

MERIDEN & PLAINFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
Chief's Report

This past year was on par with the number of calls compared to other years. About 25% of our calls were for auto accidents and about another 25% were for fire alarm activations with no fire, mostly at Kimball Union Academy where most of the alarm installations are. There were four unpermitted or illegal burns this past year, see warden's report for more details on burning.

Plainfield Fire finished their new utility truck by completing the cascade system to refill SCBA breathing tanks. Meriden Fire was VERY lucky this year as they were awarded a federal grant for in the amount of \$328,000.00 toward the purchase of a new engine to replace the old engine one built in 1988. They were also lucky enough to find a used ladder truck for the cost of \$25,000.00 to replace the no longer serviceable American LaFrance ladder they had. This was a steal and should provide useful service for many years to come.

The two departments continue to train as one, twice a month and often include the Cornish Fire as they are a major mutual aid partner. We have been lucky to get training aids and staff from the New Hampshire Fire Academy to come to Plainfield for training instead of having to go to Concord.

Both departments continue to do fund raising events throughout the year to help keep down the request for town funds. Supporting these events not only provides you with a fun time but saves tax dollars.

On a personal note this will be my last report as I will be retiring this year after forty three years on the Plainfield Department, the last twelve as Chief and the last five also as Meriden Chief. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the fantastic and dedicated fire fighters I have had the pleasure of being associated with. I would also like to thank the Selectboard for its support over the years, the help and support from the Plainfield Police Department, and last but surely not least the citizens of Plainfield for their support over the years.

	PVFD	MVFD		PVFD	MVFD
Alarm Activations	11	23	CO Alarms	02	03
Auto Accidents	16	26	Brush Fire	04	02
Smoke Investigation	00	02	Fire Safety	01	00
Odor Investigation	03	01	Trees with wires	08	16
Stove/Grill Fires	02	01	Trees w/o wires	01	01
Structure Fires	02	03	Mutual Aid given:		
Trees/wires	08	16	Cornish	05	04
Missing Persons	00	01	Lebanon	04	05
Chimney Fire	01	02	Hartford	01	01
Storm Duty	01	00	Charlestown	01	01
Vehicle Fire	01	02	Ascutney	02	01
Community Service	02	02	Claremont	01	02
River Rescue	02	02			
Structure Fire	01	01			
Furnace Problem	01	01			
Electrical Problem	00	01			
Utility Pole Fire	00	01			

Frank Currier, Chief

MERIDEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT PROPOSED BUDGET

	2016			2017
RECEIPTS	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	BUDGET
FEDERAL GRANT	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$328,572
TOWN APPROPRIATION	\$44,500	\$44,500	\$0	\$44,500
CORNISH FAIR TICKETS	\$3,250	\$4,118	\$868	\$3,250
SPRING DINNER – 2017	\$0	-\$175	-\$175	\$3,500
SPRING DINNER - 2016	\$3,000	\$4,760	\$1,760	\$0
DONATIONS	\$3,500	\$3,804	\$304	\$8,000
DONATIONS - KUA BRIGADE	\$500	\$185	-\$315	\$500
BRIGADE ACCOUNT INTEREST	\$1	\$1	\$0	\$1
FOREST FIRE PAYMENTS	\$500	\$538	\$38	\$500
MISC	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$55,251	\$57,731	\$2,480	\$388,823
OPERATING EXPENSES	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	BUDGET
TELEPHONE & INTERNET	\$1,700	\$1,485	\$215	\$1,600
ELECTRICITY	\$1,100	\$879	\$221	\$1,000
SEWER	\$240	\$240	\$0	\$240
HEATING OIL	\$2,250	\$984	\$1,266	\$1,600
INSURANCE	\$8,250	\$6,432	\$1,818	\$7,000
EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	\$11,150	\$5,116	\$6,034	\$13,975
COMPUTER EXPENSES	\$250	\$150	\$100	\$250
OFFICE SUPPLIES + PUBLICATIONS	\$500	\$1,094	-\$594	\$600
GAS, DIESEL	\$1,600	\$1,451	\$149	\$1,600
DUES / PERMITS / FEES	\$650	\$683	-\$33	\$1,700
TRAINING	\$3,000	\$389	\$2,611	\$5,000
FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT	\$9,800	\$39,396	-\$29,596	\$394,872
STATION MAINTENANCE	\$2,000	\$1,032	\$968	\$1,500
UNIFORMS	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
VACCINATIONS/PHYSICALS	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$100
ANNUAL REPORT FEE	\$100	\$150	-\$50	\$100
CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$0	\$4,500
STATION EQUIPMENT	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
FIREFIGHTER MILEAGE				
REIMBURSEMENT	\$2,000	\$1,919	\$81	\$2,000
KUA BRIGADE	\$501	\$354	\$147	\$501
HAZMAT ASSOCIATION	\$1,000	\$2,000	-\$1,000	\$1,000
MISC	\$500	\$89	\$411	\$500
SUBTOTAL	\$53,191	\$68,343	-\$15,152	\$441,638
TRANSFER TO (FROM) BRIGADE FUNDS	\$0	-\$168	\$168	\$0
TRANSFER TO (FROM) CAPITAL				
RESERVE	\$2,060	-\$10,444	\$12,504	-\$52,815
GRAND TOTAL	\$55,251	\$57,731	-\$2,480	\$388,823

