ignite creosote and other trapped

Jordan also said going to the call was better than sitting around the station.

"We got to go out, extend the ladder, go through the drill and make sure everything was all right," said Jordan.

From start to finish, the call took a little more than a half-hour, with all units clearing the scene and returning to the station at 1:03 p.m., according to Lt. Jamie Leo.



Rockland Fire Lt. Rick Johnson, Asst. Chief Adam Miceli



Rockland firefighters and emergency responders check a chimney at 7 Talbot Ave. Monday afternoon. (Courtesy Rockland Fire Department/by Alan Athearn)

ROCKPORT – Breakfast, parade and party send off retiring Rockport Fire Chief Bruce Woodward

By Holly S. Edwards

The community turned out to the Samoset Resort in Rockport on the afternoon of March 30 to honor the man who 41 years earlier had stood on that very property with fire chiefs and firefighters from many other towns and watched it burned to the ground.

The Samoset blaze was the biggest of Bruce Woodward's career, and it went down and into the history books just a year after he was named Rockport's fire chief at the age of 24.

Woodward retired as the town's only full-time fire department employee March 29. He was hired for the job in March 1971 by then-Town Manager Carl Betterly.

Betterly was one of more than a dozen people who went up to the podium Saturday afternoon and spoke fondly of Woodward, with some taking the moment to roast him in good fashion. Everybody got a big hug from Woodward after they spoke, and many choked back tears as they addressed him and the mass of admirers gathered around him.

Stepping up to the front of the standing-room only group, Lincolnville firefighter Mike Eugley gave everyone a good laugh when he said, "Bruce is a great guy and I can't say much that hasn't already been said, but I knew if I came up here I would get a hug..."

Eugley opened his arms wide, and Woodward hopped up and obliged with a big smile and extra-tight hug.

Betterly said he remembered back to when the town was considering hiring Woodward for the position. At the time, Woodward was working for the highway department and the current fire chief, Freeman Hawes, no longer wanted the job.

"I told the selectmen then that Bruce was a very good person from a great family, but they said he was too young to be fire chief. I said yeah, but I was 21 when you hired me as town manager last year," said Betterly.

Betterly talked about Woodward's ability to always be resourceful in his department, and about some trips they took to look at new trucks.

"Time is our most valuable possession. I want to thank Bruce for sharing his time with all of us these years," said Betterly.

Rockland Fire Chief Charlie Jordan praised Bruce Woodward, but he also thanked Bruce's wife, Jennifer for her love and support, which has allowed Bruce to do the work of a firefighter.

He said that Rockland and Rockport are often called to situations to provide mutual aid, and it's a relationship that has worked very well for a long time.

"Seeing Rockport come on scene is always especially comforting," said Jordan. "I wish you well Bruce."

Former Camden Fire Chief Robert Oxtan, who worked many years with Woodward when Oxtan was chief, said many people talk about training when they talk about Bruce Woodward.

"Let's get this right. Bruce didn't train anybody, he educated us all," said Oxtan.

Oxtan also told the story behind the squirt bottles bearing Bruce's picture that were on all the tables at the Samoset. Oxtan said there was a fire on Pearl Street in Camden 20-23 years ago, when a homeowner called to report a smell of smoke in the house.

"I too smelled smoke, but couldn't find it, so we called Bruce to bring new 'gun' over that can find heat. He brought it over and said, 'Yep, it's awful hot at the chimney but it's awful hot over the stove in the kitchen too,'" said Oxtan. "In my wisdom, I said let's take the ceiling down. The lady of the house said she didn't want us to tear hear new ceiling down and couldn't we do it another way. Then we brought in some lines and she said she didn't want all the water in her kitchen."

Oxtan said Woodward then went out to his truck and brought in a small squirt bottle with water in it. He said they cut a small hole in the ceiling and sure enough, they found the fire.

"Bruce might have had to refill that squirt bottle a few times, but we got the fire out and we had a happy fire," said Oxtan. "Nobody has done more for the fire-fighting community than Bruce C. Woodward. He was always educating us."

Hope Fire Chief Clarence Keller said the first thing Woodward taught him as chief a little more than 24 years ago came after a class.

"Bruce passed the roster around for everybody to sign and we all signed in. He told me I was going to have

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to learn how to spell 'chief' and I have to say, I never misspelled the word again," said Keller.

