

MERIDEN & PLAINFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
Chief's Report

The calendar year 2015 call numbers remained about the same as 2014 down from 2013 mainly due to the second year in a row without a major weather related problem, ex snow, ice, heavy rains. We also had a very wet spring which eliminated any early grass or brush fires we might normally have.

Both departments received nice donations to upgrade trucks and equipment this past year. John Butler a KUA senior and Plainfield resident wrote a fifteen thousand dollar grant request to the Bryne Foundation as his senior project. This approved grant allowed the Meriden Fire Department to replace our old unreliable thermal imaging camera, buy some new pagers, new flashlights and a new computer and printer for the station. TransCanda donated two used but very nice vehicles to the Plainfield Department. A 2004 Trailblazer that became the Chief's car was outfitted with donated lights, radio and siren so the cost was zero. This gives both departments the ability of having a mobile command vehicle. The second unit is a GMC one ton duel wheel four wheel drive truck that will be used to replace the chassis under our aging 1985 GMC utility truck.

I would like to remind everyone of the Meriden wild game dinner and the several dinners that Plainfield does each year as these are our major fundraiser to help the departments fund the ongoing expenses of the departments. I would also thank the folks whom we regularly see at these events.

	PVFD	MVFD		PVFD	MVFD
Alarm Activations	20	32	CO Alarms	00	00
Auto Accidents	16	12	Brush Fire	01	01
Smoke Investigation	01	01	Fire Safety	01	00
Odor Investigation	03	02	School Drill	01	01
Stove/Grill Fires	02	01	Gas/Oil Spill	02	03
Structure Fires	02	03	Mutual Aid given:		
Trees/wires	05	17	Cornish	02	02
Missing Persons	00	01	Lebanon	02	03
Chimney Fire	04	05	Hartford	02	00
Animal Rescue	03	02	Windsor	02	01
Assist PD	01	02	Ascutney	01	00
Event Coverage	01	01			
EMS Assist	02	03			

Frank Currier, Chief

MERIDEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT PROPOSED BUDGET

	2015			2016
RECEIPTS	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	BUDGET
TOWN APPROPRIATION	\$44,500	\$44,500	\$0	\$44,500
CORNISH FAIR TICKETS	\$3,250	\$3,577	\$327	\$3,250
SPRING DINNER – 2015	\$3,500	\$2,946	-\$554	\$0
SPRING DINNER - 2016	\$0	-\$200	-\$200	\$3,000
DONATIONS	\$3,500	\$20,461	\$16,961	\$3,500
DONATIONS - KUA BRIGADE	\$500	\$0	-\$500	\$500
BRIGADE ACCOUNT INTEREST	\$1	\$1	\$0	\$1
FOREST FIRE PAYMENTS	\$500	\$0	-\$500	\$500
MISC	\$0	\$576	\$576	\$0
SUBTOTAL	\$11,251	\$27,361	\$16,110	\$10,751
GRAND TOTAL	\$55,751	\$71,861	\$16,110	\$55,251
	2015			2016
OPERATING EXPENSES	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	BUDGET
TELEPHONE & INTERNET	\$520	\$666	-\$146	\$1,700
ELECTRICITY	\$1,200	\$1,072	\$128	\$1,100
SEWER	\$240	\$240	\$0	\$240
HEATING OIL	\$2,250	\$2,153	\$97	\$2,250
INSURANCE	\$8,000	\$7,915	\$85	\$8,250
EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	\$11,150	\$10,596	\$554	\$12,000
COMPUTER EXPENSES	\$250	\$689	-\$439	\$250
OFFICE SUPPLIES + PUBLICATIONS	\$500	\$397	\$103	\$500
GAS, DIESEL	\$1,600	\$1,796	-\$196	\$1,600
DUES / PERMITS / FEES	\$500	\$695	-\$195	\$650
TRAINING	\$3,000	\$110	\$2,890	\$3,000
FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT	\$9,800	\$13,637	-\$3,837	\$8,000
STATION MAINTENANCE	\$2,000	\$572	\$1,428	\$2,000
UNIFORMS	\$1,000	\$494	\$506	\$1,000
VACCINATIONS/PHYSICALS	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$100
ANNUAL REPORT FEE	\$75	\$102	-\$27	\$100
CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$0	\$4,500
STATION EQUIPMENT	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
FIREFIGHTER MILEAGE	\$2,100	\$968	\$1,132	\$2,000
KUA BRIGADE	\$501	\$115	\$386	\$501
HAZMAT ASSOCIATION	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
MISC	\$500	\$510	-\$10	\$500
SUBTOTAL	\$51,786	\$47,227	\$4,559	\$52,241
TRANSFER TO (FROM) BRIGADE FND	\$0	-\$114	\$114	\$0
TRANSFER TO (FROM) RESERVES	\$3,965	\$24,747	-\$20,782	\$3,010
GRAND TOTAL	\$55,751	\$71,861	-\$16,110	\$55,251

