

MERIDEN & PLAINFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
Chief's Report

Calls for assistance were down this past year by about 30% for both departments. The drop is attributed to two categories, fewer requests for mutual aide and no major weather incidents. No major ice or snow storms or major flooding which brings down trees and power lines or floods roads. Both departments continue to train twice a month including the use of training aides from the state fire academy such as the fire trailer for live fire training and the propane fire simulator. Members of the fire departments spent a total of 729 hours at emergency calls and 898 hours in training. In addition to this time Meriden had three members (John Butler, Dorian Rondeau and Walter Scott) complete both the New Hampshire Firefighter Level I and career level II courses put on at the fire academy, which involved about another 300 hours per person. Meriden put its new utility truck into service in 2014 with upgrades to the body including new light bar, side and rear strobes, 5.5kw generator and a four head halogen light tower for scene lighting. The cascade system was moved from the ladder truck to the utility truck to make it more useful. The roof of the station was painted this year and new equipment lockers were installed for the KUA Fire Brigade.

The Plainfield Fire Department is in the process of building a back up Emergency Operations Center in their station as a back up to the one in the Meriden Town Hall in case that one should become inoperable during a major emergency. At this point we have installed counter top work surfaces ,two computer work stations ,a 32" flat screen television to monitor the news and weather, and six phone lines all at no cost to us through donations. All but one of the donations came from companies or individuals from out of town. Plainfield is also working on a replacement chassis for their utility truck which was manufactured in 1988 and bought used ten years ago. The utility body would be removed from the old chassis and installed on the new one in a similar manner as Meriden's.

Both departments continue to do fundraising to help keep our budget requests to the town as low as possible. Meriden has its wild game dinner and Plainfield has seven dinners and the July 4th bar-b-que. Your participation helps keep taxes down and gives you a great social venue as well as a great meal.

We had one major structural fire this year which was complicated by lack of an exact location for the fire and the driveway was not marked with a 911 number. We have had several calls this year where there was no number on the drive or house and it delayed our response time. State law requires 911 marking on all properties; if yours is not marked please do so.

	PVFD	MVFD		PVFD	MVFD
Alarm Activations	16	27	CO Alarms	00	03
Auto Accidents	07	08	Brush Fire	02	04
Vehicle Fire	01	01	Unattended Burn	00	01
Lightning Strike	00	00	Dryer Fire	02	01
Structure Fires	02	02	Mutual Aid given:		
Trees/wires	06	05	Cornish	02	02
Furnace Problem	00	00	Lebanon	01	02
Chimney Fire	02	03	Hartland	00	00
Sprinkler Activations	00	01	Enfield	00	01
Assist PD	00	03	Ascutney	01	00
Explosion	01	01	Kitchen Fire	01	01
			Medical Assist	01	00

Frank Currier, Chief



Memorial Service for Chief Peter Berry

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MERIDEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT PROPOSED BUDGET

	2014			2015
RECEIPTS	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	BUDGET
TOWN APPROPRIATION	\$44,500	\$44,500	\$0	\$44,500
OTHER SOURCES				
CORNISH FAIR TICKETS	\$3,250	\$3,863	\$613	\$3,250
SPRING DINNER – 2015	\$0	-\$455	-\$455	\$3,500
SPRING DINNER - 2014	\$3,500	\$4,288	\$788	\$0
DONATIONS	\$4,000	\$5,279	\$1,279	\$3,500
DONATIONS - KUA BRIGADE	\$1,000	\$565	-\$435	\$500
BRIGADE ACCOUNT INTEREST	\$0	\$1	\$1	\$1
FOREST FIRE PAYMENTS	\$1,000	\$0	-\$1,000	\$500
MISC	\$0	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0
SUBTOTAL	\$12,750	\$16,041	\$3,291	\$11,251
GRAND TOTAL	\$57,250	\$60,541	\$3,291	\$55,751
	2014			2015
OPERATING EXPENSES	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	BUDGET
TELEPHONE	\$520	\$503	\$17	\$520
ELECTRICITY	\$700	\$824	-\$124	\$1,200
SEWER	\$240	\$240	\$0	\$240
HEATING OIL	\$2,500	\$2,796	-\$296	\$2,250
INSURANCE	\$8,000	\$7,650	\$350	\$8,000
EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	\$10,150	\$5,201	\$4,949	\$11,150
COMPUTER EXPENSES	\$250	\$0	\$250	\$250
OFFICE SUPPLIES + PUBLICATIONS	\$500	\$424	\$76	\$500
GAS, DIESEL	\$1,600	\$1,802	-\$202	\$1,600
DUES / PERMITS / FEES	\$400	\$454	-\$54	\$500
TRAINING	\$3,000	\$3,890	-\$890	\$3,000
FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT	\$7,300	\$13,475	-\$6,175	\$9,800
STATION MAINTENANCE	\$3,000	\$2,837	\$163	\$2,000
UNIFORMS	\$1,000	\$711	\$289	\$1,000
VACCINATIONS/PHYSICALS	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$100
ANNUAL REPORT FEE	\$75	\$75	\$0	\$75
CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$0	\$4,500
STATION EQUIPMENT	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
FIREFIGHTER MILEAGE	\$2,000	-\$75	\$2,075	\$2,100
KUA BRIGADE	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$501
HAZMAT ASSOCIATION	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000
MISC	\$500	\$765	-\$265	\$500
SUBTOTAL	\$49,435	\$47,073	\$2,362	\$51,786
TRANSFER TO (FROM) BRIGADE FND	\$0	\$566	-\$566	\$0
TRANSFER TO (FROM) CRF	\$7,815	\$12,902	-\$5,087	\$3,965
GRAND TOTAL	\$57,250	\$60,541	-\$3,291	\$55,751

