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TOWN OF FARMINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

1 Monteith Drive, Farmington, CT 06032

<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."

Response to a Pandemic

With the many changes we have had to encounter over the past several months, the TFFD has adapted to include adding policies, procedures and adjusting responses during this time. We have adjusted our medical responses to limit possible exposure of COVID-19 while still providing essential medical care to the community. We continue to utilize personal protective equipment per CDC guidelines when interacting with patients.

The fire stations have been closed to the public and until recently only open for emergency responses. While we truly enjoy and welcome members of the public to stop by, in order to ensure we are protecting everyone we have had to temporarily discourage this for the time being. Our members conduct a self-health check each time they respond or report to the fire stations. Most of our training and meetings have been conducted via the internet, but we have started to conduct drills in the normal fashion with safeguards in place as we move into Phase 2 of reopening.

A number of the departments social events have been cancelled for this year. However, as we continue to see what occurs in the Fall, we will be able to make a better determination concerning events being held around those times. While fundraising events have been postponed, the fire stations are researching innovative new ways to conduct fundraising.

The fire service has been navigating through this pandemic much as everyone has. Day by day we ensure that our workforce is protected, our essential services are provided, and we continue to keep everyone's spirits high as we get through this. The TFFD will adapt, adjust and ultimately overcome this pandemic, just as the Town of Farmington will. We urge the community to continue to follow all guidance such as social distancing, the wearing of a mask in public and practicing good hygiene. Also, visit the Town of Farmington Website for periodic updates on how the Town is reopening and ensuring our community remains safe and healthy.



Member Spotlight



This quarterly member spotlight recognizes Firefighter/EMT Kelly McCalmont. Kelly has been a member of Tunxis Hose Co. #1 for 9 years this May. Along with volunteering for the fire department and helping the community, she also is an emergency room nurse at St. Francis Hospital in Hartford. She has been a nurse for 5 years utilizing her knowledge and skills in emergency situations. It comes as no surprise that she would also be using those medical skills in the Town of Farmington as an EMT.

She started volunteering with Tunxis Hose because of her friend, Pat Parkinson, who also is a member and presently a Captain with Tunxis Hose. Together, Kelly and Pat signed up to take an EMT class over the summer. After she completed her EMT class she didn't really know what she wanted to do with her new skills. She was given the recommendation by Captain Pat Parkinson to join Tunxis Hose and volunteer as a Firefighter/EMT. She loves volunteering and giving back to my community so this not only would allow her to utilize her EMT skills, but also do what she enjoyed.



Since she has been a member, she has met some of the greatest supporters in her life. Kelly is quoted as saying "I can honestly say that without Tunxis Hose, I would not be the person I am today." She remembers over the years many of the members, and some of their families too, being there for her every step of the way on getting her to go back to nursing school. Being a nurse has been a dream since she was 3 years old and the support that Tunxis Hose provided helped her to achieve that lifelong goal.

On top of giving back to the community, she has also met some of the best friends in her life. Kelly stated "for anyone who is considering volunteering for their local volunteer fire or ems department, I encourage you to do so. Yes, there is that extra commitment beyond work, family, and current friends, but she has found that this commitment is something she never would change. Tunxis Hose has been an extended family and I'm not sure I would know what to do without." Along with being able to provide essential services to the community, members build lifelong bonds and friendships with those in the department.

2020 Community CPR Classes Yates Room @ Farmington PD

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



June 19, 2020

Mr. Hoffmann
Town of Farmington Fire Department
1 Montith Drive
Farmington, Connecticut 06032
United States

Dear Mr. Hoffmann:

Congratulations. Your grant application for an FM Global fire prevention grant stood out among the hundreds we received, and we will be funding \$2454 for the purchase of a digital camera and two LED night stick scene light kits. We hope the additional funding will help to strengthen your efforts to ultimately, and more effectively prevent fire—the leading cause of property destruction worldwide.

In the coming weeks, you will be contacted by an FM Global representative to set up a formal presentation. In the meantime, award checks will be mailed in July to your attention at the address above. Please feel free to use the attached news release that we've prepared for you to promote news media interest—be it in advance of or after the formal presentation.

During the past 40 years, FM Global has awarded millions of dollars in funding to fire departments and related agencies worldwide. With a shared philosophy that the majority of property loss is preventable—not inevitable—we can make a difference in preventing the frequency and severity of fire...together.

