



Spring 2021

## President's Message – Ken Desmond

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Maine State Federation of Firefighters are hoping that all Maine Firefighters and families are staying safe and keeping our distance during this time with Covid-19. What a year this has been. This spring's newsletter is seeing a change in the first responders getting the vaccinations. We can start to have training and meetings again like we are getting back to somewhat normal. The Waldoboro Fire Department is putting together this year's Fire Convention. It will be great to see all of our Fire Families at the convention on September 10-11-12 2021. Look out for information on the Convention from WFD.

If anyone needs our help please call on your VP from your county and we can help. We need to be strong as we go forward as the best TEAM of FIREFIGHTERS in Maine.

STAY SAFE

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## County News

### *Androscoggin County*



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## Lisbon Fire Department:



Year 2021 started out very busy for the Town of Lisbon. We have responded to 4 building fires since the start of the New Year. These fire ranged in a single department response, to a 3 alarm bringing in 11 departments. The 3 alarm fire being on one of the coldest nights of the winter, battling the blaze in sub 0 tempters. Thankfully no injuries at any of the fires.

January 1<sup>st</sup> call came into the Lisbon Police Departments communication Center for a house fire on Royal Ave. Members of the Lisbon Fire Department responded and contained the fire to a trash can with some minor extension.



On January 22<sup>nd</sup> around 10:55 a.m. firefighters from Lisbon, Sabattus, and Durham responded to a building on Ridge Rd. Due to staffing shortage, a 1<sup>st</sup> alarm was struck for this call. Firefighters from Lewiston, and Brunswick provided station coverage.

Around 5:30 p.m. on January 23<sup>rd</sup> Firefighters from 3 counties, and 11 towns responded to the town of Lisbon for a 3<sup>rd</sup> alarm fire in a garage at a contractor's home. The garage and its contents were a complete loss estimating around \$1 million. Firefighters from Lisbon, Sabattus, Wales, Lewiston, Durham, Bowdoin, Bowdoinham,



Topsham, Freeport, Brunswick and Auburn responded to either the fire scene or cover Lisbon's Fire Station. Lisbon Fire Department also had

assistance from the Lisbon Police Department has the directed traffic around the area, Lisbon School Department, as they provided a school bus for warming purposes, Lisbon Water Department assisting with the fire hydrants, Lisbon Emergency Ambulance Service Inc. and United Ambulance Services. One firefighter was transported to the hospital with a minor injury.



On March 15<sup>th</sup> Firefighters from Lisbon fire department, responded to a building fire on Pinewoods Rd. Due to staffing shortage, a first alarm was requested by fire chief Nate Leclair, and tankers from Durham and Sabattus to respond. Fire Departments from Lisbon, Durham Sabattus, Lewiston, Brunswick, Topsham and Wales responded to this call.



Lisbon Fire Department is made up with members of the E.T. Smith Hose Company (green trucks) and the Lisbon Falls Fire Company (red trucks). However we are now changing our paint colors department wide to Moxie orange.

## Livermore Falls Fire Department:



### Livermore Falls Fire Department 2020 Fire Fighter of the Year Tyler Poulin

This past year our department has faced many challenges and rapidly changing situations all year long. Due to COVID we found ourselves working from home, trying new technology, and doing anything we could to adapt to a new way of living for many of us. For our crew, this involved having meetings and trainings online, being required to complete many tasks remotely, and getting the work done with fewer people to pitch in.

Many of you know our department has struggled with apparatus issues which causes extra work just to keep our equipment ready to respond. This past year we spent considerable time trying to find solutions to make improvements to our fleet. Tyler Poulin was always willing to step in and help. Tyler, with the help of others, has taken substantial steps to help get our equipment checks formatted to our online data base, works diligently to ensure the truck inspection

forms are current, and maintains our department per-diem program scheduling. Additionally, Tyler has maintained a positive attitude when facing any challenge, which has been inspiring to many others. Tyler is one of many who is actively involved in every aspect of the department and responds to a significant number of our calls.

Tyler works tirelessly for the department, maintains a strong work presence in his fulltime job, and has been attending college classes to obtain a bachelor's degree. For those who may not know, Tyler's college classes are condensed classes which is essentially twice the amount of work in half the amount of time. He is taking 2 condensed classes at a time which is nearly equivalent to being a fulltime student. For anyone who has tried to do this in addition to working full time and be supportive and present for their family, it is inspiring and certainly rare to find. Tyler is always willing to help and will drop everything to come forward to serve the needs of the Town of Livermore Falls.

