



POWNAL FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT

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Select Board,

Since my last report dated 3/04/2021, the Pownal Fire and Rescue Department has responded to 2 calls for service. Both were medical calls. One was a Wilderness rescue call at Bradbury Mt. We responded for a patient that fell with a hip injury. Upon arrival it was determined that rope rescue equipment would be needed. We had units from Freeport, North Yarmouth, and Durham there to help. The patient was removed from the mountain and transported by Freeport Rescue to the hospital. This rescue provided us with a good opportunity under live conditions to use our rope rescue skills.

The weekend of the 13th & 14th I shut down burning permits due to extreme high winds. Prior to that it had been unusually warm and we have since lost a lot of snow pack. So, due to the high winds and dry conditions I temporarily shut down burn permits. They have since been turned back on. I will continue to monitor the conditions. I think we are in for a very dry spring fire season.

Currently, everyone who wanted to requested the Covid – 19 vaccine has received it. About 75% of the department has been vaccinated. This puts us in a better position to conduct in person trainings and meetings.

We are working on completing our annual mandatory training for the year. It has been a challenge trying to get everyone's training completed. We had our first in person training this past week since last summer.

We have decided to use Allegiance Fire & Rescue to complete the refresh on Engine 2. As soon as the parts come in, we will be sending it to their Auburn facility for the requested service. While it is out of service, we will move Squad 3 to the Center Station and place the extrication equipment on it. It will respond to all motor vehicle accidents in lieu of Engine 2. Engine 2 will covered by Out of Town apparatus on all structural calls as well.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chief Jesse Peters