Rockport firefighter David Leighton is a second generation firefighter in the department that has seen three generations of Rollinses and plenty of fathers and sons, and brothers and cousins on the roster.

Leighton said the only time he ever heard the chief, renowned for his patience and mild manners, drop the "f-bomb" was when town selectmen got under his skin.

"We were all born into the fire service, but Bruce was born to do this job," said Leighton.

Islesboro Fire Chief Murton Durkee called Woodward a "father" to all the area fire chiefs. Camden Fire Chief Chris Farley said he had been one of the many people over the years that spent time in "Bruce's learning chair."

Rockport firefighter Gary Leighton said that while almost everyone has told what a good guy Woodward was, he was going to tell something different.

"Every once in a while, good guys get stymied. Bruce was trying to find the source of a smell in a ladies house and asked me to come over and take a sniff to see if I could figure it out," said Leighton. "I went out and sniffed and said, 'Smells like burnt toast.'"

Leighton said Woodward walked over to the toaster, looked in and said, "Yep, burnt toast."

Stepping up to the podium himself, Woodward thanked everybody and said what really got him choked up Saturday was driving up to the Samoset and seeing the Camden and Rockland ladder trucks with the American flag draped down between them. Each car had to drive under the flag, including the orange convertible-top Ford Mustang in which Bruce was being driven to the shindig.

"What really tipped me over was when I came through and saw the flag," said Woodward. "God bless American and every one of you people for being part of my life."

Woodward thanked Betterly, and agreed, with a smile, he was too young to be named a fire chief at the age of 24.

"I want to tell you, you can have all the shiny trucks and equipment, but if you don't have the dedicated people willing to learn, you have nothing," said Woodward.



Bruce Woodward talks following breakfast Saturday

morning at the fire station for past and present Rockport firefighters. Following breakfast, the plaque on the wall behind him was unveiled, honoring Bruce and "Car 20," his radio identification and red pickup truck's license plate. (Photo by Holly S. Edwards)

Searsport couple escapes burning home, but building a loss

By Abigail Curtis, BDN Staff

A couple managed to escape a burning home on Savery Road late Friday morning, but firefighters were unable to salvage the building.

"It's a total loss," A.J. Koch Jr. of the Searsport Fire Department said at the scene.

Fire crews from Stockton Springs, Prospect and West Frankfort joined the Searsport firefighters who worked to quell the blaze in the double-wide trailer down a long driveway off the town road.

He was not sure of the names of the man and woman who were home at the time the fire started. It was reported at 11:50 a.m., Koch said, adding that he did not believe that animals were trapped by the fire, either.

Between 15 and 20 men with three fire engines and other fire fighting equipment responded to the emergency.



Fire fighters worked Friday afternoon to extinguish a blaze that demolished a home on Savery Road in Searsport. The man and woman who were at the residence escaped without injury, officials said.

Sedgwick

On 4/27/2013, The Sedgwick Volunteer Fire Department responded to the report of a structure fire at 44 Ridge View Drive in Sedgwick. Time of tone 21:39. Engines 2 and 4 on scene at 21:44 reporting fire showing from the rear of the mobile home. Command reported an All Clear. An offensive attack was initiated. The first crew in reported heavy smoke and high heat. They were forced to back out by the heat. After a quick

attack from the exterior, the attack crew reentered the structure and achieved knockdown. Fire damage was confined to two rooms. The rest of the structure received smoke and heat damage. The mobile home was considered a total loss. The fire was caused by nail polish remover accidentally spilled and ignited by a cigarette. Mutual aid was provided by the Brooklin, Blue Hill and Deer Isle Fire Departments.

Sedgwick

On Sunday February 17, 2013, the Sedgwick Fire Department responded to a report of a garage fire with vehicles inside at 653 Sedgwick Ridge Road in Sedgwick. Brooklin FD, Blue Hill FD, Peninsula Ambulance and Bangor Hydro Electric were dispatched along with Sedgwick at 17:38. The first unit on scene at 17:41, reported heavy fire showing with 50% involvement to the 28 by 48 two bay garage which contained a pick-up truck, a one ton dump truck, 3 garden tractors, landscaping equipment and various hand and power tools. The first engine, on scene at 17:46, initiated attack from Side A. Water was supplied by a tanker shuttle from Walker's Pond. Due to heavy involvement, high fuel load and very high winds, firefighters were unable to save the structure or contents. Winds, from the North, were sustained at approximately 40 MPH during a blizzard. The garage was located at the South end of a 10 acre blueberry field. Damage was also done to an ATV located near the building. Several trees were also damaged by the fire. Firefighters cleared the scene at 20:11. The Maine State Fire Marshall's Office sent an investigator on Tuesday February 19, 2013 to determine a cause of the fire.

