



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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C2F2, Again

At yesterday's Fire Standards and Training Commission meeting, as promised, a vote was taken in reference to the future of the C2F2 program. For those of you who may not be aware, C2F2 stands for "Certified Career Fire Fighter". It is a training curriculum that has been developed by the Fire Academy that full-time firefighters must complete—by law—within 1 year of hire.

Three of our employees will be attending the next class which begins on Monday. Firefighters Gilman, Mercaldi, and Sevin will be at the Academy Monday-Friday for 2 weeks. The class will evaluate and refresh their FFI and FFII skills in addition to teaching driver/operator skills, firefighter wellness and physical fitness, firefighter safety and survival, and social skills for the fire service.

During the absence of the 3 firefighters, you will see Capt Ober and myself picking up some shifts to ease the overtime burden. Remember, Captain Michaud's paramedic clinicals are continuing, as well, leaving a good number of shifts needing to be filled.

You haven't heard the last of C2F2. There was a follow-up motion to form a committee to look into some of the items raised during this latest attempt to change and/or eliminate the program. The Commission unanimously agreed that this committee should be formed. So, as it has been for the last 13 years, C2F2 will remain a hot topic for the Commission.

The fallout of yesterday's vote should be interesting to say the least. The Professional Firefighters of NH and the NH Association of Fire Chiefs both wanted this course to go away. In fact, the Chief's Association directed their representatives to vote to eliminate the program and neither rep. did. Both voted to keep the program the way that it is. Already, this morning, I have seen e-mails crying foul!

My opinion is that the 9-4 vote to keep the program was right on the money. How can FST Commissioners, Fire Chiefs, and Union members vote against a program that new firefighters receive training in health, wellness, and firefighter safety and survival?

Chief's Message

Almost Summer

It is Friday afternoon and I am covering the shift for Captain Michaud. We just got back from a motor vehicle accident on Laconia Road in front of Evan's Expressmart. If the traffic is any indication, it is certainly almost summer.

I missed a couple of weeks, again! Sorry about that!! Last week I took a couple of days off to strip and re-shingle my roof. And, what happens? It rains most of Thursday and until 1030 hrs on Friday. I had originally planned on being completely finished by Saturday night, but instead, I was still picking up on Tuesday night—actually, shingling was done on Sunday afternoon.

Thanks to Tim Ames and Rick Andrews (Gilford Fire Rescue) for their huge amount of help. Thanks to Sean Valovanie and Tom Gallant for lending me some equipment. I wouldn't have been able to do it without them! Oh yeah! Thanks to Damien for coming over and moving some bundles, and then leaving after getting called in for overtime! The next roof will be his, so I'm hearing!

The 3 guys will be at C2F2 for the next 2

weeks. They will have 3 air-packs and 3 spare cylinders.

Does anyone really know what the kerosene is doing in the shed? Good question Lt Ames!

I was mowing at Park Street today and it seems like we may have a squatter out back by the old "v" plows. A tiger colored cat was hanging around and eating something by the brush line (and then rolling in it!).

The other reason it seems like summer is almost here is the number of things and events that people are talking about having to attend. Whether it is a graduation, a wedding, or a birthday party, it seems like everyone has something on the calendar. If you are out having a good time and enjoying good company, please be responsible!

The Life Safety Building committee has requested some

incident data so that it can be plotted on a map, suitable for presentation. Ben Labelle works for Hannaford who is going to transfer the data to a map. It should be interesting to see the finished product.

Engine 1's pump is having some problems. Water has been leaking from around the shaft for quite some time, but now it appears that pump oil is leaking. We have received a quote from Desorcie to "rebuild" the pump, but we really don't know the "true" problem until he rips it apart. We are getting that scheduled up soon.

All of that portable water that Home Depot brought in has been offered to us for training. I'm not clear on what the value of using it would be to us, other than it is a great location to lay lines and deploy streams without both-

ering anyone—and the water doesn't have any sand or rock in it. So, if anyone wants to do any pumping exercises, talk to your officer or the shift officer.

Don't forget that Old Home Day is right around the corner. Unfortunately, I'm going to miss the festivities due to being at the NE Conference in Springfield. So sign up to help and be there. It's fun and good for the community!!

Be your best,
Chief Carrier



UPCOMING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

June 8, 2009	0900	Positioning Aerial Apparatus... Chief Carrier Center Street
June 8, 2009	1730 hrs	Training Committee Meeting Chief Carrier Center Street
June 8, 2009	1800 hrs	Officer's Meeting Chief Carrier Center Street
June 9, 2009	0900	Positioning Aerial Apparatus... Chief Carrier Center Street
June 10, 2009	0900	Positioning Aerial Apparatus... Chief Carrier Center Street
June 13, 2009(SAT!!!)	0800 hrs	Auto Extrication Practical TBA Park Street
June 15, 2009	0900	Big Box Fires Chief Carrier Center Street
June 15, 2009	Off	No Training!
June 16, 2009	0900	Big Box Fires Chief Carrier Center Street
June 17, 2009	0900	Big Box Fires Chief Carrier Center Street

This space was supposed to be for Deputy Robinson's regular vehicle maintenance article. However, I seem to have deleted it inadvertently! Sorry, Deputy!

I'm sure we'll get back on track next week (if you send it again!).

Just for your troubles:



I thought you'd feel better!

Cost to Outfit a Firefighter

- ...Helmet - \$300
- ...PASS device
- ...Coat - \$800
- ...Gloves - \$90
- Breathing Apparatus - \$4000
- Pants ... - \$600
- Boots ... - \$250

Life of a Firefighter ...Priceless!

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