Based on his outstanding performance and dedicated service, I am proud to announce Tyler Poulin as the 2020 Firefighter of the Year. The amount of outstanding work Tyler has put in over this past year has undoubtedly been an asset to the department and Town of Livermore Falls.

Thank you for your dedication and commitment to the Town of Livermore Falls and the men and women of the LFFD.

Sincerely,

Edward H. Hastings IV Fire Chief

### Sabattus Fire EMS



2020 Pierce Saber, 1500 gmp 750 tank. Pictured on its first run. Driven by Chaplain Jared Blake, Assistant Chief Rob Gayton has the officer and Lt. Nate Maillet in the back.

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### **Mars Hill Fire Department:**

On March 15<sup>th</sup> 2021, shortly after midnight Mars Hill fire was called for a structure fire on arrival the house was fully involved crews from Easton and Bridge water fire provided mutual aid.



### **Presque Isle Fire Department**

On March 5<sup>th</sup> 2021, an early afternoon dumpster fire at Save-A-Lot in Presque Isle gave A shift a quick job.







On March 9<sup>th</sup>2021, Presque Isle fire was called at 0130 hours in the morning for a fully involved shop on fire crews were met with cold temperature and several explosion from within the structure, Caribou and Washburn fire department provide mutual aid with tankers and man power.



On March 26<sup>th</sup> 2021, an early afternoon fire for Presque Isle fire department call came in as a fork lift on fire close to a structure in the county on duty crew responded quickly and knocked the fire down with no damages to the structure.

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## North Yarmouth Fire Rescue:

At 01:24 this morning North Yarmouth Fire was dispatched to 823 North Rd for a structure fire. North Yarmouth E-52, Tank 53, Engine 51, A-56, Chief 501, Yarmouth Tower-84 and Pownal Tank 4 responded on the initial box. Yarmouth PD arrived on scene reporting heavy smoke showing and the occupants out of the building. Chief 501 requested the all hands



assignment, adding Yarmouth E-82, New Gloucester Tank-1, Cumberland E-101 and 102, with Falmouth covering North Yarmouth with E-2. Chief 501 arrived on scene to find a fully involved garage, two vehicles on fire, and extension to the residence

about 4' away from the garage. Chief 501 assumed North Road command.

E-52 arrived to lay in from the fire hydrant at the intersection of North Rd and Golden Rod, then pulled two hand lines for fire attack one for the garage/vehicles and one for the residence. Tower



84 was assigned roof operations. E-51 and E-82 arrived on scene both pulling back-up lines for the operation and assisted with fire attack.

Cumberland E-101 was assigned as the RIT Company.

Pownal Engine 1 was special called to the scene for manpower.

Great job by the initial responding fire companies. No injuries are reported and the fire is under investigation.

# Cumberland West



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## Casco Fire Department:

February 2, 2021 at approximately 10:40hrs, Casco Units and Naples Ladder 9 were dispatched to 15 Leech Hill Rd in Casco for a reported Structure Fire in an apartment building (Farm House converted into multiple units) with the possibility of two trapped individuals.

Casco Car 1 arrived within a couple of minutes of the initial fire tones, reporting working fire with heavy fire showing from three sides. C1 establish command and requested a

second alarm bringing additional manpower and apparatus from mutual aid towns.

There were not any trapped residents, though one resident was transported to a local hospital for treatment.

During the fire suppression operations, there was a partial collapse of the fire building, with heavy fire still in the main portion of the residence. At this point command requested a third alarm assignment, bringing additional manpower and apparatus to the scene.

Crews were on scene for approximately 5hrs.

Casco Units On scene:

Car 1, Engine 14, Engine 12, Tank 11, Ambulance 1, Ambulance 2



Mutual aid companies at the scene:  
Raymond 301, Engine 1, Tank 1, Tank 2  
Naples Engine 5, Ladder 9, Tank 1, Rescue 7  
Poland Engine 3  
Otisfield Tank 1, Engine 3 (@ dry hydrant-water supply)  
Oxford Car 1, Tower 4  
Bridgton Engine 1, Tank 4  
Mutual Aid Station Coverage for Casco:

Mechanic Falls Ladder 1 (Central)  
Windham ALS Ambulance 2 (Brown Ave)

We thank all our mutual aid partners that assisted us. Awesome job by all! Inclement weather always makes these harder to fight. Otisfield Engine 3 estimates they moved about 100,000 gallons of water filling tankers. With an estimated 22,000+ gallons on arrival of all incoming units.



