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## Skate Escape Third Alarm Fire

By Chief Kenneth Erickson, Laconia Fire Department

September 22, 2013 at 2:30 a.m. Laconia Central Station responded to a fire alarm activation at Skate Escape, 161 Court Street. On arrival, Lt. Vaillancourt reported heavy smoke pushing from the roof and windows of a large commercial building. He requested a second alarm, which brought all off-duty firefighters, the Weirs Station, Gilford, Belmont, Meredith, Franklin, and Tilton to the fire. Stewarts Ambulance and Belmont covered Laconia Central and Meredith covered the Weirs. At 2:42 the Lieutenant upgraded to a third alarm. This brought Belmont and Meredith from cover, Gilford, Sanbornton, and Holderness Engines, and Meredith Tower to the fire. He reported heavy fire in the C and D quadrants and fire breaking through the roof. The complex measured 287' by 232' and was somewhat shaped like a "T." There were several occupants with mezzanines that added additional square footage and fire load. Captain Beattie arrived from home and took Command. At 2:51 Captain Beattie requested two additional Towers to the scene — Concord and Franklin were dispatched.

Laconia Engine 2 laid in from Court Street, as did Gilford Engine 2. Laconia Engine 5 (Weirs) laid in to Division C from Fair Street. Franklin's Tower was eventually sent to this Division as well. Within minutes fire was pouring from the roof of the brick and steel building. The tar and gravel roof and contents were all ablaze. The roof fire was so intense that there was concern of flying embers starting additional fires downwind on Water Street and Court Street. An aerial assault was started to knock down the heavy fire and control the brand problem.

Chief Erickson set up a Command Post on Division A and assisted Captain Beattie. Deputy Chief Beland was assigned Division A. Chief Carrier was Division B; Deputy Pendegast was Division C; Captain Landry was Division D. Franklin Chief LaChapelle and Sanbornton Chief Dexter were the Safety Officers.

Belmont laid 2 four-inch lines from Court Street down Fair Street to Division B. They put a deck gun with a 2" tip into operation. This line was instrumental in controlling the fire that was spreading along the built-up

SKATE ESCAPE — CONT. ON PAGE 9



AD corner around 3 a.m.



View from Command Post at 2:58 a.m.



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## From the Chief...

By Chief James R. Hayes



Summer is gone and you know what comes next! Things in the mutual aid system continue to change — although not quite as quickly as this summer passed by — but we are keeping up with things.

On behalf of the Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid System, I would like to thank Chief Dave Tobine (Campton-Thornton), Chief John Schlemmer (Center Harbor), and Chief Paul Stover (Strafford) for their years of service to their individual communities and to the mutual aid system, and wish them the very best as they move into the next chapter of their lives. I also want to extend a welcome to Chief Scott Whitehouse (Strafford) and Chief Leon Manville (Center Harbor) as they move into their new roles as Fire Chief in their respective communities.

The communications system upgrade projects continue to move forward. As of this writing, the CAD project is scheduled to go online before the end of October. Like any new system, as we begin to use it more and more, we are sure to identify needed changes. Departments will also identify changes they want to make in their response tables.

The simulcast project is continuing, although it did come to a stop at the end of July when the grant funding period expired. The State of NH had applied for an extension of the grant but had not received approval from the federal government, therefore everything stopped. Fortunately the extension was received two weeks later and we were permitted to resume working on the system. Installation of the equipment at the transmitter sites should begin within the next two weeks. Departments will be contacted soon about necessary reprogramming and informed as to how it will be accomplished. The entire project has to be completed by the end of February 2014.

There is action taking place with the two swift water rescue teams in our system to standardize their operational methods and training. This is in preparation for combining the teams into a single team.

The IMAT and Task Force units have been quiet over the summer after completing a large training exercise at the end of June. Both units will be ramping up again with additional training this fall.

I encourage you to keep checking the LRMFA website as it is continually being updated and new things added. The Central NH Hazardous Material Team is now part of our website and there is a lot of information about upcoming training on the site.

