

MERIDEN & PLAINFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief's Report

The year of 2012 has been both a good year and a sad one for both departments. The Meriden department lost long time member Dave Chellis and the Plainfield department lost long time member Dave Scott, both will be missed not only for their commitment to the departments and the town but their friendship to so many people. On the good side of things the Plainfield department took delivery of a new pumper tanker in July which was two years in the planning and construction. The Meriden department did a major energy upgrade to their station. This included new energy efficient doors and windows, reinsulating the whole building and all new siding.

The number of calls in 2012 stayed about the same as 2011 which were up sharply from 2010. The members of both departments spent 566 hours in training this past year. Lt. Jeff LeBlanc from the Meriden department also spent in excess of 400 hours on his own training on such things as hazmat, fire investigation, fire inspection and other specialized topics. We find we are being required to train in topics that were unheard of just a few years ago and not even fire related. We had training on chemical suicide and identifying meth labs as we are likely to be the first ones at such incidents and the real dangers there are not fire but chemical poisoning.

Don't forget the Meriden Wild Game Dinner will be on March 9th this year. Plainfield holds public dinners on the third Saturdays in Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept and November. All of these are major fundraisers for the two departments and a great time to socialize with folks from town and the area. I would like to thank all the people and businesses who donate money and goods to the departments; this helps keep our request for tax dollars to a minimum.

	PVFD	MVFD		PVFD	MVFD
Alarm Activations	30	39	CO Alarms	07	05
Auto Accidents	18	13	Brush Fire	02	02
Structure Fires	01	01	Mutaul Aid given:		
Trees/wires	19	17	Cornish	03	02
Public Assits	03	00	Windsor	00	00
Chimney Fire	02	02	Hartland	00	00
Transformer Fire	00	01	Enfield	00	00
Propane Leak	00	02	Asctuney	01	00
Illegal Burn	02	03	Investigations	02	04
			Sprinkler Activations	01	01

Respectfully Submitted,
Frank Currier, Chief

MERIDEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT PROPOSED BUDGET

2012

2013

RECEIPTS	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	BUDGET
TOWN APPROPRIATION	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ -	\$ 40,000
<u>OTHER SOURCES</u>				
CORNISH FAIR TICKETS	3,250	3,560	310	3,250
SPRING DINNER – 2013	-	(323)	(323)	3,500
SPRING DINNER - 2012	3,500	3,761	261	-
DONATIONS	6,000	7,109	1,109	5,000
DONATIONS - KUA BRIGADE	-	2,283	2,283	1,500
HAZMAT CLEANUP	-	1,050	1,050	-
FOREST FIRE PAYMENTS	1,000	477	(523)	1,000
MISC	-	277	277	-
SUBTOTAL	13,750	18,194	4,444	14,250
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 53,750	\$ 58,194	\$ 4,444	\$ 54,250

2012

2013

DISBURSEMENTS	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	BUDGET
<u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u>				
TELEPHONE	\$ 700	\$ 479	\$ 221	\$ 500
ELECTRICITY	800	736	64	750
SEWER	240	240	-	240
HEATING OIL	3,000	2,467	533	2,500
INSURANCE	8,000	7,583	417	8,000
EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	11,300	4,505	6,795	11,400
COMPUTER EXPENSES	250	-	250	250
OFFICE SUPPLIES	750	213	537	500
GAS, DIESEL	1,250	85	1,165	1,250
DUES / PERMITS / FEES	500	372	128	500
TRAINING	2,000	1,630	370	2,000
FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT	6,730	4,339	2,391	6,730
STATION MAINTENANCE	15,000	15,445	(445)	5,000
UNIFORMS	1,000	208	792	750
VACCINATIONS/PHYSICALS	200	-	200	200
ANNUAL REPORT FEE	75	75	-	75
STATION EQUIPMENT	-	1,615	(1,615)	1,000
FIREFIGHTER MILEAGE	2,000	1,868	132	2,000
KUA BRIGADE	-	2,283	(2,283)	1,500
HAZMAT ASSOCIATION	1,000	1,000	-	1,000
MISC	500	-	500	500
SUBTOTAL	55,295	45,144	10,151	46,645
TRANSFER TO (FROM) RESERVES	(1,545)	13,050	(14,595)	7,605
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 53,750	\$ 58,194	\$ (4,444)	\$ 54,250

