

FRYE ISLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

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ORGANIZATION

The Frye Island Fire Department was re-organized on July 1, 1998 when the Island gained its independence and became the newest town in the State of Maine. The Department presently consists of seventeen (17) volunteer officers and firefighters supported by three pieces of fire apparatus, an EMS Ambulance and an equipment Squad. Firefighters operate from a 3-bay station centrally located on the island and from a 1-bay station located at the ferry landing.

The Frye Island Fire Department proudly serves the needs of the community by providing fire, rescue and Emergency Medical Services (EMS). Members serve with pride and professionalism, striving to meet the demands of the community in a safe and efficient manner.

EQUIPMENT

Engine 1, a 1979 Hendrickson/Continental, is equipped with a Hale 1,250-gallon per minute pump and a 500-gallon poly water tank. It was purchased in July of 2005 from the Cambridge, MA Fire Department. The truck was completely refurbished with a new body and poly water tank in 1989. A Detroit Diesel engine and an Allison automatic transmission power the truck. It is equipped with an Akron Apollo 2-inlet master stream appliance, a 4" dump valve on the rear suction inlet, a front suction connection with 25' of 4" hose, and 4" Storz discharge and intake connections. It carries a 24' extension ladder and a 14' roof ladder.

1,000 feet of 4" hose and 1,000 feet of 3" hose are located in the hose bed. A Task Force Tips (TFT) Blitzfire monitor is attached to the 3" hose. Two 1-3/4" pre-connected hose lays of 200' and 150' lengths as well as 200' of 2-1/2" hose are used for attack lines. Associated tools and equipment are also carried. The vehicle is equipped with emergency warning lights, an electronic siren and a Federal 2QB mechanical siren.

Engine 5, a 1969/1989 FWD/Greenwood pumper, was purchased in the spring of 2001 and arrived on Frye Island in July 2001. The truck, refurbished in 1989 with an all aluminum body, has a Detroit Diesel engine, a 1,000-gallon per minute pump and an 800-gallon poly water tank. It carries 900' of 4" hose, a complement of 2-1/2" hose, a 2-1/2" preconnected attack line and two 1-3/4" pre-connected hose lays of 200' and 150' lengths. Associated tools and equipment are carried on the truck.

Engine 6 is the "first-out" piece of apparatus for a structure fire. It is an International/Howe pumper/tanker with a 1,000-gallon per minute front mount pump and a 2,000-gallon poly water tank. The truck is diesel powered and has an automatic transmission. Engine 6 carries 2-1/2" hose loads in forward and reverse lay configurations. It also is equipped with pre-connected 1-3/4" attack lines.

All pumpers are capable of drafting water from dry hydrants or directly from the lake.

All pumpers are capable of discharging and/or receiving water via 4" large-diameter hose.

All attack hose has been color coded for easy identification.

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Squad 1, a 1989 Ford/Southern Ambulance, was delivered to the Island in July 2003. The ambulance was outfitted with the Department's emergency medical equipment. In the spring of 2007 this vehicle was re-assigned as an equipment carrier. It is now used to transport personnel, equipment and supplies to the scene of an incident.

A generator, lights, light stanchions, power tools, a PPV fan, a 1,500-gallon portable water tank and associated equipment are carried on this vehicle.

Ambulance 2, a 2001 Ford E 350 / Wheeled Coach box ambulance, arrived on Island October 5, 2006. Rockingham Ambulance Company of Nashua, New Hampshire donated this fully functional vehicle to the Frye Island Fire Department. The truck has been re-lettered and a few minor repairs were performed.

In the spring of 2007 this vehicle was outfitted with the Department's emergency medical equipment. The truck was placed in service on May 20th at 1100 hours.

This is a non-transporting service.

DRY HYDRANTS

There are currently three (3) dry hydrants located on the island. Dry hydrants allow us to refill the water tanks on the apparatus in the vicinity of a fire incident without traveling long distances to complete this task. The hydrants also allow us to lay out the 4" large diameter hose up to 2,000 feet from the hydrant to the fire incident. This eliminates the need to refill water tanks using a "tanker shuttle" operation because the 4" hose provides us with a continuous water supply.

