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# BRIDGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT



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With August recorded as the hottest on record due to the high levels of humidity, the Bridgton Fire Department responded to an average of a little over one emergency response per day. These responses included two house fires and unfortunately, a drowning on the evening of August 8<sup>th</sup> at the end of Plummers Landing Road. The Department held two training sessions the first was centered on basic pumps and pressures and the second was water rescue operational readiness of all the apparatus and equipment. There are upgrades being planned and those should be complete by the first of October.

It is imperative that businesses and commercial properties understand their fire alarm panels, how they operate and why, when an alarm is transmitted, the panel should not be opened or altered in any way. There are procedures that have to be met and a proper reset accomplished. Accessing a fire alarm panel that is transmitting an alarm is a Class E offense. It is regarded as tampering with the Fire Alarm panel. Further by making that access, the responsibility as well as liability is now borne by the individual who originally accessed the panel immediately after the transmission of the alarm. What does this all mean? When an alarm is activated, exit the premises and await the Fire Department's arrival.

The Department airboat has been completely stripped to the bare hull and the restoration of the hull has begun. Sealing and painting should be completed by mid to late September. This is an enormous project requiring a lot of man hours. While most people are spending time doing recreational activity on weekends, our members are putting in countless hours on this project.

The Bridgton Fire Department responded to a total of 33 incidents during the month of August with Denmark and Fryeburg receiving mutual aid for well involved structure fires.

Below is the monthly breakdown.

Respectfully submitted,

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August Response Log:

Alarm system activation, no fire- unintentional: 5  
Alarm system sounded due to malfunction: 4  
Authorized controlled burning: 1  
Animal rescue:  
Arcing, shorted electrical equipment:  
Building Fire: xx  
Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire:  
Central Station , malicious false alarm: 1  
Chimney or flue fire confined:  
Citizen complaint:  
CO Incident:  
CO detector activation due to malfunction:  
CO detector activation, no CO:  
Cover assignment, standby move up:  
Dispatched and cancelled en route: 2  
Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle fire:  
Electrical wiring / equipment problem, other:  
Explosion (no fire), other:  
Extrication, rescue, other:  
Gas leak (natural gas or LPG): 1  
Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill: 1  
Good intent call, other:  
Hazardous condition, other: 3  
Lock-in: 2  
Lock-out:  
Medical assist, assist EMS crew: 2  
Mobile property (vehicle) fire, other:  
Motor vehicle accident general cleanup:  
Motor vehicle accident with injuries:  
Motor vehicle accident no injuries: 3  
Motor vehicle/pedestrian accident (MV Ped):  
Mutual aid: 2  
Natural vegetation fire, other:  
No incident found on arrival at dispatch address: 1  
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 on land: 1  
Search for person in water:  
Severe weather or natural disaster, other:  
Severe weather or natural disaster, standby:  
Smoke detector activation due to malfunction: 2  
Special outside fire, other:  
Special type incident, other:  
Swimming/recreational water areas rescue: 1  
Unauthorized burning:  
Unintentional transmission of alarm, other:  
Water and ice related rescue:  
Water Problem, other: 1  
Watercraft rescue:  
Water or Steam leak:

Total Responses for August 2018: 33