



BRIDGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT



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On Tuesday July 10th at 6:25 pm an alarm of fire was struck for 1145 Main Street in the Town of Fryeburg. Engine Co. #1, Ladder Co. # 1 and Car# 1 had just returned to service from a call on Tarry A While Rd. The apparatus was returning to Station # 1 and was Highland Rd. when the mutual aid request to assist Fryeburg was transmitted. The trucks immediately turned west onto North High Street and headed to Fryeburg. Approximately ten miles away, a large column of smoke could be seen in the distance indicating a lot of work was going to be needed. When the Bridgton Fire Department arrived they went to work on the southwest corner of the fire. The quick action of the department saved the Livestock Show Area building across from the Beef Stock building on Oxen Alley. Approximately 20 Fire Departments responded to the fire and were able to contain the fire to just two buildings averting a major catastrophe and potentially large economic loss to the Fair and Town of Fryeburg. Amazingly there were no injuries that evening either.

On Friday July 20th at 11:22 pm Bridgton Firefighters were called again to assist a neighboring town. A garage fire at 745 Plains Rd. in Harrison required assistance from our Ladder # 1 and Tanker # 4. Again, fortunately there were no injuries reported at this late night fire.

The roof at Station # 4 was replaced with a new metal roof .The project was completed on July 23rd by Hill Top Roofing who also installed a replacement window in the third floor at the front of the building. To save on cost, Bridgton Ladder # 1 provided lift service for the project. Department are actively working to refurbish the airboat and have contributed over 60 man hours on the project. This work is performed on Sundays when members are available. There is one other project that we will complete when time avails and that is the finalization of the well project at Station # 6 out west.

This is a quick reminder about open burning and camp fires. A camp fire is required by Maine State Law to have a burn permit. There is no fee and permits can be obtained at <http://www.burningpermit.com/meBridgton/> please read the instructions. Should you be unable to obtain the permit from your home, you can obtain one from Ashley in the Police Station or from Chief Fay at his office next door to the Police Station. The hours are Monday thru Friday 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

The Maine Forest Service has classified the fire index as Low, Medium, High, Very High and Extreme. Burn permits will not be issued above a "Medium" classification. Bridgton is located in Zone # 9 as assigned by the forest service.

The Bridgton Fire Department responded to a total of 41 incidents during the month of July.
Below is the breakdown.

Respectfully submitted,

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July Response Log:

Alarm system activation, no fire- unintentional: 6
Alarm system sounded due to malfunction: 5
Authorized controlled burning:
Animal rescue:
Arcing, shorted electrical equipment:
Building Fire: 1
Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire: 1

Chimney or flue fire confined:
Citizen complaint:
CO Incident: 1
CO detector activation due to malfunction: 2
CO detector activation, no CO: 1
Cover assignment, standby move up: 1
Dispatched and cancelled en route: 5
Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle fire:
Electrical wiring / equipment problem, other: 2
Explosion (no fire), other:
Extrication, rescue, other:
False Alarm or false call, other:

Gas leak (natural gas or LPG):
Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill:
Good intent call, other:
Hazardous condition, other: 3
Lock-in: 1
Lock-out:

Total Responses for July 2018: 41

Medical assist, assist EMS crew: 2
Mobile property (vehicle) fire, other:
Motor vehicle accident general cleanup:
Motor vehicle accident with injuries: 2
Motor vehicle accident no injuries: 2
Motor vehicle/pedestrian accident (MV Ped):
Mutual aid: 5
Natural vegetation fire, other: 1
No incident found on arrival at dispatch address:
Oil or other combustible liquid spill:
Passenger vehicle fire:
Power line down:
Public service assistance, other:
Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator:
Search for person in water:
Severe weather or natural disaster, other:
Severe weather or natural disaster, standby:
Smoke detector activation due to malfunction: 1
Smoke scare, odor of smoke: 2
Special outside fire, other:
Special type incident, other: 1
Unauthorized burning:
Unintentional transmission of alarm, other: 1
Water and ice related rescue:
Water Problem:
Watercraft rescue:
Water or Steam leak: