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Mt. Major Fire

By Chief Alan Johnson, Alton Fire Rescue



April 24-26, 2008. Numerous fires on top of Mt. Major.
Photo courtesy Bill Hemmel/LakesRegionAerials.com

On Thursday, April 24, 2008 at 16:12, the Alton Fire Rescue was toned for smoke on Mt. Major. After two towers could see the smoke and due to the location of the fire on the mountain, a first alarm Forestry response was called for at 16:29. The first alarm brought in ten departments along with all of Alton's remaining units. The ten departments sent 48 firefighters. JBI sent a helicopter to the scene and worked with the people on the mountain until it was decided the people would be taken off the mountain for the night and the fire would be watched until daylight. We assembled again on Friday. The fire area at this time was estimated to be about eight or nine acres.

Dispatch contacted 1C1 at 02:45 on Friday and stated that C2 wanted to meet with him early. At 03:15, 1C1 and C2 met and it was decided to contact Forestry 4 and request the NH Air National Guard with their big buckets. On Friday, a briefing was held at Alton Central Station at 06:00. A scout team was sent to the mountain to walk the fire line. They reported the fire area was 27 acres at 07:00 hours. There were 29 departments represented on Friday, with 130 firefighters responding to Alton's call for assistance. With the help of the NH National Guard helicopters and the people on the mountain, we were able to get a line around the fire and contain it. Food was provided by the York Fire Department SMART canteen truck. All personnel were off the mountain by 17:45 hours and command was terminated with a request for a small crew to mop up the fire area.

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SEND YOUR DEPARTMENT NEWS TO debbiek@lrmfa.org

Please send information and photos of new employees, promotions, retirements, and general personnel news.

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From the Chief

Chief Douglas M. Aiken

THOUGHTS ON USING OUR RADIO SYSTEM

Lakes Region departments operate on a simplex VHF high band two-way radio system. Simplex is defined as a system where only one party can speak at a time. When Lakes Region is transmitting, the dispatcher is unable to hear a field unit calling. When a field unit is transmitting, the Lakes Region dispatcher can listen to only one field unit at a time. Because we dispatch all emergency incidents on a single simplex channel we utilize several tactical channels for tactical communications at a scene.

We serve departments over a five county area of nearly fifteen hundred square miles. Our service area topography varies from rolling hills to mountainous. As a result we must maintain nine transmitter sites — each covering certain areas of our system. Some sites cover large footprints while others are located to cover hard hard-to-reach locations. The dispatcher can select the site that best “talks” to the field unit in a given area and listens to that unit on the same site.

Units in the field have no way of knowing what may be going on in another part of our system even though they are on the same radio channel. VHF signals travel well in our topography but not well enough for everyone to hear. A portable in the southern part of our coverage area will not be heard by a mobile operating in the northern area. As a result, we have developed radio procedures that alert users to what is happening on the dispatch channel. You will always hear the dispatcher answer a specific unit. This is intended as an “OK” for the unit to transmit its message AND as a notice to other units that someone else is transmitting.

When you hear “Lakes Region answering XX Engine 5,” please allow XX Engine 5 to transmit its message. If you transmit your message after hearing Lakes Region answer another unit, you will not be heard *and* the “answered” unit will not be heard. The dispatcher must then ask you to stand by and tell XX Engine 5 to repeat its message. There are instances when this scenario plays out multiple times until the message is actually received by Lakes Region.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Always listen for a few moments before transmitting to be sure that Lakes Region is not listening to another transmission. Call Lakes Region and wait to be acknowledged before transmitting. Do not transmit if you

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on Saturday. Those responding were to meet at Alton Station at 07:30 hours.