Once again, congratulations on your recent fire prevention grant awarded by FM Global, one of the world's largest commercial property insurers.

If you have any questions regarding your award, please feel welcome to e-mail me.

Best wishes for continued success in your fire prevention endeavors.

Michael Spaziani
Assistant Vice President, Manager - Fire Service Programs

CC: Ted Pisciotta - Boston Operations
20-067 - Town of Farmington Fire Department

2020 Call Statistics

2020	Medical	Fire
January	258	90
February	243	68
March	211	64
April	149	68
May	157	63
June	195	79
Total	1213	432
Grand Total	1645	

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.



TFFD Receives FM Global Fire Prevention Grant

The Town of Farmington Fire Department has received a \$2,454 fire prevention grant from FM Global, one of the world's largest commercial property insurers. FM Global representatives presented the award to Steve Hoffmann, Director of Fire & Rescue Services/Deputy Fire Marshal and Mike Gulino, Fire Marshal. The award will be used to assist with fire investigations to help fire investigators more efficiently investigate and determine the cause of a fire.

Because fire continues to be the leading cause of property damage worldwide, during the past 40 years FM Global has contributed millions of dollars in fire prevention grants to fire service organizations around the globe. Locally, the company has awarded grants to a number of Connecticut-based organizations.

"At FM Global, we strongly believe the majority of property damage is preventable, not inevitable," said Michael Spaziani, assistant vice president – manager of the fire prevention grant program. "Far too often, inadequate budgets prevent those organizations working to prevent fire from being as proactive as they would like to be. With additional financial support, grant recipients are actively helping to improve property risk in the communities they serve."

Through its Fire Prevention Grant Program, FM Global awards grants to fire departments—as well as national, state, regional, local and community organizations worldwide—that best demonstrate a need for funding, where dollars can have the most demonstrable impact on preventing fire, or mitigating the damage it can quickly cause.

Established nearly 200 years ago, FM Global is a mutual insurance company whose capital, scientific research capability and engineering expertise are solely dedicated to property risk management and the resilience of owners. These owners, who share the belief that the majority of property loss is preventable, represent many of the world's largest organizations, including one of every three Fortune 500 companies. They work with FM Global to better understand the hazards that can impact their business continuity in order to make cost-effective risk management decisions, combining property loss prevention with insurance protection.

Structure Fire on Valley View Drive

On March 13, 2020 at 7:47 PM. the Town of Farmington Fire Department was dispatched and responded to a reported structure fire on Valley View Dr. Engine 9 from East Farms Fire Department was the first on scene, arriving at 7:53 PM and reported they had fire showing from the front of the building, which would later be identified as a bedroom. The crew stretched a 1 3/4 inch attack hose to the location of the fire. The fire was extinguished quickly with only using 300 gallons of Engine 9's tank. Concurrently, the interior crew conducted a primary search of the residence.

Engine 10 from East Farms Fire Department arrived on scene at 8:00 PM and was assigned to assist with overhaul, checking for extension and extinguishing any hot spots. Ladder 1 also arrived on scene at 8:03 PM and assisted in conducted a search of the residence as well as securing the main switch on the breaker panel to eliminate power to the residence.

The fire department responded quickly providing for an aggressive interior attack limiting damage to the structure. Also, the pictures illustrate the importance of closing doors during a fire. All occupants were out of the residence, due to being alerted by smoke detectors, and safe prior to the fire department arrival. From time of dispatch to time of arrival of the first piece of apparatus was 5 minutes. There were 21 firefighters from East Farms Volunteer Fire Department and Farmington Volunteer Fire Department on scene that assisted with extinguishing the fire.

Responding Units:

Engine 9
Engine 10
Medic 11
Ladder 1



Fire Department History

Tunxis Hose Company No. 1 celebrated their 125th anniversary in 2018. For those 125 years, there have been 475 dedicated volunteer firefighters who have joined the company and contributed to protecting the community. The need was recognized for organized fire protection in Unionville, which formed a fire district on February 22, 1893. On November 20, 1893 Tunxis Hose Company No. 1 was formed with 30 volunteers and the appointment of Lucius C. Humphrey as the first foreman.

Some notable fires occurred after the forming of the fire company which included Trap Shop, the Union Cutlery and Charles W. House & Sons Factory.

