

FIRE / RESCUE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department continues to support the town of Stow with emergency fire and EMS services. The dedicated individuals of this department work tirelessly, around the clock, to respond to a variety of emergency calls.

The year 2006 was again a very busy year for the Fire Department. Your department responded to 706 combined fire and medical calls. Some of the major calls we answered are as follows. We responded to one structure fire at 227 Boxboro Road, two kitchen fires on Warren Road, as well as responding mutual aid to Maynard's structure fire on Concord Street. The department responded to 91 motor vehicle accidents, one was a difficult extrication on Gleasondale Road and one evolving a Motor Home on Great Road. Both accidents taxed our resources in long difficult extrications. Lifeflight was called once this year to transport a patient extricated from the Motor Home accident. Three people were transported to area hospitals with serious injuries from two separate incidents involving falls from roofs.

Fire Prevention was once again a major focus for your Fire Department in the year 2006. Under the direction of Captain John Paul Beniot (who was promoted from Lieutenant in 2006), the Fire Department completed 350 inspections for smoke detectors, wood stoves, oil burners and propane tank installation for all new construction as well as homes being sold. Our department also issued 631 Open Burning Permits.

The Fire Department continues to upgrade our education program for the children of Stow. During Fire Prevention Week, the Fire Department, in conjunction with the S.A.F.E. program, visited schools and day care centers to teach the children about general safety. At other times during the year, again working with the S.A.F.E. program, we perform other educational events (such as an open house) where the children learn about fire prevention. The Fire Department members also conduct many tours and safety talks throughout the year.

Training for our emergency personnel continues to be a major focus. As the scope of our jobs continue to change and broaden, it is essential that your Fire Fighters and E.M.Ts be properly trained in all areas of Firefighting and E.M.S. services as well as Hazardous Materials, Confined Space Rescues, Auto Extrication, Firefighter and E.M.T. Safety and Survival, and Water and Ice Rescue. Members of the department conduct drills monthly and on weekends. We also attend classes offered by the Massachusetts Fire Academy and the National Fire Academy.

Apparatus and Maintenance

Firefighters Greg Vogel with the assistance of call members continue to provide maintenance to the equipment and current apparatus in-house whenever possible. Keeping maintenance in house help keep cost down and assures that vehicles are ready when needed.

Thanks From the Chief

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the Fire Department for your help and support during this year. Your dedication, commitment and professionalism makes a department that we can all be proud of.

I would also like to thank all the citizens of the town of Stow, the business community, the town administrator, the board of selectmen, and all other town departments for their support of the Fire Department. I would also like to thank the police department and the Highway Department for all your help during the year. The State Fire Marshall, Steve Coan also deserves special thanks for his help and support over this past year.

Thank to you all! I look forward to another year of progress and forward movement in the town of Stow.

Respectively submitted,

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