

PLAINFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT 2006 REPORT

The past year was a very busy one for us on the PVFD. We had sixty-three calls in 2006, the previous high was forty six in 2005, up from thirty nine in 2004 and thirty in 2003. As you can see there is an upward trend.

Auto Accidents: 9 (2 fatal)	Alarm Activations: 5
Structural Fires: 2 (1 suspected arson)	Chemical Spills: 1
Car fires: 1	Brush Fires/Illegal Burns: 3
Investigations: 9	Assist Other Agencies: 2
Power lines/trees down: 15	

Mutual aid given: Meriden 10, Cornish 4, Lebanon 1, Hartford 1.

We were very lucky this year and received some assistance from the Department of Homeland Security in the form of radios. We received two mobile radios for the Chiefs and Deputy Chiefs vehicles as they are often the first ones on the scene. We also received eleven portable radios as part of the DHS's plan to put a radio in the hands of every emergency responder in the country as a result of communications problems during the 9/11 attack. In April we applied for a Fire Acts Grant through FEMA for \$59,500.00 for eleven self contained apparatus (air packs). The ones we had we no longer serviced by the manufacturer and we apt to fail at any given time. Part of the grant was for five sets of turnout gear to replace worn sets that no longer met the NFPA or OSHA regulations. We were awarded \$56,525.00 and we had to do a \$2,750.00 dollar match. We also received a Title 4 grant for a forest fire mop up kit that will pay for 50% of the cost.

PVFD like a lot of volunteer fire departments has a shortage of firefighters especially during the day time. We had two new members join and one person return to the department this year. The new members are Breck Taber and Eric Pearse, the returning member is Dave Hollinger. There are only three people who can respond during the day time and only one of them works in town. For that reason I have asked to have Meriden respond to all calls in Plainfield from 6:00am until 6:00 pm during the week. It takes volunteers to keep the department running and your taxes down.

Starting this past year we have been putting on dinners and some breakfasts for the public. We hope to do dinners on a regular basis. Please check the bulletin boards around town and the sign in front of the station for times and dates. It is a good time to meet old friends and make new ones as well as get a good meal. We also had our annual barbeque on the 4th of July. All money raised goes to meeting the fire departments expenses.

Again this year we did our annual visit to the Plainfield Elementary School for Fire Prevention Week. We spend time with the kindergarten class talking fire safety and passing out a "goodie" bag of fun fire safety stuff for the children to take home and share with their families. We were also on Rte 12A again this year for Halloween with candy for the kids and coffee and cider for the adults. We always have a great time and look forward to these two events.

Just a couple of reminders if you are planning on burning any brush and the ground is not covered with snow you need to get a burning permit from one of the Fire Wardens in town. If you are installing a new furnace whether in a new house or replacing an existing one, they need to be inspected by the fire department.

Respectfully submitted
Frank H. Currier, Chief

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Frank Carrier Chief, Dennis Bundy President

Expense	Actual2006	Estimated 2006	Estimated 2007
New Equipment	\$3,855.69	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Equipment Repairs	\$220.03	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00
Supplies	\$457.27	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Electricity	\$1,078.57	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00
Telephone	\$684.72	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Heat	\$4,298.44	\$2,900.00	\$4,500.00
Diesel Fuel	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Water	\$371.96	\$450.00	\$450.00
Insurance	\$7,109.00	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00
Training	\$83.22	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Radio& Repair	\$742.17	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Accounting Fees	\$200.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Building	\$27,603.34	\$29,334.00	\$30,000.00
Dues	\$1,317.00		\$1,500.00
Totals	\$48,149.45	\$53,384.00	\$56,650.00
Receipts			
Town Training	\$83.22		
Fund Raising	\$2,031.76		
Town Appropriation	\$39,500.00		
Donations	\$1,531.00		
Association Sale	\$11,800.00		
Totals	\$54,945.00		

