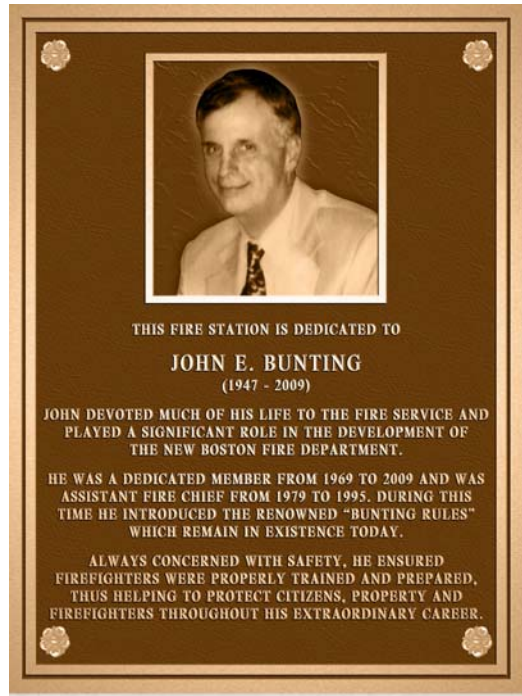


## New Boston Fire Department 2010 Accomplishments

**Dedication of the Central Station** – The New Boston Fire Department Central Station was dedicated to John Bunting. Though the actual ceremony took place the first week of 2011, all the planning and work was completed in 2010.

**Grants Awarded** – During 2010 the Fire Department was able to acquire \$229,600 in grants from various sources. One was for the installation of a firefighting water supply system for the center of town. The other was for a safety grant to acquire safety equipment for town departments.



**NB Air Force Tracking Station** – The Fire Department and Town completed negotiations, and a contract was put in place for emergency medical services. The New Boston Fire Department, that has been providing services to the Air Force base in town as part of an ongoing agreement, will now be reimbursed on an annual basis for these services

**Recruit Program** – The Recruit program continued to provide critical coverage for the town during weekdays when many of our volunteers are out of town. The Recruits are out of town personnel who join our Department to gain experience and training they couldn't get elsewhere because the town they live in does not have a volunteer/call

department. In addition, the New Boston Recruit program was featured in Fire Chief Magazine.

**Cadet Program** – The Cadet program continued to provide opportunities for young people to gain experience in the fire service and be a part of the New Boston Fire Service. This program has also become a path for cadets to move into the fire department as a regular member once they turn 18. This was the first year the cadets organized a fund raising program, calling the effort Hot Labor for Hire. They offered various services to residents such as yard clean up.

**Self Contained Breathing Apparatus Upgrade Completed** – This was the last of a 3 year program aimed at updating the SCBA equipment of the Fire Department. Through a very generous program offered by Interspiro Rep., Rodney Towne and his Company, the upgrade was accomplished at a fraction of the normal cost.

**Ambulance Billing System** – Implemented an ambulance billing system that will allow the Fire Department to defray some of its capital expenses through the revenues received.

**Radio Upgrade Program** – Developed a multi town department radio upgrade program to ensure the Town meets the new FCC requirements by 1/1/2013 with a comprehensive cost effective plan.

**Long Time Members** – The NBFA acknowledged a 40 year member of the Department – Dick Moody joined the Department in January of 1970. Dan MacDonald was recognized for 30 years of service, and Dale Smith for 25 years.

**Rescue Awards** – Fire Department members were award CPR Save pins for successfully resuscitating two patients during 2010.

**Fire Prevention** - Our Fire Prevention program, lead by Fire Inspector Russ Boland, has continued to expand services offered including fire extinguisher training for town employees and citizens. These efforts significantly contribute to the safety of our citizens and business owners.

**Central School Fire Prevention Program** – Again this year, the Central School fire Prevention Program lead by FF John Jones provided valuable fire education and practical training to the students

of the New Boston Central School. I am told even the teachers learned something from the training. This program, which is presented over 4 days, is possible because a number of the Department members take time from work and family. They believe in the program and its impact on fire safety and our young people. The New Boston Fire Cadets also play a big role in providing the resources to sponsor this program.

### **Emergency Management Section**

**Survival in the Country Program** – This first of its kind in the state educational program was presented this past November. It provided residence with a wealth of knowledge on how to prepare and deal with country living and emergencies of all kinds. We were extremely fortunate to have a resident of New Boston who is an expert in emergency planning lead this effort. Roger Stearns delivered an excellent program, supported by the other town emergency agencies including CERT. The program has become an interest of the State Emergency Management Department as well as surrounding towns who plan to provide similar programs to their residents.

**CERT WORKS!** – The New Boston CERT team, Citizens Emergency Response Team, lead by Bill Thompson responded to a number of emergencies in town, freeing up other emergency services to tend to more technical responses and helping to greatly improve the overall capabilities of the New Boston Emergency Agencies as a whole.



*The new CERT Trailer*