



Tilton-Northfield Fire & EMS



T-N 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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Good Knockdown!

Early Monday morning turned out to be a pretty proud moment for me, and I believe it should be for all of us. Take a quick look to your left at the Vision and the Mission and then think about what happened at the fire and we are right on. Things are really starting to come together, and I'm proud of that.

Now, believe me, I don't want anyone walking around here thinking that everything was perfect because what we do is in an uncontrolled atmosphere and could be considered

an in-exact science, so there is always something that could have been done differently. Check out the Significant Incident Report for that information!

The results we had Monday come from good firefighters, good training, and good information. FF Harbour provided good information to the first in crew who made good decisions. They were aggressive, but safe, and were able to control the fire effectively. Good training and a decent amount of fire activity,

lately, has made us more aware of things like apparatus placement, establishing water supplies, ventilation, back up lines, and secondary means of escape. The attention to salvage and overhaul prevented further, unnecessary damage.

The fire now appears to have been caused by arcing in an outlet in the wall between the old and new section of house.

Thanks for the great work!!



ALAN MacRAE / for the Monitor
Firefighters battle a two-alarm blaze on Hidden Valley Lane in Northfield yesterday morning. No one was injured in the fire.



Alan MacRae/for the Citizen
Firefighters from several Lakes Region departments fight a two-alarm blaze on Hidden Lane in Northfield early Monday morning.

Chief's Message

As I write, I'm about half an hour away from heading to Manchester Airport on Wednesday morning. I will be representing the fire service of New Hampshire in Washington DC for the next couple of days in an effort to show our Congressmen and Senators how important it is to continue to support the Nation's fire service and firefighters. We will

be asking the elected officials to continue to fund initiatives such as the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program and the SAFER Grant Program, as well as trying to impress upon them the importance of residential sprinkler legislation and making sure that Line of Duty Death benefits are paid in a timely fashion.

The culmination of Thursday's events will be the Con-

gressional Fire Service Institute's Annual Dinner. This huge gathering of fire service professionals is a time for networking, but more importantly for the politicians to speak to us, be heard, but also to hear us.

Keep up the good work! I'll see you Friday afternoon (if somebody remembers to pick me up at the airport!!!).

Chief

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

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
April 9, 2007	1730 hrs	Training Committee Meeting Chief Carrier Center Street
April 9, 2007	1800 hrs	Officer's Meeting Chief Carrier Center Street
April 10, 2007	0900 hrs	Strategy and Exposures Chief Carrier Center Street
April 11, 2007	0900 hrs	Strategy and Exposures Chief Carrier Center Street

CARSEAT CHECK!!

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. Anyone interested in having their child's car seat or booster seat inspected for installation and recall issues is invited to attend. We will have representatives from NH Safe Kids and a good number of car seat technicians available to offer the inspection and training. We also have a lot of safety info to hand out and free refreshments provided by the TNFD RED company (auxiliary)! Vince the Crash Dummy will also make a guest appearance!! Call Janine at the station if you have any questions!



ICE CONDITIONS

Use caution on and/or around the ice. Conditions are deteriorating rapidly with the warm weather. It might be a good idea to check out the ice rescue equipment. Be advised that our boat motor is out of service. FFD had a dog through the ice yesterday; so, it might be a busy couple of weeks. In any case, remember safety first. That begins with our own safety! Be careful and always expect the unexpected.

SAFETY- Where am I?

Segment 2 of 3

Kevin LaChapelle

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

I hope that last week's article sparked a few folks into some self motivated training. As you remember, my previous question should be answered with some type of geographical location, ie; "AB corner -basement division".

Again this week, on the coat tails of the **TNFD Vision**, I ask *where am I?*

But this time is in reference to our **Professionalism**. However this week it should not reveal your physical location.

Professionalism- Where am I?

There are many definitions out there for the specific words of professional and professionalism. There are also many debatable conversations of *who* is a professional firefighter. Now, now, this is neither the time nor place to discuss *who* is a professional firefighter. The meat and potatoes of professionalism are really the way we conduct ourselves at work. The difference that lies on our plate is that we are municipal employees. And as far as the public is concerned, **we are always on duty whether call or fulltime**. When we made

the commitment to become firefighters, we made the commitment to serve in the eyes of public. Keep in the front of your mind that our professionalism is not only judged by the public but also by our peers, our officers and most importantly our chiefs. **Every day that you wake up while serving in the fire service, you are doing your oral board for your next position or job!** So what is that we are being judged on? Is it our appearance while in our uniform? Worn, torn, and stained uniforms do not replicate our level of experience. What about our knowledge, skills and abilities? These three areas are really performance based but, how we perform them and apply them is a factor in how we are judged as a professional. The area in professionalism that is typically judged on the forefront is our character. Character could also be otherwise described as personality. *Character...* I bet we have all met one or two of them in the fire service. The IFSTA manual for Fire Department Company Officer; chapter 1, page 8, says it best.

- ◆ Learn your job, be sincerely interested in it, and be dedicated to it.
- ◆ Be loyal to the department.
- ◆ Be aggressive in the pursuit of education and training opportunities.

- ◆ Guard your speech on and off duty.
- ◆ Lead by example.
- ◆ Accept criticism graciously, and also accept praise and honor.

In recent times, a few of our department members have been tested by tax payers who are upset and frustrated by decisions made by the department. I call this *Political terrorism- at the local level*. We may not have been the one who made certain decisions; however we are still directly impacted by local politics. My point on the matter is, our conduct and reactions to *Political terrorism- at the local level* is a perfect way to judge a portion of our professionalism. I will close this week's article with a quote from L. Ron Hubbard.

"A professional learns every aspect of the job. An amateur skips the learning process whenever possible."

This article is not directed toward anyone other than all call and fulltime staff who represents the Tilton- Northfield Fire and EMS Department.

Now ask yourself, in reference to professionalism, *Where am I?*

Stay SAFE and MAKE IT SAFE!

Kevin LaChapelle

Thank you from the Franklin Fire Department

(Sorry, I couldn't get the picture to print!!!)

I would like to extend my gratitude for your participation in the live burn training conducted in Franklin on March 25th, 2007. The opportunity to train together continues to help us strengthen and further develop our working relationship as two departments that increasingly find themselves relying on each other for support. It is always a great opportunity for our services to meet new personnel, and get reacquainted with those who have been around awhile, outside of the emergency settings in which we usually meet. Thanks again and stay safe.

Brad Smith
Deputy Chief
Franklin Fire Department

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Thanks.