There is a 10,000 gallon concrete water tank located underground in the middle of Emerald Point circle. This water source can be utilized for firefighting purposes at Emerald Point as well as a fire in the surrounding area.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Participating members were re-certified in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Automated External Defibrillation (AED) following the new 2005 American Heart Association guidelines.

New members have shown an interest in becoming First Responders. Due to scheduling conflicts last year, a training class is in the planning stages for the spring of 2008.

Additional first aid equipment has been purchased during the year to augment and replace used medical supplies and equipment. Department members train regularly on EMS equipment and procedures.

TRAINING

The Department conducts weekly training classes each Sunday morning at the central fire station. The instruction addresses all firefighting objectives of the National Fire Protection Association's Standard 1001 qualifications for Firefighter I and II certification. The NFPA training program has been specifically designed to assist fire department in their ability to deliver basic skills training to their members. In addition, members participate in mandatory EMS training and have attended classes involving hazardous materials, Incident Command, engine company operations, wildland firefighting and other current training subject matter.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITY

Truck check is held during the week. Vehicles and equipment are checked to determine operational readiness.

Work has been basically completed inside the central fire station. A new water heater was installed on August 2nd. There are some minor items to be addressed this year.

A fire alarm system consisting of pull stations, heat and smoke detectors and an automatic dialing system, which was begun in 2003, has yet to be completed. We are very close to having this system operational. The completion of this project is of the utmost importance and needs to be completed as soon as possible so that the system will protect the building and the assets of the fire department.

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| May 20 | Paul Richard joined the FIFD. |
| May 20 | The 2001 Ford E350 / Wheeled Coach box ambulance was placed in full service at 1100 hours. Squad 1 was assigned as an equipment / personnel carrier. |
| May 20 | A Cardiac Science Powerheart AED G3 Pro defibrillator was placed in service |
| June 15 | A new electric 16" Tempest Power Blower was placed in service on Squad 1.
A Jaffrey intake relief valve was placed in service on Engine 5.
Three 5-gallon containers of National Foam 3%-6% Plus AR/AFFF foam in service on Engine 6. |
| June 30 | Four (4) sets of PPE (coat and trousers) placed in service. |
| July 1 | The fourth dry hydrant at Leisure Lane and Birch was removed. The hydrant was in too shallow an area and was continually clogged with silt making it impossible to use. |
| July 8 | A UEI CO 71A Carbon Monoxide detector was placed in service. |
| July 15 | Two (2) TFT Quadra Fog 30-125 gallons per minute (GPM) Selectable Flow nozzles were placed in service on Engine 1.
One (1) TFT In-Line 95 GPM Foam Eductor was placed in service on Engine 6. |
| August 19 | Mark A. Savoie joined the FIFD. |
| August 26 | The dry hydrant at the ferry landing was secured. It had loosened up against the rocks.
A mobile radio was placed in service in A-2. |
| October | A hydrant for use by the fire department was installed by the PWD on Ridge Road adjacent to the new pump house. Due to the closing of the island, we were unable to test this system. This will be a priority in the spring. Prior to the installation of the hydrant there has been no water source for firefighting on this side of the island. |

SOCIAL EVENTS

The Fire Department Open House was held on July 7th at the central fire station. Each year this event is held to show appreciation for the support that we receive from the citizens of Frye Island. Everyone is invited to attend, look over the equipment and the facilities. Members conduct blood pressure screenings for the adults and balloons, prizes and educational material are distributed among the younger crowd. Department members are more than willing to answer any questions or concerns regarding fire safety or the operation of the department. There are always plenty of hot dogs, soda and watermelon for our guests.

The 8th annual Fire Department Pot Luck Supper and Square Dance was held on October 6th. Island residents prepared a variety of great tasting foods. After the meal our square dance caller and his lovely assistant, who have been with us from the start, had everyone up and dancing till 10:00 PM. This event is always a great time to get out and meet your fellow islanders, enjoy a great meal and work it off by square dancing the night away.

A THANK YOU

The members of the Frye Island Fire Department would like to thank those island residents and individuals from the private sector who gave so generously during the past fiscal year. Without you help and support it would have been impossible to achieve the measure of success that was accomplished this past year. We would also like to acknowledge the Raymond Fire Department for their support and camaraderie, it is greatly appreciated. We would be remiss if the Department did not thank the Town Selectmen and the Town Manager for their continued support of our organization.

ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT

During the year of 2007 the Fire Department responded to the following thirty-six (36) incidents.

FIRE EMERGENCIES

Smoke in the building	1
Illegal burning	3
Unattended large warming fire	2
Smoke scare	3
Mulch fire	1

ELECTRICAL EMERGENCIES

Tree on primary wire	2
Telephone line on roadway	1

VEHICLE ACCIDENT

Automobile/trailer submerged	1
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OTHER

System malfunction	1
Lost child search	1
Sinking boat at marina	1
Capsized boat	1
Boat adrift	1
Tree across road	1
Water main leak	1
Police assist	2

TOTAL 23

EMERGENCY MEDICAL INCIDENTS

Burn injury	1
Eye injury	1
Diabetic	1
Abdominal Pain	1
Lacerated foot	2
Lacerated chin	1
Abrasions from fall	1
Ankle injury from fall	1
Fish hook in thigh	1
Intoxicated	1
Back injury	1
Anxiety	1

TOTAL 13

FIRE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT RESPONSES SINCE 1998

YEAR INCIDENTS

1998 (Partial year)	8
1999	11
2000	22
2001	22
2002	36
2003	25
2004	16
2005	23
2006	32
2007	36

2006 FIRE DEPARTMENT INCIDENTS BY INCIDENT

01	Illegal burning
02	Lost child
03	Burn Injury
04	Smoke in building
05	Smoke scare
06	Jet ski accident with back injuries
07	Smoke scare
08	Abdominal pain
09	Diabetic
10	Smoke scare
11	Eye injury
12	Abrasions from fall from bike
13	Intoxicated
14	Tree on primary wire
15	Telephone wire on roadway
16	Lacerated foot
17	Fish hook in thigh
18	Illegal burning
19	Ankle injury from fall
20	Lacerated chin from water ski accident
21	Mulch fire
22	System malfunction
23	Boat adrift
24	Sinking boat at marina
25	Vehicle/trailer sunk at marine
26	Large unattended pit fire
27	Police assist
28	Tree on primary wire
29	Capsized boat
30	Police assist
31	Tree across road
32	Large unattended pit fire
33	Anxiety
34	Water main break
35	Foot laceration
36	Illegal burning

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PERSONNEL

<i>NAME</i>	<i>RANK</i>	<i>RADIO ID</i>	<i>CERTIFICATION</i>
Steve Persson	Chief	F1	EMT / FIRST RESPONDER / CPR / AED
Paul Bourque	Captain	F3	FIRST RESPONDER / CPR / AED
Timothy Fitzpatrick	Firefighter	F6	FIRST RESPONDER / CPR / AED
Ruth Ann Bourque	Firefighter	F7	FIRST RESPONDER / CPR / AED
Robert Boyd	Firefighter	F8	EMT / CPR / AED
Douglas Lewis	Firefighter	F9	EMT / CPR / AED
Bobbi Aranyi	Fire/Police	F10	CPR / AED
Kathy Persson	Fire/Police	F11	CPR / AED
Joseph Pansani	Firefighter	F13	CPR / AED
Carl Husselbee	Firefighter	F14	CPR / AED
Paul Richard	Firefighter	F16	
Mark Savoie	Firefighter	F17	
David Poor	Firefighter	F18	
David Martinez	Firefighter	F19	CPR / AED
Ryan Boyd	Firefighter	F20	
Sally Pansani	Fire/Police	F21	CPR / AED
Peter Schrafft	Firefighter	F22	

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APPARATUS ROSTER

ENGINE 1	1979 Hendrickson/ Continental	1871C	1,250 GPM Mid-mount pump 500-gallon poly tank w/ 1,000' 4" hose
ENGINE 5	1969 FWD/ 1989 Greenwood Fire Apparatus	FC40029	1,000 GPM Mid-mount pump 800-gallon poly tank w/ 900' 4" hose
ENGINE 6	1969 Howe/ International	Fleetstar 2010A	1,000 GPM Front-mount pump 2,000-gallon poly tank
SQUAD 1	1989 Ford / Southern		Van Transports equipment
AMBULANCE 2	2001 Ford / Wheeled Coach	E 350	Box Ambulance Transports medical equipment and supplies

