

**MERIDEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

The Meriden Volunteer Fire Department responded to 105 calls for help this year.

<b>Alarm Investigations</b>			
Motor vehicle accidents	15	Downed power lines	4
Propane smells	1	Cat in tree	1
CO detector	1	Flooded basement	3
Smoke investigations	2	Alarms	30
Grass/Woods fire	1	Chimney fire	1
Non-permitted burn	1	Oil burner misfire	1
Gas spill	2		

<b>Mutual Aid Given</b>			
Plainfield	29	Cornish	8
Lebanon	3		

<b>Mutual Aid Received</b>			
Cornish	1	Plainfield	3
Cornish Rescue	3		

The Meriden Fire Department received another donation from the Fireman’s Fund Insurance Company Heritage Grant. This was used to purchase equipment.

The KUA Brigade members have also raised funds to make improvements in their equipment.

Funds raised from the Wild Game Supper were down this year. This was probably due to the weather and the economy. However, the Cornish Fair fund raiser hit a new high.

The hope of a building addition to the Meriden Station was put on hold due to the downturn in the economy. We felt that people are going to be hesitant to support a major fund drive. We continue to pack our four trucks into a three bay station for now.

We did install a much needed new furnace of a size that will handle future expansion. We now have water and heat in the meeting room and office.

If you are burning outside (fireplace, brush, etc) you need a permit unless there is snow on the ground. If there is snow the ground, a courtesy call to Hanover Distpatch (643-2222) saves a fire department response. For permits please call:

David Best	469-3350	Dough Chapman	469-3397
Lester Bouchier	469-3256	Peter Berry	675-2293
Bill Taylor	469-3342	Frank Currier	469-3624

Others are listed as well at [www.Plainfieldnh.org](http://www.Plainfieldnh.org)

I would like to **thank all** who support the fire department with fundraisers, their time and donations. I would also like to thank the firefighters and their wives who put up with family get togethers, dinners and holidays being interrupted due to fire calls.

We were sorry to have five firefighters move on over the past year. We wish them all well in their new endeavors (one went on to become a Boston firefighter). The good news is that we have had four new people join our department as firefighters and one to help with office work.

We meet the first and third Monday nights for drills; the second Monday night is our business meeting. We are always happy to have people join our forces in firefighting, helping around the station or helping to run the business side of the department. Not all of our jobs are fighting fires.

Again, we thank you all for your support.

Respectfully submitted,

David R. Best, Chief

**MERIDEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT  
2008 ACTUAL & 2009 PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET  
OPERATING ACCOUNT SUMMARY**

	2008 <u>ACTUAL</u>	2009 <u>BUDGET</u>
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500
TOTAL RECEIPTS	62,015	50,625
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>62,015</u>	<u>50,625</u>
NET CHANGE	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
ENDING BALANCE	<u>\$ 4,500</u>	<u>\$ 4,500</u>

**CAPITAL RESERVE SUMMARY**

	2008 <u>ACTUAL</u>	2009 <u>BUDGET</u>
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 176,389	\$ 184,471
INCREASE RESERVE	18,409	4,030
INTEREST / EARNINGS	6,923	4,500
BOILER	(10,000)	(10,000)
GEAR WASHER	<u>(7,250)</u>	<u>-</u>
ENDING BALANCE	<u>\$ 184,471</u>	<u>\$ 183,001</u>

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2008 ACTUAL & 2009 PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET**

RECEIPTS	2008		VARIANCE	PROPOSED
	BUDGET	ACTUAL		2009
TOWN APPROPRIATION	\$ 38,000	\$ 38,000	\$ -	\$ 38,000
<u>OTHER SOURCES</u>				
CORNISH FAIR TICKETS	3,000	4,204	1,204	3,000
SPRING DINNER – 2008	3,500	3,199	(301)	3,500
SPRING DINNER - 2007	-	-	-	-
DONATIONS	5,125	13,289	8,164	5,125
HAZMAT CLEANUP PAYMENTS	-	1,198	1,198	-
FOREST FIRE PAYMENTS	1,000	1,800	800	1,000
MISC	-	325	325	-
SUBTOTAL	12,625	24,015	11,390	12,625
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 50,625	\$ 62,015	\$ 11,390	\$ 50,625

DISBURSEMENTS	2008		VARIANCE	PROPOSED
	BUDGET	ACTUAL		2009
<u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u>				
TELEPHONE	\$ 1,000	\$ 758	\$ 242	\$ 1,000
ELECTRICITY	900	834	66	900
SEWER	240	240	-	240
HEATING OIL	2,000	1,951	49	2,000
INSURANCE	7,500	7,312	188	7,750
EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	11,675	6,287	5,388	12,450
COMPUTER EXPENSES	350	476	(126)	350
OFFICE SUPPLIES + PUBLICATIONS	450	566	(116)	450
GAS, DIESEL	2,000	2,041	(41)	2,000
DUES / PERMITS / FEES	650	231	419	650
TRAINING	1,000	390	610	1,000
FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT	11,160	13,550	(2,390)	8,030
STATION MAINTENANCE	3,000	1,972	1,028	3,000
UNIFORMS	6,000	5,732	268	1,000
VACCINATIONS/PHYSICALS	200	-	200	200
ANNUAL REPORT FEE	-	75	(75)	75
STATION EQUIPMENT	-	-	-	4,000
HAZMAT ASSOCIATION	1,000	1,000	-	1,000
MISC	500	191	309	500
SUBTOTAL	49,625	43,606	6,019	46,595
TRANSFER TO CAPITAL RESERVE	1,000	18,409	(17,409)	4,030
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 50,625	\$ 62,015	\$ (11,390)	\$ 50,625