The cause is under investigation by the Fire Marshal's office.

### **Naples Fire Rescue:**



Naples Fire/Rescue puts 2020 Autotronics into service as Rescue 8.

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## **Brownfield Vol. Fire Department:**

2020 Ford F-500 4X4 Hale, 1500 GPM with 400 Gallons.



## Otisfield Fire Department:

With the donations our Otisfield residents made to the Otisfield Volunteer Firefighters Association mailing this fall, we were able to purchase state of the art ice water rescue equipment.

Tonight, Chief Jordan held an in-service on the equipment with assistance from Lt. Gardner from Oxford Fire.

Because of your donations we have been able to purchase some of the best equipment without any cost to tax payers!





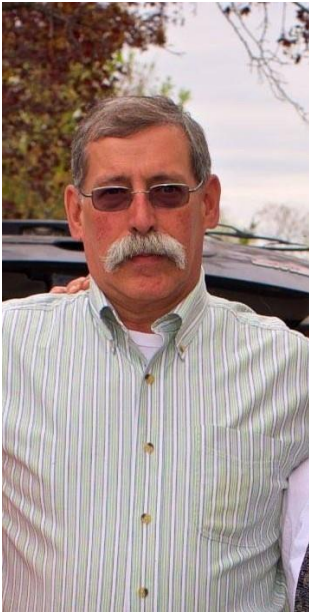
**Rumford Fire Department:**

Engine 2  
2020 Spartan  
East Coast Demo  
750 pump  
1750 tank  
20 gallon foam system

2020  
16 foot Saturn inflatable rescue boat  
4 stroke 9.9 HP Tohatsu outboard motor



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### East Millinocket Fire Department:

Always looking at ways to progress and better serve the community and region. When our ERV no longer would pass inspection it was time to weigh out the cost of fixing or replacing. The ERV was a 2000 Ford ambulance body that spent 6 years as an ambulance and 14 years as an Emergency Response Vehicle. This staple of the department carried everything from traffic control equipment to fire



suppression and cold water rescue gear. It would be hard to find a "jack of all trades" replacement but the members of East Mill knew it could be done. Meet the new multipurpose utility vehicle- 2020 RAM 3500. Finding a vehicle is a challenge within itself but with help of Quirks Auto Group we found one - in Boston. Next we worked with Graphix in Old Town on a graphic designed that would 1) promote safety - it is all reflective, 2) stand out from the crowd, 3) work on our department rebranding. They nailed it! Once we got the truck we knew we needed something more than a simple truck cap. We needed something we can use like a tool itself. There are several products out there but we wanted to keep it local, we contacted Pelletier Manufacturing, in Millinocket, and without hesitation they were up to custom build our truck bed storage unit. They asked what we needed and we discussed the overall purpose. A couple days later, we have a stout storage unit that will allow us to organize our equipment for the diverse needs of the world of fire and EMS.

This utility will be carrying Advanced Life Support (ALS) equipment, fire utility equipment, and will be used as a command vehicle. The ALS equipment will allow for paramedic intercepts within the region without needing to deplete the town of an ambulance. The fire utility is important because we have it stocked with gear and ready to take specialized gear when needed (as seen loaded with our UTV). Unified command is an essential way to make sure everyone is on the same page at a large incident. Our new addition will only benefit the community and region.

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## Greenville Fire Department:



Nine-teen year old Tiegna Murray is carrying on the family tradition of community service in her role as an active member of the Greenville Fire Department. Recently, she was the lead firefighter on the scene of a chimney fire. “It was good being the lead” She said recently, “I was excited.”

As Murray describes it, an officer will make the call on scene as to who the lead is. In this instance, it was her brother Sawyer. When Tiegna arrived on scene, she was told right away, that she was leading the charge to put the fire out. She added that being a lead is also contingent on what certifications a firefighter may hold.

