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TOWN OF FARMINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

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<https://www.farmington-ct.org/departments/fire-department>

Mission Statement

"The Town of Farmington Fire Department is dedicated to providing for the safety and welfare of the community through the preservation of life, property, and the environment by maintaining a constant state of readiness through fire fighter training and public education."

Ladder 1 Replacement

The 2019-2020 Capital Budget requested a replacement for Ladder 1. Ladder 1 is a 2001 Pierce Dash Mid-mount platform aerial. It is the only aerial device in the fire department and responds to calls for service through the entire Town of Farmington, making it a specialty piece for the fire department. An aerial ladder is a self-supporting, turntable-mounted, power-operated ladder of two or more sections permanently attached to a self-propelled automotive fire apparatus and designed to provide a continuous egress route from an elevated position to the ground.

The fire department has established an apparatus replacement plan that replaces our larger apparatus after 20 years. This time frame has been decided by factors such as safety mechanisms, upgrades in technology, maintenance and guidance from industrial standards such as the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). Ladder 1, over the last 2 years, has seen a significant increase in maintenance costs and with reaching its 20 year service life the decision was made to replace it.

Purchasing a new piece of fire apparatus comes with creating a spec, going out to bid to vendors, awarding the bid and then going through the actual build process. Right now, we are in the bidding stage with a potential build time of 1 to 1.5 years out. So, we would not see a new Ladder 1 until mid to late 2021.



Ladder 1 in front of Farmington Fire Station

Volunteering Opportunities

The Town of Farmington Fire Department, which includes East Farmington, Farmington and Tunxis Hose, is currently looking for new volunteer firefighters.

How many times have you seen a fire truck pass you with lights and sirens on the way to an emergency? How many parades have you stood on the side of the road and cheered for the firefighters as they proudly marched by dressed in their uniforms? How many times have you thought that you might enjoy being a part of that excitement, tradition and camaraderie?

Join Today!!

Deputy Fire Marshal Appointment

Steven Hoffmann, Director of Fire & Rescue Services, was recently sworn in at the Town Clerks Office as the Deputy Fire Marshal for the Town of Farmington. With this additional appointment, Director Hoffmann will assist the Fire Marshal with being responsible for fire safety code enforcement involving the inspection of buildings and the investigation of fire origins.

Fire Marshal Mike Gulino, Director Hoffmann, Secretary to the Fire Marshal Nancy Beaupre and 4 Fire Inspectors work to ensure buildings meet fire safety code requirements and conduct fire origin investigations. The Fire Marshal's Office also handles the Fire Prevention Program in the schools, smoke detector distribution and other programs to enhance fire safety in the community.



New Career Firefighter Hired



The Town of Farmington Fire Department recently hired a new career firefighter to make up the 9 career firefighters that provide staffing Monday - Friday from 6AM - 5PM. Ben Troup of Farmington was recently hired to fill a vacancy in the department and he started on February 24, 2020. During his probationary period he will rotate through the three main fire stations in town.

Firefighter Troup has been a volunteer firefighter with the Town of Farmington Fire Department at the Farmington Volunteer Fire Department located at 76 Main St. He has been a volunteer for the past 8 years holding the ranks of Lieutenant and Captain. Firefighter Troup has also been a Per Diem Firefighter for the Town of Farmington, which provide staffing when career firefighters take time off leaving a shift vacant. He has lived in Farmington all his life and a graduate of Farmington High School.

We are excited to have him aboard! Firefighter Troup will make a great addition to the Town of Farmington Fire Department. Along with Firefighter Troup's appointment as the 9th career firefighter, the TFFD also maintains 125 volunteer firefighters and 2 part time firefighters who provide service to the community.

