

TILTON-NORTHFIELD FIRE & EMS

2018 Fire Chief's Report

2018 was again a very busy year for Tilton-Northfield Fire & EMS. Our emergency call volume increased by more than 6% over the previous year. The TNFD responded to 1,973 Incidents last year, 129 more than last year. Of the calls we responded to last year 1,449 were Emergency Medical Services (EMS) in nature. EMS calls comprised 73% of our call volume for 2018.

The Commissioners and I have put much time and effort into finding a solution to replacing the Center Street Fire Station. We have Warrenstreet Architect for design. We issued an RFP for Construction Manager. Bonnet, Page & Stone (BPS) of Laconia won the bid. Warrenstreet has designed a new station proposed to be built on Manville Road and a renovation of the Park Street Station. BPS used the plans to develop a not to exceed cost of 7.19 million dollars for the project.

The District Meeting last year approved the purchase of a new forestry to replace the pickup used as a forestry purchased back in 2006. The new forestry is a 2018 Ford F450 with an aluminum flatbed body. We transferred the forestry skid unit from the old truck to the new one.

The District also voted \$59,000 to make repairs at both stations and a renovation to the Center Street Station. The renovation created an office space for the part time clerk and also provide a secure entrance to the office and living quarters of the station. Much of the work was done with labor from the Department of Corrections. The rest of the work was completed by local companies.

The new training facility at the Park Street Station has continued to evolve. All the work performed there is through donated labor from off duty firefighters. We use this facility to train on rescue techniques and hose advancement. We also are constructing an SCBA maze there. This will increase our firefighters confidence in dark and confined spaces.

Nick Baker has almost completed his paramedic training. Nick should have his New Hampshire provider license by the end of June. This will allow the Department to have one paramedic assigned to each shift.

The Call Company enrollment has slowly declined over the past year. Those who remain have been very active. We are always looking for a few good people to apply for a position on our Call Company.

I want to thank the community and all of the community organizations who have helped the Department throughout the year. I also want to thank all the employees, both career and call, who have provided an excellent service to our District. The services provided within our District could not happen without the dedicated and professional work of our employees.

Finally, I want to let everyone know that if there is ever a question or comment about the Department, or if you would like a tour of our facilities, my door is always open. Please contact me so that we can discuss your concerns. It is our goal to provide a professional service with customer satisfaction and safety held in the highest regard.

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