

**MERIDEN AND PLAINFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS  
Chief's Report 2018**

Following an affirmative vote at the 2018 Town Meeting, the assets and liabilities of both the Meriden and Plainfield Volunteer Fire Departments will be transferred to the Town of Plainfield on the 17<sup>th</sup> of March 2019. The two departments will become the Town of Plainfield Fire Department. The two independent departments have provided fire protection for the Town for more than 65 years. The move to a single municipal department was necessary due to insurance coverage issues and liability concerns. The two organizations were in the eyes of the State and our insurance provider, just non-profit organizations and not Fire Departments. The switch to a municipal department will allow for continued insurance coverage through the public risk pool at Primex as well as increased liability limits afforded to municipal departments. The Town will assume ownership of the two fire station buildings and eight pieces of fire apparatus valued at more than \$2 million. The only debt associated with the transfer is the remaining balance on the loan that was obtained several years ago to purchase the Plainfield Tanker. This debt is approximately \$135,000 and must be settled as part of the transfer.

Due to the increase in calls for assistance on local trails the Meriden Fire Dept investigated the purchase of a UTV to assist with search and rescue type calls. Members visited several area departments who own UTVs and developed specifications. A grant application was written to a local organization and a grant in the amount of \$15,000 was received. The grant money along with additional funds from the capital reserve have been used to purchase a new Polaris Ranger Crew UTV. The new UTV will be upfitted with a fire/rescue skid insert for the bed area that is capable of carrying and pumping water at a brush fire as well as transporting an injured person.

Ten new self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) have also been purchased recently. The new "air packs" will replace ten units that were purchased in 2003. The new SCBA cost \$6,600 each. An application for an AFG (assistance to firefighters grant) has been applied for that will if granted, pay back the department for the purchase.

Twenty two fire trainings were held during the year including a vehicle extrication class at the highway garage where a four-door car was completely cut apart with the hydraulic tools owned by the Cornish Rescue Squad. Staffing of the Fire Department continues to be a challenge. New firefighters are always needed. Contact any member for more information about joining.

Please remember that working smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) detectors are the most important part of protecting your home and family. Test your detectors monthly, change the batteries annually, and replace all detectors every ten years. Make sure that your house number is clearly visible from the street. This is extremely important in locating you in the event of an emergency.

Many thanks to all of the firefighters and their families for their continued support throughout the year and also thanks to the many people who volunteered their time at a department fund raising event or those who made a monetary donation to the department.

**2018 Fire Dept. Run Summary**

Motor Vehicle Accidents	20
Chimney Fire	3
Structure Fire	1
Car Fire	4

Wildland Fire	2
Alarm Activation	32
CO Alarm	3
Powerline Problem	8
Road Hazard	1
Weather Event	0
Medical Assist	2
Other	7
Mutual Aid Lebanon	2
Mutual Aid Hartford	1
<b>Total Runs 2018</b>	<b>86</b>

Respectfully Submitted,

Chief, William S. TaylorMeriden and Plainfield Fire Depts.



**KUA Fire Brigade getting some on the job training from Windsor Fire Chief McAllister. Photo: MVFD**

**MERIDEN VOLUNTEER FIRE  
DEPARTMENT**

<b>2018</b>			
<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>VARIANCE</b>
TOWN APPROPRIATION	\$44,500	\$44,500	\$0
CORNISH FAIR TICKETS	\$3,250	\$3,367	\$117
SPRING DINNER - 2018	\$3,500	\$5,033	\$1,533
DONATIONS	\$4,000	\$4,187	\$187
DONATIONS - KUA BRIGADE	\$500	\$0	-\$500
BRIGADE ACCOUNT INTEREST	\$1	\$1	\$0
FOREST FIRE PAYMENTS	\$500	\$0	-\$500
MISC	\$0	\$1,150	\$1,150
TOTAL	\$56,251	\$58,238	\$1,987
<b>2018</b>			
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>VARIANCE</b>
TELEPHONE & INTERNET	\$1,700	\$1,836	-\$136
ELECTRICITY	\$1,000	\$1,001	-\$1
SEWER	\$264	\$330	-\$66
HEATING OIL	\$1,100	\$2,432	-\$1,332
INSURANCE	\$8,200	\$8,145	\$55
EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	\$13,400	\$1,683	\$11,717
COMPUTER EXPENSES	\$250	\$0	\$250
OFFICE SUPPLIES + PUBLICATIONS	\$1,000	\$926	\$74
GAS, DIESEL	\$1,250	\$1,218	\$32
DUES / PERMITS / FEES	\$750	\$372	\$378
TRAINING	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000
FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT	\$18,600	\$69,113	-\$50,513
STATION MAINTENANCE	\$2,000	\$1,798	\$202
UNIFORMS	\$1,000	\$792	\$208
VACCINATIONS/PHYSICALS	\$100	\$0	\$100
ANNUAL REPORT FEE	\$100	\$75	\$25
CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$0
STATION EQUIPMENT	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000
FIREFIGHTER MILEAGE	\$2,000	\$1,899	\$101
KUA BRIGADE	\$501	\$0	\$501
HAZMAT ASSOCIATION	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
MISC	\$750	\$391	\$359
SUBTOTAL	\$65,465	\$97,511	-\$32,046
TRANSFER BRIGADE FUNDS	\$0	\$1	-\$1
TRANSFER CAPITAL RESERVE	-\$9,214	-\$52,336	\$43,122
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$56,251</b>	<b>\$45,176</b>	<b>\$11,075</b>