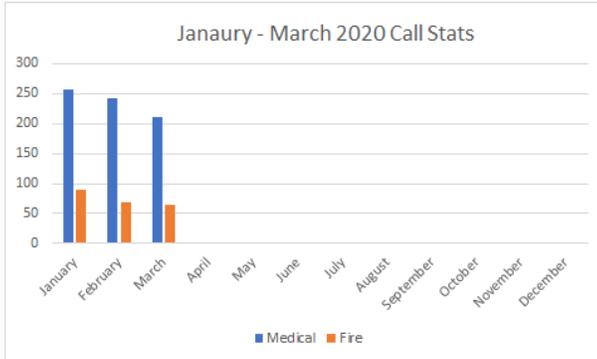
2020 Community CPR Classes Yates Room @ Farmington PD

- **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**

2020 Call Statistics

2020	Medical	Fire
January	258	90
February	243	68
March	211	64

Total	712	222
Grand Total	934	



2020-2021 Budget Items

Capital Budget:

- Turnout Gear - \$50,000
- Hose Replacement - \$25,000
- Fire Station Renovation/Build - \$150,000
- Communication Upgrades - \$150,000

Operating Budget:

- Administration - \$101,707
- Operations - \$1,182,637
- Buildings - \$178,686
- Equipment - \$210,878
- Total Requested - \$1,673,908

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.



January Town-Wide Drill

The Town of Farmington Fire Department recently conducted a town-wide drill on Truck Company Operations at The Live Fire Training Facility on Round Hill Rd. Over 30 members of the TFFD attended from all 3 volunteer fire departments, fire cadets and career staff. Quarterly town-wide drills have been scheduled to enhance firefighter skills and competencies as well as provide opportunity for all the firefighters in town to training together.



Active Shooter Preparedness & Training

The rising responses across the country in Active Shooter/Armed Intruder incidents has required the need for preparedness and training within the fire service. It is important that we are able to provide the highest level of care to the community while maintaining an increased level of safety for our firefighter/EMTs. The Town of Farmington Fire Department has taken steps in preparedness and training to include the training of all Firefighter/EMTs in Tactical Emergency Casualty Care. Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (TECC) is a set of evidenced-based and best practice trauma care guidelines for civilian high-threat pre-hospital environments. The TECC guidelines are built upon the critical medical lessons learned by US and allied military forces over the past 15 years.

Along with the necessary training, the acquisition of equipment is imperative to provide the level of care in the field. The TFFD purchased Active Response Kits which contain hemorrhage control, airway management and some other needed equipment. A grant was also attained from the Ion Bank Foundation for the purchase of Level IIIA Bullet Proof Vests. These items will provide protection to firefighter/EMTs while actively working at an active shooter incident.

Lastly, the Town of Farmington Fire Department and Farmington Police Department collaborated on training and scenarios to establish a Rescue Task Force Model for response to these incidents. A Rescue Task Force is a trained, but hastily formed group of EMS medical providers that partner with law enforcement on scene. The RTF enters a newly secured area, such as an active shooter incident, to provide triage, emergent care and casualty extrication. Uncontrolled bleeding is the number one cause of preventable death from trauma and victims of severe bleeding can die within 5-10 minutes. The coordinated response ensures critical emergency care is provided or hasty extrication is completed for increased survival of victims.



Rescue Task Force Ballistic Vests

Assistance for Firefighters Grant (AFG) Submitted

The Town of Farmington Fire Department recently submitted an Assistance for Firefighters Grant (AFG) for the 2019. This grant was submitted for the upgrading and additional equipment for communications in the fire department. This communication equipment includes portable radios and mobile radios to allow firefighters to communicate on scene.

Recently, the fire department identified that it did not have a portable radio for every riding position on the apparatus in town. This posed a major safety concern as every firefighter should have the ability to communicate at the scene of an incident. In May 2009, the IAFC (International Association of Fire Chiefs) issued a position statement that every firefighter operating on the fire ground be equipped with a portable radio. This position ensures that when a firefighter is in a compromising, life-safety situation, communication to other firefighters can be delivered for assistance. It is a pivotal tool needed to do our jobs as firefighters. There are multiple NIOSH reports with recommendations to equip every firefighter with a portable radio to ensure communication during an incident.