MVFD BUDGET "SELECTED" LINE ITEMS

	2016			2017
<u>EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>VARIANCE</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
CHIEF'S VEHICLE	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$725
ENGINE #1	\$2,500	\$0	\$2,500	\$2,500
ENGINE #2	\$2,500	\$493	\$2,007	\$3,500
LADDER TRUCK	\$2,000	\$3,226	-\$1,226	\$3,000
UTILITY TRUCK	\$250	\$137	\$113	\$250
THERMAL CAMERA	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100
LADDER TEST	\$1,000	\$525	\$475	\$1,000
SMALL POWER EQUIPMENT	\$150	\$0	\$150	\$150
HYDROTESTS	\$400	\$0	\$400	\$400
RADIO & PAGERS	\$1,000	\$327	\$673	\$1,000
AIR PACK	\$750	\$0	\$750	\$750
STATION EXHAUST SYSTEM	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$200
FIRE EXTINGUISHERS	\$100	\$88	\$12	\$100
GENERATOR	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$100
FORESTRY	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$100
MISC	\$100	\$320	-\$220	\$100
TOTAL	\$11,150	\$5,116	\$6,034	\$13,975
<u>FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT</u>				
SHARED COMPRESSOR				
UPGRADE	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,300
FIREFIGHTER GEAR	\$3,400	\$2,420	\$980	\$3,400
NEW/USED LADDER	\$0	\$30,834	-\$30,834	\$5,000
NEW ENGINE 1	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$378,572
GENERATOR/LIGHT TOWER	\$2,500	\$0	\$2,500	\$0
FOAM/COLDFIRE SUPPRESSANT	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$100
GLOVES	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$200
THERMAL CAMERA	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
BOOTS	\$400	\$0	\$400	\$800
PAGERS/ACTIVE 911	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,500	\$1,500
RADIO AND ANTENNA	\$0	\$5,473	-\$5,473	\$0
HOSE	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500
FORESTRY EQUIPMENT	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500
SMALL & MISCELLANEOUS				
TOOLS	\$500	\$456	\$44	\$500
MISC	\$300	\$213	\$87	\$500
TOTAL	\$9,800	\$39,396	-\$29,596	\$394,872

Note: The balance in the Capital Reserve account at year-end = \$238,823.

We transferred \$10,444 from Capital Reserve during the year into the Operating acct.

Ken Goodrow-Treasurer MVFD

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

	Budget	Actual	Proposed
EXPENSES	<u>2016</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Accounting	\$350	\$195	\$300
New Equipment	\$2,000	\$5,567	\$2,000
New Fire Clothing	\$4,000	\$716	\$4,000
Travel Reimbursement	\$2,000	\$1,571	\$2,000
Equipment Repairs	\$6,000	\$33,498	\$6,000
Supplies	\$2,100	\$3,372	\$3,000
Electricity	\$1,600	\$1,551	\$1,600
Telephone	\$1,600	\$1,714	\$2,000
Heat/Cooking	\$2,500	\$2,361	\$2,500
Gas/Diesel Fuel	\$1,000	\$673	\$700
Water	\$475	\$300	\$350
Insurance	\$5,600	\$5,657	\$6,000
Schools & Training	\$500	\$0	\$500
Fees/Dues	\$300	\$118	\$150
New Tanker Loan	\$15,996	\$15,996	\$15,996
Haz-mat Team	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$1,000
Postage	\$75	\$67	\$100
Radio Frequency	\$1,000	\$231	\$1,000
Chief's stipend	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$4,500
Inspections	\$0	\$249	\$300
Totals	\$52,596	\$84,632	\$53,996
RECEIPTS			
Grants (Title 4)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fund Raising	\$2,500	\$6,033	\$6,500
Town Appropriation	\$50,000	\$55,000	\$55,000
Town Training Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
Interest /Other	\$20	\$0	\$0
Donations	\$2,500	\$23,451	\$2,500
Totals	\$55,020	\$84,473	\$64,000
	Receipts	\$84,473	
Treasurer	Expenses	\$84,632	
	Balance	\$159	

Jean Temple
Treasurer