On Saturday, 18 departments responded to help with the fire. The departments responded with 68 personnel along with the York Fire Department Canteen truck. Saturday was a busy day on the moun-

tain. Pumps were set up and 4,200' of forestry hose was used to get the hot spots and prevent any flare-ups. There were some issues with trees having to be dropped, with this job being given to special deputies. The day ended on a good note: everyone was off the mountain by 15:53 hours, and the fire was declared

out at that time. The Canteen truck provided beef stew for everyone. Station coverage was provided all three days by Farmington 49E1, New Durham 16A1 and Gilmanton 9F1.

I would like to thank everyone who came to assist us — this is what Mutual Aid is all about. 🚒



The NH National Guard played a major role in extinguishing the fire.
Photo courtesy Bill Hemmel/LakesRegionAerials.com



A NH National Guard Blackhawk dips into Alton Bay.



A new resource available to NH is the H.A.W.K. Equipped with a small water source and pumps, this can be dropped into otherwise inaccessible terrain to assist with firefighting efforts. It was unable to be used at the Mt. Major fire due to unforeseen circumstances, but will be available in the future.



Not a sight you see every day when driving on Route 11! NHNG Blackhawk helicopters landed in the road to refuel. Later in the day the road was closed.



The staging area at the bottom of Mt. Major. WMUR-TV Channel 9 was on site for most of the fire. The motorhome was made available by Chief Alan Johnson, Alton, as a shaded spot for firefighters to rest.

Featured department...

Barnstead Fire-Rescue



Chief George Krause
Barnstead Fire-Rescue

1 Heavy Rescue
1 Utility
1 Boat

Barnstead Fire-Rescue began like so many other small-town departments: as neighbor helping neighbor. Originally the town had two departments; at one point it went to three (one of which was Barnstead Rescue), and in 1995 everything was merged into the configuration seen now.

The "Parade" department was focused on the local mill. The siren was on the mill and in addition to signaling fires, it was used to signal breaks at the mill. Most of the factory workers were also volunteer firefighters and the mill would pretty much empty out in the event of a fire. This department focused on structure fires and forestry issues. The Parade department was part of the Suncook Valley Mutual Aid system and became one of the first departments to join the Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid system.

The "Center" department was one of the earliest departments to purchase and staff an ambulance. Their first ambulance was bought in 1958 and it serviced approximately 12 towns. They were known for their EMS services. The Center de-



partment functioned as a volunteer organization for many years, but became one of the first to hire paid EMS personnel. At one point in time, they were staffing two ambulances!

Both the Parade and Center departments held fundraising events to raise money. At the time they were not part of town government and did not rely on tax money to pay the bills. The Parade department's major event was the Fourth of July Celebration and Fireworks held each year. The Center held an August Field Day/Auction event each year and ran regular Saturday night bingo. The departments gradually transitioned to all town money, as it became more difficult to raise enough operating money through these events.

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06 — BARNSTEAD FIRE-RESCUE

Fire Chief: George Krause
Address: PO Box 117
Barnstead, NH 03218
Station 1: 305 Parade Road
Station 2: 106 South Barnstead Road (staffed)
603-269-4121
(Station 2)
603-496-1268 (Cell)
Bfrst2@metrocast.net

Business Hours: 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Officers: Deputy Chief Shawn Mulcahy
Deputy Chief Rodney Boyd
Capt. Jason Leavitt
Capt. Mary Reed/FT Supervisor
Lt. Brian Tedcastle
Lt. Tim Smith

Shift Coverage: 24/7

Apparatus: **Station 1**

2 Engines
1 Tanker
1 Tower
1 Forestry

Station 2

1 Engine
2 Ambulances



Barnstead Fire-Rescue — Station 2.

In 1990, the departments formed a committee to study the feasibility of combining the departments. And in 1995, by a vote of all three departments, the departments joined and became Barnstead Fire-Rescue!

“IT ISN’T EASY BEING GREEN!”

