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

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GRAND TOTAL \$ 45,300 \$ 55,140 \$ (9,840) \$ 50,625	GRAND TOTAL	\$	45,300	\$	55,140	\$	(9,840)	\$	50,625

MERIDEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT 2007 ACTUAL & 2008 PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET

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	2008
	ACTUAL	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