Murray got her start as a junior firefighter in January of 2015 and as a full member of the department in October, 2019. When asked what her experience has been as a young woman on the male-dominated fire department. Tiegna indicated that her treatment has not been any different than how she sees the males in the department treated. “We’re a team” She declared.

She is well aware of the family tradition when it comes to the local emergency services. Both of her parents have served as paramedics, and her brothers have long been active on the Greenville Fire Department. “This is

what we do, we enjoy the community service.” Murray remarked.

She passed on the message to other young people, female or otherwise, to not be afraid to pursue whatever career or vocation they may want. She also mentioned that the department is always looking for more help, including junior firefighters. You have to be 14 years old to qualify. Anyone interested in joining may contact Tiegna Murray through her Facebook page, or by calling the Greenville Town Office at (207)-695-2421. Article by Jonathan Pratt

## Sebec Fire Department:



Past Fire Chief-  
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husband and  
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peacefully at his  
home with family  
by his side on  
December 29<sup>th</sup>,  
2020 following a  
courageous battle  
with Metastatic  
Bone Disease.  
Kenneth was born  
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Owen D. and

Mary (Robinson) Kelley. Kenneth was loved and touched the hearts of so many people. Kenneth ran Kelley's General Store in Hartland, his father's dream for 10 years. In 1993 Kenneth moved his family back to his roots in Dover-Foxcroft where he began his career with JSI Store Fixtures as their first employee giving 27 dedicated years until his retirement in July. Kenneth served on the Hartland Volunteer Fire Department for 10 years and Sebec Volunteer Fire Department. For 20 years serving 10 years as Chief for Sebec. Kenneth was also a member of Dover-Foxcroft and Three Rivers Milo-Brownville Kiwanis Clubs. Kenneth enjoyed spending summers at Christie's Campground playing countless cribbage game with family and friends, traveling and golfing with his buddies. Kenneth is survived by his wife of 41 years Brenda (Corson) Kelley, daughter Heather Kelley, son's Christopher Knowles, Justin Kelley, Seth Kelley and Andrew Kelley-Lane. Two sister's Jo-Beth Kelley of Topsail Island, N.C., Gail (Kelley) Brewer of Raleigh N.C. and 17 grandchild.

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## Fire departments deliver fun 1st birthday parade

*Blake Bunker turned one in on Saturday, Feb. 6 and he did it in style, with a bright red — and loud! — parade of area fire trucks, followed by friends and well-wishers delivering presents and balloons through open car windows. Marshfield, Machiasport and Machias fire departments took part, along with Hanscom construction and the Maine Forest Rangers. To see the birthday boy and his parents, turn to p. 19. Photo by Sarah Craighead Dedmon*



EAST MACHIAS - Peanut passed away at home peacefully on January 28, 2021, at the age of 91, with family by his side. He was born in East Machias on October 19, 1929.

He graduated from Washington Academy in 1946, and began working full-time at Archibald's where he became the owner/operator in 1978. Some of his many accomplishments include being a part of the East Machias Volunteer Fire Department starting in 1946, where he later served as chief for over 30 years. In addition to this, he was Town Fire Warden, Tax Collector, and Treasurer at WA for over 20 years, and to have the new tennis courts named in his honor. He was always there for anyone, day or night, and was the town "go to guy," even if he had to get up in the middle of the night to help someone who had run out of gas. His love and pride for the town of East Machias and residents was evident in the many roles he played during his life long residency. He was a hard worker who spent every day and endless hours doing for others and providing for his family.

Peanut could always be found at the WA basketball games, including the Bangor Auditorium tournaments. He could also be seen in his many modes of transportation including his Ford trucks, green Model T, "Big Job," tractor, 4-wheeler, and his side-by-side.

Peanut enjoyed the little things like spending time with family, the Red Sox, fishing, and riding on the trails. You could still see him coming down the hill to get the paper and coffee, even in his last few months. He was the best husband, dad, grampy, bampy, bamp, and we will miss his smile, his giggle, his unending patience, wise words and Thanksgiving day gravy. He was the solid rock of the

family who could be relied upon for anything, we always knew he was there for whatever we needed. His greatest joy was his family and being home, and in the end that was all he wanted. Peanut will be greatly missed by his wife, Mary, of 66 years; his daughter, Patty Snowdeal and husband, Peter; his son, Jack Gardner and wife, Kathy; his daughter, Brenda Porter and husband, Kristan; grandchildren, Jennifer and husband, Rick Wickett; great-grandchildren, Jason, Rachel and Jordan; grandchildren, Clint and wife, Liz Gardner; great-granddaughter, Rowyn; granddaughter, Mia Gardner; grandchildren, Whitney, Ashley and Brandon Porter; as well as his sister, Norma Cammarata of Ocala, Florida. He was predeceased by granddaughter, Angel Lee Gardner: and grandson, Jason Ackley.

