



The Extinguisher



**DEPARTMENT
UPDATE
01/10/2025**

Hope everyone survived the holiday season and ready to start a New Year!!!

The Department continued to see a growth in call volume in 2024, making it the busiest year on record. The Department ended with 3010 incidents, an increase of 1.5% from 2023. A four year rolling average shows a 25% percent increase in call volume. These averages are in-line with call volume predictions, especially as we separate from the COVID years. In the upcoming year, call volume is anticipated to increase moderately with new commercial and residential growth being completed, as well as an anticipated increase of mutual aid responses. Over the next week or so, we will be working on a complete call volume report which sent out to town officials and posted on social media.

Forestry Vehicle Update- F2 has been winterized. This includes draining the pump, manifolds, and booster lines. The tank is still full of water. F1 pump will be left wet until a time when we have a snow cover. In addition to our fires, there have been several fast running brush fires in our area in recent weeks, so please be prepared!!! Seems like this brush fire threat won't end, nor are the current precipitation forecasts looking good for the spring fire season!! Once we are able to pull the brush trucks out of service, Capt Pierce will be coordinating a project to update the forestry equipment and dispersing the new hose and fittings that was purchased in November.

Squad 2- The vehicle is unable to get an inspection sticker without a substantial amount of work. A request in next year's budget has been made to either replace or refurbish the truck. It has been decided to not complete any repairs/ work to the vehicle until the budget is finalized

and there is a direction to go. The truck will only be used to plow the PSB and not used otherwise. The DPW has been informed that snow plowing will be needed at Station 2 and potentially at scenes during storms.

Personnel

- 1. An employment offer has been given for the open FF Position. The candidate will be completing the preemployment physical and PAT, with an anticipated start in February.**

Vehicles

- 1. Ambulance 1 – Several major engine repairs have been completed by the DPW and an outside vendor. The truck was put back into service as running 3rd. Amb 2 was put back to the mechanical spare and moved into the annex. Please remember to check A2 weekly in order to exercise the vehicle and equipment.**
- 2. Engine 2- New front tires have been ordered and will be installed next week.**

Stations

- 1. Station 2 Roof- It is known the roof has leaks. The DPW is patching what they can, but the general condition is very poor. We will be meeting the DPW to address our long term concerns and best steps moving forward, including use of grant funds for this site that need to be spent by years end.**
- 2. Allied spent a day fixing the issues with the garage doors at HQ. New remotes were programmed for Bay 4 (Ambulance Bay) which should help with the closing issues. But with winter upon us, please make sure to close the apparatus bay doors behind you when leaving on calls at both stations, including manually closing the doors with the buttons or having dispatch close them behind you if the remote doesn't work.**