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Monthly Report for October 2021

Personnel: The department continues to try and recruit members to maintain our numbers. We have 5 individuals that have requested applications and we are waiting for those to be returned for processing.

Training: 5 members recently completed weekend long classes in Fryeburg. The classes included EVOC (Emergency Vehicle Operators Course), Incident Safety Officer, and Maine Fire Chiefs Workshop. Another class, Pump Operations, which an additional 5 members signed up to take was postponed until spring due to unforeseen circumstances. Department training continues 2 nights per month for all department personnel, a third night for officers, as well as one night for station and truck maintenance.

Apparatus: We are continuing our search for a replacement part for Engine 2's transfer case. We will know within another week or two if anything is found and I will update the Board as soon as I know. All other apparatus has received their annual fall service. Hose testing, utilizing an outside testing company, was scheduled for late October but has been postponed until spring due to a Covid outbreak amongst the testing crew.

Buildings: The final touches are being put on the generator installs at North and South Stations. These installs will complete the generator installs at all four stations and will provide automatic backup power to each station, a welcome addition as we come into the winter season.

Activities: The department participated with the PD and United Ambulance in the annual trick or treat event at the PD as well as provided traffic control for the Trunk or Treat event at the school. As Chief I continue to work with the CEO and Planning Board on proposals being brought forward for the review process. Our Fire Protection for Subdivisions ordinance seems to be working well for those review processes where applicable. I have had some positive feedback from submitters that it allows for clear expectations upfront without surprises part way through the process.

Respectfully Submitted,
Glen Garland, Fire Chief