His family is grateful for the exceptional care he received at Sunrise County Dialysis in Eastport and Down East Hospice.

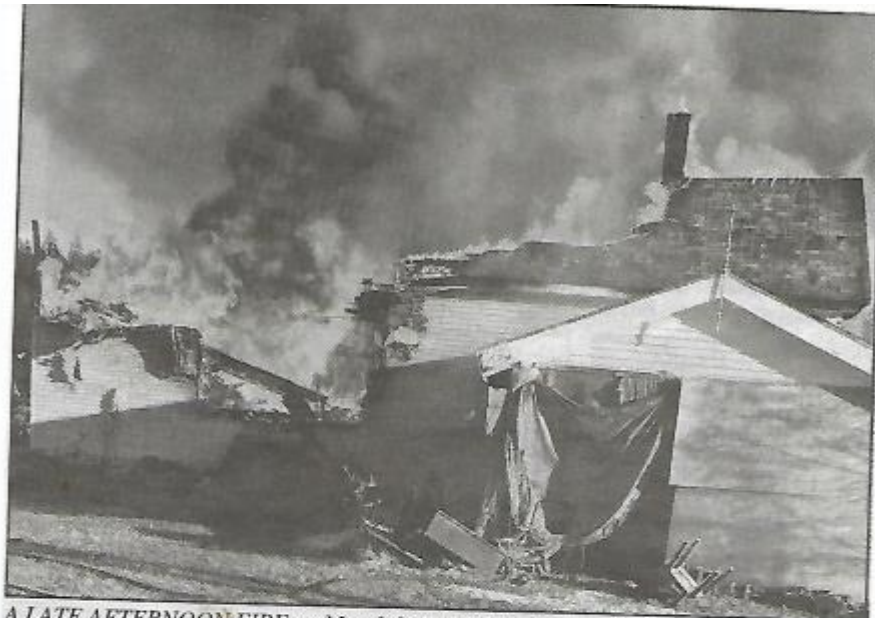
Services will be announced at a later date in the spring/summer. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the East Machias Fire Department, PO Box 209, East Machias, ME 04630.

Arrangements are in care of McClure Family Funeral Services, Machias. Condolences and memories may be shared with the Gardner Family at [www.mcclurefamilyfuneral.com](http://www.mcclurefamilyfuneral.com)



## *Safety first . . .*

*Officers of the Machias Fire Department speak to the staff of the Dollar General in Machias just moments before they leave the scene as some of the firefighters have already stored their turnout gear. A report of the odor of propane was reported by the staff at approximately 11 am on February 1. The store was closed for approximately 30 minutes while the fire department investigated. (Phil Roberts Photo)*



*A LATE AFTERNOON FIRE on March 2 completely destroyed a home on Sprague Lane in Machiasport. The home was unoccupied, and there were no injuries sustained by fire personnel. (Mike Murphy photo)*

## Fire destroys vacant Machiasport house

by RJ Heller

A late-afternoon fire driven by high winds and cold temperatures on March 2 completely destroyed a house on Sprague Lane in Machiasport. The sprawling two-story home – over 100 years old – was not occupied. The late Pat and Helen Walch once owned the home. A daughter now owns the property but does not live in the area.

Volunteer firefighters from five area fire departments, Machiasport, Machias, East Machias, Jonesboro and Marshfield, responded.

Machiasport Assistant Fire Chief Mike Hinerman reports that when crews arrived the house was already engulfed in flames. The fire at that point in time was one we

needed to quickly contain due to the high winds," says Hinerman. "It took about three hours for the home to burn to the ground. We then posted a watch team to make sure the fire remained out."

Versant Power was on site to cut power to the building, and one family next door to the house voluntarily evacuated their trailer home in case the fire spread. Hinerman reports there was no direct cause established for the fire and there were no injuries.



