

New Boston Fire Department 2013 Accomplishments

TARP Program/Recruit Program – The primary goal of this program is to ensure quality emergency medical coverage for New Boston during weekdays when many of our volunteers are out of town. Students 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 the grant. 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 volunteers from out of town that have agreed to work (1) 8 hour daytime shift a week to gain experience and promote their career goals.

Operational Information – Our emergency calls were up 4% from 408 calls in 2012 to 424 calls in 2013. The costs of emergency budget expenditures were up from last year by 1.7%. This is due to the weekday personnel responding to medical calls, who do not received expense reimbursements, thereby reducing the cost of the emergency.

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 2013, we returned over \$8900 to the general fund from our operational budget even with the vehicle maintenance costs over running by 14%. Much of this was related to reduce investment in non-critical building repairs and maintenance because of the proposed new station scheduled in the near future.

Staffing – Our roster stands at 44 volunteer members, 10 Tarp members and 6 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!

Honor Guard – NBFD is again very fortunate to be one of the few volunteer or career departments to have an Honor Guard. Our guard, that consists of Commander Brandon Merron, Asst. Commander Gina Catalano, Lt. Janet Chamberlain, Lt. Bryan Wells, FF Dave Rugg, FF John Hassum.

Training – The members of NBFD had another busy training year, logging a total of 3,378 hours. As usual the number of hours spent attending in house training is very impressive with this year's numbers being 1,828 hours. As you know these hours represent a lot of Wednesday night sessions where our members get to practice old skills and learn new skills as a team.

During 2013 our training program consisted of a variety of subjects including, cold weather water supply, hazardous materials, pump operations, self-contained breathing apparatus, cardiac arrest management, patient packaging, and forest fire control. We also spent many hours practicing our rural water supply procedures that helps NB maintain its good ISO rating.

Fire department members also received specialized training in the use of our new ISG thermal imaging camera. We also had a great opportunity to train for LP gas emergencies with Haffner's Fuel providing equipment and propane and nationally known instructor Ed Anderson providing instruction (all at no cost).

Our members also attended many outside training courses that included subjects like pump operations, safety officer, and swift water rescue. Also NBFD had 3 members become NH certified Level One Fire Fighters, one member became a nationally certified EMT and one member became a nationally certified Paramedic.

I think 2013 was another great year for our training program and I would like to thank all the members who have given so many hours to keeping themselves trained so they can better help their neighbors. I would also like to thank Chief Dan MacDonald and the other officers for all the support that you gave me and Lt Wells this past year.

Sincerely,
Rodney B. Towne
Deputy Chief of Training

Fire Prevention Report - The Fire Prevention Division had a very active year in 2013. We conducted 1019 points of service, which represents a slight increase from 2012.

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

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. As of December 2013, we have graduated 11 students, many of whom have stayed with the department, providing advanced life saving skills to our residents.

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.**

Respectfully submitted,

Russ Boland,
NBFD Fire Prevention Officer

New Member Certifications - We had one person achieve their Paramedic certification, Fire Fighter One Certification, 1 people became EMT certified. With these accomplishments, NBFD membership has achieved a 99.5% certification in the particular areas they work, (Firefighter / EMT / Paramedic).

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



Fire Trucks lined up for the 4th of July Parade