Sedgwick

On 6/1/2013, the Sedgwick Volunteer Fire Department along with the Blue Hill and Deer Isle Fire Departments responded to a report of a structure fire at Sedgwick Storage, 3 Storage Lane in Sedgwick. Toned at 14:59. Assistant Chief Royce Varnum arrived on scene at 15:04, established command and reported heavy fire through the roof of the 100'X150' wood framed, truss roof, steel clad main storage building with an exposure (87'X48') wood framed, cedar shingled 2 story building) 20' from Side B. The storage building housed 12 vehicles and a boat in one half of the building and many individual storage units in the other half. More mutual aid was requested from area departments. A defensive operation was initiated. An All Clear was transmitted. All efforts were dedicated to protecting the exposure which had caught fire shortly after Sedgwick Engines 3 and 4 arrived at 15:12. The temperature was 90 degrees at the time of the fire.

Portable tanks were set at Engines 3 and 4 and a tanker shuttle was initiated. Water supply was established by Brooksville Truck 5 on the Old County Road. Eleven tankers shuttled water three miles from water supply to the scene.

The fire was brought under control in approximately

3 hours. An excavator was brought in to remove the large amount of steel that collapsed on the fire and make overhaul possible. Overhaul was completed at 21:30. The storage building was completely destroyed. The exposure, which housed 2 apartments as well as an upholstery business, sustained some damage to the exterior but was saved.

Fire departments assisting the Sedgwick Fire Department at the scene through the mutual aid agreement were Blue Hill, Brooklin, Brooksville, Deer Isle, Penobscot, Stonington, Surry, Orland, Bucksport and Ellsworth. The Castine Fire Department sent an engine and crew to Penobscot and the Lamoine Fire Department sent an engine and crew to Blue Hill to help cover the peninsula. Peninsula Ambulance provided rehab at the scene. Other agencies assisting were the Maine Forest Service, Bangor Hydro, Hancock County Sheriff's Office, Maine State Fire Marshall's Office and the Maine Department of Environmental Protection. Many area residents as well as the Blue Hill Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary provided water and food for the 60 to 70 firefighters at the scene.

The cause of the fire is undetermined.

South Thomaston – Live fire training underway in South Thomaston

Split Rock Road in South Thomaston will be abuzz with activity this morning, as the fire department will be burning a donated house — again and again.

Members of the South Thomaston Fire Department will be joined by firefighters and equipment from area towns, including Thomaston, Warren and Owls Head, for Saturday's live fire training.

The training fires are set to begin around 8 a.m. and continue through the day, as firefighters take turns practicing a variety of skills, including manning lines, attacking the fire source, locating dummy victims and overhauling to ensure the fire is indeed extinguished. When the house can no longer safely be used for further training, it will be burned to the ground for disposal.

South Thomaston Fire Chief Bryan Calderwood said those traveling on and around Watermans Beach and Split Rock roads today are urged to use caution, as trucks, equipment and people will be moving in and out from the area all day.



A donated house will be burned for fire department training on Split Rock Road in South Thomaston Saturday. (Photos by Holly S. Edwards)

ST. FRANCIS – Fire destroys St. Francis home, killing 2 dogs

By Julia Bayly, BDN Staff



Cold temperatures and wind hampered the fighting of this fire that destroyed the Main Street home of Paul Langenbauch and Cindy Young on Friday morning, Jan. 18, 2013. Two dogs perished in the blaze.



A St. Francis couple escaped their burning home with the clothes on their backs when a fire swept through

their Main Street residence Friday morning.

According to neighbors, Cindy Young and Paul Langenbauch were home when the fire broke out around 9 a.m.

"I was in the back of my barn when I heard someone screaming," Jason Martin, who lives across the road, said Friday evening. "I went to look and saw Cindy coming out of the house."

Martin said Young told him Langenbauch had just built a fire in the home's wood stove and, soon after, she smelled smoke coming from a closet area.

