



# **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**

**CODE  
ENFORCEMENT.**

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## *Fire in Mobile Home Quickly Extinguished*

Things went well for us last weekend, beginning with the duty shift beginning at the Park Street Station when a call was received reporting a building fire on Mt Tug Road—about a mile away. When Engine 3 arrived, Captain Ober requested a first alarm. The crew laid a line up the driveway and immediately stretched a hand line. FF Joubert and call FF Jewell quickly knocked the fire down while FF Valovanie (is he working for all of the fires?) secured a water supply from the tanker. Tanker 1, Engine 1, and Engine 2 arrived with 4 firefighters. Franklin's ladder responded (that is what they are sending mutual aid, now) with a crew of 7 firefighters. They were a great help, especially with overhaul. The structure created some interesting overhaul challenges with plywood ceilings and an additional pitched roof over the existing mobile home roof.

We also had a few other calls during the fire that mutual aid companies handled for us. Overall, it was a busy day!



Photo of the B/C corner of the mobile home damaged by fire last Sunday on Mt Tug Rd. Basically this was a one room fire that extended down the hall—but, obviously, the guys did a great job. You don't usually see a mobile home in such good shape after a fire!

# Chief's Message

## NOTES:

- ◆ There's not a lot going on...
  - ◆ We were mentioned in 5 articles in the first 2 pages of last week's Echo!
  - ◆ Northfield continues to form a committee to look into their fire service needs. They are looking for residents to serve.
  - ◆ The commissioners have set a level-funded budget for 2010.
  - ◆ We are now meeting with the Fire District's Budget Committee to set their budget.
  - ◆ The Comprehensive Facilities Review Committee is scheduled to meet again on the 16th. Hopefully they will be able to come to some consensus on a 10 year plan to address our facilities' needs.
  - ◆ And, we have a regularly scheduled Commissioner's meeting on Thursday the 19th.
  - ◆ All of our meetings at the Tilton School will be in a different room—Room 213. Same building, directly above the room we had been meeting in.
  - ◆ The holiday season is almost upon us. You will notice a number of things happening—but they are all good!!! FF Valovanie has posted the boot drive for the day after Thanksgiving. Speaking about Thanksgiving... We will be holding our 8th annual Day Before Thanksgiving luncheon. See Kathy for more details. The TNS Christmas Fund is getting cranked up, as well. Baskets will be delivered on December 19. See Commissioner Gallant with any
  - ◆ Did you hear that the State Fire Marshal's Office labeled the West Main Street Fire incendiary? The investigation remains open, but it was suspicious from the beginning. If you hear anything, let Capt Ober know.
  - ◆ A significant water main project is underway on West Main Street. They are installing a new 12" main on the opposite side of the street that the current main is on. They will be replacing 5 hydrants and adding 1 new hydrant. Flows are expected to go from 130 gpm to 1500+ gpm! This will be a huge firefighting benefit for incidents in that area. And, if you look at some of the buildings, the potential exists for some significant fires.
  - ◆ You will see an article on Winter Operations on page 4. Keep yourself in mind, too. You need to be prepared to operate your body a little differently during the winter months. Make sure you keep that immune system working and make sure you are ready for the cold.
- "Don't Hit.  
Don't Get Hit.  
Don't Tip Over.  
Don't Scare Anybody Inside  
or Outside the Truck."*
- Chief Allan Brunacini, Ret.  
Phoenix FD*
- Emergency Vehicle  
Driving Policy*
- questions. In all cases, we are giving. Any assistance you can provide will be greatly appreciated.
- ◆ I am very proud of our department—always— but especially after the fire on Mt Tug Rd. Quick response, quick knockdown, and professional service. Thank you. I am grateful and lucky to be working with a great group of people that do their jobs very well. This goes right along with the job we did on West Main Street, last month. Same quality.
- Keep up the Great Work!!!
- Chief Carrier

## UPCOMING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

November 16, 2009	0900 hrs	Flashover Fundamentals Chief Carrier Center Street
November 16, 2009	1800 hrs	Vehicle Stabilization Demo Vendor Park Street-Fire & EMS Welcome
November 17, 2009	0900 hrs	Flashover Fundamentals Chief Carrier Center Street
November 18, 2009	0900 hrs	Flashover Fundamentals Chief Carrier Center Street
November 23, 2009	0900 hrs	Boarded Up, Part 2 Chief Carrier Center Street
November 23, 2009	1800 hrs	EMS Continuing Education David Rivers Center Street
November 24, 2009	0900 hrs	Boarded Up, Part 2 Chief Carrier Center Street
November 25, 2009	0900 hrs	Boarded Up, Part 2 Chief Carrier Center Street
November 30, 2009	0900 hrs	Dangers... Engineered "I" Beams Chief Carrier Center Street
November 30, 2009	1800 hrs	Combined Ops Captain Hall Meet at Park Street

# Winter Safety and Maintenance

*Submitted by Capt Hall*

Well, it is that time of the year again. Not sure if any of you have noticed, but it has snowed twice already! Please remember to drive according to the road and weather conditions. Consider changing the JAKE brakes to Lo or OFF on slippery road surfaces. Do not forget that wet leaves are like ice, and give yourself plenty of extra room to stop.

For all you pump operators, we will be starting to winterize the pumps. Remember, we run all of our fire truck pumps wet. All of the drains, discharges, and caps need to be dry and sprayed with antifreeze. The spray bottles are located in the pump compartments.

We also need to be much more diligent in washing our equipment. The trucks, the ladders, or anything we use on the scene should be cleaned and serviced prior to leaving the station after a call. Anyone ever try to open the tri-pod lights on R1? They are very difficult. We need to do our best to keep our equipment clean.

Please refer to our Departmental Policy Apparatus Cleaning:

**Purpose:** This policy is enacted to ensure that all apparatus is returned to full service and is ready for immediate and possibly long-term use after every incident or other use.

**Procedure:** It shall be the driver's duty to assure the following tasks are completed after using apparatus:

- Wash the apparatus during inclement weather, or any other time it is necessary, between the hours of 0700 and 2200 hrs.
- Rinse the apparatus during inclement weather, or any other time it is necessary, between the hours of 2200 and 0700 hrs.
  - It shall be understood that the Center Street Station has no floor drains and during times of below freezing temperatures, the apparatus in the station may not get washed/rinsed. The vehicles should be taken to Park Street, when possible, for cleaning.
- Sweep and wash patient compartment floors.
- Clean all surfaces and assure that all equipment is properly stowed.
- Fuel any vehicle with less than  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a tank of fuel.
- All equipment used shall be cleaned and properly replaced.
- A post-trip inspection must be completed.
- A complete inventory of the vehicle must be completed after major incidents and/or training sessions.

**Conclusion:** Adherence to this policy will ensure operational readiness. Although it is the apparatus driver's duty to assure the tasks are completed, it is the officer's (or senior firefighter's) responsibility to see that they are completed prior to personnel being released from the incident.

## **COMBINED OPERATIONS TRAINING**

**NOVEMBER 30, 2009**

**1800 HRS**

**Captain Hall has a number of scenarios planned that require YOU to make them work.**

**Please make every effort to be at this training. It will be fun!**

