



Tilton-Northfield Fire & EMS Newsletter



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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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New Engine 3

Things are progressing well with the new engine. Although it is not in service, yet, much of the equipment has been mounted on the truck.

The radio has been installed, however, we are waiting to finish the pump panel installation. Still to be completed on the pump panel is the installation of a weather-proof speaker and headset jack. This will allow us to hear the radio by either speaker or headset with the door to the pump panel radio compartment shut tight.

This will ensure that our remote head and microphone, along with the headset will be kept dry.

A canvass hosebed cover has been ordered. The lettering has been chosen and ordered. Mounting brackets for the inside of compartments are on the way. Trays in the compartments and the exterior outlets will be taken care of next week. The engine has been registered, but still needs to be inspected.

Other than the obvious operational

considerations, there is no big rush to get the truck in service before it is completely ready.

It isn't too late to offer suggestions. Lt Hall's shift has solicited a great deal of feedback. Thank you to everyone for your cooperation and willingness to help.

We'll let everyone know when driver training will begin. I don't want anyone jumping in the truck and going to an incident without proper training.

Check it out when you get a chance.



TNFD Commissioners in front of new engine. Only kidding!!!

Chief's Message

Well, the newsletter has caught the attention of at least one of our members: Kevin LaChapelle.

On the last page is an article Kevin wrote specifically for our newsletter. It is a training article, but really, it is much more. And, it won't be the last one.

As he explains, the article is the first in a series of 3. He

talks about firefighting with a little twist of life included. His experiences as a call firefighter, a full-time firefighter, and a full-time company officer give him an excellent perspective to be able to give us some pointers.

Enjoy the article and look for more in future issues. If anyone else has anything similar, I'd love to print it. It is all good

stuff that we can learn from.

And, if you see Kevin, wish him well as he recovers from back surgery.

Keep up the good work, everybody! I'm sure we'll have a great summer.

Don't let this newsletter serve in place of stopping in and getting the scoop for yourself. Its important that you see for yourself and be seen, as well!

Reorganized Call Companies

Lt Beaulieu

FF Davis
FF/EMT Boyd
FF Harbour
FF Ober
FF Dumka
FF Lachapelle
FF/EMT Parent
FF Gosselin

Lt Greene

EMT Orlando
EMT Bousquet
FF/EMT Murphy
FF/EMT Lockwood
FF EMT Sheltry
EMT Caldon
FF Olivier

Lt Harris

EMT Glines
FF/EMT Decoste
FF/EMT Yeaton
FF/EMT Wright
FF/EMT Laraway
FF Latucky
FF Keeler



Signs of the Times

Please use caution on our roads!!! First, watch out for frost heaves! School Street, Route 132 (all of it!), and Colby Road are once again horrendous.

Our trucks are heavy and expensive. Springs break, axels can snap, fittings can loosen up, tanks can crack, and engine mounts can break if we hit these things going too fast. Please pay attention and slow down appropriately when approaching a heave.

Also, keep all 4 wheels on pavement until we start hardening up the ground again. 2 wheels on the shoulder may result in a truck on its side. Also, think about people's property and try not to damage it (driveways, etc.) Thanks.

UPCOMING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

March 26, 2007	0900 hrs	Reading Smoke Basics Chief Carrier Center Street
March 26, 2007	1800 hrs	EMS Continuing Ed. Protocol/DNR Review David Rivers Center Street
March 27, 2007	0900 hrs	Reading Smoke Basics Chief Carrier Center Street
March 28, 2007	0900 hrs	Reading Smoke Basics Lt Hall Center Street
April 2, 2007	0900 hrs	Detachable Ladder Pipe Ops. Chief Carrier Center Street
April 2, 2007	1800 hrs	Haz Mat Refresher Lt Ames Center Street
April 3, 2007	0900 hrs	Detachable Ladder Pipe Ops. Chief Carrier Center Street
April 4, 2007	0900 hrs	Detachable Ladder Pipe Ops. Chief Carrier Center Street
April 9, 2007	0900 hrs	Strategy and Exposures Chief Carrier Center Street

SAFETY- Where am I?

