



POWNAL FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT

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Select Board,

Our Current run count is 52. At the same time last year, it was at 54. As of right now we are on pace to match last year.

I spent the better part of the last two weeks cataloguing the operational and practical deficiencies of both North Station and Center Station. During that process, I enlisted the advice of the entire department and they were given a chance to weigh in on the topic. One item that was mentioned, but failed to make the list was around the fact that we have two stations and some members have only one set of gear. This forces the member to either carry their gear with them in their vehicle, or they need to stop at the Center Station and grab their gear before going to the North Station for the truck. Neither option is optimal. Also, I made several phone calls to Fire Chiefs who have built fire stations in the recent past. I had some interesting conversations and will be happy to report out about them at the committee meeting.

Tank 4 recently had some service performed. Allegiance Trucks replaced the seat belt sensor in the driver's seat, replaced the burnt-out rear rotating lights and fixed the airhorn. This should complete maintenance on the trucks for this fiscal year, barring any unforeseen items.

SCBA annual maintenance was conducted in April. All packs tested out satisfactory and no issues were reported. We have completed our annual SCBA fit testing, minus a few stragglers. We will catch up with them at a later date.

We would like to welcome a new member to the department. David Fienberg moved to town a few months ago after being hired by the Portland Fire Department. David, originally from Massachusetts, comes to us with 3 years as a career firefighter for Lexington, Mass. He also served as a call firefighter in his hometown for several years. His qualifications include FF2, Haz-MatOps, and he is also a paramedic. We welcome David to the town and the Department.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chief Jesse Peters