



Sandown Fire-Rescue

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The Sandown Fire-Rescue Department would like to report that during 2022 the Fire-Rescue members responded to 606 Calls for service. This is a 23% increase in calls for service over 2021. We continue to express our gratitude to the residents for approving the Per-Diem positions. Daily staffing is an asset to our residents and the town itself, as Sandown continues to grow.

Communication is key! In 2021, a large undertaking by our department begun with updating our public safety radios. This project allows our department to communicate more effectively with our public safety partners, including our own police and highway departments. The project is almost complete and was paid entirely with ARPA funding. The town wide repeater will be up and running in the first half of 2023.

On October 29, 2021, the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) opened the applications for the Locality Equipment Grant Program. This program provided support of up to \$50,000 per New Hampshire locality (cities and towns) for 90% of the purchase price of safety and emergency equipment needed because of, or in response to COVID 19 and its impacts on emergency services staffing. The Sandown Fire-Rescue department was able to use this money to purchase a LUCAS 3 Chest Compression System and Power Cot. Both pieces of equipment will greatly help in the event of a medical emergency.

I'd like to remind residents to make sure your address is clearly visible from the road. We need to be able to find you easily and quickly in the event of an emergency. Also remember that smoke detector batteries should be changed every 6 months, and 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. Lastly, please have your chimneys cleaned and inspected at least once a year.

On behalf of the Sandown Fire-Rescue Department, I would like to express my gratitude for the support we have from our neighboring mutual aid towns, as well as the tremendous support from our community.

Personally, I wish to thank the dedicated men and women of the department who support their community and its surrounding neighbors without hesitation, every day. These valuable members provide an overwhelming strength to this department and the impact they have is essential to the success of the Town of Sandown.

Thank you for all your help and support.

Respectfully submitted,

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