

## PLAINFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT - 2008

### 2008 Run Breakdown

Chimney fires: 7	False alarms:10
Auto accidents: 7	Illegal burns: 3
Investigations: 6	Trees/Powerlines: 9
Brush & forest fires:1	River incidents: 1
Structual fires: 1	Public assists: 2

### Mutual Aid Breakdown

Cornish: 5	Meriden: 3
Lebanon: 3	Hartford: 1

Two thousand and eight was another busy year for the PVFD matching the number of calls we had in 2007. Calls were running behind last year but a large run volume as a result of the December ice storm offset that. The ice storm, though causing minimal damage in town resulted in a six day power outage that taught us not to always believe what the utility companies tell us. We saw a sizable increase in the number of carbon dioxide calls as a result of the storm. If you don't have a CO2 detector we recommend installing them in your house. There were some instances of very high Co2 levels in homes due to improperly installed generators or alternate heating appliances.

Two new people joined and a former member rejoined the department this year. We have three members who will be spending 120 hours this year getting certified as firefighters, this is time away for home and personal lives. They do this because they believe in the department and what it does for the town. This is on top of time spent doing regular fire stuff.

The PVFD continues to hold the public dinners which are very popular with people in town and from neighboring towns. The Plainfield Baptist Church is now holding their chicken dinners at the station. These dinners are a great place to meet old friends and make new ones. We are very proud of our station and love seeing it get used by the public. I would like to thank all the people who attend these meals and the people who make the wonderful desserts we serve. If you have not been to one of these meals please plan on trying them out.

Once again I would like to thank all the members of the Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department who give so much time and energy to make the department the great department it is. They make my job so much easier. If anyone has any questions or would like to see what the department is all about please give me a call.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Frank H. Currier**, Chief

**PLAINFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT  
OPERATING EXPENSES & BUDGET**

<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>Actual 2008</u>	<u>Estimated 2009</u>
Accounting	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
New equipment	\$ 1,724.44	\$ 2,000.00
Equipment repairs	\$ 3,193.96	\$ 3,000.00
Supplies	\$ 1,709.97	\$ 1,000.00
Electricity	\$ 1,257.30	\$ 1,200.00
Telephone	\$ 1,549.08	\$ 1,600.00
Heat	\$ 4,852.95	\$ 5,000.00
Gas/Diesel fuel	\$ 582.35	\$ 1,000.00
Water	\$ 236.37	\$ 300.00
Insurance	\$ 8,418.00	\$ 9,000.00
Schools & Training	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Radio & Radio repairs	\$ 270.00	\$ 1,000.00
Fees/Dues	\$ 475.68	\$ 800.00
Building (New)	\$ 30,363.48	\$ 16,000.00
Excess Fed Grant refund	\$ 2,487.15	\$ -
Haz-mat team	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
	<u>\$ 58,320.73</u>	<u>\$ 43,600.00</u>

**RECEIPTS**

Forest fire	\$ 125.35
Warden fire training	\$ 244.77
Title 4 funds	\$ -
Fund raising	\$ 3,344.17
Town appropriation	\$ 39,000.00
Sales	\$ 10,600.00
Donations	\$ 2,541.50
	<u>\$ 55,855.79</u>

Receipts	\$ 55,855.79
Expenses	<u>\$ 58,320.73</u>
Balance	\$ (2,464.94)

Jesse R. Stalker                      12/31/08  
Treasurer