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To: Board of Selectpersons

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From: Fire Chief Glen Garland

The monthly report for October 2023 from the Bridgton Fire Department is as follows:

Personnel: The department is currently processing two applications for new firefighters, one of which has some firefighting experience in the town where he formally lived.

Apparatus: Our town mechanic has completed the fall services on all fire apparatus preparing them for winter operations. Annual pump testing, which was completed in September, revealed a potential issue with the pump on Engine 5. This is being evaluated by our mechanic in consultation with outside service vendors. When more information is available, I will inform the board. We will have to consider replacement apparatus in upcoming budgets. The chief's replacement truck is largely done with lights, siren, and lettering. I am still waiting for the bed enclosure for the rear and once that is here, we will complete the package. Expected delivery of that item is mid-November.

Buildings: Fall services for both the standby generators and heating units have been scheduled and will be completed before the depths of the winter. Also, a big thank you goes out to DPW for repairing the station ramp at South Station.

Equipment: Most of the budgeted equipment purchases have been completed.

Responses: October run volume was back to our normal level after a busy summer. We finished the month with 34 runs which is on par with our average of slightly more than 1 per day. The monthly breakdown of runs is attached.

Activities: The department was busy with many activities during the month. Our younger members assembled and competed in the Fireman's Muster at the Fryeburg Fair. Although they didn't bring home any "hardware" the crew competed well and networked with many other departments in the area. They now have a much better idea of what to practice for next year. The following week the department hosted Fire Prevention Week activities at Central Station for the students from Stevens Brook Elementary School. The approximately 330 students walked in groups from the school to the station and completed seven different activity sessions. The events included a hose squirt, allowing the students to try and knock a traffic cone over with a hose stream. A teacher or two just may have gotten a little damp in the process. We also had a drill teaching the kids to crawl low to escape the smoke, equipment and truck demos and the highlight was a 911 call simulator that Cumberland County Dispatch sent up with two dispatchers. The kids were able to call 911 on a cell phone hooked to the simulator and the dispatchers answered

the call and asked the same questions they would ask in a real situation. The kids learned how important it is to know where you are and how to ask for help in emergency situations. Handout materials were provided by both CCRCC and BFD personnel. A huge shoutout goes to Patti Shulte for organizing another great event and 9 other members of our department for giving up 6 hours in the middle of the day to help participate! A job well done by all! We have also completed presentations at two other daycare centers and have more scheduled in the future. The department also participated in the planning for Halloween activities with the Rec Department and Police Department. Lastly the department had our initial inspection to enter the voluntary SHAPE program with the BOLS. The inspection went well with a few minor corrections in paperwork needed. We are waiting to hear back from the BOLS after submitting those corrections to schedule a final inspection and decision from them. More info to come.

Projects: The department is currently working on several projects that will have future budget impacts for the town. CCRCC is working on installing a new radio system, eventually moving from our antiquated analog system to a modern digital system countywide. This will necessitate upgrading our current mobile and portable radios with newer model. The good news is that some funds will be available from County for this project. It is unknown at this time how much or when those will be coming our way. What is known is that we as a community will have to provide some additional funds to complete the upgrade. I am working to have those numbers available for our budget discussions early next year. The department has also been reviewing record management systems for future use. Our present system (Emergency Reporting) has been purchased by another company and there was initial sticker shock when several area departments received quotes from the new company. We immediately started shopping around and realized all the vendors were raising prices considerably. I have negotiated with the new owner and believe we have a usable agreement. It will be an increase in that budget line next year.

Respectfully submitted,
Glen Garland, Fire Chief

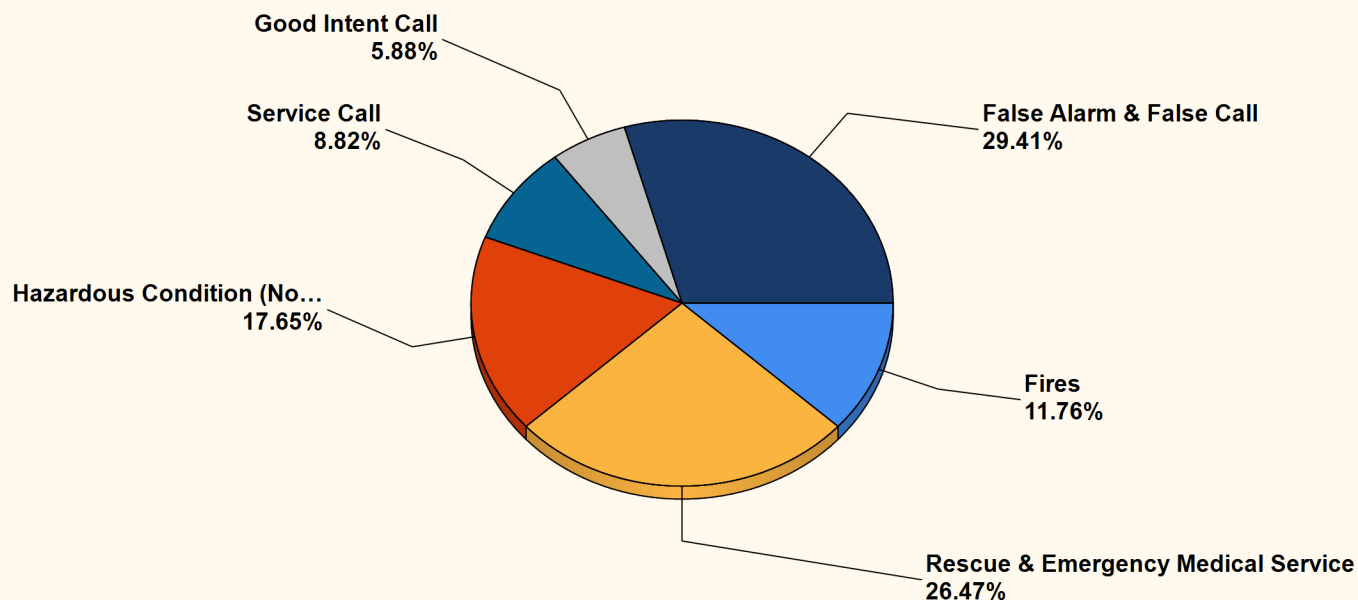
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Breakdown by Major Incident Types for Date Range

Zone(s): All Zones | Start Date: 10/01/2023 | End Date: 10/31/2023



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	4	11.76%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	9	26.47%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	6	17.65%
Service Call	3	8.82%
Good Intent Call	2	5.88%
False Alarm & False Call	10	29.41%
TOTAL	34	100%

Only REVIEWED and/or LOCKED IMPORTED incidents are included. Summary results for a major incident type are not displayed if the count is zero.



Detailed Breakdown by Incident Type

INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
113 - Cooking fire, confined to container	2	5.88%
130 - Mobile property (vehicle) fire, other	1	2.94%
140 - Natural vegetation fire, other	1	2.94%
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	2	5.88%
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	3	8.82%
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries.	3	8.82%
341 - Search for person on land	1	2.94%
400 - Hazardous condition, other	3	8.82%
444 - Power line down	3	8.82%
561 - Unauthorized burning	3	8.82%
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	2	5.88%
733 - Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	1	2.94%
735 - Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	4	11.76%
736 - CO detector activation due to malfunction	2	5.88%
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	3	8.82%
TOTAL INCIDENTS:	34	100%

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