Stay safe and let us know if we can assist your department in any way. 

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# Featured department...

## Bridgewater Fire Department



**Chief Don Atwood**  
**Bridgewater**  
**Fire Department**

**Address:** 311 Mayhew Turnpike  
Bridgewater, NH 03222  
603-744-6047

**Office Hours:** Monday–Friday  
8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

**Officers:** Deputy Chief Tapio Mayo  
Captain Steven Berube

**Apparatus:** 2 Pumpers  
1 LDH Reel Truck/  
Pumper  
1 Ambulance  
1 Ladder  
1 Forestry with ATV  
1 Snowmobile with  
rescue toboggan

The town of Bridgewater is located in central New Hampshire on the eastern shore of Newfound Lake. At one time,

Bridgewater was part of a much larger town called New Chester. New Chester was separated into Hill and Bridgewater, as well as portions of Bristol, Danbury, and Wilmot. Because Bristol needed the water rights for its mills, it took the portion of Newfound Lake that originally had been part of what is now Bridgewater, leaving Bridgewater with no lake ownership.

Bridgewater contains 21.2 square miles and stretches from the shore of Newfound Lake to the shore of the Pemigewasset River. Dividing the town geographically is a mountain and, because the only road through is dirt, the town relies on mutual aid from New Hampton, Ashland, and Plymouth to handle calls on that side of town. Chief Don Atwood jokes that he lives on that side of town so “River Road is his responsibility!” The town’s year-round population is around 1,100 – a number that swells in the summer. There is no central village area.

### BRIDGEWATER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Bridgewater Fire Department is a department in transition. They have moved from a volunteer department to a paid call department, a change that

#### Bridgewater Fire Station



has been ongoing for the past three years. New bylaws and department regulations are under review by the Board of Selectmen.

The department was formed in 1975 by a group of local folks who thought the town would be better served by having its own department. Chief Atwood was one of the founding members. Until that time, fire and EMS calls were handled by surrounding towns without a formal agreement!

The fledgling fire department was housed in the same building as the highway department. And that was how Don Atwood became involved in firefighting – he worked for the highway department!

The department began with a 1955 Dodge 3/4-ton ex-military forestry truck that would go anywhere, although not quickly! They expanded when they bought a former oil truck that had been converted to a fire truck from the fire chief in Chichester. They paid \$500 for it. The truck was later given to the highway department who “used it up.” Chief Atwood said it was a great truck, requiring minimal maintenance.

In 1980, Bridgewater Fire Department purchased their first new truck: a Middlesex. Currently they have a 2006 HME pumper, a 2002 paramedic level ambulance, a 1981 ladder truck, a 1993 LDH reel truck with over a mile of

supply line, a 1988 pumper with rescue tools, and a 1994 forestry unit that also hauls a trailer with an ATV in the summer and snowmobile with a rescue toboggan for winter months. These are all housed in a 10-year-old building on the original site that they share with the police department.

The department now has two EMTs on duty Monday through Friday. They also handle call shifts at night and on the weekends. There is one fulltime position of EMS Director who is also a firefighter.

There are 25 active members in the department. Many are involved with multiple departments in the area and don't even live in Bridgewater. Bridgewater's call volume is low — only 160 or so per year — and members keep their skills honed by being active in other departments.

## SMALL POPULATION = SMALL NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS

As mentioned earlier, the department is undergoing some changes. Those changes were brought about by a number of factors. Times have changed and there are fewer people available in town to work as volunteers because people work out of town. People are busy and tend not to volunteer as much; therefore it was decided to transition the department to a paid call department. Skill levels are required to be much higher now and there are costs associated with getting and maintaining these skills. The department is now able to send Paramedics on calls because they are being paid.

Chief Atwood also said the town's population is aging, with fewer youngsters interested in the fire department making it harder to keep an active roster. The town has one of the lowest tax rates in the state because there are very few school-aged children.

## THE CHIEF

Chief Don Atwood has been with the Bridgewater Fire Department since the very beginning. He didn't come from a family of firefighters — as mentioned earlier, he became a firefighter because he worked in the same building as the fire department. He's a part-time chief and has a fulltime job driving dump truck for a local construction company.



Members of the Bridgewater Fire Department at a recent training event.

Atwood has been chief for two years. He replaced long-time Chief Andrew Denton, who moved to Maine.

He's lived in this area his whole life. His wife, Cindee, is from Vermont. She works at Speare Memorial Hospital in Plymouth. They have two daughters, Beth (19) who is a department member working to become an EMT, and Deidre (23) who works for Tedeschi's as an assistant manager.

## THE FUTURE

Bridgewater supports the fire department and the taxpayers have been generous. With the same three selectmen for the past 12+ years, there's lots of continuity and a good rapport between the Board and the Department.

The Chief sees a future filled with building personnel and training levels.

He wants to be able to offer a higher level of EMS care. At some point, new apparatus will be needed. The department recently purchased a thermal imaging camera and an extractor washing machine with grant monies.

The day the Chief was interviewed, the department was using some of its \$4,000 training grant on a two-day training on pumps. There were firefighters from Bridgewater, Hebron, and Alexandria at the station.

The department holds its meetings on Mondays. The first meeting of the month is a business meeting, which begins at 7 p.m. The other Mondays are spent training. The department is always looking for new members who are certified (or becoming certified) firefighters or EMTs. 

## Fall AEMT Transition Class

### LACONIA PROGRAM

**Location:** LRMFA  
**When:** Fridays 0830 to 1230 hrs  
**Dates:** 9/27, 10/4, 10/11, 10/18, 10/25, 11/1, 11/8, 11/15, 11/22, 12/6, 12/13

### FRANKLIN PROGRAM

**Location:** Rowell Community, Center 12 Rowell Road, Franklin NH  
**When:** Mondays 0800 to 1700 hrs  
**Dates:** 9/23, 9/30, 10/7, 10/21, 11/28, 11/4

### NEW HAMPTON PROGRAM

**Location:** New Hampton Fire Department  
**When:** Thursday Nights 1800 to 2200 hrs  
**Dates:** 9/12, 9/19, 9/26, 10/3, 10/10, 10/17, 10/24, 10/31, 11/7, 11/14, 11/21

**ORIENTATION DAYS:** All students **MUST** attend one: 8/29/2013 Franklin Fire Department 0900-1200 hrs or 9/5/2013 New Hampton Fire Dept. 1800-2100 hrs

**NHBEMS "TEST PREP" DAY:** (Tentative/non-mandatory) Dec. 3rd from 0830 to 1430 at the Tilton School

**PREREQUISITES:** Haz-Mat Awareness and **NIMS:** If you need these please contact Shawn Riley ASAP.

**To REGISTER:** Please email Kelley Shastany at [kshastany@lrgh.org](mailto:kshastany@lrgh.org). For questions please call Shawn Riley at 524-6881 or Steve Fecteau at 934-2205.

# EMS Update

## "Don't Throw The Baby Out With The Bathwater" OB Emergencies and EMS

Shawn Riley, EMS Deputy Chief, Laconia Fire



As many of you are aware, Franklin Regional Hospital (FRH) no longer routinely delivers babies. So I thought I would dedicate this quarter's article to Emergency Childbirth and the new LRGHealthcare Pre-hospital Decision Tree we have developed to help EMS providers choose the closest, most appropriate facility.

If you follow healthcare nationally (as I do...I finish my MBA in healthcare administration in December...

hooray), you have noticed many hospitals are being forced to consolidate services and are no longer delivering babies. In fact, 6 of the 26 New Hampshire hospitals no longer offer birth services.

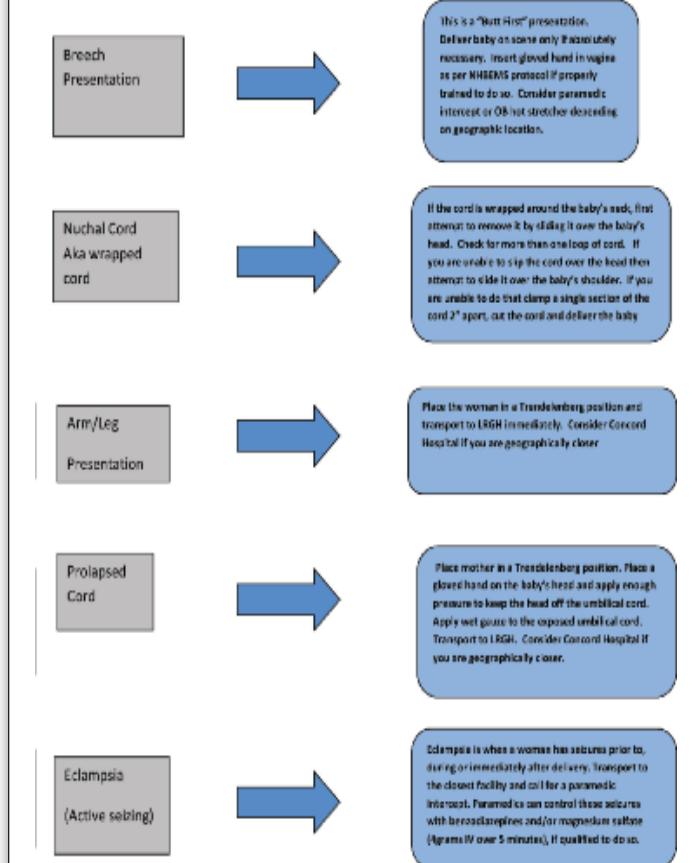
Under the "Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act" (EMTALA) of 1986 all hospitals still have to pro-

vide a Medical Screening Exam (MSE), stabilize life-threatening conditions, and deliver babies that present to their facility. However, there are situations in which emergency childbirth cannot take place at FRH due to the lack of OB surgery. In these cases it would be extremely detrimental to the mother and baby to be transported to FRH. A "more appropriate" destination hospital could mean the difference between life and death for Mom and Baby. This decrease in hospital services provides EMS with another opportunity to make a huge difference in the lives of our patients.

Please review the FRH EMS OB Emergency algorithm. It was designed by a blue-ribbon committee with the goal of helping pregnant mothers and babies get to the appropriate level of care to assure best outcomes and save lives.

Special thanks to all who worked on this project including: Chief LaChapelle, Capt. Goldthwaite, Deputy Goodearl, Deb Livernois, Dr. Strang, Dr. Mattice, Dr. Maruszak, Dr. Drake, Ellen Wolff, Kendra Peaslee, Gloria Thorington, and Tom Clairmont. 🚒

### Emergency Child Birth Standard of Care



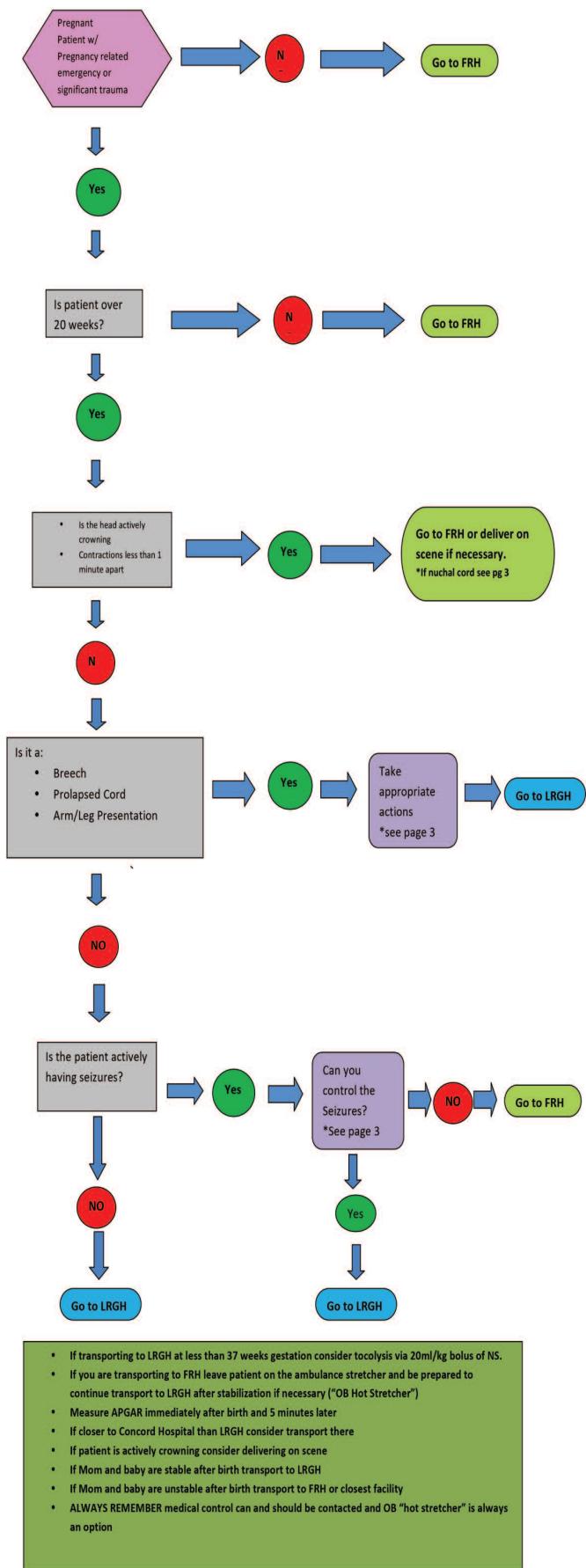
### APGAR SCORING SYSTEM

	0 Points	1 Point	2 Points	Points totaled
Activity (muscle tone)	Absent	Arms and legs flexed	Active movement	
Pulse	Absent	Below 100 bpm	Over 100 bpm	
Grimace (reflex irritability)	Flaccid	Some flexion of Extremities	Active motion (sneeze, cough, pull away)	
Appearance (skin color)	Blue, pale	Body pink, Extremities blue	Completely pink	
Respiration	Absent	Slow, irregular	Vigorous cry	

Severely depressed	0-3
Moderately depressed	4-6
Excellent condition	7-10

## Franklin Region EMS Obstetrical Emergency Decision Tree

\*\*\*Always call Medical Control as soon as possible\*\*\*



## Join the Annual Boot Drive

It's that time of year again! It's time for the WLNH Annual Children's Auction. This year's auction will be held December 7 through December 14. The fundraiser made \$2,100 in its first year and has come a long way with the help of countless volunteers and donors who have helped turn it into a major campaign on an annual basis. Over the 31 years that the community has come together, over \$2 million dollars has been raised for local charities, all through volunteer efforts, community donations, and corporate sponsorships.

A big component of the Auction is the "Fill The Boot" drive, which local fire departments participate in. Laconia Fire Department was the first department to join, followed by the Belmont and Gilford departments, then Meredith, Alton, Tilton-Northfield, Franklin, LRMFA, and, most recently, Bristol.



The auction and WLNH are looking to expand the number of fire departments participating in the "Fill the Boot" challenge by inviting any LRMFA department to submit the date, time, and location of its boot drive to Lt. Robert Laraway (Belmont Fire Department) via email: [bob.laraway@childrensauction.com](mailto:bob.laraway@childrensauction.com). Arrangements will be made to have your department's boot drive announced on WLNH 98.3 and auction representatives will be sent to your drive location to thank everyone for supporting the effort. Each department is invited to present its donation on the air, as the auction is broadcast on the radio (WLNH 98.3), online at the auction website ([www.childrensauction.com](http://www.childrensauction.com)), and on television (Metrocast LRPA TV channel 25). A phone bank takes live auction bids and participating department members are invited to staff the phone banks.

Boot drives are usually held on Thanksgiving weekend, with department members standing outside the entrances to local stores or malls asking for donations. Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid Departments that support the auction include Alton, Belmont, Gilford, Laconia, Tilton-Northfield, Franklin, Meredith, and Bristol (new this year). In 2011, these departments presented checks totaling \$10,725! Alton collected \$2,714; Bristol \$2,723; Meredith, \$1,131; Laconia, \$1,620; Gilford, \$2,500; Tilton/Northfield \$5,000; and Belmont, \$2,800. Over the years, the boot drives have generated nearly \$100,000! 🎉

## 2013 Rural Hitch Deadline

FOURTH QUARTER (Oct/Nov/Dec):  
**Dec. 18, 2013**

### Association Meeting

Meetings are the last Thursday of odd-numbered months. Dinner is at 6 (It's free!) followed by the business meeting at 7 p.m.

**November 28: Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid**

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# Route 104 and Cass Mill Road Accident

From Fran Butler

On Friday, August 30, 2013, at 4:20 p.m. there was a motor vehicle accident at the intersection of Route 104 and Cass Mill Road in Alexandria. There was a head injury requiring the Dartmouth helicopter for transport. 



## SKATE ESCAPE — CONT. FROM PAGE 1

roof. Meredith Tower set up on Division D. It was supplied by Meredith and Holderness Engines that set-up a 1,600' relay. Tilton laid an additional supply line to the Gilford Engine, which was supplying the Laconia Tower. Court Street is supplied by a well-looped 12-inch main. Water was never an issue. At the height of the fire the flow was 3 Towers, a deck gun, and 3 portable deck guns — 6,000 GPM. In anticipation of needing more water, Gilford Engine 1 laid a 5" line from Fair Street to the Winnipesaukee River and a second Belmont Engine laid a 4" line. The Belmont line was for the Concord Tower. These lines were in anticipation of fire extending into the wing on the B side, which housed the laundry facility for Lakes Region General Hospital. (The B wing was 80' x 100' — 2-story equivalent.) Crews placed a Blitz line into this wing and cut off fire which was spreading through the metal deck roof. Concord Tower cut the roof to vent the heat and smoke that was building up in this wing. Sanbornton was assigned to the resource pool and was used in different areas throughout the fire. Belmont, Gilford, Franklin, and Meredith each sent two crews and trucks.

Final extinguishment took hours as the fire had a good hold in the 8 inches of roof decking. Fire communicated via

the Q decking to several remote areas, including breaking out in the B wing. A Laconia and Belmont crew did a great job of cutting off the fire into this wing with a 2½" line. This was a classic metal deck roof fire. We needed to get water under the deck and on top of the deck to stop the fire. Unfortunately, getting water under the deck was very difficult as the roof collapsed and the streams were ineffective in reaching the ceiling. The building was so deep in places that ground streams had no impact on the fire. A collapse zone was established and all personnel were removed from the zone.

Gilmanton, Bristol, and Center Harbor covered the empty city stations. While covering the city, these crews responded to a building fire on Bay Street, which was quickly brought under control.

Damage to the Court Street building is extensive and is estimated at over \$1,500,000.00. There were more than 50 firefighters on-scene. Some Laconia personnel were on-scene 12 hours. A testament to good command and control and training: there were no injuries. Firefighters cleared the scene just before 2 p.m. The Lakes Region CERT assisted at the scene with traffic control and providing food and water to the fire crews. Laconia Police also conducted extensive traffic control. 

View from D side at 3:15 a.m.



View from across Fair Street.





# Training Division News

## LRMFA Training Division Presents Company Officer Development Series

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**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2013**

**NH Firefighter Cancer Awareness Program**

Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid

The NH Firefighter Cancer Awareness program exposes the current evidence and links to the known toxins faced by firefighters. Using real-life examples, firefighters will learn that, although the risks are real, we can take steps to protect ourselves from the dangers of exposure to many toxins.

