



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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PSSST! It's Mud Season!



Yesterday morning, we responded to a reported fire in the building on Peverly Road. Upon arrival, the ambulance attempted to find an acceptable, out-of-the-way spot to park, and found themselves mired in mud. With gentle persuasion from Northfield DPW's loader and a chain, we were able to get "back on solid ground".

This is a great example of spring in New England and a great reminder to be careful when attempting to get off solid surfaces. Sometimes, as soon as you do, it is too late.

No injuries, no damage! And, no major fire!

Chief's Message

Vickie and I attended Chief Clarenbach's retirement party last Saturday night. It was a very fitting tribute. I was proud to be able to present Scott with a plaque from our department and to thank him for his years of service to our department. Whether it was training, responding to calls, or just being at events, Scott was very supportive of our department and gave a lot to the citizens of our communities.

It was nice to see some of our personnel there—Tom, Duane, and, of course, Harold! Harold and Scott were always very close and it was nice to hear the chief/commissioner tell him that he was one of his best friends.

This weekend is the swift water boating class. Today, the classroom portion is being held at our station. Over the weekend the class will be in the water. I think I actually heard something about "over-turning" the boats. Even though I joke with them, I know they are in good hands with Mike as their instructor.

We had a good turnout for training last Monday night—Thank You! We reviewed the equipment on the forestry and then we went out and pumped

with both the forestry and the new portable pump. We did find a defective length of suction and we are working to get that corrected.

Thankfully, the April showers are holding off the brush fires to this point. I suspect that we will have our share of dry spells before things green up. So, make sure you check out your forestry gear and keep it ready. If you need something, please make sure you see your officer and let them know.

Signs—

The fire danger sign at the Tanger Outlet Center will have Smokey back soon. The bear portion of the sign needed to be repaired after the plexiglass and the stick-on emblem became weather damaged. Lt Ames is working feverishly to get that project done!

We noticed that the station sign at Park Street (in the island) was leaning a little bit a couple of weekends ago. Upon inspection, it was found that the post closest to the street was rotted at and below ground level, and, it broke right off.

The sign was taken down and washed. I had recalled that Bill Becker, from Ian Graphics, told me that the sign should be washed with soap and water from time to time. So, we did

that, but it was obvious that the paint had faded and some of the paint was chipped along the edges. The sign was brought to Bill's shop for inspection. He indicated that it was in good shape, but that it did need some attention. He is currently sprucing it up for us and Sean Valovanie will be taking care of the posts. Hopefully, the sign will be back up by the end of the month at the latest.

The Town of Tilton has formed a committee to look into the best location for a Life Safety Building in Tilton. Mike Robinson was appointed to the committee by Town Moderator Ken Randall. The committee has met once and will be meeting again next Wednesday, the 8th. I'm sure Mike will represent us well and I am thankful for his willingness to serve.

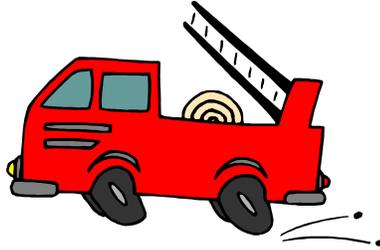
As you will see in the next few pages, we have had 2 articles submitted by our members for this week's newsletter. Thank you, Deputy and thank you, Brian! If anyone else would like to submit something, please do. E-mail it to me and we'll get it in. Ideas will work, too!

Chief Carrier

UPCOMING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

April 6, 2009	0900	Managing SA Chief Carrier Center Street
April 6, 2009	1800	Ropes - Classroom Captain Hall Center Street
April 6, 2009	1800	Fire Study Public Hearing WRHS Cafetorium Scott McGuffin, Moderator
April 7 2009	0900	Managing SA Chief Carrier Center Street
April 8, 2009	0900	Managing SA Chief Carrier Center Street
April 13, 2009	0900	Making the Stretch Chief Carrier Center Street
April 13, 2009	1800	Officer's Meeting Chief Carrier Center Street
April 14, 2009	0900	Making the Stretch Chief Carrier Center Street
April 15, 2009	0900	Making the Stretch Chief Carrier Center Street
April 16, 2009	1800	TNFD Commission Meeting Commissioners Tilton School

Equipment Operation And Maintenance



Question:

Engine 3 and Tanker 1 have a Jake Brake retarder, what are the benefits of equipping a vehicle with a Jake Brake[®] retarder?

ANSWER:

There are many benefits to having a vehicle, or a fleet of vehicles equipped with Jake Brake retarders (whether they are the Jacobs Engine Brake[®] or Jacobs Exhaust Brake[®]). Here are a few...

· **Lower Operating Cost / Higher Productivity:**

The use of Jake Brake retarders reduces the wear and tear on the service brakes, reducing the frequency of brake system service. Brake drum temperatures increase with use, and pads wear faster when hot. Using the engine brake on long downhill descents keeps the wheel ends and tire casing cooler, extending wheel bearing and tire casing life for more retreads. With a Jake Brake retarder, the vehicle is on the road more in the shop less, and is therefore more productive. Also, trucks with retarders enjoy a higher resale value, so your truck will be worth more if you decide to trade it in.

· **Faster Trip Times / Increased Profitability:**

Because Jake Brake retarders allow the vehicle to remain in control at higher speeds (control speed), trip times can be reduced. This can mean more trips for the same vehicle and thus increased productivity. Note: retarders are vehicle slowing devices, not vehicle-stopping devices. Never exceed the posted speed limit or the speed that will allow you to bring the vehicle to a safe emergency stop.

· **Enhanced Vehicle Control:**

With a Jake Brake retarder the driver has the ability to slow the vehicle without the use of the service brakes. This reduces the chance of brake fade on long down grades and gives the driver increased confidence and control of the vehicle. On flatlands, using the engine brake to keep up with the changing speed of the traffic flow without hitting the service brakes stabilizes high-way traffic flow.

The Tilton-Northfield Fire & EMS has a serious investment in it's equipment fleet and it is a fleet to be proud of. It is important that we maintain, operate, and educate ourselves properly on its safe use and maintenance to protect our investment.

Look for future topics in the Chief's News Letter about Equipment Operation And Maintenance section and we will talk about things from hand tools to pumpers.

Let's be safe and careful out there

Mike Robinson Deputy Chief

Turn your cell phone into I.C.E.

by Brian Dumka

July 7, 2005 London, UK is rocked by a series of coordinated blasts that hit their public transportation system during the morning rush hour. The series of explosions kills 52 people and injures 700 others. Paramedics arrived and found injured and deceased subjects all around them. With unconscious and deceased subjects emergency officials started going through these peoples personal cell phones to try and find someone who may know them or have pertinent medical history on the patient they are trying to treat.

After that faithful day Bob Brotchie, a British paramedic, conceived the idea of ICE'ing your cell phone. The ICE is an acronym for "In Case of Emergency". A person would program either their spouse or kin into their phone and in front of their name just put "ICE". This way if they ever have some sort of accident or incident rendering them unconscious, the arriving responders can begin assessment and locate the cell phone and know just who to call without guessing who to call in the phones contact list.

This program took off in the U.K. and even caught the eyes and ears of responders here in the U.S. There have been many agencies since who have a way to pass along the word of ICE'ing your cell phone. With over 192 million cell phones in use today this would be much easier than trying to locate an emergency contact card in the wallet.

There are some privacy concerns as with any phone number in the contacts. You could lose the phone and someone uses the information maliciously. The contacts could be out-of-date and responders talk to the wrong person about the victim involved. Maybe they even just called the ex. Like everything else out there, it has its good and bad advantages.