MVFD BUDGET "SELECTED" LINE ITEMS

<u>EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE</u>	2015			2016
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	BUDGET
ENGINE #1	\$2,500	\$1,660	\$840	\$2,500
ENGINE #2	\$2,500	\$5,561	-\$3,061	\$3,500
LADDER TRUCK	\$2,000	\$1,698	\$302	\$2,000
UTILITY TRUCK	\$250	\$127	\$123	\$250
THERMAL CAMERA	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100
LADDER TEST	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
SMALL POWER EQUIPMENT	\$150	\$34	\$116	\$150
HYDROTESTS	\$400	\$107	\$293	\$400
RADIO & PAGERS	\$1,000	\$424	\$576	\$750
AIR PACK	\$750	\$550	\$200	\$750
STATION EXHAUST SYSTEM	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$200
FIRE EXTINGUISHERS	\$100	\$407	-\$307	\$100
GENERATOR	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$100
FORESTRY	\$100	\$28	\$72	\$100
MISC	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$100
TOTAL	\$11,150	\$10,596	\$554	\$12,000
<u>FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT</u>	2015			2016
FIREFIGHTER GEAR	\$3,400	\$3,934	-\$534	\$3,400
GENERATOR/LIGHT TOWER	\$2,500	\$1,500	\$1,000	\$0
FOAM/COLDFIRE				
SUPPRESSANT	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$100
GLOVES	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$200
THERMAL CAMERA	\$0	\$4,253	-\$4,253	\$0
BOOTS	\$400	\$0	\$400	\$800
PAGERS/ACTIVE 911	\$1,500	\$1,973	-\$473	\$1,500
HOSE	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500
FORESTRY EQUIPMENT	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500
MISCELLANEOUS TOOLS	\$500	\$1,525	-\$1,025	\$500
MISC	\$300	\$452	-\$152	\$500
TOTAL	\$9,800	\$13,637	-\$3,837	\$8,000

Note: The balance in the Capital Reserve account at year-end was \$248,409.

We transferred \$24,747 from operations at the end of the year into the Capital Reserve account.

Ken Goodrow-Treasurer MVFD

**PLAINFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
OPERATING EXPENSES & BUDGET**

EXPENSES	Budget	Actual	Proposed
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Accounting	\$350	\$350	\$350
New Equipment	\$2,000	\$1,196	\$2,000
New Fire Clothing	\$4,000	\$716	\$4,000
Travel Reimbursement	\$2,000	\$1,981	\$2,000
Equipment Repairs	\$3,000	\$10,094	\$6,000
Supplies	\$1,300	\$2,376	\$2,100
Electricity	\$1,200	\$1,561	\$1,600
Telephone	\$1,600	\$1,481	\$1,600
Heat/Cooking	\$5,000	\$2,329	\$2,500
Gas/Diesel Fuel	\$1,400	\$532	\$1,000
Water	\$350	\$468	\$475
Insurance	\$5,930	\$5,322	\$5,600
Schools & Training	\$500	\$25	\$500
Fees/Dues	\$300	\$294	\$300
New Tanker Loan	\$15,995	\$15,996	\$15,996
Haz-mat Team	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Postage	\$75	\$69	\$75
Radio Frequency	\$1,000	\$978	\$1,000
Chief's stipend	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$4,500
Totals	\$51,500	\$51,269	\$52,596

RECEIPTS

Grants (Title 4)	\$500	\$0	\$0
Fund Raising	\$4,500	\$5,986	\$2,500
Town Appropriation	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$50,000
Town Training Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
Interest /Other	\$0	\$16	\$20
Donations	\$1,500	\$3,854	\$2,500
Totals	\$51,500	\$54,856	\$55,020
	Receipts	\$54,856	
Treasurer	Expenses	\$51,269	

Ronda

Robinson Balance \$3,587