The total for the grant request is \$309,000, with \$28,090.91 being the responsibility of the town. Notification of the award of the grant if the town is selected should be by Fall 2020.

TFFD responds to fire on Whispering Rod Road

On January 2, 2020 at 2:02 pm, the Town of Farmington Fire Department was dispatched to a reported structure fire at 16 Whispering Rod Rd. Upon arrival of the first arriving fire unit, Car 600 - TFFD Safety Officer, flames were reported from the front basement window and climbing up the front of the house.

Engine 5 was the first apparatus on scene in 7 minutes and stretched a 2.5" hand line to the front yard and began extinguishing the fire on the outside of the house. Ladder 1 arrived in 9 minutes and set up the aerial to the roof of the residence and stretched an 1 3/4" hand line to the front door to make entry. Engine 3 located the hydrant at the intersection of West District Rd/Whispering Rod Road and laid a 5" supply line to Engine 5. Engine 3 arrived in 11 minutes and after establishing a water supply the crew stretched an 1 3/4" hand line to the side of the residence where the garage was located and began extinguishment. Rescue 15 arrived at the same time as Engine 3 and began placing ground ladders to vent the roof. Engine 6 arrived and assisted Engine 5 & Ladder 1 in extinguishment by entry through the front door of the residence. Engine 9 was requested to the scene for Rapid Intervention Team (RIT). The fire was brought under control in about 15 minutes. Burlington and Plainville Fire Departments provided coverage during the incident.

The homeowner was able to escape the residence safely with two dogs and notify 911. Two firefighters were treated on scene for minor injuries. A total of 32 firefighters responded to the incident with the first arriving apparatus arriving in 7 minutes. The fire is under investigation by the Farmington Fire Marshal's Office.

Responding Units:

Engine 5
Engine 3
Engine 6
Engine 9
Ladder 1
Rescue 15
Brush 14



Fire Department History

The East Farmington Volunteer Fire Department was organized on March 25, 1944 at a meeting called at the home of Mr. Wilfred Brown. In attendance were the 23 charter members of the department:

W. Bown
A.C. Petersen
M. Palmer
A.W. Petersen
T.J. Buckley
A. Carlson
E. Osberg
Fred Beloin
Geo. Bahnson
W. Johanson
G. Lauridesen
F. Beaulieu
Al Oquist
Ray Hartlett
Ellis Hidwell
M. Ahrens
W. Lindsay
N. Vose
H. Woodruff
John Helm
Arthur Oquist
Russell Carter
H.E Peterson



The first fire truck was donated by Martin Arens and stored in his garage. Equipment was placed on it and firefighters responded to fires with it until October of 1945. A Firehouse was constructed at the corner of Woodruff Rd and Rt. 6 in 1945.

The departments first new fire truck was purchased for \$19,000 and delivered on December 8, 1960.

A new fire station was constructed at its present location, 94 South Rd, and was occupied on June 26, 1963. The expansion of I-84 elicited the move.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response

The country is facing an unprecedented time through this pandemic. The Town of Farmington Fire Department continues to provide essential services to the community. Our firefighters, both volunteer and career, are dedicated to ensuring the safety and health of our community. While this continues to evolve, we continue to curtail our policies and procedures to ensure our firefighters remain safe to continue to carry out their duties while not negatively impacting the services we provide. We thank the community on your progressive action in doing your part to not only assist us through donations, but also following recommendations from the Farmington Valley Health Department, CDC, Governors Office and Farmington Town Manager's Office. Together we will get through this.

Below is a link to the Town of Farmington website with information and resources for the community. This information is updated as new information comes in so please visit often. Stay safe and healthy as we get through this together!!

Town of Farmington COVID-19 Webpage:

<https://www.farmington-ct.org/community/covid-19>

Connecticut COVID-19 Webpage:

<https://portal.ct.gov/coronavirus>