Segment 1 of 3

Kevin LaChapelle

Note: This is a three part article that should meld together and have a common theme at the end of the third article.

Throughout life I have often asked my self, *where am I?* The first time I asked the question I was on the wrestling mat in high school. Unfortunately by the time I figured out where I was, I was somewhere in that big circle, on my back, squirming like a fish counting ceiling tiles. A place that I wished didn't exist. It didn't take many matches like that to know every square inch of the mat. Once I figured out where I was on the mat I found it easier to get busy and get the job done.

This is so true in many aspects of being a firefighter. No matter if you ask, "Where am I in the building?" or "Where am I in my career?"

On my son's first day of Kindergarten the at the Union Sanborn School, I saw this posted on the bulletin board near the front office:

SCHOOL RULES-

1. **BE SAFE**
2. **BE KIND**
3. **DO YOUR JOB !**

Since that day, I have thought. Wow what an easy philosophy to follow as a company officer. And, I can attest, it seems to be working so far.

But recently, something else occurred to me: How cool is it that the kids have the same Vision as the TNFD? Well kinda':

1. **SAFETY**
2. **PROFESSIONALISM**
3. **CUSTOMER SERVICE**

In this series of articles, Segment 1 will be about safety. Segment 2 will be about professionalism and Segment 3 will be about customer service. The common question in all three segments is *where am I?* As I mentioned earlier we must keep our brains working. O.K.... O.K. lets get to the article.

___Let's get one thing straight, **you are your own safety officer!** You do your part and we will do ours. **You are ultimately responsible for the safe return to your family.** When we arrive at a building fire, do we have a command structure in place that affords us to be safe? I would hope so! We have great Incident Command models that teach us that the address side is "A" and that Division 1 is where we enter the building at ground level- on Division A. Are we always on the same page when it comes to communication? Not always. That is what kills a few firefighters every year, Bad communications! What can we do to minimize bad communications?

Make sure we all know where we are starting from before we enter the maze- filled with smoke.

A great way to practice this is when you enter a building on routine runs or even during training, ask the question out loud, where am I? Where is my closest exit. Easy enough if your in a single family ranch. What about the New Hampshire Veterans Home or J. Jill? When you find yourself deep into the bowels of these buildings, you had better make damn sure that if you had to make a MAY DAY call, you can describe exactly where you are. If and when you are ever in an emergency situation at a true incident, you will deal with it in a much more calm and methodical fashion. And, like we learned in pre-school, always have two ways out. This may mean over a ground ladder from Division 2. This is when you hope the firefighters on the outside are doing their job!

If you think this is farfetched or way above you, read the NIOSH report for the Worcester Cold Storage Fire. On December 3, 1999 two very well seasoned Worcester firefighters entered a building from the roof and could not describe exactly where they were. They had been in this building numerous other times never did give an exact location,

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for various reasons. They stayed in communications with the IC until they ran out of air. They Does this sound like anything that could happen to us? Searching for firefighters who are making a MAY DAY call is chaotic enough, help us take the search part out of the equation and tell us exactly where you are!

Folks- fire does not care who we are, young or old, full-time or call. Stay on your toes and bring your "A" game to every incident you respond to!

Stay SAFE and MAKE IT SAFE!



TNFD will be hosting a child safety seat inspection day at the Park Street station on Saturday, March 31, 2007 from 10:00AM to 2:00PM.

having their child's seat inspected for issues is invited to attend. Representatives from NH number of car seat to offer the inspection also have a lot of and free refreshments provided by the TNFD RED company. Crash Dummy will appearance!! Call Janine at the station if you have any questions!



Anyone interested in car seat or booster stallation and recall is-tend. We will have rep-Safe Kids and a good technicians available tion and training. We safety info to hand out ments provided by the (auxiliary)! Vince the also make a guest ap-

***Anyone Wishing to Supply Pictures or
Write Articles for Future Newsletters
Please forward your materials to Chief
Carrier by Wednesday of each week!***

Thanks.