"She said she tried to call 911, but could not get through so she ran outside and got in touch with a neighbor who was able to call for help," Martin said.

Meanwhile, Martin said, Langenbauch was attempting to save two of the family's four dogs.

"Two were already outside, but Paul broke a window to try and call the other two," Martin said.

The two dogs perished in the blaze.

Keys for the family's two vehicles were inside the burning home, so Martin said he used his farm tractor to pull the two cars out of the way of the firetrucks.

Two trucks assisted from St. Francis with mutual aid from Allagash's one truck.

"By the time I got there, there was not much left of the house," Louis Pelletier III assistant Allagash Fire Chief, said Friday evening. "Only three walls were standing and there was not much that could be done."

About a half dozen firefighters from the two departments assisted and were aided by several neighbors at the scene, Pelletier said.

Hampering efforts were temperatures hovering around 10 degrees below zero and wind.

"The equipment kept freezing up," Pelletier said, adding the nozzle on his truck had frozen and had to be replaced with a spare he had on board before he could begin pumping water.

Pelletier was uncertain if the state fire marshal had been called in to investigate.

Langenbauch and Young are currently staying with neighbors, Martin said.

STETSON – Family safe as fire guts Stetson home

By Alex Barber, BDN Staff

A 9-year-old boy heard crackling in the walls of a Mullen Road home early Friday morning and warned his family, enabling them to get out safely before fire caused the roof to collapse.

Fire crews from nine towns battled the blaze at the house on Route 222. Stetson Fire Chief Kim Tracy said the call came in at 1:20 a.m.

"We got woken up at 1 o'clock in the morning to snap-

ping and cracking," said homeowner Jimmi Brown. Jean Hatch, Brown's girlfriend, said her son, Zachary, first heard the crackling in the walls and alerted Hatch and Brown.

"I got up and came out to the living room," said Hatch. "The crackling got louder. My son ... said, 'Mom, I'm scared. What's going on?' There was no smoke, no heat, just crackling.

"I went into my son's room and I saw an orange glow on the ground outside the window," Hatch continued. "Jim woke up and asked why the light was on. I said, 'The house is on fire.'"

The three made it outside before fire crews arrived. Fire crews were there for more than seven hours to battle the stubborn fire, said Tracy.

"We started to do an interior attack, but the ceiling started to give away," said Tracy. "We had to go into defense mode. It was a stubborn fire. They had that blown insulation, and that holds the fire. The center of the roof collapsed into the structure and we had to pull our firefighters out."

The below-zero temperatures were a challenge as well, he said.

"We had a lot of issues with frozen lines and frozen trucks," said Tracy. "With all the water and stuff, we had multiple people fall, but no injuries from the falls. Lots of hand lines and hoses busted. Equipment was freezing up on everybody. It was terrible."

Several fire hoses were frozen and thawing in Brown's garage, which wasn't attached to the house.

Tracy said it's the first structure fire in Stetson in nearly a year. It's also one of the worst he has seen.

"Due to the cold conditions, it was one of the worst fires I've seen in this town in 15 years," said Tracy. "It was brutal conditions for trucks and personnel."

"Every time a truck stopped pumping, it was no time before it was froze up solid," said Tracy.

Senior Fire Investigator Tim Lowell said the cause was electrical.

"The building has substantial damage, primarily to the first floor and above," said Lowell. "The fire originated in the attic space in the central portion of the dwelling around the chimney. It appears of electrical origin."

Brown and Hatch were upbeat despite their dream home being destroyed.

"I loved this house," said Brown, adding that he invested \$44,000 worth of remodeling into the house when he moved in December 2008.

"If you give me enough money, I'll be in the Bahamas this afternoon," Brown said in jest to an insurance agent. "I'm tired of this cold."

A firefighter from Etna was taken to Eastern Maine Medical Center as a precaution due to shortness of

breath, according to Etna Deputy Fire Chief Aaron Brown.

Fire crews from Newport, Etna, Carmel, Levant, Corinna, Glenburn, Garland and Hermon assisted at the scene.



A fire destroyed a Mullen Road residence in Stetson during the early morning hours of Friday, Jan. 25, 2013. Everyone in the home made it out safely.



The house at 1083 Mullen Road in Stetson burns in the early morning hours of Friday, Jan. 25, 2013. Everyone in the house made it out safely.