*Firefighters from several surrounding towns were called to 317 Looks Point Road in Jonesboro on Sunday afternoon, March 21st, after a reported grass fire reached a house. Those firefighters first on the scene discovered one end of the two-story house burning. Firefighting efforts were hampered by a lack of water, which had to be trucked in by tanker. No injuries were reported. Assisting the Jonesboro/Roques Bluff Fire Department were firefighters and equipment from the Epping, Machias, Machiasport, and Marshfield fire departments. The Machias Ambulance Service was on standby at the scene. (Phil Roberts Photo)*



*A recent Friday morning accident took place on Route 191 directly across from the Jacksonville church in East Machias. According to witness account it appeared before hitting the large tree the car apparently hit many smaller trees as it traveled about fifty feet after veering off the pavement. No details were available about the condition of the driver or possible passengers in the Vehicle. The East Machias Fire Department reported to the scene. . . photo for the County Wide Free Press by Bob Schofield*



*BRINGING HOLIDAY CHEER. Riding through town on December 23 on top of the Eastport Fire Department's ladder truck was Santa, followed by a parade of buses carrying Eastport school staff. They delivered presents and sang carols to the students, who were at home and could not gather as usual at the school because of the pandemic. (Sue Moore and Don Dunbar photos)*



# York North

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## Saco Fire Department:



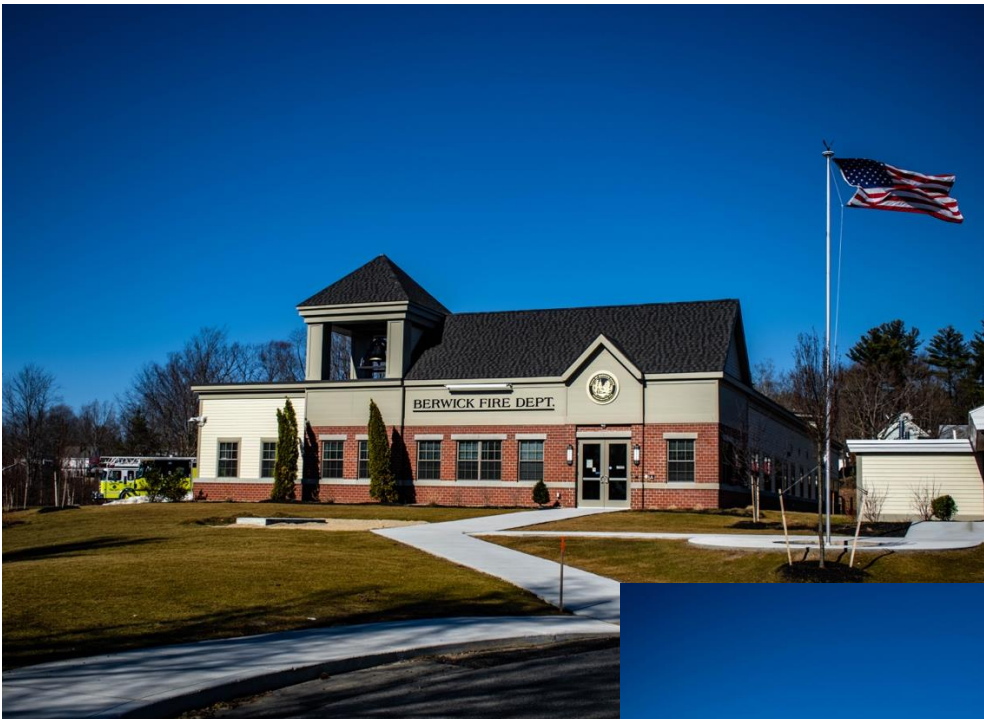
Ferrara Cinder chassis and has a 1500GPM Waterous Pump, FoamPro 2002 foam system with a 50-gallon foam tank, a 1000 gallon poly water tank, and a heavy-duty extruded aluminum fire body featuring enclosed ladder and suction hose storage, a low hose bed, and full height compartments on both sides.

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## Berwick Fire Department:



Three years after receiving approval and funding from town voters, the Berwick Fire Department has a new place to call home. The new space includes drive through apparatus bays, sufficient bunk rooms, office space, gear extractor, gear dryer, gear locker space, work room, fitness area, kitchen, and day room for crews. Congratulations to the

Berwick Fire Department on your new home!

