

FIRE DEPARTMENT

TOWN OF SANDOWN

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The Sandown Fire Department would like to report that during the past year the number of calls was just over 500. Please have your chimneys cleaned at least once a year and make sure your address is visible from the road. Smoke detector batteries should be changed every 6 months, smoke detectors have a life span of only 10 years. Carbon monoxide detectors only have a life span of approximately 5 years unless otherwise stated on the package. If yours are older they should be changed.

Last year along with the towns of Chester and Auburn, we hired Erin Newnan to help us obtain a regional federal grant for the three towns. We were approved for all new S.C.B.A.s (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) for interior firefighting. The cost for our town was about \$10,000 dollars for \$200,000 dollars' worth of equipment.

Six years ago, we started a capital reserve fund for the purchase of fire apparatus and major firefighting equipment. The capital reserve fund has really been a positive and pro-active step for our town. Had we not started saving funds we would not have been able to accept Federal Grants because we would not have had the town's portion of the matching funds.

This year we are replacing our 24-year-old ambulance. Unfortunately, we were unable to acquire a grant for the new ambulance, however the capital reserve fund is making this purchase possible. Thank you for your forward thinking.

The more than forty members, both Firefighters and EMT's taking time away from their families and donating their time to the Volunteer Fire Department is a great asset to this town and is something we are very proud of.

Thank you for all your help and support.

Respectfully submitted

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