



Tilton-Northfield Fire & EMS



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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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Bike Week

This increases our life safety concerns.

Bike Week is once again upon us. It is Wednesday as I write and we really haven't been impacted to speak of. We responded to an accident last Sunday on Laconia Road that resulted in a potentially serious head injury, but otherwise, the roads have been safe. Traffic has been heavier and will continue to peak out north and eastbound on Friday night, then peak again west and southbound on Sunday afternoon. Saturday will be busy with day trippers.

The fire side of things often gets forgotten during Bike Week. All of the focus seems to be on crashes and medicals. The next time you drive down Laconia Road, take a look at the cottages and motels, as well as the restaurants and the stores. They are packed with people, vehicles, and bikes.

First and foremost is the fact that our rental units will be booked solid and may be over the normal capacity. For example, a one bedroom cottage which typically sleeps no more than 2 or 3, may become temporary home to 6 or 8 bikers. Couple that with a week-long festival atmosphere that encourages consumption of large quantities of alcohol (not all bikers, of course!) and there is quite a potential for accidental fire starts and inability to react to and exit from a fire in one of these buildings.

Response problems can also be encountered. Simply getting to calls through heavy traffic will be more difficult. Parking lots may be full and alternate parking spots may be used, such as fire lanes and along

driveways and access roads. If it is raining, expect to see motorcycles under every and any overhang on buildings of all shapes and sizes. This creates an unnecessary hazard and cannot be allowed, especially in commercial occupancies. We see it from time to time at the Tanger Outlet Center, where bikers will bring their bikes up on the covered sidewalk to avoid the rain drops. Yes, sometimes motorcycles burn. Yes, they present a significant fire load. And, yes, it is an unnecessary hazard.

So, as Bike Week progresses, be safe and be courteous. Enjoy the sights and sounds, if you can! We don't expect any special or significant problems, thankfully!



Chief's Message

Have a Good Weekend

I just realized that I didn't have much to say last week, but still, I filled up half the page!

One quick thing, while I'm thinking about it... We just brought on a new call firefighter—Josh Labelle. He lives up on Calef Hill Road next door to Deputy Robinson—who gave him a great recommendation. Josh will be entering college in the fall but is interested in picking up some fire and EMS training along the way. He is assigned to Company 1 with Lieutenant Harris. If you run into him, please make him feel welcome.

What great weather we've had the last couple of days! Hopefully it will keep up for the summer. There's been a little too much pollen in the air, but you can't beat the dry, crisp air.

Some of you may have noticed that E4 is still sitting behind Park Street. There was a bid received but the Commissioners rejected it; at least temporarily; to see if we could get any more interest through advertising nationally. The plan is to accept the bid on August 10th

if there is no more interest to the advertising. So, we own it for a little while longer!

Quarterly call company checks are ready to be picked up. If Janine isn't here please make sure you sign the list if you pick your check up.

Nice job by Lt Hall and his crew on the dryer fire the other night. Nice job by the smoke detector, too! In a small apartment like that, the smoke from that fire certainly could have been life-threatening to the 3 occupants.

A first alarm was requested and some may ask, "For a dryer fire?" Yes, for a dryer fire. Remember, a 1st alarm for us is like the old "working fire" alarm. It creates a retone for our personnel and starts in cover trucks. We should be going to a 1st anytime we have a fire inside a building, especially if there is a potential that the structure is involved.

Is it me, or do I see more people wearing helmets on motorcycles this year? I hope I am right. At the risk of offending some of our own members, I just don't understand why you would expose your body to the potential of being struck by another vehicle or scraping along the pave-

ment without protection—especially your head. Does the love of the wind blowing through the hair and the rumble of the road outweigh the potential for serious bodily injury? Is it an oxymoron to be a firefighter that rescues people and preaches safety to engage in an inherently unsafe practice?

Well, I think they are good questions, at least!!! I am sure many of you will provide me with the time-honored counters to each of those questions. Just please don't tell me you are willing to endure serious injury or death for the sake of riding a motorcycle. I think I'd feel better if somebody just said "it will never happen to me!" Remember, I just can't help being a risk manager; it's my nature. Many years ago I was told by an old biker that there are 2 types of bikers: those that have been down and those that are going down. I tend to agree with him. But, more than you will ever know, I wish all of our firefighter/bikers safety and well-being. Please ride safe. Please watch out for the other guy(s). You are all very valuable to us. Have a good (Bike) weekend!

Chief Carrier

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

Thanks.

UPCOMING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

June 9-17, 2007		Motorcycle Week
June 18, 2007	0900 hrs	NIMS Terminology Chief Carrier Center Street
June 18, 2007	1800 hrs	Swift Water Awareness Lt Ames Center Street
June 19, 2007	0900 hrs	NIMS Terminology Chief Carrier Center Street
June 20, 2007	0900 hrs	NIMS Terminology Lt Hall Center Street
June 25, 2007	0900 hrs	Fire Behavior Terms Chief Carrier Center Street
June 25, 2007	1800 hrs	Toxicological Emergencies David Rivers Center Street
June 26, 2007	0900 hrs	Fire Behavior Terms Chief Carrier Center Street
June 27, 2007	0900 hrs	Fire Behavior Terms Chief Carrier Center Street
June 30, 2007	All Day	Old Home Day / Park Street Open Relief Association / Captain Ober Pines / Park Street

Hamilton Hall Update

No, there have not been any more fires in the building. Jim Clement is extremely happy for that! As you may remember we have had a couple of pieces in this news letter in reference to the Hamilton Hall building on the Tilton School Campus. Regardless of the small fire that occurred there a couple of weeks ago, there have been extensive renovations taking place, including an upgrade of the fire alarm system. Captain Ober sent out the following e-mail this week:

A new fire alarm system has been installed and is now online at Hamilton Hall, Tilton School. An outside full function annunciator panel is located to the right on the main entrance. A Supra Safe key box will be installed at the same location as soon as they receive it. The system is addressable which means it will display the device location. The main FACP is located on the lower level in the A/D corner. The dialer reset should be the only function needed to be reset at this location, all other alarm functions may be conducted at the remote annunciator. This system uses a voice announcement on the main level. The message is "May I have your attention please! A fire emergency has been reported in the building. While this is being verified, please leave the building by the nearest exit". This message is followed by three blasts of the horns and will be repeated in a cycle of three. This function will not be stopped by a system reset; once the cycle has started it will run through its entire cycle. Any questions please ask.



A presentation on the stage of Hamilton Hall at the Tilton School.

Red Company News

Janine reports that the Red Company will once again be selling hot dogs at Old Home Day. She also noted that the next meeting of the group will be on Monday, June 18th, 6PM, at her house on Sanborn Road in Tilton. Anyone interested is welcome to attend. Our thanks go out to the members for their continued support.



Orange County Choppers at Wal-Mart

We know it sounds crazy, but they were there! We've got the picture to prove it. Above, from left to right, is FF Michaud, Capt Ober, Lt Ames, FF Joubert, and FF Smith standing behind the "Fire Bike". This is an impressive machine that was built approximately 5 years ago in memory of the fallen firefighters on 9/11. Beside being fire engine red and custom painted with gold leaf there are many parts on the bike that are symbolic of firefighting. Just from this view you can see a ladder, a nozzle, hose, SCBA cylinder, a hydrant, a siren and a maltese cross. If you ever get a chance to see it, you will be impressed.