SULLIVAN – House fire in Sullivan shuts down Route 1

By Bill Trotter, BDN Staff

A fire that significantly damaged a small home on Route 1 Thursday appears to have started when a man living in the home tried to thaw out some water pipes that had frozen overnight.

The fire was reported around 10:30 a.m. at a house within a few dozen yards of Sumner Memorial High School. Firefighters from multiple towns were paged out to help fight the blaze, sending trucks that blocked the highway in front of the school. As a result, Route 1 was shut down to traffic for approximately four hours while firefighters fought the blaze.

Sadie Rodgers, who lives on the opposite side of Route 1 from the high school, said her neighbor, Wyatt Boynton, lives in the home that caught fire. He was trying

to thaw out the pipes with a heater, she said, but the heater caught part of the house on fire.

Boynton, his girlfriend and their 1-month-old son then fled across the street with their two cats to Rodgers' house and called the local fire department from there, she said.

"They are a working family," Rodgers said. "They work hard, and it's really sad."

Mike Pinkham, safety officer for the Sullivan Fire Department, said Thursday afternoon that department officials have not determined that the heater, which was outside the home pointed at an exterior wall, was the cause of the fire. Boynton also had heat tape on the pipes, he said, which could have malfunctioned somehow.

Pinkham said the state fire marshal's office is expected to send an investigator to the scene Friday to see if the cause can be determined.

Pinkham said the Pine Tree Chapter of the American Red Cross has contacted Boynton to offer assistance. He said he did not know what kind of arrangements were being made but that Boynton has lots of friends and family in the area.

Firefighters were able to save some of the baby's clothing and diapers, but nothing else, Pinkham said. The interior of the home, which Boynton was renting from his employer, was gutted, he said. He added he did not know if the home is insured.

"For the most part, it's a complete loss," the firefighter said.

Only some of the multiple pumper trucks at the scene had problems with freezing water, according to firefighters. A fire hydrant nearby in front of the high school enabled firefighters to keep a steady flow of water on the burning home, they said.

Other towns that sent firefighters and trucks to the scene included Franklin, Gouldsboro, Hancock, Sorrento and Winter Harbor.

According to Rodgers, a benefit supper to raise funds for Boynton and his family is expected to be arranged sometime in the near future.

Pinkham said anyone who might want to make donations to help the victims can call the local fire department at 422-3220 or the Sullivan town office at 422-6282.



Firefighters stand outside a burning home Thursday, Jan. 24, 2013, on Route 1 in Sullivan. No one was injured in the blaze, which may have been caused when the resident tried to thaw out some frozen pipes, but the highway was closed to traffic for about four hours while firefighters tired to put out the flames.

THOMASTON – Smoldering cigarette butt blamed for Thomaston fire

By Lynda Clancy

The fire that destroyed the roof and walls on a Beechwood Street home was caused by a cigarette butt placed in a plastic serving bowl, which then ignited other butts and proceeded to burn through the deck, up the vinyl siding, into the attic and through the roof.

"The fire is considered accidental," said Thomaston Asst. Fire Chief Jamie Leo. "The bowl hadn't been cleaned out in a while, and with so many catching fire, it melted the plastic and ignited."

The bowl was apparently placed next to the outside wall on the house deck. The fire burned a hole in the deck, into the wall, and through the bathroom and into the attic.

Leo confirmed the cause of the fire just before noon today, May 6, after consulting with an investigator with the Office of the Maine State Fire Marshal.

"People need to be cognizant and use an approved cigarette butt container, or use a metal container with water and sand," he said. "Do not put it next to the side of a house or around combustible material. Actively extinguish a cigarette."

He warned that grass fires have been ignited by careless tossing of cigarettes out the window.



Thomaston firefighters responded to a house fire the evening of May 4, where fast moving flames burned the roof off the structure. Here, the master bedroom walls still stand but the ceiling, attic and roof are entirely gone. (Photo courtesy of the Thomaston Fire Department)

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TRENTON – Fire severely damages waterfront home in Trenton

By Bill Trotter, BDN Staff

A structure fire Tuesday morning off Route 3 attracted firefighters from seven towns and caused significant damage to a waterfront home overlooking the tidal Jordan River.

The cause of the fire at the home off Bramble Lane was unknown Tuesday.

Trenton Fire Chief Richard Gray said Tuesday morning at the scene that no one was found inside the two-story house. Firefighters were concerned when they first arrived at the fire because a Mazda Tribute SUV was parked outside the house, he said.

