

MERIDEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Meriden Volunteer Fire Department responded to 81 calls for help this year.

Alarm Investigations

Motor vehicle accidents	11	Downed power lines	4
Smoke Investigations	2	Illegal burn	2
CO detector	1	School drill	1
Burnt food	1	Alarms	34
Structure fire	1	Chimney fire	4
Trees in road	3	Halloween Traffic Control	1

Mutual Aid Given

Plainfield	8	Cornish	5
		Cornish Rescue	2

Mutual Aid Received

Cornish	5	Plainfield	5
Cornish Rescue	6	Lebanon	1

As I have mentioned in past reports, we are trying to get funds to build an addition to the fire station. As we were not able to get any grants for this, at this time we have decided to stay the same size even though it is crowded. Fund raising has started and work has begun to fix and paint what we have for now. We wish to express our deep appreciation to each of you for your donations during our recent fund raiser. Your gifts are an encouragement to all of us who volunteer at the Meriden Fire Department.

Over the past year our Deputy Chief Lester Bouchier retired after 40 years of dedicated service to the department. He remains active in organizing the wild game dinner. Thank you Lester for all that have done for the department. Firefighter Doug Chapman also retired, he started with his dad as a young teen and served the department in many positions over the years. Thank you, Doug, for all the years you put in.

The Meriden Volunteer Fire Department, as are most all volunteer departments, is in need of your help. If you would like to be of service (firefighter, fundraiser, station work, truck maintenance) please contact Deputy Chief William Taylor, Captain John Woodward-Poor, Lieutenant Jeffrey LeBlanc or Lieutenant David Chellis. These firefighters have been promoted during the last year and are doing a fine job with their new responsibilities. We meet the first and third Monday nights for drills. The second Monday is our business meeting. Come join us anytime. I would also like to thank the firefighters and their wives for the family time they give up to serve the community.

If you look in the 2007 Town Report, I said I was going to step down as Chief on December 31st 2008. Time must have flown by, somehow as December 31st 2010 just went by and I have now stepped down as Chief. It has been an honor and a challenge to head the department over the years. Thank you to everyone for supporting me and our department. I will not forget you and the department as my wife and I start the next chapter of our lives. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

David R. Best, Retired Chief

**MERIDEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
2010 ACTUAL & 2011 PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET**

	2010			PROPOSED
RECEIPTS	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	2011
				BUDGET
TOWN APPROPRIATION	\$38,000	\$38,000	\$0	\$38,000
<u>OTHER SOURCES</u>				
CORNISH FAIR TICKETS	\$3,000	\$2,779	-\$221	\$3,000
SPRING DINNER – 2011	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,000
SPRING DINNER - 2010	\$3,000	\$3,546	\$546	\$0
DONATIONS	\$5,000	\$5,311	\$311	\$5,000
HAZMAT CLEANUP PAYMENTS	\$0	\$1,660	\$1,660	\$0
FOREST FIRE PAYMENTS	\$1,000	\$0	-\$1,000	\$1,000
MISC	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SUBTOTAL	\$12,000	\$13,295	\$1,295	\$12,000
GRAND TOTAL	\$50,000	\$51,295	\$1,295	\$50,000
				PROPOSED
	2010			2011
DISBURSEMENTS	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	BUDGET
<u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u>				
TELEPHONE	\$850	\$636	\$214	\$700
ELECTRICITY	\$900	\$763	\$137	\$800
SEWER	\$240	\$240	\$0	\$240
HEATING OIL	\$1,800	\$1,915	-\$115	\$2,000
INSURANCE	\$8,100	\$7,432	\$668	\$8,000
EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	\$13,300	\$11,059	\$2,241	\$10,300
COMPUTER EXPENSES	\$350	\$0	\$350	\$250
OFFICE SUPPLIES + PUBLICATIONS	\$450	\$212	\$238	\$650
GAS, DIESEL	\$1,250	\$1,299	-\$49	\$1,250
DUES / PERMITS / FEES	\$650	\$657	-\$7	\$650
TRAINING	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000
FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT	\$7,430	\$3,236	\$4,194	\$7,730
STATION MAINTENANCE	\$3,000	\$2,004	\$996	\$20,000
UNIFORMS	\$1,000	\$1,200	-\$200	\$1,000
VACCINATIONS/PHYSICALS	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$200
ANNUAL REPORT FEE	\$75	\$0	\$75	\$75
STATION EQUIPMENT	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$0
HAZMAT ASSOCIATION	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
MISC	\$500	\$461	\$39	\$500
SUBTOTAL	\$45,095	\$31,113	\$13,982	\$57,345
TRANSFER TO CAPITAL RESERVE	\$4,905	\$20,182	-\$15,277	-\$7,345
GRAND TOTAL	\$50,000	\$51,295	-\$1,295	\$50,000

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2010 ACTUAL & 2011 PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET
OPERATING ACCOUNT SUMMARY**

	2010	2011
	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$7,500	\$7,500
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$51,295	\$50,000
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$51,295</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>
NET CHANGE	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
ENDING BALANCE	<u><u>\$7,500</u></u>	<u><u>\$7,500</u></u>

CAPITAL RESERVE SUMMARY

	2010	2011
	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$191,097	\$214,247
INCREASE (DECREASE) RESERVE	\$20,182	-\$7,345
INTEREST / EARNINGS	\$2,968	\$3,000
ENDING BALANCE	<u><u>\$214,247</u></u>	<u><u>\$209,902</u></u>