This resulted in the birth of their distinctive emerald green apparatus. “It isn’t easy being green!” became their motto. When the departments merged, Chief Krause knew they needed to become a new entity. One department had traditional red and white trucks, another had chrome yellow trucks, and the rescue operation had a white truck with a yellow and red stripe paint scheme. It was time for a completely new look, one that would tie everyone together into a single operation. As luck would have it, a new truck was on order and it was the perfect time to implement the new color scheme—whatever it might be. Again, a vote was taken, with many colors coming up for discussion. The final choice: emerald green! The trucks stand out and are often invited to parades just because of their color scheme.

The department is now in the process of transitioning all apparatus to being town owned. Employees are paid directly by the town of Barnstead and are considered town employees. However, the town pays the Fire-Rescue organization quarterly and the department spends the money. When the three operations were combined in 1995, it gave the new organization the opportunity to upgrade apparatus and facilities because the three budgets were rolled into one.

The town of Barnstead is in a geographically unique position: it borders on Strafford, Merrimack, and Belknap counties and isn’t near any major city. Like so many towns in LRMFA, its 42.9 square miles and 3,000 properties is a



Barnstead Fire-Rescue— Station 1.

mix of fulltime and seasonal. Year-round residents total approximately 4,600; seasonally, an additional 1,000–2,000 people are added. There are lots of ponds, lakes and rivers, many of which are shared with other towns. Over sixty miles of dirt roads adds another interesting component to the mix. Currently, the town is mainly a rural community, with little industry. It is hoped more industry will come into town and some interesting ideas are being floated for a new use of the Timco plant.

CURRENT APPARATUS

Barnstead Fire-Rescue currently has two stations. Station 1, located in Barnstead Parade, is the newest building, having been built in 1988. Housed here are: Engine 1 (1997 International/Valley with 1,500 gpm pump, 1,000 gal. of water, and 5-man cab); Engine 3 (1979 Ford with 1,000 gpm pump, 1,000 gal. of water, and 3-man cab); Tanker 1 (1954 International forestry tanker, 350 gpm pump, 2,400 gal. of water, and currently for sale); Tower 1 (1978 Mack/Baker 75' tower); and Forestry 1 (1954 Dodge M37 4WD forestry truck).

Station 2, located at 106 South Barnstead Road, is an older building and is staffed 24 hours. This station houses: Ambulance 1 (2003 Ford Road Rescue ambulance); Ambulance 2 (1994 Chevy 4WD Wheelcoach ambulance); Engine 2 (2000 International/Valley with 1,750 gpm pump, 1,000 gal. of water); Utility 1 (1985 Chevy pickup); Boat 1 (inflatable boat); and

Rescue 2 (2007 HME 18' heavy rescue with 6-man cab).

Last year, Barnstead Fire-Rescue handled a total of 599 calls: 162 fires, 329 medical emergencies, 63 motor vehicle accidents and 45 services calls.

The department faces the same problems that most small-town mainly volunteer departments face: lack of manpower. Currently, there are 45 on the roster; however, only about 30 are active and many work fulltime outside of town. The department began some fulltime staffing in 1997, with six fulltime staffers now. Others are parttime per diem. In 2005 a number of structures were lost due to lack of manpower. One of the worst recent incidents was a structure fire in the house across the street from Station 1. The fire was started by a child playing with a lighter and setting an upholstered chair on fire. The children escaped unhurt but the mother was severely burned. This fire helped former Fire Marshall Don Blissin providing additional justification which lead to legislation requiring changes to flammability standards of upholstery.

THE CHIEF

Chief George Krause has been in the fire service for forty-plus years, holding the position of chief since 1995. His initial involvement with the fire department was a direct result of the fire department’s sponsoring of the local Cub Scout pack he was in. Chief Krause was the first Eagle Scout in town. He feels Barnstead provided him with a

Firefighters Join With St. Baldrick's "Shaving for A Cure"

Deputy Chief John Beland, Gilford Fire-Rescue, St. Baldrick's Event Coordinator

We have all seen the dedication and courage displayed by emergency responders at some time in our careers. On May 31, firefighters and EMTs from across the state converged at the Gunstock Mountain Resort and displayed a new kind of courage by shaving their heads in a show of solidarity with children who lose their hair as a result of their cancer treatment. This makes them a new kind of hero...a hero to kids with cancer!

The St. Baldrick's Foundation coordinates worldwide head-shaving events that raise money to support childhood cancer research. Worldwide, 160,000 kids are diagnosed with cancer each year. Childhood cancer kills more US children than any other disease — more than AIDS, asthma, diabetes, cystic fibrosis and congenital abnormalities, combined.

This year, our fourth annual event, saw firefighter teams from Alton, Franklin, Gilford, Laconia, Moultonborough, New Durham, Strafford, Dover and Salem, as well as individual firefighters and EMT's from across the LRMFA join with community members to raise more than \$55,000 to date for childhood cancer research and treatment.

We would like to congratulate Strafford Fire-Rescue who, in their first year of participation, raised \$2,298, placing them in the number two position for most funds raised by a team. Strafford FD is closely followed by Franklin in third position, with \$2,085! What a fantastic job done by these two teams.

In addition to the \$55,000 raised, 88 people were registered to the National Bone Marrow Registry and 455" of hair has been donated to Locks of Love. This brings our four-year total to more than \$131,000 raised and 151 people registered to the Bone Marrow Registry! However, there is still more to do!

For more information regarding St. Baldrick's or to donate (yes, you can donate all the way to Dec. 8), visit www.stbaldricks.org, click "find an event" and type in "Gilford, NH." This will bring you to our event page where you can view photos, participants and donate!

Our fifth year anniversary event is already scheduled for May 30, 2009 at Gunstock. We would like to challenge the LRMFA to produce a team from all member agencies. A team is two members or more. If you would like to receive an e-mail that will advise you of the opening of the 2009 St. Baldrick's/Gilford event web page, send an e-mail to jsbe@worldpath.net and I will be sure you are notified! Thank you to all members who supported this event! 🚒

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hear Lakes Region answer another unit. This will only delay your message being acknowledged by the dispatcher.

This is intended only as a reminder of radio procedures. There are many other standard operating procedures used on our system that I can't cover here. LRMFA provides a field training program that includes all of the procedures to properly operate on our radio system. It is available to be presented to your department or region at no cost. Please contact Deputy Chief Lockwood to schedule a presentation.

A little patience and knowledge of how our radio system works will go a long way in allowing us to communicate with you in an efficient manner. I welcome your comments and questions on this subject. You can e-mail to daiken@imsasafety.org or call me, 528.9111. 🚒

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great childhood and he wants to give back to the community by being involved and helping others experience the same life he's had.

As Chief, he's always trying to come up with a better way to do things. He tries to meet the needs of the town and the department in affordable ways, with an eye to the future. And that future should include a facility suitable for fulltime (24-hours) staffing. Station 2 needs to be replaced. The town is growing in pockets on the outer edges — not from the center outwards, resulting in concerns about response times to outlying areas, in particular the northern side of town.

The Chief feels the town is ready for a fulltime chief, but is realistic about the hurdles faced in making this happen. Adequate personnel and staffing will continue to be a challenge and Krause believes small towns need to study regionalization as a possibility. As more

and more people move to rural areas from the cities, they expect a higher level of service. People in general expect more from their local fire departments and emergency services — but they balk at paying more for it! Chief Krause encourages and facilitates joint training activities with local departments as it helps people get used to working with each other before a major event.

Chief Krause has set up two task groups within the department. One group is working to lower the ISO rating of the town, which will result in lower insurance rates for homeowners. The other group is working to develop SOPs and SOGs for the department.

The Barnstead Fire Department meets regularly on the second Monday of the month and always encourages new members. If you'd like more information, please call the department at 269-4121. 🚒

Keep It In-service

Glenn Davis, Lakes Region Fire Apparatus

MAINTAINING FOAM SYSTEMS

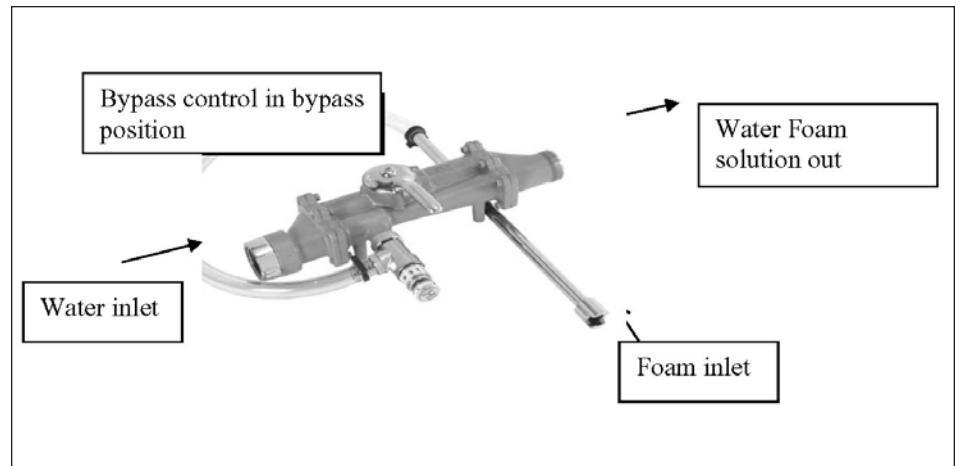
In the next two issues of **Keep It In-service** we will be looking at foam system maintenance and some of the inherent problems found within these pesky, but highly useful, contraptions.

Foam in one form or another has been around since the 1800s, starting out as a two-part powder, which was mixed by hand at the scene. It has come full circle to what we know it as today: a liquefied concentrate. Foam concentrate is introduced to our firefighting streams through several different processes, the most common being eductor and injector. In either system, the foam system must pass through plumbing and several devices before reaching the hot stuff.

Foam tanks are the norm for storing foam for immediate deployment.

Foam tanks should be reasonably air tight, equipped with a working vacuum vent, placed on the truck so access is easy and tanks are easy to fill and wash down after a refill has been completed. Foam tanks should be drained and flushed annually. The drained concentrate should be inspected and possibly screened for removal of chunkies prior to reentering the system. It is also suggested that shelf life of the concentrate be tracked. Unfortunately, foam does have a “use by” date. These practices are common for both A and B type foams. Before throwing old outdated foam away, keep in mind it makes a great training tool.

Eductor-type foam systems are usually used with Class B foams and are equipped with a foam shut-



off valve to control the flow of foam to the eductor.

The foam valve — usually the same make and style as the discharge valves on the pump — is constantly bathed in foam concentrate. As most of us are aware, foam concentrate of either class B or class A is extremely corrosive. Since we in the fire service are generally not all that good at maintaining these valves, they tend to leak as they age and allow foam concentrate to drip out onto other products causing substantial corrosion issues for otherwise very dependable parts directly underneath and downwind of the foam tank valve.

Next in line on the way to the fire stream is the foam strainer. Stainless steel or brass, it is designed to strain out the previously mentioned chunkies and anything else that might fall into a foam tank while filling it, such as the missing ballpoint pen that was in your pocket or the plastic tabs that lock the lids down on the foam bucket! The foam strainer is not a complicated device; however, it requires regular inspection and cleaning. This is best completed immediately after each use. Some apparatus have flush lines installed from the manufacturer so the operator can flush the foam out of the lines and sys-

tem. However, the debris will remain behind and needs to be removed, so disassemble and clean of the foam strainer.

The last device in-line upstream for the nozzle is the eductor. Bypass eductors are available in many shapes and sizes and from an equal amount of manufacturers. They can be intimidating to the inexperienced operator, mainly due to the sequence of events and the magic that is required to make them work.

Bypass eductors are a device used to create a siphon on the foam tank suction line. This siphon is created by water being pushed through a smaller-than-standard opening at high pressure, increasing its speed all the while creating draw or siphon on the foam inlet line.

While using bypass eductors, operators should keep in mind they require higher than normal line pressures to flow the correct amount of water through the bypass to enhance the siphon effect. The foam tank valve must be opened, the percentage gauge must be set and flows required as indicated on the foam operational panel must be maintained. The operator and IC need to consider

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New Apparatus...



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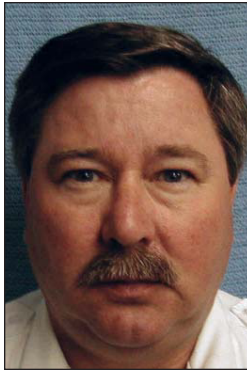
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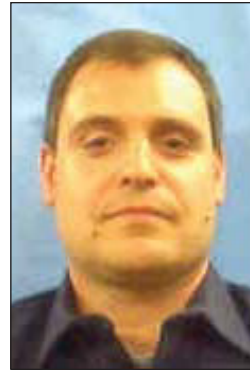
their foam tanks' capacity prior to committing themselves to an action plan. Operations of 100 GPM water flow x 3% foam ratio = gallons per minute of foam use x 10 minutes = 30 gallons and 1000 gallons of tank water. Plumbing, line length, nozzle selection, foam quality and percentage of foam being ejected are also factors in producing a good finished foam product. When in doubt, familiarize yourself with the apparatus and its equipment prior to attempting use.

In the next issue, we will examine injection foam systems. 🚒

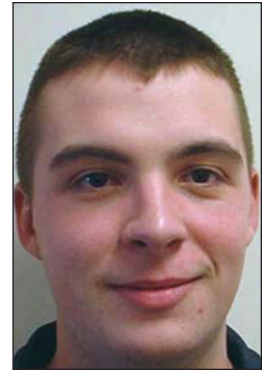
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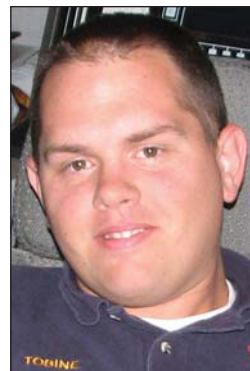
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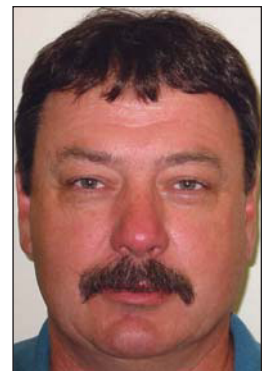
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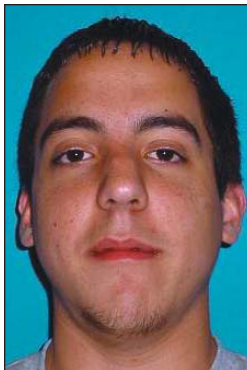
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EMT-Basic**



Sumner Doten
Hill Fire Dept.
NH FF Level 1



Dee Ford
Hill Fire Dept.
NH FF Level 1 & 2



John Foye
Hill Fire Dept.
EMT-Basic

Hill Fire Dept. personnel pictured here completed their certification classes recently. The EMT class was taken at New London Hospital, NH Firefighter Level 1 was given in Bridgewater, and NH Firefighter Level 2 was given in Ashland.

Chief Peter Varney.
New Durham Fire Dept.
New Chief
(No photo available)



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The Training and Education Committee

Capt. Robert Goodearl II, Franklin Fire Dept.

In recent years, the Training and Education Committee has been actively trying to bring training to LRMFA departments. Several years ago, this committee went out to each district and taught the “20-minute MARC” and the “accountability” component. In recent months, a “Large Area Search Class” was conducted in Ashland, using a mill building, which also allowed for us to conduct a “downed firefighter” scenario at the same time.

