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DELIVER:
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AND TIMELY
FIRE SUPPRESSION,
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PUBLIC SAFETY EDUCATION, AND
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Old Home Day

Don't forget that Tilton-Northfield Old Home Day is just around the corner. As usual, the last Saturday of June is the date—the 30th.

We will be involved once again with selling sausage subs, soda, water, and fried dough throughout the day. A little change this year will be NO NIGHT ACTIVITIES!!! (Yay!!!)

The day will begin around 6AM by setting up the booth and beginning to get soda on ice and peppers and onions cooked.

We will have apparatus in the parade, but we need to be careful with the sirens and air horns!!! Every year we get taken to task by a small number of citizens that believe the sirens and horns are too loud and unnecessary. Well, who

ever heard of a parade with fire trucks but no sirens??? The problem is the parade route. Park Street funnels the siren and horn noise between the buildings making the effect much worse on the viewers. We really need to tone it down (no pun intended) to maybe just a couple of very short burst on the electric sirens or a few "whirrs" on the mechanicals. But certainly, the mechanical sirens can't be wound up tight, nor can the electronic sirens be allowed to wail.

Anybody wishing to drive a piece of apparatus should speak to the chief before OHD.

After the parade the selling of subs becomes fast and furious and as many people as possible are needed at the booth.

We will also be opening our fire prevention trailer and

the station to the public for the day. This will require a few personnel to act as "tour guides" and to work with Captain Ober bringing people through the trailer.

Clean up will need to occur and will take place immediately after the close of the booth. This year, we will not be leaving fryalators full of oil and dirty grills at the station for days after the event. Let's suck it up and put the effort into cleaning everything that afternoon. It is not like we are going to the school that night, like we use to!

The fireworks will be in a new location this year—the old Surette Battery site. They will be shot from

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Chief's Message

Have a Good Weekend

That's about the extent of my message this week. I'm running a little short on time on this Friday afternoon, but I wanted to make sure you at least got a little bit of a personal note from me.

Bike Week starts tomorrow—today if you noticed on the highway! The word is attendance should be down, but I am sure we will experience some increases in traffic and a bike accident or 2.

Today's shift had 6 calls before lunch, but it has been quiet since. Just goes to show that you never know....

Tonight I will be attending a retirement party in Gilford for a couple of guys I used to work with—Dennis Thompson and

Dave Poole. I mention it because I believe retirement from the fire service is one of those special events. We usually honor those that served in a manner of celebrating their careers. Dennis and Dave are 2 guys that I didn't have the best working relationship with—and they will readily admit that—but tonight I am going to congratulate them and let them both know that I think they are great people; along with wishing them a lot of good luck for the future! It will be fun to see some old friends and listen to a few old stories—heck, I might even tell a few!

I was in class today—Fire Chief's Leadership Forum—at Primex. We talked a lot about risk management and the fact that we have to manage risk and weigh our decisions on risk ver-

sus benefit. In last week's article I basically talked about the same thing. But one of the items that came up today, is that fire service leaders can limit their risk exposures by hiring good people through the adoption of policies that outline strong hiring procedures. I couldn't agree more. When we hire, call or full-time, we look for good character, good work ethic, and good morals. Sometimes they are hard to pick out, but I think we've been very fortunate to have a great bunch of employees. I appreciate the effort you put in each and every day and I am proud of the work we do in our communities.

Keep up the good work and stay safe. Have a good 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 11, 2007	0900 hrs	After the Fire Safety Chief Carrier Center Street
June 11, 2007	1800 hrs	Officer's Training Officer's Responsibilities Chief Carrier Center Street
June 12, 2007	0900 hrs	After the Fire Safety Chief Carrier Center Street
June 13, 2007	0900 hrs	After the Fire Safety Chief Carrier Center Street
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

(The following piece was submitted by FF Shawn Wheeler)

Everyday Leadership

Leadership by definition is described as the ability of an individual to influence, motivate, and enable others to contribute toward the effectiveness and success of the organizations of which they are members. Leadership directly impacts the effectiveness of an organization. There isn't an organization out there where leadership is more important than in the fire service.

First, let's talk about the individual. That's where you come in. In our profession, each and every one of us has the opportunity to be in a leadership role. The role could be anything from being the IC at a large incident or as simple as showing a new firefighter how to tie a knot. You may have been a leader in the past and not even known it. Every time you tech a call or initiate a project the elements of leadership are present. However, you must be aware that you are leaving an impression on every one that you encounter. Positive or negative.

Now on to influence. Where again, we all have a chance to influence the people we work with, including our customers. Whether its code enforcement, or station chores, nothing we do will go unnoticed so we need to set a good example for each other, and create good habits. Try to set high standards for yourself and the department, and always strive to exceed those standards. Attitude also plays into the impact we have on each other, and our customers. Being polite, courteous, and professional will get you a long way with the people you encounter on a day to day basis. Keep in mind that the people we deal with are our customers, with out them there would be no us.

Every good leader must be motivated, and able to motivate others. One way that we can keep motivated is through training. When training is realistic, challenging and frequent, it will also become fun. Staying motivated will ensure that we make the best of our training and stay sharp on our skills, which in turn will have a positive impact on the effectiveness, safety and success of our organization.

What it all breaks down to is that a leader doesn't always just mean "the person in charge." We all have it in us to leave a positive impression with our day to day encounters. It's the little things that make the difference. It doesn't take bugles to be a leader.