Photo Credit: Robert Nettles, Berwick FD







### **Kittery Fire Department:**

Sunlight illuminated the smoldering ruins of a home at 7 Old Cutts Road Tuesday morning, after it was destroyed in a two-alarm fire the night before.

The sole occupant of the house, Jane George, escaped without injuries, though her two dogs did not make it out of the home with her as responding crews arrived shortly after 7 p.m. Monday.

Tuesday morning, after extinguishing a small remnant of the fire, Kittery Fire Department Chief David O'Brien said that the remains of one of the animals had been located in the ruins. The whereabouts of the other, he said, was not immediately known. The cause of the fire also still remained unknown Tuesday, the chief said. On Monday evening, however, O'Brien's diagnosis of the home's condition was blunt. "She literally has nothing left," he said of George. Garden decorations, religious objects and potted plants now rest on the front lawn of the burned-out house, its walls and roof torn through and its windows knocked out from the blaze. Built in 1970, the 1,072-square-foot Old Cutts Road residence is no stranger to fire scares, as a one-alarm fire struck the mobile home addition in October 2009. George was also living in the home at the time

and stated that she had lived at the address since 1987. No injuries were reported from the incident, and George's son was at work at the time of the 2009 fire, according to a news report. Several animals, one cat and two dogs, were able to safely exit the home with George. Monday evening, O'Brien said that George was off in a car and being tended to by members of the Red Cross and 1-800-BOARDUP of the Seacoast, both of whom were working to help her obtain temporary housing. George was unable to be contacted for this story. O'Brien said that the Kittery Fire Department received a call at 7:10 p.m. alerting them to the fire at George's residence and said they were on scene within minutes. By 7:58 p.m., he deemed the blaze to be "under control." Mutual aid was provided by fire crews and responding agencies from nearby towns and cities, including Portsmouth, Eliot, York Village, York Beach, Greenland, South Berwick and Rye. The Portsmouth Naval Shipyard also sent crews to the scene. Garden decorations, religious objects and potted plants now rest on the front lawn of the burned-out house, its walls and roof torn through and its windows knocked out from the blaze. Built in 1970, the 1,072-square-foot Old Cutts Road residence is no stranger to fire scares, as a one-alarm fire struck the mobile home addition in October 2009. George was also living in the home at the time and stated that she had lived at the address since 1987. ~ Deb Cram Seacoast Online



Kittery Fire Department crews are responding to a fire at a house at 10 Lewis Road, a department dispatcher confirmed Tuesday morning. Police Chief Robert Richter said both occupants of the house are safe without injury outside of the house and the home was "engulfed" in flames. "It looks like a total loss, but that will be up to the fire department (to determine)," he said. Both Lewis Road and Route 1 were shut down as crews continue working to extinguish the fire. Members of the York Village Fire Station and Eliot Fire Department

were among the crews that responded to the scene. Portsmouth Fire Department Chief Todd Germain confirmed his department responded to the scene as well.

As to the cause of the fire, Richter said, "Nothing appears suspicious."



Just before 1 p.m. Tuesday, a Kittery Fire Department dispatcher said the fire had been cleared. Repeated attempts to get more information about the fire from the Fire Chief's office were unsuccessful.



Photo credit: Deb Cram Seacoast Online



On February 7<sup>th</sup> Kittery Residence sustains heavy damage in two alarm fire on Picott Rd- occupant and pet are safe

**York Beach Fire Department:**



February 23: York Beach Fire Department, York Ambulance, and York PD and mutual aid Ambulance from Ogunquit Fire/Rescue responded to a head on motor vehicle collision on Route 1 in Cape Neddick. The accident required extrication and all three patients were transported to Portsmouth Regional Hospital.

## **York Village Fire Department:**



Just after midnight on March 28 York Village and York Beach Fire Departments responded to a residence off of Long Sands Road for a reported building fire. The York Beach Fire Chief arrived first with fire showing from the rear of the building and struck a Working Fire, bringing in mutual aid station coverage from PNSY FD and Kittery FD. Crews made quick work of the fire and the occupants and pets were able to evacuate the residence safely.

Photo credit- Jonathan Gay,  
MSFFF VP York South

## **MSFFF Fundraising:**

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



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