**SELECTED LINE ITEMS - MVFD**

**2018**

<b><u>EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE</u></b>	<b><u>BUDGET</u></b>	<b><u>ACTUAL</u></b>	<b><u>VARIANCE</u></b>
AED	\$0	\$320	-\$320
ENGINE #2	\$3,500	\$311	\$3,189
ENGINE #3	\$2,000	\$76	\$1,924
LADDER TRUCK	\$3,000	\$288	\$2,712
UTILITY TRUCK	\$1,000	\$58	\$942
THERMAL CAMERA	\$100	\$0	\$100
LADDER TEST	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000
SMALL POWER EQUIPMENT	\$150	\$0	\$150
HYDROTESTS	\$400	\$0	\$400
RADIO & PAGERS	\$500	\$428	\$72
AIR PACK	\$750	\$0	\$750
STATION EXHAUST SYSTEM	\$200	\$0	\$200
FIRE EXTINGUISHERS	\$100	\$66	\$34
GENERATOR	\$100	\$136	-\$36
FORESTRY	\$100	\$0	\$100
MISC	\$500	\$0	\$500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$13,400</b>	<b>\$1,683</b>	<b>\$11,717</b>

**FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT**

FIREFIGHTER GEAR	\$4,000	\$589	\$3,411
AIRPACKS	\$0	\$66,173	-\$66,173
HOSE WASHER	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000
FOAM/COLDFIRE SUPPRESSANT	\$100	\$0	\$100
GLOVES	\$200	\$0	\$200
AED	\$0	\$635	-\$635
THERMAL CAMERA	\$0	\$0	\$0
BOOTS	\$800	\$379	\$421
PAGERS/ACTIVE 911	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,500
RADIO AND ANTENNA	\$0	\$0	\$0
HOSE	\$500	\$590	-\$90
FORESTRY EQUIPMENT	\$500	\$0	\$500
SMALL & MISCELLANEOUS			
TOOLS	\$500	\$747	-\$247
MISC	\$500	\$0	\$500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$18,600</b>	<b>\$69,113</b>	<b>-\$50,513</b>

Note: The balance in the Capital Reserve account at year end was \$175,906. During the year, we transferred \$52,336 from the Capital Reserve Acct to the Operating Account.  
Ken Goodrow Treasurer MVFD

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

	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b><u>2018</u></b>	<b><u>2018</u></b>
Accounting	\$300	\$150
New Equipment	\$2,000	\$8,469
New Fire Clothing	\$4,000	\$7,164
Travel Reimbursement	\$2,000	\$2,000
Equipment Repairs	\$6,000	\$7,810
Supplies	\$3,500	\$3,064
Electricity	\$1,600	\$1,478
Telephone	\$2,500	\$1,842
Heat/Cooking	\$3,500	\$4,736
Gas	\$700	\$200
Water	\$400	\$208
Insurance	\$6,500	\$6,842
Schools & Training	\$500	\$0
Fees/Dues	\$400	\$54
New Tanker Loan	\$15,996	\$15,995
Haz-mat Team	\$1,000	\$1,000
Postage	\$125	\$0
Radio Frequency	\$500	\$0
Chief's stipend	\$4,500	\$4,500
Inspections	\$300	\$319
Diesel	\$1,000	\$503
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$57,321</b>	<b>\$66,334</b>
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Grants (Title 4)	\$0	\$0
Fund Raising	\$5,000	\$3,336
Town Appropriation	\$55,000	\$50,500
Town Training Funds	\$400	\$0
Interest /Other	\$0	\$0
Donations	\$1,500	\$1,590
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$61,900</b>	<b>\$55,426</b>
Receipts	\$61,900	\$66,334
<b>Treasurer Expenses</b>	<b>\$57,321</b>	<b>\$55,426</b>
Balance	\$4,579	\$10,908

Jean Templ

Treasurer