

FIRE RESCUE TRAINING

To the Citizens, the Select Board, and the Town Manager:



The Farmington Fire Rescue Department has continued its regular training schedule as it has done for many years. All members are taking part in these trainings, some are learning new skills and others are refreshing those from previous sessions. New mandates, new products and improved methods require us to keep up-dated all the time. During the year a number of new training tools were purchased.

Training topics that are frequently used are similar to those from past years. Some of the common trainings are Ventilation, Ladders and Uses, Draft and Relay Pumping, Rural Hitch set up, Forcible Entry, annual Mandatory Topic Day, Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus, Rope Rescue Equipment review, Large Diameter Hose review, Truck Hose Lays and Deployment practices, review of building Pre-Plans, Cold Water Rescue Techniques, and Inspection of Personal Protective Equipment. Vehicle operators did their required driving sessions and were cleared for proper vehicle operations. Day crews have done routine training as part of their daily operations. A couple members are doing additional training for new certifications. Three members completed the Fire Fighter I and II class in the spring.

The Fire Prevention Programs have continued in area schools and pre-school groups. The department continues to tour new facilities and businesses as they start up in town.

The Western Maine Public Safety Training Facility is being used by State and local departments for a variety of training sessions. Mutual Aid departments are still being invited to our training sessions. This fosters good working relationships and helps all neighboring communities.

In closing, we thank all who have been involved with these situations and appreciate the citizens that support and understand the need for continuing education.

Respectfully submitted,

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