Andrew Lugdon of Corinth said he and a coworker were driving by on Route 3 toward Bar Harbor around 8:30 a.m. when they suddenly saw a large plume of black smoke billow up above the trees. He said he had previously done plumbing work at another house on Bramble Lane and knew the neighborhood.

"We knew something wasn't right," he said.

Lugdon and his co-worker turned down the road and drove up to the burning home, which already had windows broken and smoke coming out from the blaze, he said. They saw the SUV in the driveway and so got out and shouted to anyone who might be there, but got no response. He said the fire was burning too intensely for him to open the door and shout inside.

"There was nobody around," Lugdon said. "You could tell it [had been] burning on the inside for quite a while."

According to Gray, the southern end of the shingled house might be salvageable, despite heavy smoke and water damage. The northern end of the home was completely gutted by the blaze. He said the state fire marshal's office had been contacted and was expected to send an investigator to examine the charred structure and debris Tuesday afternoon.

An estimated 30 firefighters from Trenton, Bar Harbor, Ellsworth, Hancock, Lamoine, Mount Desert and Surry responded to help put out the fire which was largely extinguished by 11 a.m.

The tenants who live in the house were out of state Tuesday but had been contacted about the blaze and were on their way back home, according to Trenton officials.

Gray said Tuesday afternoon that he had spoken with the property owner, who lives in the area, about the fire. The chief said he could not remember the owner's name and did not know whether the property owner was insured.



Firefighters douse a burning house with water in Trenton on Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2013.



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Dennys River Fire and Ambulance Service took delivery on new set of Holmatro Rescue tools. We received Initial training on 1 December 2012 and will continue to train to ensuring that we have all of the tools and knowledge to provide a safe environment for firefighters, EMTs, and the patients. We learned all of the new techniques used to extricate patients safely from different types of crashes. This set of tools will allow us to respond to motor vehicle crashes in our coverage area as well as for mutual aid when requested by other departments. The use of these tools will reduce the response times and get the patient to the hospital much sooner than before.



WASHINGTON – Fire destroys Washington home, cause unknown

By Stephen Betts, BDN Staff

The cause of a fire that destroyed a home that was under renovation is not known because of the extent of the destruction.

The one-and-a-half story Cape on the Jefferson Road, also known as Route 126, was destroyed Thursday morning.

The house was not occupied but a couple from Windsor had planned on moving in within a week or two, said Washington Fire Chief Tom Johnston. The property is owned by Kevin Hix of Windsor, according to registrar of deeds records.

The fire was reported by someone driving past the house shortly after 4 a.m. When the first firefighter arrived, he reported the house had already collapsed into the cellar.

The destruction is so great that no cause has been able to be determined, Johnston said. The state fire marshal's office also assisted in the investigation.

He estimated the fire likely started around midnight to have caused that much damage by 4 a.m. Only the chimney remained standing.

The house was insured. The Hix family also lost personal belongings that were in the house.

There were no injuries, the chief said.

WEST PARIS – Penley Mill Fire

Tuesday, January 29, 2013 at 2:10 am

The former Penley Mill was destroyed by fire early Tuesday morning as 50 firefighters from a dozen towns worked in freezing cold to fight the stubborn blaze and protect a nearby storehouse full of fireworks.

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Flames rose from the roof of the vacant mill building near the intersection of Penley Avenue (Route 219) and Greenwood Street. The building was fully engulfed at 1:45 a.m., a witness said.

According to West Paris fire Chief Norman St. Pierre, most of the town's reservoir of water was drained trying to douse the fire. Firefighters had to load water into tankers from the nearby river.

Lack of water posed the greatest danger to firefighters, St. Pierre said. Other problems included water freezing in hoses and trucks running out of fuel.

By 8:30 a.m., the flames had been extinguished and white smoke could be seen coming from one side of the remains of the mill. Because firefighters suspected chemicals were in the former mill building, a hazardous-materials team was called in.

Investigators from the state Fire Marshal's Office arrived at the mill at about 10 a.m. Tuesday. On Wednesday, a spokesman said the damage was so extensive that a cause can't be determined. Early responders said they believe the fire started in the middle of the building, according to spokesman Steve McCausland.