MVFD BUDGET SELECTED LINE ITEMS

	2012		2013	
<u>EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>VARIANCE</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
ENGINE #1	\$2,500	\$739	\$1,761	\$2,500
ENGINE #2	\$2,000	\$1,548	\$452	\$2,500
LADDER TRUCK	\$1,500	\$1,078	\$422	\$1,500
UTILITY TRUCK	\$2,000	\$485	\$1,515	\$1,500
THERMAL CAMERA	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
LADDER TEST	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
SMALL POWER EQUIPMENT	\$150	\$47	\$103	\$150
HYDROTESTS	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$100
RADIO & PAGERS	\$800	\$0	\$800	\$800
AIR PACK	\$750	\$105	\$645	\$750
STATION EXHAUST SYSTEM	\$200	\$139	\$61	\$200
FIRE EXTINGUISHERS	\$100	\$39	\$61	\$100
GENERATOR	\$0	\$325	-\$325	\$100
FORESTRY	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$100
MISC	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$100
TOTAL	\$11,300	\$4,505	\$6,795	\$11,400
<u>FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT</u>				
FIREFIGHTER GEAR	\$3,400	\$3,226	\$174	\$3,400
FIRE EXTINGUISHERS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FOAM/COLDFIRE SUPPRESSANT	\$70	\$156	-\$86	\$70
GLOVES	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$100
BOOTS	\$360	\$0	\$360	\$360
PAGERS	\$1,500	-\$183	\$1,683	\$1,500
HOSE	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500
FORESTRY EQUIPMENT	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500
RESCUE/SAFETY EQUIPMENT	\$0	\$849	-\$849	\$0
MISC	\$300	\$290	\$10	\$300
TOTAL	\$6,730	\$4,339	\$2,391	\$6,730

NOTE: As of November 30, 2012, the end of our fiscal year, the balance in the Capital Reserve Account was \$236,972.

Ken Goodrow-Treasurer MVFD



David Chellis, Meredith Forbes, Brian Bouchier

Photo: Meriden Volunteer Fire Department Archives

David Chellis (1953-2012) became a member of the Meriden Fire Department at age 16 and served on the department for more than 43 years. At the time of his death he was a lieutenant. David was always quick to respond during emergencies and willing to lend a hand.

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

EXPENSES	<u>2012</u>	<u>Estimated 2013</u>
Accounting	\$300	\$ 300
New Equipment	\$13,266	\$ 2,000
New Fire Clothing	\$747	\$ 4,000
Equipment Repairs	\$1,489	\$ 3,000
Supplies	\$946	\$ 1,200
Electricity	\$967	\$ 1,200
Telephone	\$1,451	\$ 1,600
Heat	\$3,068	\$ 4,000
Gas/Diesel Fuel	\$1,177	\$ 1,400
Water	\$195	\$ 300
Insurance	\$9,424	\$ 9,000
Schools & Training	\$203	\$ 500
Fees/Dues	\$175	\$ 500
Travel Reimbursement	\$1,255	\$ 2,500
Building (New)	\$35,412	\$ -
New Tanker Loan	\$11,202	\$ 18,500
Haz-mat Team	\$1,000	\$ 1,000
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	\$82,278	\$ 51,000
RECEIPTS		EST. RECEIPTS
Grants (Title 4)	\$250	\$500
Fund Raising	\$4,869	\$4,500
Equipment Sales	\$24,800	\$0
Insurance Claim	\$1,196	\$0
Town Appropriation	\$45,000	\$45,000
Donations	\$6,796	\$1,000
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	\$82,911	\$51,000
Receipts	\$82,911	
Expenses	<hr/>	
Balance	\$634	

Jesse R. Stalker- Treasurer PVFD