



Tilton-Northfield Fire & EMS



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Vision

SAFETY

PROFESSIONALISM

**CUSTOMER
SERVICE**

Mission

DELIVER:

EFFICIENT,

PROFESSIONAL,

HIGH QUALITY,

COST EFFECTIVE,

AND TIMELY

**FIRE
SUPPRESSION,**

RESCUE,

**EMERGENCY
MEDICAL
SERVICES,**

FIRE PREVENTION,

**PUBLIC SAFETY
EDUCATION, AND**

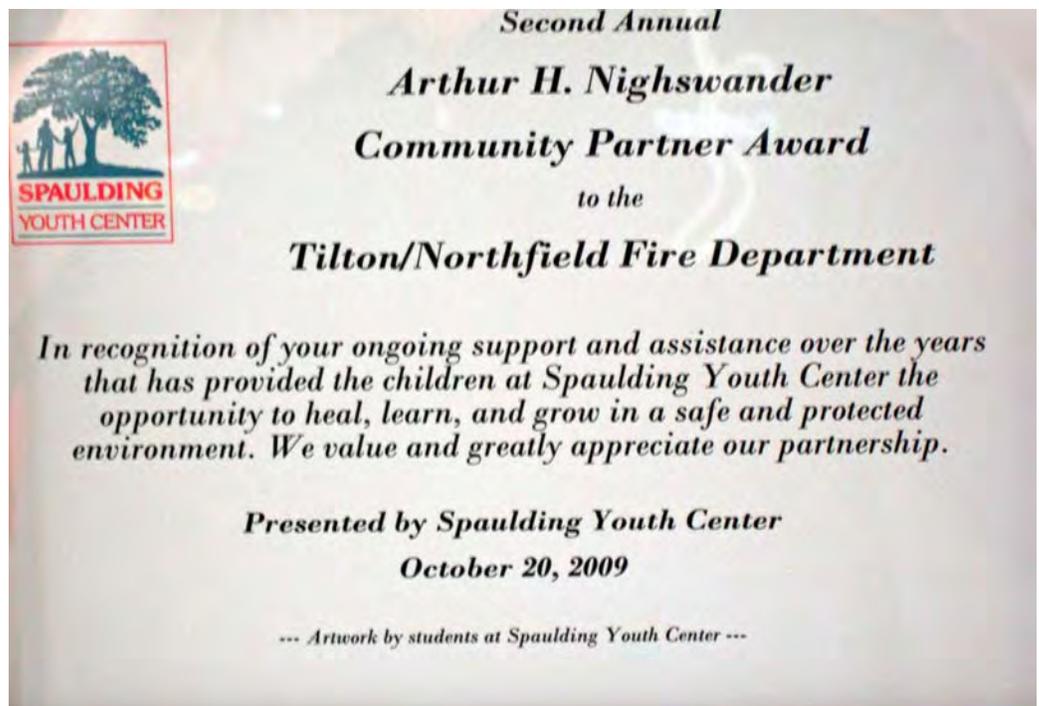
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TNFD Awarded the Arthur H. Nighswander Award

I am very proud to have been able to accept the Arthur H. Nighswander Award at the Spaulding Youth Center on Tuesday evening. The award was presented to the Department and all of its members for everything we do, and have done for the Center. I am sorry that none of our members were present, because it is really an award about them. As I stated in my remarks, "They are the ones that provide the service." Again, I am very proud.

The award was presented by Jim Clement and Susan Calagari. Jim read off a list of things that we have done for the Center in the past, and, even I was surprised. Sometimes, we forget the little things that mean so much to others. It is very special to be appreciated in this manner and we should all be very proud. (Cont. page 4)



Chief's Message

NOTES:

- ◆ A couple of weeks ago we had a call for smoke in the building on Vine Street in the middle of the night. For those of you who didn't respond because it was toned as a "structure fire", I'll describe the incident: The building was a large, 2.5 story apartment house with 6 (I think) occupied apartments. The smoke detectors began sounding and the neighbor called the FD. Upon Engine 3's arrival, they had light smoke showing and began investigating and evacuating occupants. Every apartment was still occupied! It was determined that there was a furnace problem and the building was vented. I watched and listened as crews vented and monitored the atmosphere for Carbon Monoxide for about 35 minutes. When they cleared the building for the occupants to go back in, I left. On the ride home,
- I couldn't help but think of 2 things that really struck me about the call. First, and most obvious was that we are still having a problem getting people to react to smoke alarms. So, just because the alarms are sounding, don't assume everyone has self-evacuated. Second, was that we monitored the air and were getting readings of approximately 35 ppm for quite some time throughout the whole building. What struck me about this, is that 20 years ago—maybe even 10 years ago—we never even would have considered monitoring the air. We would have vented until we couldn't smell anything and then let everyone back in. That would have exposed them to long term, low-level CO. Not good. By the way—CO is odorless. Furnace exhaust isn't, but it's deadly by-product, CO, is. So, keep up the good work. Glad it wasn't on fire!
- ◆ We will probably make it public on Monday, but we are calling the fire on West Main Street incendiary in nature. The investigation remains open. If anybody hears anything, please let us or the TPD know.
 - ◆ The CRI/POD Drill, last Saturday went very well. We tested our regional abilities to manage medicating 200 people in 1 hour. Our goals were met and some valuable training was attained. I was very happy that we were able to function as an EOC with Chief Cormier in command. I believe this may have been the very first time, whether training, or not, that an EOC was established in Tilton. About time!!
 - ◆ Looks like we won't have a fall forest fire season. Tomorrow's rain should take care of that!!
 - ◆ I have had some interest in the call companies in the past few weeks. Hopefully you'll be seeing some new faces around, soon!
- Manage Your Risk(s)!
Chief Carrier

UPCOMING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

October 26, 2009	0900 hrs	Large Area Search Chief Carrier Center Street
October 16, 2009	1800 hrs	EMS Continuing Education David Rivers Center Street
October 27, 2009	0900 hrs	Large Area Search Chief Carrier Center Street
October 28, 2009	0900 hrs	Large Area Search Chief Carrier Center Street
November 2, 2009	0900 hrs	FS Life Safety Advocates Chief Carrier Center Street
November 2, 2009	1800 hrs	Large Area Search FF Joubert Center Street
November 3, 2009	0900 hrs	FS Life Safety Advocates Chief Carrier Center Street
November 4, 2009	0900 hrs	FS Life Safety Advocates Chief Carrier Center Street
November 9, 2009	0900 hrs	Where Are You Headed Chief Carrier Center Street
November 9, 2009	1800 hrs	Officer's Meeting/Training Chief Carrier Center Street

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I didn't know much about the award so I looked up who Arthur Nigswander was. From living in the Lakes Region all of my adult life, I had heard the name and somewhere along the way picked up that he was a prominent attorney from Laconia. Little did I know how prominent... I read a few things that others had to say about him. They used words and phrases such as: "dedication", "vision", "didn't mind being criticized", "extraordinarily capable", "team", "public interest", and "live your life for others". Very impressive. During my brief remarks, I tried to make the correlation between how he was and what we do. If you consider our Vision; Safety, Professionalism, and Customer Service; I am sure those were large considerations in Atty Nigswander's life, as well.

This was the best type of award to receive. Not because it had to do with Atty Nigswander and community service, necessarily, but more so because we never expected it! Not one person in this department had this on their radar. Nobody was delivering services hoping that someday we'd get this award. That is a tribute to how you do your jobs; day-in and day-out. That is why I am so very proud.

Thank you for what you do and how you do it. You should be proud, too!



