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DELIVER:
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AND TIMELY
FIRE SUPPRESSION,
RESCUE,
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES,
FIRE PREVENTION,
PUBLIC SAFETY EDUCATION, AND
CODE ENFORCEMENT.

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Welcome FF Tim Joubert

Some of you may not have met our newest full-time firefighter, yet. Tim comes to us from the Plymouth Fire Department, where he was a full-time firefighter for just over a year. He also has several years of experience with the Ashland Fire Department where he continues to live and volunteer.

Tim has a great personality and will be a great fit with our department. His teaching and athletic backgrounds will help us in many ways.

On Wednesday, the 16th, we will be having a little "welcome breakfast" for Tim at the Center Street Station at 0800 hrs, just prior to our full time staff meeting. Any member

is welcome to attend the breakfast, just let Janine know for a head count.

Please introduce yourself to Tim and give him a hand in adjusting to "the way we do things around here"; which really isn't too bad!

Good luck, Tim.
Welcome aboard!

National Effort to Ban Novelty Lighters *Lighters Disguised as Toys are the Target*

Oregon State Fire Marshal, Nancy Orr, is leading a nationwide effort in calling for the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) to prohibit the sale and distribution of novelty lighters. Her office has partnered with The Idea Bank to create a video-based Web page to gather fire incident data. The Web page may be viewed at www.theideabank.com/psa/NoveltyLighters.html In a video message on

the Web site, Orr asks fire professionals, "Do you know of a fire or burn injury involving a child using a novelty lighter? If you do, please complete the incident report form we've provided and email the information to us. Together, we can eliminate novelty lighters and the fire dangers they create." The sale of novelty lighters has already been banned in Europe. Orr points out that gathering incident reports is pivotal to getting novelty lighters banned in this country.

That's because the CPSC requires nationwide data before considering changes to existing regulations.

NOTE: This week, the mayor of San Diego proposed a city ban on novelty lighters. For the story, go to: http://nctimes.com/articles/2007/05/03/news/sandiego/17_35_715_2_07.txt

Chief's Message

Why Say Yes?

This is a simple question. Yet, sometimes, I struggle with it. At other times, I re-phrase it to, "What if I said no?"

For me, it is simple: Passion and Service.

I simply have a passion for the fire and emergency medical services and the work that we do. It amazes me that I still love the job that I do nearly as much as when first got issued gear when I was 16.

Passion drives people in many different ways. Sometimes passion can be detrimental. Or, should I say, too much passion. Moderation is key, right? But many times passion creates the motivation to do a job and do it well. There certainly can't be anything wrong with that!

I believe that passion can be detrimental when it blinds you to things that are truly important in your life. Almost like an addiction... This profession can cause individuals to reach a threshold that often-times the individual themselves cannot observe objectively. But, it is not up to us to judge what another values; is it?

Personally, without passion I would not have joined the department, I would not have learned my streets and hydrants, I would not have se-

cured a formal and professional education... Do you see where I am going with this? On the other end of my career (now), I would not have looked to step up to deputy chief, or chief, or get my Bachelor's degree, or my EFO, or be President of the NH Chief's Association. Definitely: passion.

So it is passion that drives me to serve—to provide the service we provide. That service is not just answering emergency calls—you know; the charging into flaming corridors, making rescues, and resuscitating victims of accidents from near death. Although most of us love the "good ones" we know that it is not always those that we are faced with. Most of our work is much less newsworthy! But, it is work, non-the-less, that the people require of us. Service.

Any firefighter and/or EMT that is in this profession should love to serve if, and only if they have a passion for the job and the profession.

Which brings me to the title question; "Why say yes?" I pondered this question as I was running around Wednesday getting ready to leave town for an overnight in beautiful, downtown, Springfield, MA (if you've been there, you know my tongue is in my cheek) to attend my first New England

Division of the International Association of Fire Chiefs Quarterly Meeting as the New Hampshire Vice President. Why was I leaving work, leaving home, making special arrangements, etc? The truth is because someone asked me to. I see value in what the IAFC does and what the NED does. It is an opportunity to work at a different level. It is exposure to the most up-to-date information affecting the fire service. It is a chance to be a part of the Annual Conference held every year in June. It is a chance to be with friends and peers that face the same issues as I do whether they are chief in Durham, ME or Worcester, MA. And, they are there for the same reasons I am: passion and service. Someone asked them and they said "yes".

When I interview firefighters or I speak to a company officer I expect to see passion—not extraordinary exuberance—just a real, honest-to-goodness passion for their job and the willingness to serve those that need us the most.

From truck checks to saving lives—have some passion. And, definitely, have some fun.

That's why I said yes.

