

# **FRYE ISLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT**

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## **DECEMBER 2010**

### **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 eighteen (18) 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 1,000' 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, water rescue 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 20<sup>th</sup> at 1100 hours.

This is a non-transporting service.

During **2010** the following activities occurred:

#### **APRIL**

The Town of Frye Island officially opened and Engine 6 and A-2 were placed in service on April 23rd. Engine 1 was found to have a major water leak from a burst in the front suction pipe that occurred during the winter. Engine 1 was placed out of service.

A water leak from a breach on the ridge of the roof was found on opening day. The leak caused some minor water damage in the training room on the second floor. The leak needs to be found and repaired to prevent any further damage.

#### **MAY**

John Wetson, a welder on the island, removed and replaced a section of the front suction piping on Engine 1. He also added a drain directly onto the suction pipe for easy access and use.

The truck was placed back in full service on May 15.

Also on the 15<sup>th</sup>, a 2-wheeled 400-gallon water buffalo was picked up and delivered to the island. The Maine Forest Service awarded the water tender to the FIFD late last year and it had been stored in Lyman over the winter.

A new battery was placed in service on the AED.

A newer Hurst Tool power unit, donated over the winter by the Amityville, NY Fire Department, has been delivered. The power unit has different hose connections than our tools and will have to be changed before the unit can be placed in service.

#### **JUNE**

Squad One, out of service since the end of last year due to an electrical problem, has been placed back in service on June 6<sup>th</sup> after being repaired by the Frye Island Public Works Department.

Engine 6 was placed out of service and sent to the New Gloucester Service Center for a repair. The truck was picked up and placed back in service on June 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Kenneth Thurston joined the Department on June 27, 2010.**

## **JULY**

A Ferno 93 ES Squadmatic ambulance cot, donated by the Hopkinton, MA. Fire Department, was placed in service on July 18<sup>th</sup>. The older cot was placed in reserve.

### **Foster Hersey joined the Department on July 11, 2010.**

On July 21 at 1823 hours the FIFD was notified by the Cumberland County Regional Communications Center of a tornado warning for the towns of Cumberland, Raymond and Frye Island. Members were activated and stood by. Tornadoes occurred in Gorham, Alfred and Scarborough.

## **AUGUST**

A new Stryker stair chair (Model 6251) was placed in service on A-2. Mr. Robert Nichol generously donated this chair to the FIFD and the gift is greatly appreciated.

Maine Forest Ranger Matthew Bennett was on island during the month for a tour and update on the status of the fire department. Ranger Bennett and the Chief discussed locations of slash on the island, the open burning policy and activities involving illegal burning.

### **Michael Kelleher joined the Department on August 29, 2010.**

## **SEPTEMBER**

On September 10<sup>th</sup> the Hurst Tool power unit was picked up at Firematic in Bolton, MA. where it had been sent for servicing. Compatible fittings were installed on the unit and the operating pressure adjusted. The power unit, with cutter and spreaders, was placed back in service on Engine 1 on September 12<sup>th</sup>.

John Wetson welded the front frame bracket on Engine 6 on September 18<sup>th</sup>.

## **OCTOBER**

Mr. Bobby Silcott from the Naples FD donated three Pet Oxygen Masks to the FIFD. We are the 62<sup>nd</sup> fire department to receive POMs donated by the Lakes Region Rotary Club. They were placed in service on A-2.

On October 13<sup>th</sup> members met with an island contractor to determine a course of action to repair the roof leak. A plan was derived to repair the ridge vent to stop the leak. The contractor will order the material and commence repair work when the stock is delivered.

Mr. Paul Kolodji was in quarters to paint the inside wall in the apparatus bay. The wall runs the length of the station from ground to the second floor.

On October 31<sup>st</sup> members were in quarters to close down the station for the season. All apparatus has been winterized along with the station.

Mr. Paul Kolodji and crew are working on the peak of the roof. They are removing short pieces covering the ridge and installing larger, 2' pieces. All joints will be caulked and foam installed on the peak. The job will be completed within two weeks after the island closes, which is tomorrow, November 1, 2010.

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## **DECEMBER**

The following equipment was purchased during December and will be placed in service in the spring of 2011.

(2) 2000W Honda Generators with quartz halogen lamps  
Rescue 42 Standard Telecrib Kit w/ (2) struts  
Rescue 42 collapsible step cribbing – large  
Zico folding wheel chock  
500' 4" single jacketed hose  
Task Force Tips (TFT) Qudrafog 1-1/2' nozzle  
(2) Circle D lights  
(2) 50' FirePower cord and pig tails  
(6) LA Rescue EMS bags  
Kenwood VHF Base repeater, 2 portable radios, etc.  
(5) ACR strobe lights for personal flotation devices and rescue rope  
Socket sets, priers and wrenches for maintenance  
Aluminum "Smokey Says" sign

## **ADDITIONAL ACTIVITY**

During the winter of 2008 the Town of Raymond, along with other local communities, contracted with the Cumberland County Regional Communications Center to do their dispatching. Due to this situation, the Town of Frye Island also contracted with the CCRCC for dispatching services. Dispatching began with the 2009 season for all fire, EMS and police emergencies.

Major work has been completed inside the central fire station with minor repairs and house maintenance an ongoing undertaking. Hopefully the roof repair at the ridge will eliminate the water leak and minor cosmetic repair can be completed on the second floor. Additional shelving for equipment storage was built off the rear wall of the fire station.

A fire alarm system consisting of pull stations, heat and smoke detectors and an automatic dialing system, which was begun in 2003, was completed in 2008. Due to a change in fire department dispatching in 2009, the automatic dialing system has not been installed. Hopefully this will be completed in 2011.

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

The Hepatitis-B vaccination program started for those members requesting to be vaccinated continues.

Conducted a Hazardous Materials Awareness Level training program as requested by the Maine Department of Labor.

Annual pump testing was conducted on Engines 1, 5 and 6.

Annual CPR and AED training was conducted for department members.

The Maine EMS Licensing Agent was in quarters to inspect the ambulance, which passed the inspection without any violation

### 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.

The Public Works Department installed a wet hydrant during 2008 at the new pump house on Ridge Road. On June 22, 2008 the fire department placed the hydrant in service. This hydrant now provides a water source on the northeastern side of the island where no water source was previously available. This hydrant will afford a water source for firefighting as well as for filling apparatus water tanks during a tanker shuttle operation. Another wet hydrant operating off the pump house water system is in the planning stage.

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 in the surrounding area.

### EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

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

New members have shown an interest in becoming First Responders or EMT's. Due to scheduling conflicts over the past two years, some members have completed training during the winter and/or applied for reciprocity.

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. As noted, Mr. Bobby Silcott from the Naples FD donated three Pet Oxygen Masks to the FIFD. We are the 62<sup>nd</sup> fire department to receive POMs donated by the Lakes Region Rotary Club.

### 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.

## SOCIAL EVENTS

On July 3rd the Fire Department participated in the 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary parade that made its way through the island and ended at the fire station. After the parade, the Fire Department Open House commenced. Each year this event is held to show our 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 (over 600 served), soda and watermelon for our guests.

The annual fireworks display was also attended by the FIFD. Engines 1 and 6 and A-2 stood by to provide EMS or fire duty if needed.

On July 24<sup>th</sup> members of the fire department as well as innumerable other citizens participated in a day of festivities honoring 76 crewmembers from the DDG Jason Dunham, a new ship being built at the Bath Iron Works. Opening ceremonies honoring the sailors were held at the ball field and the day was filled with softball, football, swimming, boating, water skiing, eating, etc. Frye Islanders took the sailors into their homes for supper.

At 1900 a comedy show, made possible through the unrelenting efforts of Jean Sullivan-Toomey, was held at the Community Center to benefit the Frye Island Fire Department. Needless to say, the comedy show was a complete success with a sell out crowd of approximately 250 people including islanders, renters, and sailors. We owe a deep debt of gratitude to Jean as a total of \$2,100 was raised for the purchase of equipment for the fire department.

On August 14<sup>th</sup> the Fire Department family outing was held lakeside at the Pansini 's compound.. This year's theme was a "pig roast." In addition to a succulent roasted pig, provided by FF Doug Lewis, there was a wonderful selection of fine food prepared by the Fire Department's own chef, with the help from others. The outing was well attended by members, their families and friends.

The 11<sup>th</sup> annual Fire Department potluck supper and square dance was held on October 9<sup>th</sup>. 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. This event is planned and coordinated by Ruth Ann and Paul Bourque. They do a great job in assuring that this event goes off without a hitch.

## 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 your help and support it would have been impossible to achieve the measure of success that was accomplished this past year as well as in the previous years. We would also like to acknowledge the Raymond Fire Department and Raymond Rescue 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 2010 the Fire Department responded to the following twenty-nine (26) incidents.

