



POWNAL FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT

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Select Board,

Currently our run count stands at 60. Last year at this time we were at 52. As of late, we have been very busy. We had the structure fire at #78 Merrill Road on Easter Sunday. That fire went to the equivalent of 4 alarms! Definitely one of the largest fires in Pownal's recent history. We had 24 pieces of apparatus, plus 5 other trucks providing coverage to our neighbors from as far away as Portland and Scarborough. We used between 60,000 and 80,000 gallons of water along with 30 gallons of class 'A' foam. We used an additional 2500 gallons of water on field and brush fire that was ignited due to the high winds that day. Over 80 firefighters and support staff were directly involved, plus another approximately 15 people providing coverage. Through our tight relationships with our mutual aid partners, we were able to mount an aggressive attack on the rapidly progressing fire and stop it before it could extend past the first few feet of the house. Unfortunately, we were unable to save the barn.

Additionally, we have responded to a chimney fire, two woods fires, a mutual aid request to Durham, several EMS calls, and a couple of calls related to the recent wind storm.

We have hired a new Junior Firefighter, Charlie Vadakin. He is very enthusiastic, and has already responded to a few calls and assisted with maintenance. We also will be interviewing a second Junior in the upcoming week.

The SCBA's had their annual inspection and service performed in April. All are still in good working order. The compressor/fill station needs a few gauges replaced.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chief Jesse Peters