Chief

UPCOMING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

May 14, 2007	0900 hrs	FF Survival #3 – Collapse Zones Chief Carrier Center Street
May 14, 2007	1800 hrs	Officer's Training Chief Carrier Center Street
May 15, 2007	0900 hrs	FF Survival #3 – Collapse Zones Chief Carrier Center Street
May 16, 2007	0800 hrs	Welcome Breakfast Tim Joubert Center Street
May 16, 2007	0900 hrs	Full Time Staff Meeting Chief Carrier Center Street
May 16, 2007	0900 hrs	FF Survival #3 – Collapse Zones Chief Carrier Center Street
May 21, 2007	1800 hrs	Acute Coronary Syndrome David Rivers Center Street
June 4, 2007	1800 hrs	Hose Testing – E3 Lt Ames Meet at Park Street

Infant Carseat Recall

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), in cooperation with Evenflo Company Inc. today announced a recall of Evenflo Embrace™ Infant Car Seat/Carriers made before April 8, 2006.

When used as an infant carrier, the handle can unexpectedly release, causing the seat to rotate forward. When this happens, an infant inside the carrier can fall to the ground and suffer serious injuries.

Consumers should not use the handle until the repair kit has been installed. The product can continue to be used as a car seat when secured in a vehicle. Consumers should contact Evenflo to receive a free repair kit that strengthens the handle latch. A recall notice will be sent to all registered owners of the recalled restraints.

 The HSRC recall list has been updated to include this information. The main recall page can be found at:
http://www.hsrc.unc.edu/safety_info/child_passenger_safety/child_restraint_recalls.cfm



Burglar Alarms Emitting Smoke Causing Concern for Fire Chiefs

Fairfax, Va., May 11, 2007... The International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) is concerned about a new burglar alarm system that deploys dense smoke to incapacitate an intruder. The systems are sold on the premise of protecting a property by having a blinding smoke screen quickly fill an area when a burglar alarm is activated. In turn, the blinding smoke may likely activate a smoke/fire alarm; this would precipitate a fire department response.

Chief Alan Perdue, chair of the IAFC Fire and Life Safety Section, brought the new alarms to the attention of the IAFC board of directors, saying that several national franchise businesses are reportedly installing this type of system. "In essence, a complement of 15 to 20 firefighters is sent to a report of smoke in a building, but when they arrive, they have a burglary in progress with a perpetrator who may be armed at worst and disoriented and confused at best. The entire fire response lends itself to multiple situations where a firefighter or citizen can lose their lives, all because a burglar alarm was activated, generating a false fire alarm response," said IAFC President Chief Jim Harnes.

The International Fire Code specifically prohibits these types of systems, and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 101 Safety to Life standard has provisions that prohibit anything from impeding egress from a building. Dense smoke certainly impedes anyone from safely exiting a building. Fire departments may not be notified of installations of these alarm systems in their jurisdictions, because they are part of a burglar alarm system.

Companies that install these devices are willingly transmitting a false alarm to a fire department. These smoke barrier systems not only will unnecessarily tie up community resources, but more importantly may also put their fire and EMS personnel's lives at stake. "To put it directly, this type of system jeopardizes the life of every firefighter who responds to an emergency when the system has

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been activated, and it has the potential to endanger every citizen who encounters a fire truck responding with red lights and sirens to a fire alarm where there is no fire.” said Harmes.

The Central Station Alarm Association is not in favor of these types of systems. “The Central Station Alarm Association (CSAA) represents the nation’s burglar and fire alarm monitoring and installing companies and completely supports the IAFC position on eliminating the use of smoke barriers. The smoke barriers present an inherent danger to firefighters and law enforcement, and the rationale for their use is fundamentally flawed,” said CSAA President John Murphy.

The IAFC encourages fire department officials to be aware of these types of installations. The Fire and Life Safety Section board is meeting on this issue next week and as additional information is obtained, we will communicate it to members.

Construction season is in full swing in the Tilton – Northfield area. Be aware of the Hazards that equipment creates; not only for the operator and people on the work site, but for Fire Fighters and EMS providers.



Bulldozers are used on construction sites to remove or spread dirt and rock, dig out trees, and level the ground to the desired level. Bulldozer accidents are extremely dangerous and unforgiving because of the size and weight of the machine. Injuries that result from bulldozer accidents include, but are not limited to, head injury, blunt force trauma, crush injury, and broken bones.

Bulldozer accidents can include rollovers, run-overs, and falls. Limited visibility makes it easy for operators to come too close to a ledge or ditch and slide down the edge. When this happens, the bulldozer might roll, putting the operator in danger of becoming pinned or crushed under the massive weight of the machine. Manufacturers should install rollover protective structures (ROPS) as standard equipment on all of these machines. Adequate warnings of foreseeable hazards should be given if guards to protect against these hazards are not feasible.

Construction companies are required to inspect equipment and provide safety training for all employees who operate heavy machinery. In addition, manufacturers must design equipment that is safe and complete with the necessary safety warnings and precautions. But despite all of these provisions, bulldozer accidents still occur.