



POWNAL FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT

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Select Board,

Our current count for 'Calls for Service' stands at 122. Last year at this time we had had 159 calls.

We have completed testing extrication equipment. We tried four different products and after careful scrutiny and a great discussion, we have decided to go with Amkus cutters and spreaders sold by Fire Tech & Safety. Many factors went into our decision process including tool function and ergonomics, strength of the tools, and the ease of getting replacement batteries. After market training and service were also considered. I will be placing the order this week and they are saying 8-10 weeks for a turnaround time. We are still looking into rescue struts and a few other tools to assist us with extrication.

Crews staffed a total of 5 events at the State Park this year. No major events took place at these events; just a few bumps, bruises and scrapes.

Eng. 2 is back from Allegiance. The refurb is complete, except for a few compartment lights that were not available at the time. During the descaling process on the chassis, it was discovered that the rear springs were completely played out and badly in need of replacement. This repair was completed while it was there. E2 will need to go back after hose testing is complete to have the U-bolts retorqued and the compartment lights installed.

Hose testing is scheduled for Nov. 2nd. All hose will be tested by FailSafe Inc. on that day. Fire Trucks will be coming and going most of the day.

We were gifted a gear dryer by North Yarmouth Fire Department. This unit works on electricity and is capable of drying a set of fire gear in about 3 hours. Up until now we would air dry them and would take up to 48 hours to completely dry. It will be installed in the decon room next to the washer.

Crews will be participating in Trunk-or-Treat this year on Friday, Oct.29th @ PES @ 5pm to 7pm. Engine 1 will also be there.

On Thursday, November 4th we are going to Durham to participate in a joint training and to meet their new Chief.

Finally, starting on Dec. 1st, new EMS rules go into effect. Prior to that all EMS providers are required to receive 4-5 hours of additional training. In the changes are new medications that will most likely be required.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chief Jesse Peters