*Instructor:* Russell Osgood is a Career Firefighter with 25 years of experience, the past 15 with the City of Portsmouth, NH. Russell coordinates the Statewide Cancer Awareness & Prevention Program and is the Director of the New Hampshire Chapter of the Firefighters Cancer Support Network.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2013**

**Hazardous Materials Refresher for First Responders**

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Franklin Fire Department

This 3-hour course will review basic roles of first responders to handle emergencies in their communities. We will provide information on known chemical hazards in the Lakes Region and what types of actions should be taken to protect first responders and the public from harm. Strategies personnel should be using at the awareness and operational levels will be reviewed.

This training is in conjunction with the training that is required under the EPA Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act.

*Instructor(s):* This program is being offered by the Central NH Hazardous Materials Team.

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## SAFE-IR Thermal Imaging Camera Training And LRMFA Training Division Present Thermal Imaging Training

### **FIRST SESSION (Classroom).**

The First Session will be held on **Thursday, November 14, 2013, 6:30–9:30 p.m. at the Belknap County Sportsmen's Club**, Lily Pond Rd. (11C), Gilford. Students **MUST ATTEND** this classroom session to participate in the practical application session on Nov. 16th or 17th. Students will learn the history of the thermal imager, safety and tactical considerations, navigation techniques, and care and maintenance.

### **SECOND SESSION (Practical Application).**

The Second Session will be held on **Saturday, Nov. 16th or Sunday, Nov. 17th, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at Gilford Fire-Rescue Training Center**, Lily Pond (Rt. 11C), Gilford. Each day is limited to 12 students. You only need to attend one of the days. Students **MUST** have attended the classroom session in order to attend the Second Session. Firefighters will be given the opportunity to apply the knowledge gained during the classroom session, with emphasis on proper interpretation of the image presented by your specific thermal imager and its relationship to firefighting. The limitations of the thermal imager and how to overcome them, navigation, tactics, and search and rescue using a thermal imager will also be looked at.

Instructors will adapt training to the level of experience and training of participants. This allows the firefighters to feel comfortable and to better understand the thermal imager and its unlimited applications, while building confidence.

For additional program information please visit [www.safe-ir.com](http://www.safe-ir.com).

### **Prerequisites:**

Students must be certified FFI (Firefighter I). Participants must provide full protective clothing, a complete SCBA, and at least 1 full spare cylinder.

Practical Application days are limited to 12 students each day. You only need attend one of the days. Students will be placed in the Practical Session on Sat. or Sun. Please indicate your preference on your application and we will do our best to accommodate you.

### **Tuition:**

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Application available at [www.lrmfa.org](http://www.lrmfa.org).

### **Contact:**

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**Wednesday, October 30**

Ethics/Liability/QA-QI/Customer Service

**Thursday, October 31**

Tactical Communications: All Disciplines  
and All Hazards

**Evening of October 30 — 5 till 8 p.m.**

Social event with a cash bar,  
fun, and laughs

**Where**

The Beane Conference Center  
35 Blueberry Lane, Laconia, NH

**Registration cost**

\$50.00 per person, per day. Includes lunch.  
Registration closing date: October 25

**GO TO LRMFA.ORG AND REGISTER ONLINE.**

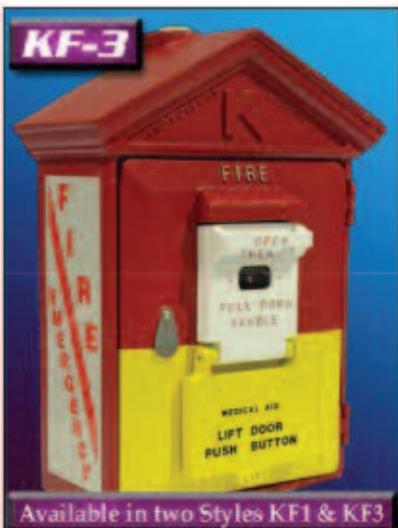
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# New Apparatus, Retirements, Promotions, Etc.



