

# **New Boston Fire Department 2012 Accomplishments**

**TARP Program/Recruit Program** – The primary goal of the TARP program is to ensure quality emergency medical coverage for New Boston during weekdays when many of our volunteers are out of town. College Students that are currently enrolled in paramedic training courses will provide daytime coverage at **NO** cost to New Boston and in exchange they will have their tuition for Paramedic training paid for out of grant money. To date we have managed to reduce response times by 50%, while increasing the medical staff by 300% during the daytime. These programs have reduced stress on our regular members having to leave their jobs for emergency calls. The recruit program members are all EMT trained volunteers from out of town that have agreed to work (1) 8 hour daytime shift a week to gain experience to promote their career goals.

**Operational Information** – Our emergency calls were up 10% from 370 calls in 2011 to 408 calls in 2012. The costs of emergency budget expenditures were up from last year by 7%. . This is due to our weekday personnel responding to medical calls, thereby reducing the need for additional personnel to respond and saving the taxpayers money.

**Cadet Program** – This program continues to serve the purpose of introducing the fire service to the youth of New Boston and surrounding towns. It is one of the more successful programs of its type, thanks to the director John Jones.

**Financial Information** - For 2012, the fire department returned over \$800 to the general fund from our operational budget even with the significant vehicle repair costs incurred in 2012. The Fire Wards made a significant reduction in the CIP projected budget by moving the acquisition costs (\$240K), for a new ambulance in 2016 from CIP to the ambulance revolving account. Additionally, another rescue related expense line was reduced to \$0 from the FD operating budget and moved to the ambulance revolving fund. These cost savings to the taxpayers are a direct result of receiving the revenues for ambulance transports.

**Staffing** – Our roster stands at 40 volunteer members, 8 Tarp members and 7 recruit members. Our cadet membership is currently at 4. The majority of our membership is very active. We're very fortunate to

have such dedicated people willing to give up their personal time to be part of this organization. Neighbors helping neighbors!



New Boston Fire Department Personnel

**Honor Guard** – NBFD is very fortunate to be one of the few volunteer or career departments to have an Honor Guard. Our guard consists of Commander Brandon Merron, Asst. Commander Gina Catalano, Lt. Janet Chamberlain, Lt. Bryan Wells, FF Dave Rugg, FF John Hassum. Commander Brandon Merron was selected to be the State of New Hampshire Fire Department Honor Guard Commander for 2012.

**Training** – 2012 saw our members participate in **3,353.35 man-hours** of documented training as well as many hours of informal undocumented training. The number that is most important is the number of hours that our members attend in-house training and in 2012 these hours totaled **2,000.5 man-hours**. In 2012, the in-house training program consisted of a variety of subject area that included rural water supply, pump operations, wilderness search and rescue, SCBA, Ice Rescue, atmospheric monitoring, emergency driving and many others.

Our group of cadets logged **440 hours** of training in 2012 that is an impressive indication of these young people's dedication to our department and the fire service in general. Their participation is a good sign of our future. We also had members attend many courses outside the department. Some of the courses they attended were: Rapid Intervention Team training, Haz Mat Decon, Ice Rescue, Confined Space Rescue. We also had one person reach Fire Fighter Level I, two people reach Fire Fighter Level II and one person reach Fire Fighter Level III. I can say with certainty that 2012 has been another year of excellent participation in our training program. This shows in our performance and safety record in the field. It's important to mention that in 2012 Bryan Wells worked very hard to earn his promotion to

Lieutenant of Training and is proving to be a valued asset to the NBFD's training program. We also had one person achieve their Paramedic Certification. With these accomplishments, NBFD membership has achieved a 99.5% certification in the particular areas they work, (Firefighter / EMT / Paramedic).

Sincerely  
Rodney B. Towne  
Deputy Chief of Training

## **Fire Prevention Report For 2012**

The Fire Prevention Division lead by Fire Inspector Russ Boland had a very active year in 2012. We conducted 991 points of service, which represents a slight increase from 2011 when we conducted 982.

Listed below are some examples of the services the Fire Prevention Division is providing:

- New & Existing Business Inspections
- New & Existing Residential Inspections
- Town Buildings and School Inspections
- Plan Review
- Assembly Permit Inspections
- Sprinkler and Fire Alarm Inspections
- Day-Care Inspections
- Foster-Care Inspections
- Woodstove/Pellet Stove Inspections
- Oil Burner Inspections
- Public Education
- Administration, Suppression & Emergency Medical Support
- Grant Writing
- Town-Wide Safety Committee Member
- Miscellaneous Fire Protection Inquiries

During a routine inspection of the sprinkler system water supply at New Boston Central School it was discovered the tank had suffered a major failure. Although the system remained operational its designed performance was greatly reduced. In cooperation with the New Boston

School District and the New Hampshire State Fire Marshal's office a plan to replace the water supply was developed and approved. The system was restored to normal operating status in January 2013.

We continue to take advantage of grant opportunities from the Federal Government, State of New Hampshire and private industry. The competition includes thousands of applicants from across the United States. In April of 2011, the New Boston Fire and Rescue Department was awarded a FEMA Grant in the amount of \$265,400 for the education of Paramedics. This funding will be spread over four years and will provide weekday daytime coverage for New Boston. This grant can also provide opportunities to the taxpayers of New Boston by having citizens enroll in the program. If you or someone you know would like further information about this academic reimbursement program, I encourage you to contact us at 487-2500 extension 152.

FF John Jones led the Central School fire prevention program again this year along with a number of fire department members. This year's theme, *2 Ways Out*, was a huge success per feedback from school officials.

I strongly encourage you to call with any questions you may have regarding how you can make your home or business safer. **I would like to remind you that smoke and carbon monoxide detectors save lives and should be installed throughout your home, especially in sleeping areas.**

Sincerely,  
Russ Boland  
NBFD Fire Inspector

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank the town residents for their continued support of the fire department and our members.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Dan MacDonald