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Old Home Day—Another Success!

Old Home Day 2007

Thank you to all who helped with the food sales for this year's Old Home Day events. With your help we were able to raise \$1263.13 for the Tilton-Northfield Firefighter's Association. The fried dough was sold out by 1:00, and our sausage was a favorite as usual. Everybody worked very well together, and things seemed to go quite smooth. Again, your time is greatly appreciated and I look forward to doing it all again next year!

Shawn Wheeler
Old Home Day Committee



Chief's Message

Some Stuff Happening

Sorry about missing last week's edition. Time ran out on me; mostly because I took some time off last week.

I was thinking about that this morning as I walked the dog... Time off. I am certainly not the type of person that will use all of my allotted vacation time in any given year. That's just me. I know a lot of people look at vacation and personal days as a true benefit with a lot of value. I'm not passing judgment on any of them.

I like to work. I am also a salaried employee. For both of those reasons, I don't always use my time, completely. But, I am learning, with time, how important down time is. Just the chance to clear your mind and come back fresh is beneficial to the person as well as the organization.

My down time includes golfing, boating, fishing, and, most of all, family. There have been a few things that have happened recently in my life that have made me reassess some priorities. This whole subject of down time is one of those items.

I still love my job—all of it. I

hate to miss the "good" calls... you know, the ones that Janine calls "bad". So it is hard some-time to come in late, go home early, or be on vacation. But it is more and more nice to get a good break and to spend that quality time with the people I love.

Well, anyway.... Enough about time off. We're working now! Engine one is out of service—again—it seems like that truck is revolting against us for taking it out of first due status! This time it is the hydraulic pump for the generator. A little leak has turned into a rebuild of the pump because the shaft was scored. Recently we had the steering box rebuilt and a diesel leak repaired. None of those things help the budget, but without our tools, we can't do our work.

I am actually looking at some budget numbers for the past 5 years to see if we can "trend" out repair costs. It is my opinion that as a vehicle ages, it becomes more expensive to maintain. Pretty simple, right? Well, for our apparatus, as they age, we usually bump them down as far as their roles are concerned and because of that they do not run as much. So, sometimes, we do not see an increase dol-

lar-wise in maintenance costs. We may have to do a per call comparison. In any case it will be interesting to see the final analysis (at least I think so!).

Have you read some of the follow-up stories on the Charleston LODDs? I am stunned by some of the attitudes and statements. We'll see... It is still too soon to really pass judgment. Just keep in mind that a store like that should put up the red flags. A strong ICS almost ensures accountability and greatly improves fire ground safety.

And, stay tuned for more on the Calef Hill Road address fiasco. I'll fill you in more later, but we have Tilton properties that front the Franklin Calef Hill Road; thus, creating a 911 numbering issue. Lawyers and newspapers are already involved.

Great job on Old Home Day. Vickie and I enjoyed the company and the fun! We had a great group with just the right numbers to keep things going. Boy, am I glad we don't do the night operation anymore!!!

See you soon

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

July 9, 2007	0900 hrs	Operating Above and Below a Fire and Time Benchmarks Chief Carrier Center Street
July 9, 2007	1730 hrs	Training Committee Meeting Chief Carrier Center Street
July 9, 2007	1800 hrs	Officer's Meeting Chief Carrier Center Street
July 10, 2007	0900 hrs	Operating Above and Below a Fire and Time Benchmarks Chief Carrier Center Street
July 11, 2007	0900 hrs	Operating Above and Below a Fire and Time Benchmarks Chief Carrier Center Street
July 11, 2007	1800 hrs	TNFD Commission Meeting Commissioners Center Street
July 16, 2007	0900 hrs	Practical Pumping Exercise Transitioning from Booster Tank to Supply Line Chief Carrier Center Street
July 16, 2007	1800 hrs	Hoseline Drill Deputy Robinson Park Street
July 17, 2007	0900 hrs	Practical Pumping Exercise Transitioning from Booster Tank to Supply Line Chief Carrier



Lt Ames connecting box 217 at Plimpton Hall on the Tilton School campus.



Tanger Outlet Center—The unofficial word is this will be an Old Navy Store. The current GC is only responsible for building the 'shell' in which they have 51 days to complete. This was a parking lot 7 days prior to taking this picture, more info to come.....