No one was injured, but what is left of the mill will probably have to be torn down, St. Pierre said. According to municipal assessing records, the two-and-a-half-story building was valued at \$168,400.

St. Pierre said he believed owners Bill Birney of Paris and Karen Birney of West Paris carried some insurance on the property.

The nearby fireworks-storage building was damaged, but the melted siding and a buckled wall on the side of the warehouse facing the mill can be repaired, the chief said.

The fireworks store, which is the old workshop area of the mill, is about 100 feet from the burned building.

According to St. Pierre, the presence of fireworks "played no role at all in this fire. There was no problem as soon as we got water on the back of the store," he said.

There was no damage to the merchandise in the store from either heat or water, St. Pierre said.

As firefighters were called to the scene early Tuesday morning, the dispatcher warned them to beware of possible explosives in the storage building.

AAH Fireworks opened a store at the location in June 2012. Fireworks store owner Andre Vandenbulcke, who is leasing the property from the Birneys, planned to renovate the site in August and add 17,000 square feet to an existing 800-square-foot warehouse. He planned to stock it with fireworks by the end of September.

As of June, Vandenbulcke said, 18,000 cases of fireworks had been imported from China to the West Paris location.

He planned to sell fireworks to out-of-state vendors in addition to selling them in West Paris.

Fire departments responding to the scene included West Paris, Oxford, Paris, Norway, Poland and Mechanic Falls, among others.

According to St. Pierre, firefighters expected to stay at the scene through the day Tuesday to put out hot spots.



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Wildland

Wildland Firefighting: Everyone Goes Home, a video produced by the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, is a story that honors friends and can save the

lives of others. Wildland firefighters including members of the U.S. Forest Service, crew chiefs and managers share their story and the pain that many have carried for nearly 19 years.

Fourteen elite wildland firefighters, including hotshots, smokejumpers and two helitak firefighters didn't come back from the July, 1994 South Canyon Fire on Storm King Mountain. The stories of those who did return provide a compelling story. It also shows how organizations are forced to reevaluate their culture in the light of overwhelming evidence that change must occur.

Filmed in Boise, Idaho by Rob Maloney of CoolWater Multi Media, *Wildland Firefighting: Everyone Goes Home* shows the impact of this devastating blow to the wildland firefighting community. Veteran wildland firefighters explain the changes that came in the aftermath of the fire and newer forest service firefighters tell how this loss of life is shaping their careers.

"We must continue to learn from the incidents that take the fire services greatest resource, our firefighters," said Ron Siarnicki, NFFF executive director. "The lessons in this film help ensure those 14 firefighters are not forgotten and that their sacrifice was not in vain."

The video can be viewed at <http://firehero.00b.org/ajtk/servlet/JJ?H=13b3z0&R=10026224>. The video is not for sale but may be downloaded at no cost by going to <http://firehero.00b.org/ajtk/servlet/JJ?H=13b3z1&R=10026224>.

Wildland Firefighting: Everyone Goes Home was made possible by a FEMA Fire Prevention & Safety Grant and partnerships with the Wildland Firefighter Foundation and the US Forest Service.

Winterport Fire

A two story garage was heavily damaged by fire on the Hackett Road in Winterport on April 26, 2013. The call came in around 8:45 p.m. The fire was quickly knocked down shortly after crews arrived. The upstairs area of the garage was heavily damaged, while most of the property on the ground level of the garage was believed to be salvageable. Fire Chief Tom Doe believes that the cause of the fire is electrical in origin. The estimated damage is approximately \$10,000.00. Crews from Hampden, and Frankfort responded.

A fire destroyed another garage within the same area in Winterport. This time the call came in on Souder Station Lane which is on the Hackett Road. This fire came in a little after 5 a.m. on May 1st. This garage held a small independent Carpeting & Flooring business. By the time firefighters arrived the garage was already fully involved. The building was insured. Crews from Hampden and Frankfort also assisted in this fire.

Winterport – Structure Fire

Crews were busy in the Town of Winterport on Saturday, January 5, 2013. The call came in around 2:50 p.m reporting a garage on fire on the Monroe Road. By the time the first truck arrived the garage was already a total loss. The garage was near the homeowners residence. The house sustained minor damage from the heat of the fire. The homeowner was restoring a couple of antique cars in the garage and those vehicles were not insured. The building was insured. We are told that the homeowner was grinding metal when a spark ignited some nearby substances.