The goal of this Training and Education Committee is to offer training to LRMFA departments using members from these departments as instructors. The training topics are endless and include large area searches, a downed firefighter drill, raising ladders and accomplishing ladder companies’ functions. It would be the view of the Training and Education Com-

mittee to *not* offer classes or programs the NH Fire Academy offers, such as Firefighter 1A and B.

There have been many who have shown an interest or desire to be involved, either as an instructor or hosting the training. At this point, the committees’ first goal would be to have all who have shown an interest become state instructors.

If anyone has a desire to become involved with this committee please contact: info@lrmfa.org.

Members of the committee include: Deputy Chief Lockwood, LRMFA; Deputy Chief Beland, Gllford; Captain Goodearl, Franklin; Lt. Kelleher, Plymouth; FF Mueller, New Hampton; Lt. Parker, Meredith; Chief Schlemmer, Center Harbor; Chief Varney, New Durham; Capt. Dropkin, Waterville Valley; and Deputy Chief McCarthy, Belmont. 🚒

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Employee Spotlight...

Dave Parker



Lt. Dave Parker has been with LRMFA for six years on August 4. In addition to his position as dispatcher, he is a lieutenant with Meredith Fire Department, where he handles the bulk of the incident reporting to the state and maintains the department's web site. He served as vice chair of the town committee and chair of the department committee to study and plan the addition currently being built on the Meredith station.

Dave enjoys the diversity of his job as dispatcher. No day is ever the same, you never know what's coming up next and, after six years, he still enjoys coming to work!

Lt. Parker has been married to his wife Kerri for 17 years. They have three children: Shelly, age 14, David (DJ), age 11 and Corinne, age 9. The family has lived in Meredith since 1992. They enjoy camping together as a family. Dave enjoys creating web sites and, as mentioned above, maintains Meredith Fire Department's web site as well as LRMFA's web site and others. Additionally, he is interested in model railroading and photography.

He did not grow up in this area. As he put it, he was somewhat of a gypsy as a kid. His Dad worked for Pratt & Whitney so the family moved around a lot. He went to 15 different schools K-12. His Mom wanted to own and operate a restaurant in the Lakes Region and, while visiting the area looking for one, Dave saw an ad for a machinist position. He applied, got the job and has been living in the area ever since.

Second Quarter Statistics...

From April 1, 2008–June 30, 2008

Incidents Dispatched:	April 2008	1,517
	May 2008	1,650
	June 2008	1,846
	Total Second Quarter 2008 YTD Total	5,013 10,427

Resources Available:

Engines	102	Tankers	15
Ladders	9	Rescues	21
Forestry	32	Ambulances	38
Utilities	5	Fire Boats	14
Towers	4		



Statistics:

- 🚒 Began operations in September of 1971. Moved operations to our current facility in June of 2000.
- 🚒 Dispatches Fire and Medical Emergencies for 36 communities and 37 Fire and EMS Agencies.
- 🚒 Serves a population of 117,518 residents (2006 Estimate).
- 🚒 Is spread over 5 NH Counties, covering a geographical area of 1,494 square miles (16% of the area of the State of NH — 1.5 times the size of the state of Rhode Island).
- 🚒 Protects over \$20.4 billion dollars of property (2006 Valuation).
- 🚒 Has an operating budget of \$906,978 (2007 budget).
- 🚒 Has 10 full-time and 8 part-time employees.
- 🚒 Dispatched 21,591 incidents during 2007 (59.15 calls per day).
- 🚒 Dispatched 21,295 incidents during 2006 (58.34 calls per day).
- 🚒 Dispatched 21,441 incidents during 2005 (58.7 calls per day).



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**July 24 @ Belmont, Station 1/
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September 25 @ East Andover

November 20 @ Sandwich
(Note date change due to Thanksgiving)

All meetings start at 1900 hours.

Dinner will be served at 1800 hours.

**All meetings will be at the fire station in the
community listed.**

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