MVFD BUDGET SELECTED LINE ITEMS

<u>EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE</u>	2014			2015
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	BUDGET
ENGINE #1	\$2,500	\$120	\$2,380	\$2,500
ENGINE #2	\$2,500	\$3,385	-\$885	\$2,500
LADDER TRUCK	\$2,000	\$125	\$1,875	\$2,000
UTILITY TRUCK	\$250	\$0	\$250	\$250
THERMAL CAMERA	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
LADDER TEST	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,000
SMALL POWER EQUIPMENT	\$150	\$49	\$101	\$150
HYDROTESTS	\$400	\$863	-\$463	\$400
RADIO & PAGERS	\$1,000	\$385	\$615	\$1,000
AIR PACK	\$750	\$196	\$554	\$750
STATION EXHAUST SYSTEM	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$200
FIRE EXTINGUISHERS	\$100	\$65	\$35	\$100
GENERATOR	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$100
FORESTRY	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$100
MISC	\$100	\$12	\$88	\$100
TOTAL	\$10,150	\$5,201	\$4,949	\$11,150

<u>FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT</u>	2014			2015
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	BUDGET
FIREFIGHTER GEAR	\$3,400	\$6,023	-\$2,623	\$3,400
GENERATOR/LIGHT TOWER	\$0	\$4,326	-\$4,326	\$2,500
FOAM/COLDFIRE SUPPRESSANT	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$100
GLOVES	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$100
BOOTS	\$400	\$1,396	-\$996	\$400
PAGERS/ACTIVE 911	\$1,500	\$1,417	\$83	\$1,500
HOSE	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500
FORESTRY EQUIPMENT	\$500	\$119	\$381	\$500
SMALL & MISCELLANEOUS				
TOOLS	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500
MISC	\$300	\$193	\$107	\$300
TOTAL	\$7,300	\$13,475	-\$6,175	\$9,800

Note: The balance on the capital reserve account at year end was \$222,986. We spent \$13,000 in 2014 to outfit the new utility truck purchased last year, and transferred \$12,992 from operations at the end of the year.

Ken Goodrow-Treasurer MVFD

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

EXPENSES	<u>2014</u>	<u>Actual 2014</u>
Accounting	\$350	\$425
New Equipment	\$2,000	\$1,508
New Fire Clothing	\$4,000	\$716
Travel Reimbursement	\$2,000	\$1,981
Equipment Repairs	\$3,000	\$3,335
Supplies	\$1,300	\$2,376
Electricity	\$1,200	\$1,430
Telephone	\$1,600	\$1,668
Heat/Cooking	\$5,000	\$4,487
Gas/Diesel Fuel	\$1,400	\$1,034
Water	\$350	\$256
Insurance	\$5,930	\$5,867
Schools & Training	\$500	\$25
Fees/Dues	\$300	\$475
New Tanker Loan	\$15,995	\$14,729
Haz-mat Team	\$1,000	\$1,000
Postage	\$75	\$61
Radio Frequency	\$1,000	\$978
Chief's stipend	<u>\$4,500</u>	<u>\$4,500</u>
	\$51,500	\$46,853
		<u>As of</u>
		<u>12/31/14</u>
RECEIPTS		
Grants (Title 4)	\$500	\$0
Fund Raising	\$4,500	\$4,550
Town		
Appropriation	\$45,000	\$45,000
Town Training		
Funds	\$0	\$0
Interest /Other	\$0	\$1
Donations	<u>\$1,500</u>	<u>\$11,173</u>
	\$51,500	\$60,724

Note: \$5,306 came from In Memory of Peter Berry donation

	Receipts	\$60,724
Treasurer	Expenses	<u>\$46,853</u>
Ronda Robinson	Balance	\$13,872