

MERIDEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Meriden Volunteer Fire Department responded to 101 calls for help this year.

Alarm Investigations			
Motor vehicle accidents	9	Downed power lines	3
Propane Smells	1	Tree Fire	2
Structure Fire	2	Home lightning strike	1
Car Fire	1	Alarms	30
Brush Fire	1	Chimney fire	3
Trees in Road	2	Burnt food	1
Furnace Overheating	1	Furnace explosion	1
Smoke Investigations	3	Non-permitted burn	4
Mutual Aid Given			
Plainfield	21	Cornish	4
Enfield	1	Lebanon	8
West Windsor	1	Claremont	1
Mutual Aid Received			
Cornish	7	Plainfield	7
Cornish Rescue	10	Lebanon	6
Canaan	1	Claremont	1
Windsor	1	Enfield	1
West Windsor	1	Ascutney	1

The Meriden Volunteer Fire Department received a \$6,000 donation from the Fireman’s Fund Insurance Co. Heritage Grant (two KUA Alumni) to buy a new laptop computer and a projector to show training materials. In addition, we also received four sets of fire fighter gear. We also received a \$32,000 federal grant for seventeen sets of fire fighter turn out gear and a gear washer. Peter Maher (KUA Brigade) has also done an excellent job of raising funds from past KUA Brigade members and Kimball Union to upgrade the brigade fire fighting gear.

The worst loss of the year was the home of Gardiner and Kay MacLeay. The damage was a result of a boiler explosion during a power outage.

The department received its Internal Revenue Service 501 © 3 designation for nonprofit organizations.

The department is looking into building an addition to the station next year. Currently, it is quite difficult to get all four vehicles into a three bay station. Due to the amounts and different types of fire fighting equipment that we feel is necessary to have in house, we can no longer get away with only three trucks.

Meriden fire fighters train the first and third Monday nights of the month. If you are interested in joining us, please feel free to come. Our business meeting is held on the second Monday night of the month. This is a chance for those who are not interested in fire fighting to help the department.

At this time I have decided to step down as chief of the department effective on December 31st 2008. After eighteen years as chief, I feel it is time to turn the department over to a new chief who may have new ideas. I have for the most part had a very good experience as chief; there of course have also been some bad days. I want to thank everybody for their support over the years. As I step down from the chief position I feel the department is in very good shape. Thank you to all the fire fighters and their families for their support.

Respectfully submitted,

David R. Best, Chief

**MERIDEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
2007 ACTUAL & 2008 PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET**

RECEIPTS	2007		VARIANCE	PROPOSED
	BUDGET	ACTUAL		2008 BUDGET
TOWN APPROPRIATION	\$ 37,000	\$ 37,000	\$ -	\$ 38,000
<u>OTHER SOURCES</u>				
CORNISH FAIR TICKETS	2,700	3,672	972	3,000
SPRING DINNER – 2008	-	(648)	(648)	3,500
SPRING DINNER - 2007	3,000	5,681	2,681	-
DONATIONS	1,500	8,377	6,877	5,125
HAZMAT CLEANUP PAYMENTS	-	-	-	-
FOREST FIRE PAYMENTS	100	57	(43)	1,000
MISC	-	-	-	-
SUBTOTAL	7,300	17,140	9,840	12,625
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 44,300	\$ 54,140	\$ 9,840	\$ 50,625
				PROPOSED
				2008
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>VARIANCE</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
<u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u>				
TELEPHONE	\$ 1,000	\$ 886	\$ 114	\$ 1,000
ELECTRICITY	700	868	(168)	900
SEWER	240	240	-	240
HEATING OIL	1,500	1,610	(110)	2,000
INSURANCE	7,500	7,254	246	7,500
EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	10,450	10,294	156	11,675
COMPUTER EXPENSES	350	219	131	350
OFFICE SUPPLIES + PUBLICATIONS	450	388	62	450
GAS, DIESEL	1,200	1,466	(266)	2,000
DUES / PERMITS / FEES	400	615	(215)	650
TRAINING	2,500	2,278	222	1,000
FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT	7,320	10,035	(2,715)	11,160
STATION MAINTENANCE	3,000	528	2,472	3,000
UNIFORMS	1,000	495	505	6,000
VACCINATIONS/PHYSICALS	200	-	200	200
NON-PROFIT APPLICATION FEE	-	75	(75)	-
SMALL TOOLS AND TOOLBOX	1,000	868	132	-
HAZMAT ASSOCIATION	1,000	1,000	-	1,000
MISC	500	508	(8)	500
SUBTOTAL	40,310	39,627	683	49,625
TRANSFER TO CAPITAL RESERVE	4,990	15,512	(10,522)	1,000
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 45,300	\$ 55,140	\$ (9,840)	\$ 50,625

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OPERATING ACCOUNT SUMMARY

	2007 ACTUAL	2008 BUDGET
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 5,500	\$ 4,500
TOTAL RECEIPTS	54,140	50,625
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	55,140	50,625
NET CHANGE	(1,000)	-
ENDING BALANCE	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500

CAPITAL RESERVE SUMMARY

	2007 ACTUAL	2008 BUDGET
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 146,479	\$ 176,389
INCREASE RESERVE	15,512	1,000
INTEREST / EARNINGS	6,671	5,600
GEAR & GEAR WASHER GRANT	30,374	-
GEAR & GEAR WASHER	(22,648)	(7,726)
ENDING BALANCE	\$ 176,389	\$ 175,263