TO REPORT A FIRE OR MEDICAL EMERGENCY

DIAL 9-1-1 in case of an emergency, whether **FIRE** or **MEDICAL** related. Your **9-1-1** call will be received at the Raymond Dispatch Center. Frye Island Fire Department members and the Raymond Fire Department (for a fire emergency) and/or the Raymond Rescue (for a medical emergency) will be immediately dispatched. All Frye Island Fire Department members have a portable radio and are on call 24/7 when on the island.

The Raymond Dispatch Center will also notify the ferry Captain of the emergency response **during normal ferry operating hours as well as off-hour periods.**

DO NOT call the Town office as this only wastes time. **DIAL 9-1-1.**

State your name, your location and the nature of your call. Get out of the building if there is a fire. Stay at your location until help arrives. Emergency personnel are responding to that location. If you leave that location, especially in a medical emergency, you may by-pass emergency personnel who are responding to the location you gave. **TIME IS CRITICAL IN AN EMERGENCY!**

All owners and visitors should know where they are on the island including the roadway, lot number, fire lane and a nearby pertinent landmark in the event of a fire, medical or police emergency. All roadways should be clearly marked with its name and fire lane number. Someone should be standing outside to direct rescue workers to the location, if possible. At night the building should be illuminated. It is a Town ordinance that each residence be properly identified using a lot numbering system. Due to the unconventional numbering system used on the island to identify buildings, it is imperative that people know where they are. Significant life-threatening time could be wasted attempting to locate people that are in need of fire, EMS or police assistance.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The fire and rescue service is one of the most diverse and challenging professions today. Imagine having to train to prepare yourself for situations that range from combating a building fire or a forest fire, treating patients at a medical emergency such as a heart attack and childbirth, or dealing with a hazardous chemical spill, a water rescue and everything in between. Couple this with the fact that these skills may be needed any time of the day or night, in any kind of weather, and often under stressful, emotional and dangerous conditions. These challenges are what make the job so rewarding.

This job is not for everyone. You need more than just the desire to help people. You need courage, dedication and a willingness to learn new skills and face new challenges. You also need time for training, meetings, maintaining equipment and responding to emergency calls.

Unfortunately the job of a firefighter cannot be taught in hours or days. It is a continuing process that takes years to master. It is a learning process. The personal rewards and satisfaction received by volunteering are often beyond description. There is a sense of accomplishment after controlling a building fire and compassion and pride when treating a victim of an illness or accident. We are here and prepared for one reason, to provide a service to the residents and visitors of our island community.

If you feel that you have some time and a commitment to meet the challenges of becoming a firefighter, we welcome you to join us. We do not bite. We are just ordinary citizens performing a service to the community. We desperately need your help. The volunteer service across the country has been in crisis for several years. Lifestyles have changed over the years. People have hectic schedules in their lives and seem to have little time for leisure activities. When people do find time to relax, like coming to Frye Island for a weekend or to vacation, they are interested in swimming, boating, golfing and entertaining relatives and friends. With that said, it doesn't change the fact that our residents and visitors are subject to illness, accident, or other catastrophic incidents at any moment. Someone has to step up to the plate to provide these vital life saving services.

If you believe that you could make a difference, please contact a member of the fire department for further information. The fire service is a team effort and we would be most grateful to have you as a member of the team.

In conclusion, I would like to express to the residents of Frye Island that their volunteer firefighters are dedicated to the cause. They spend countless hours away from their families and social life to provide both residents and visitors with the best fire protection and emergency medical services that we are able to provide.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen G. Persson
Chief of Department/Town Fire Warden

5x7 PICTURES

Flood of 2005	Spring 2005
EMS training w/ Russ	July 29-30
Apparatus	August 28
Hurst Tool drill	September 11
Office construction	September 25
Apparatus	October 7
Hoe-down	October 8
Office rug installed	October 19

Clambake
Ambulance 1
Squad 2
Ambulance 1 and Squad 2
Crowded fire station