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To: Board of Selectpersons

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From: Fire Chief Glen Garland

The monthly report for August from the Bridgton Fire Department is as follows:

Personnel: The department is processing 2 applications received during the month of August.

Apparatus: The annual required pump tests were done by our vendor on August 26th. All 5 trucks passed with no issues. A large thank you goes out to Scott Smith from vehicle maintenance for keeping the trucks in such great shape especially while currently working alone!

Buildings: The backup generator for North Bridgton arrived and was put in place. Final hookup and building work will be completed in early September.

Equipment: The radio coverage study which was budgeted for in this current budget has begun. Both fire and police chiefs as well as our ema director are working closely with our vendor and dispatch to see and anticipate what system changes may be required moving forward. We want to be as proactive as possible to prevent any unanticipated expenditures. For the fire department our annual hose, aerial, ground ladder, and SCBA tests will be done in the upcoming months.

Responses: The month of August saw the department respond to 36 calls for service. Of note we responded twice to the Saco River with our airboat to assist with stranded canoeists/kayakers, a boat fire on Highland Lake, as well as mutual aid to Harrison for a structure fire and coverage in Casco as they assisted Raymond with a difficult structure fire.

Chief Activities: Conducted plans reviews for the Planning Board, attended 2 webinars (total of 5 hours), attended and 8 hr Risk Management seminar in Westbrook, met with vendors of fire apparatus to gather information for future capitol budgets, had 2 meetings at CCRCC ref changes to our dispatch run cards.

Respectfully submitted,
Glen Garland, Fire Chief