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This has been a remarkable year for Sandown Fire & Rescue. 2023 marks 75 years of service for the Sandown Fire Department, with its humble beginning in March of 1947 at Town Meeting. Shortly thereafter, a purchase was made of a 1924 International Harvester Firetruck built by the “Childs” fire Apparatus, and it has only grown from there. Today Sandown has two stations, Angle Pond Station, at the south end of Main Street, and Central Station, next to the Town Hall. These stations are currently equipped with five apparatus and an Ambulance licensed at the EMT Advanced level.

The Sandown Fire Department would like to report that during the past year the Fire/Rescue responded to 594 Calls for service. 178 Fire calls, 410 EMS calls, 31 mutual aid responses, this is a slight decrease over last year’s calls of 606. With the numerous development projects currently taking place, we have seen a tremendous increase in inspections and planning board meetings. With a small town like ours facing a substantial amount of growth in a short period of time, we need to make sure that regulations are met, and procedures are followed. We have a responsibility to maintain the safety of our community.

Sandown Fire & Rescue is very grateful for our community. We are very fortunate to have residents and neighbors that value and support us. We are committed to providing a valued service for the cost and are cognizant of the impact it has on our residents. In March, the town voted in support of the Stryker Powerload system for the town Ambulance. This piece of equipment was installed in May and allows the stretcher to be loaded into the ambulance with little to no lifting effort by the crew. We thank you.

I also need to recognize the men and woman that proudly call themselves members of the Sandown Fire Department. They continue to show up to calls, meetings, continuous training, and other events hosted by the department. Without their commitment to this town and community, none of this would be possible. They donate time away from their family and busy lives, even when more and more is asked of them every day. These dedicated members are truly appreciated.



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As we move forward into 2024, we continue to be honored to work alongside our neighboring communities with Mutual Aid. It is important in smaller towns to build up its strength with resources and other departments. Over the past year, Sandown Fire & Rescue has also made connections with the Center for Life Management (CLM). With the introduction of the 988-telephone helpline towards the end of 2022, we have worked closely with CLM. Having this opportunity has provided a crucial expansion of mental health crisis support and services, which were previously not available.

Lastly, our usual reminders, please have your chimneys cleaned at least once a year and make sure your address is clearly visible from the road. 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.

Thank you for all your help and support.

Respectfully submitted.

**Michael J. Devine
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