



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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Our Thoughts Are With Them

It goes without saying that all of us have been thinking about the loss of 9 firefighters in Charleston, SC this week. Today, a memorial service and procession were held and funerals will begin this afternoon. We all wish we could offer comfort to the department and especially to the families of those that died.

And, if that wasn't enough, we just received word that a FDNY firefighter died when he fell 4 stories from a roof he was working on. Ten firefighter fatalities in one week. One of the biggest ironies is that it is FF Safety Stand

Down Week—a week designated to raise safety awareness of all firefighters.

We all have questions about how these incidents may have happened. We all have our own theories. But now is not the time to arm-chair quarterback. Now is the time to support the fire service and learn from these tragedies in a never-ending quest to make sure they are never repeated.

I spent some time listening to Dennis Rubin yesterday in Springfield. He spoke about crew resource management and command safety. He

repeated the words of Alan Brunacini when talking about firefighters setting strategies and developing action plans. Please don't forget these words: "WE WILL RISK A LOT TO SAVE A LOT. WE WILL RISK A LITTLE TO SAVE A LITTLE. WE WILL RISK NOTHING TO SAVE NOTHING."

Also, give some thought to the structure in the picture below. Look familiar? Think it could be in our district? Do we have similar buildings with similar construction feature and fire loads?

ABSOLUTELY. Please be careful!



Chief's Message

New England Fire Chief's Conference—Springfield

I am pounding this newsletter out just after returning from a few days at the Chief's Conference and Show in Springfield. This is a show that I rarely attended in the past, mostly because it falls on the weekend after Bike Week ends and usually on our Old Home Day weekend. So, when I was in Gilford and Laconia, I usually needed a weekend off and since I've been here, I have always wanted to be a part of Old Home Day.

As some of you may know, I was recently named to fill out the term of Retired Lebanon Fire Chief Steve Allen as NH Vice President of the New England Division of the International Fire Chiefs Association (NEDIAFC). Yesterday I was voted in and officially confirmed for a 2 year term. The NEDIAFC works in conjunction with the New England Association of Fire Chiefs to put on the show. So, we in the division put a lot of effort into the setup, etc. So, it looks

like I might be missing a few Old Home Days in the coming 2 years, unfortunately.

But, the Conference and Show has grown and improved. We are now offering educational seminars conducted by some of the biggest names in the fire service. This year John Salka and Dennis Rubin were speaking. It is an excellent opportunity to see these fire service leaders, basically in our backyard.

The exposition is held at the Big E utilizing multiple buildings and parking lots. It is easily the biggest display of vendors and fire apparatus in the northeast. If you are looking for something to do with fire or EMS you will be sure to find it there.

Yesterday I was involved with checking in and parking apparatus inside one of the buildings. What a neat process! A tremendous amount of planning goes into something like that and to see it unfold was quite a spectacle.

Unfortunately, I had to return today—at least I get a chance to do the newsletter!! But next year will be more work. My

friend and colleague Buddy Thibeault is covering my work slots at the gate and in our booth for the weekend. Being my first year, I had some prior commitments that I could not change. Next year will be booked out through Sunday.

It was great to see Capt Ober and FF Joubert in Springfield this morning. Headed to class, they were!

There was a lot of discussion surrounding the SC tragedies. I really don't know what else to say. I can only imagine what the chief must be going through. And the families that have been devastated... I am sure there will be some long-lasting scars on the department.

I know that Chief Dio of Worcester was in Charleston for most of the week offering his assistance on behalf of his department and the IAFC.

Please keep the fallen and the department in your thoughts. And, please be safe. Take advantage of every training opportunity and every opportunity to turn your experience into learning.

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

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| 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 |
| July 2, 2007 | 0900 hrs | Apparatus Must Stop and Dumb Things We Do Chief Carrier Center Street |
| July 2, 2007 | 1800 hrs | Pumping Drill Deputy Robinson Meet at Park Street |
| July 3, 2007 | 0900 hrs | Apparatus Must Stop and Dumb Things We Do Chief Carrier Center Street |
| July 4, 2007 | 0900 hrs | Apparatus Must Stop and Dumb Things We Do Lt Ames Center Street |



HELP WANTED!

Your help is needed for the Old Home days. Brian is looking for any available personnel to assist in the Fried Dough tent. If you can help him out give him a call at (603) 455-6017 and let him know. Any and all help will be appreciated. We have a lot to prepare for. And of course the fun will be provided for free.

Notice of Death

Flags over the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial are flown at half-staff in honor of:

Firefighter Melven Champaign

Charleston Fire Department
Charleston, South Carolina

Firefighter Brandon Thompson

Charleston Fire Department
Charleston, South Carolina

Firefighter James "Earl" Drayton

Charleston Fire Department
Charleston, South Carolina

Assistant Engineer Michael French

Charleston Fire Department
Charleston, South Carolina

Engineer Bradford "Brad" Baity

Charleston Fire Department
Charleston, South Carolina

Engineer Mark Kelsey

Charleston Fire Department
Charleston, South Carolina

Captain Louis Mulkey

Charleston Fire Department
Charleston, South Carolina

Captain Mike Benke

Charleston Fire Department
Charleston, South Carolina

Captain William "Billy" Hutchinson

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