The following article was submitted for print by FF Tim Joubert

7/05/07

On this past Tuesday I had the opportunity to respond to my first significant motor vehicle accident on Laconia Road. The accident occurred early in the morning in the vicinity of Laconia Road and Chapman Road. As we approached the scene we observed that there were two vehicles involved with significant damage. 21A1 established a position behind the first vehicle and then 21E3 blocked the west bound lane behind them. Pt care began with the crew from 21A1 attending to the more serious Pt., while the engine handled a sign off. During Pt. treatment, 21R1 showed on scene, along with Lt. Harris, and 21C1. All TNFD personnel donned appropriate PPE and followed department SOG's. Cones were deployed on the road to help divert traffic in conjunction with Tilton PD while clean up was taking place. After the vehicles were removed it was time to pick up all of our equipment. Lt. Harris, wearing his highly visible vest began picking up cones that were placed along the street side of the engine. With his back facing the engine he observed a box truck that seemed to be hugging the yellow line and backed away from the cones. **The box truck, doing no more than 15 MPH crossed the yellow line and ran over a cone directly in front of Lt. Harris.** Even with cones, vests, PD, and emergency apparatus on scene, **the driver of the box truck seemed oblivious to his surroundings.** How that is possible, I don't know, but people are people and that is why I believe **we need to continue to learn and implement techniques to increase our overall safety.**

Thanks, Tim. This shows that it is not enough to simply wear our protective clothing and use our protective equipment. We must be always alert, especially when we are not working in the shadow of one of our pieces of apparatus. Please be alert to traffic. It is often-times unpredictable.
Chief

Lynch signs death benefit, firefighter bills

By KEVIN LANDRIGAN

Telegraph Staff (as seen on *NH.com*)

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CONCORD – Daniel Eaton, a former police officer and emergency medical technician, said Tuesday that it is fitting New Hampshire would honor with a \$100,000 death benefit those police officers and firefighters who “defy natural instinct.”

“Policemen and firefighters are the foundation of our society, yet they defy natural instinct. When a building erupts in flame, our natural instinct is to run the other way,” said Eaton, a House Democratic leader from Stoddard.

“They run to it. They don’t do it because it’s fun but because of their training, their calling, their commitment to us.”

Gov. John Lynch signed legislation (SB 169) conferring the death benefit Tuesday. The signing came in the wake of three police and firefighter deaths in the last eight months.

“We can never fully repay the families of fallen officers and firefighters, but with this new law we are showing our appreciation,” said Lynch, surrounded by law enforcement leaders from across the state. Moments earlier, Lynch signed a related bill (HB 135) to designate the second Sunday in October as Firefighters Memorial Day.

Rep. Michael O’Brien, D-Nashua, said his home city has celebrated Memorial Sunday for fallen firefighters every spring since before he came to the fire department in 1981.

“The earlier date got in the way of First Communion, Easter, graduation parties. The October date makes a lot of sense,” O’Brien said, who is now a deputy chief.

Firefighters plan a formal ceremony on the first holiday next to the local firefighter-made memorial at the New Hampshire Fire Academy in Concord, said Safety Commissioner John Barthelmes.

The death benefits law will be forever known as Michael’s Law in honor of Manchester Patrolman Michael Briggs, who police allege was shot in the head by Michael “Stix” Addison. He faces the death penalty if convicted.

Franconia Cpl. Bruce McKay was shot to death May 22 after pepper-spraying Liko Kenney after a traffic stop. A passerby shot and killed Kenney.

On Dec. 29, Barnstead firefighter Steven Jones died of a heart attack.

The original death benefit bill tried to back date the benefit to last October to cover the Briggs family, but its prime sponsor, Manchester Democratic Sen. Lou D’Allesandro, was told that was not necessary. “It’s difficult to do retroactive laws. This piece of legislation is really a tribute for what these public servants do for us,” he said.

Fifteen of 24 state senators signed on to D’Allesandro’s bill.

Professional Firefighters Union President David Lang of Hampton has responded to three firefighter deaths while in the line of duty.

“I’ve had three. I don’t want another one. They take the life right out of you,” he said.

Fire Marshal J. Bill Degnan said the privately financed 100 Club has given relief to surviving families, and this death benefit will add to that.

“This is so important to the families,” said Degnan, a Nashua native. “This will go a long way to help them.”

