

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 we replaced our 25-year-old ambulance. This vehicle had served us well for those years. We purchased a brand new 4x4 ambulance to hopefully serve the town for another 25 years. This purchase is made possible by the forethought of the citizens to put funds away and build up savings to update the needs of the department.

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

This year we are hosting a grant with Hampstead, Danville and Plaistow for the replacement of our outdated portable and mobile radios. This grant if approved will be worth approximately \$250,000.00 to our department. The capital reserve fund will make this possible while still putting monies away for a future replacement of a thirty-year-old engine about five years down the road. Thank you for your forward thinking.

The more than thirty 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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