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TOWN OF FARMINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

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"The Town of Farmington Fire Department includes the East Farmington, Oakland Gardens, Farmington, Tunxis Hose, and Southwest Fire Stations."



Get to Know Us

The Fire Department is a "combination department" which means that it is staffed by a combination of approximately 125 Volunteer Fire Fighters and 9 Career Fire Fighters. **During Fiscal Year 2018-2019, the Fire Department responded to 4,084 fire and medical emergencies.**

Engine 2 has Arrived!!

The new Engine 2 has arrived, and will be housed at Tunxis Hose Station, 11 School St., Unionville. This piece of apparatus is a 2019 Pierce Enforcer Pumper with firefighting hose, tools and 1,000 gallons of water on board. This new engine replaces a 1991 Spartan Boardman Pumper that served the community faithfully for 28 years. Old Engine 2 was sold to Ecuador, where it will provide firefighting capabilities to a small village that has little to no fire protection currently.



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Training and Volunteering Opportunities

The Town of Farmington Fire Department will provide all equipment and training associated with being a Volunteer Firefighter. Non-Farmington residents may apply if they live within five miles of the fire station, or if they work in town and have written permission from their employer to respond to emergencies, during work hours.

The Fire Department is also actively recruiting Fire Cadets. The Fire Cadet Program is designed to encourage residents, between 14 and 17 years of age, to:

- become familiar with the responsibilities of volunteer fire fighters,
- demonstrate to other young people the importance of service to the community through involvement in the volunteer fire department, and
- develop a working knowledge of First Aid, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation, and the Safe Working Practices associated with Fire Service.



The Fire Department provides instruction on American Heart Association courses for Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and First Aid. More than 350,000 cardiac arrests occur outside the hospital each year. Instructors within the department provide Community CPR instruction quarterly, at no charge, in the Yates Community Room, at the Farmington Police Station.

These courses are instrumental to teaching members of the public the necessary skills to recognize a cardiac arrest, get emergency care on the way quickly and provide CPR until a high level of medical care arrives. These courses also incorporate the use of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). The use of an AED within three to five minutes after a collapse greatly increases the chance of survival. For every minute that passes without CPR or defibrillation, the chance of survival of a victim decreases by 7 to 10 percent. The Town of Farmington is a HEARTSafe Community, which is a community that has documented the "Chain of Survival" links to address cardiac emergencies for its citizens. These links include early access to emergency care, early CPR, early defibrillation, and early advanced care.

The Town of Farmington Fire Department is also available to instruct at businesses, schools and daycare centers, in order to ensure this vital training is maintained within our community. Please contact us if you are interested.

2020 Community CPR Classes

- **Wednesday, March 11th, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm**
- **Wednesday, June 10th, 7:00 - 10:00 pm**
- **Wednesday, September 9th, 7:00 - 10:00 pm**
- **Wednesday, December 9th, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm**

Strategic Goals

One of the strategic goals assigned to the Town of Farmington Fire Department is to provide quality fire, medical and rescue services to the Town of Farmington. Under this strategic goal, the Town of Farmington Fire Department was tasked with formulating and submitting an alternative local emergency medical services plan to the Department of Public Health. The purpose of this submission was for reassignment of the Primary Service Area designation for Paramedic Service (ALS), within the Town of Farmington.

Submission of an Application to the Commissioner of Public Health for the reassignment of the Primary Service Area designation for Paramedic Service (ALS) was completed back in April 2018. The forward momentum of the processes led to multiple meetings with the North Central Connecticut Emergency Medical Services Council and a public hearing before the Department of Public Health, to support the request for the change illustrating the added benefits to the community that this assignment would have.

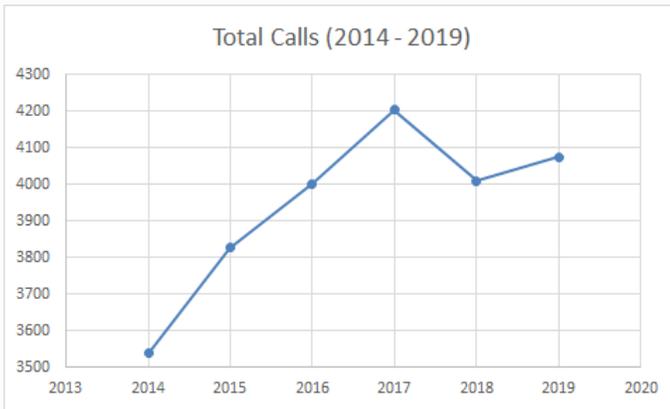
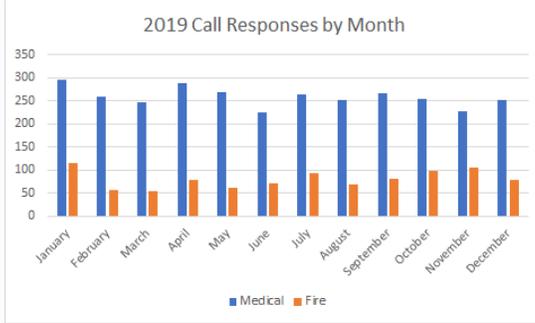
On January 15, 2019, the Department of Public Health, through the Office of Emergency Medical Services, assigned the Paramedic (ALS) PSAR to the Town of Farmington Fire Department. The town now holds the Paramedic PSAR and continues to contract these services out to American Medical Response (AMR).



East Farm volunteer firefighters, Jack Nelson and Brian Nelson, drive auction winners to school.

2019 Call Statistics

2019	Medical	Fire
January	297	116
February	260	58
March	248	54
April	290	80
May	269	62
June	225	72
July	265	94
August	252	68
September	266	81
October	255	99
November	228	106
December	251	79
Total	3106	969
Grand Total	4075	



VOLUNTEER TODAY!!

Please visit your local fire station, or call or email Steve Hoffmann, Director of Fire and Rescue Services, at (860) 675-2322 or HoffmannS@Farmington-CT.org, for more information on becoming a volunteer, or to ask about any of the services offered by the Town of Farmington Fire Department.



Members of the TFFD participate in the "Fight for Air Climb," in Hartford.

Field Training Exercises



Director and Members of the TFFD get ready to make the climb.



Town of Farmington Fire Department, Waste Treatment Plant employees and UCONN FD conduct a confined space drill.



Career Town of Farmington Fire Department firefighters conduct high angle rope rescue training.



Tunxis Hose trains at the Live Fire Training Facility.

Proposed Renovations to Fire Stations

The fire department is looking at enhancing its infrastructure in order to support the growth of the Town of Farmington. The last major infrastructure update was back in 2000, when Southwest Fire Station and Oakland Gardens Fire Station were constructed. That project also included some renovations to the three main stations, mostly updates to building systems.

Both Tunxis Hose Fire Station and East Farmington Fire Station were built in the early 1960s, with Farmington Fire Station being built back in the early 1930s. As equipment continues to get bigger, and our operations continue to expand to support the community, so does the need for renovating our fire stations.

The fire department has been working on a Statement of Needs, under Chapter 53 of the Farmington Town Code, to present to the Town Council to support the creation of a building committee. The fire department has conducted two studies, a Facilities Study and a Location/Deployment Study, on the town's fire stations. The information compiled from these studies will provide a building committee with the needed resources to decide on the future needs of the fire department.

We are expecting to present the Statement of Needs to the Town Council in the beginning of 2020. Stay tuned!



East Farmington Fire Station - 94 South Road, Farmington



Farmington Fire Station - 76 Main Street, Farmington



Tunxis Hose Fire Station - 11 School Street, Unionville