**FIRE EMERGENCIES**

|                               |   |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Smoke scare - Fireplace       | 1 |
| Legal burning                 | 2 |
| Fire alarm system malfunction | 1 |
| Haz Mat Chemical Spill        | 1 |
| Boat engine fire              | 1 |

**ELECTRICAL EMERGENCIES**

|                           |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| Tree fire from Wires Down | 2 |
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**VEHICLE ACCIDENT**

|                              |   |
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| Accident w/ no bodily injury | 0 |
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**OTHER**

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| Injured deer | 1 |
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**TOTAL 9**

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL INCIDENTS**

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Possible CVA   | 1 |
| Fall from golf cart w/ road rash / lacerations               | 1 |
| Diabetic   | 1 |
| Leg injury from fall   | 1 |
| Foot laceration from fall                                    | 1 |
| Facial laceration from contact w/ object                     | 1 |
| Hand laceration from contact w/ object                       | 1 |
| Fall from bicycle with shoulder / arm                        | 1 |
| Difficulty Breathing/Chest pain / sick person                | 2 |
| Difficulty breathing / sick person                           | 1 |
| Difficulty breathing / chest pain from water skiing accident | 1 |
| Sick person  | 1 |
| Arm / shoulder injury from fall off chair                    | 1 |
| Complications from previous surgery                          | 1 |
| Complications from previous fracture                         | 1 |
| Bee stings w/ no anaphylactic reaction                       | 1 |

**TOTAL 17**

**Raymond Rescue responses:**

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|--|-----------|
| Transported patient off island               | 8         |
| Casco transported patient                    | 1         |
| Responded but did not transport              | 3         |
| Responded, worked patient, did not transport | 1         |
| Cancelled enroute                            | 4         |
| <b>Total Responses</b>                       | <b>17</b> |

**Fire Department Responses:**

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| Cancelled enroute | 2 |
|-------------------|---|

**FIRE DEPARTMENT INCIDENT RESPONSES 1998-2010**

| <b>YEAR</b>         | <b>INCIDENTS</b> |         |
|---------------------|------------------|---------|
| 1998 (Partial year) | 8                | 2005 23 |
| 1999                | 11               | 2006 32 |
| 2000                | 22               | 2007 36 |
| 2001                | 22               | 2008 33 |
| 2002                | 36               | 2009 29 |
| 2003                | 25               | 2010 26 |
| 2004                | 16               |         |

**PERSONNEL**

| <i>NAME</i>         | <i>RANK</i> | <i>RADIO ID</i> | <i>CERTIFICATION</i>              |                           |
|---------------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Steve Persson       | Chief       | C1              | EMT / FIRST RESPONDER / CPR / AED |                           |
| Paul Bourque        | Captain     | C3              | FIRST RESPONDER / CPR / AED       |                           |
| Timothy Fitzpatrick | Firefighter | C6              | FIRST RESPONDER / CPR / AED       |                           |
| Ruth Ann Bourque    | Firefighter | C7              | FIRST RESPONDER / CPR / AED       |                           |
| Robert Boyd         | Firefighter | C8              | EMT / CPR / AED                   |                           |
| Douglas Lewis       | Firefighter | C9              | EMT / CPR / AED                   |                           |
| Bobbi Aranyi        | Fire/Police | C10             | CPR / AED                         |                           |
| Kathy Persson       | Fire/Police | C11             | CPR / AED                         |                           |
| Daniel Martinez     | Firefighter | C12             | CPR / AED                         |                           |
| Joseph Pansini      | Firefighter | C13             | CPR / AED                         |                           |
| Carl Husselbee      | Firefighter | C14             | CPR / AED                         |                           |
| Peter Schrafft      | Firefighter | C15             | CPR / AED                         |                           |
| Paul Richard        | Firefighter | C16             | CPR / AED                         |                           |
| Mark Savoie         | Firefighter | C17             | CPR / AED                         |                           |
| Kenneth Thurston    | FFOP        | C18             | CPR / AED                         | Appointed June 27, 2010   |
| Foster Hersey       | FFOP        | C19             | CPR / AED                         | Appointed July 11, 2010   |
| Michael Kelleher    | FFOP        | C20             | CPR / AED                         | Appointed August 29, 2010 |
| Sally Pansini       | Fire/Police | C21             | CPR / AED                         |                           |

**APPARATUS ROSTER**

|                    |   |                 |  |
|--------------------|---|-----------------|--|
| <b>ENGINE 1</b>    | 1979 Hendrickson/<br>Continental              | 1871C           | 1,250 GPM<br>Mid-mount pump<br>500-gallon poly tank<br>w/ 1,000' 4" hose |
| <b>ENGINE 5</b>    | 1969 FWD/<br>1989 Greenwood<br>Fire Apparatus | FC40029         | 1,000 GPM<br>Mid-mount pump<br>800-gallon poly tank<br>w/ 1000' 4" hose  |
| <b>ENGINE 6</b>    | 1969 Howe/<br>International                   | Fleetstar 2010A | 1,000 GPM<br>Front-mount pump<br>2,000-gallon poly tank                  |
| <b>SQUAD 1</b>     | 1989 Ford /<br>Southern                       |                 | Van<br>Transports equipment  |
| <b>AMBULANCE 2</b> | 2001 Ford /<br>Wheeled Coach                  | E 350           | Box Ambulance<br>Transports medical<br>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 Cumberland County Regional Communications 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 Cumberland County Regional Communications 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