**RETIRED**  
Chief Dave Tobine  
Campton-Thornton  
Fire Department



**NEW POSITION**  
Interim Chief Ian Halm  
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Fire Department



## NEW APPARATUS

Tilton-Northfield Fire Department. 21-Ladder-1  
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**PROMOTED**  
Chief Scott Whitehouse  
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**NEW HIRE**  
Danny Case  
New Call Firefighter  
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## NEW APPARATUS

Franklin Fire Department. 7-Ambulance-1  
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**RESIGNED**  
Chief John Schlemmer  
Center Harbor Fire Department



**RESIGNED**  
Chief Paul Stover  
Strafford Fire Department



## DAVID F. DOW MEMORIAL EMS PROVIDER OF THE YEAR

Captain/Paramedic Bruce Goldthwaite

Franklin Fire Department. Captain Goldthwaite received this award on Monday, September 23 at the Concord City Auditorium. The award is given by the New Hampshire Fire Service & Emergency Medical Services Committee of Merit.



**NEW HIRE**  
Assistant Chief Ryan Ridley  
Alton Fire Department

## Department News

Send your Department News to  
[debbie@debbiegraphics.com](mailto:debbie@debbiegraphics.com).  
Include new hires, promotions, new apparatus, department events, open training events, etc.

# Third Quarter Statistics...

From July 1, 2013 through Sept. 30, 2013

Incidents Dispatched:	July 2013	2,125
	August 2013	2,024
	September 2013	1,715
	<b>Total</b>	<b>5,864</b>
	<b>YTD Total</b>	<b>16,357</b>

## Resources Available:

Engines	92	Tankers	15
Ladders	7	Rescues	23
Forestry	36	Ambulances	37
Utilities	5	Fire Boats	25
Towers	6	Air Units	5
ATVs	12	Command Vehicles	21

LRMFA HEADQUARTERS, LACONIA, NH



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## Statistics:

- Began operations in September of 1971. Moved operations to our current facility in June of 2000.
- Dispatches Fire and Medical Emergencies for 35 communities and 35 Fire and EMS Agencies.
- Serves a population of 115,112 residents (2010 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 \$19.6 billion dollars of property (2010 Valuation).
- Has an operating budget of \$1,059,880 (2012 budget).
- Has 9 full-time and 10 part-time employees.
- Dispatched 21,601 incidents during 2011 (59.18 calls per day).
- Dispatched 21,413 incidents during 2010 (58.67 calls per day).
- Dispatched 19,837 incidents during 2009 (54.35 calls per day).

## LRGHealthcare care. compassion. community.

### October ALS Breakfast

Please join us for the Paramedic RTP Special Lectures

**Tuesday October 8<sup>th</sup>**

Trauma "How the body dies"

Dr. Sam Aldridge 0830-0930

**Head Injuries**

Dr. Sam Aldridge 0930-1030

**Thursday October 10<sup>th</sup>**

OB/GYN Emergencies

Dr. Drake 0800-0900

**Labs for Medics**

Dr. Dave Strang 0900-1000

**Medical Emergencies "a view from the ER"**

Dr. Jones 1000-1100

**Thursday October 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Drugs of Abuse**

Dr. Racicot 0830-1000

**New England Organ Bank**

Mike Harnois 1100-1230

All classes are held at the Woodside Building at the Taylor Community Nurses, EMTs, EMT-Is all welcome to attend  
Any questions please contact Shawn Riley at 524-6881

### 2014 LRMFA Executive Board Meetings

(4 p.m. second Tuesday of each month in the conference room at LRMFA)

- Jan. 7 • Feb. 11 • Mar. 11 • Apr. 8 • May 13 • June 10 •
- July 8 • Aug. 12 • Sept. 9 • Oct. 14 • Nov. 11 • Dec. 9 •

### 2014 LRMFA Board of Directors Meetings

(7 p.m. in the conference room at LRMFA)

- 1st Quarter: February 12 • 2nd Quarter: May 14 •
- 3rd Quarter: September 10 • 4th Quarter: October 29 •

### 2013 NH Association of Fire Chiefs Meetings

(Visit [www.nhafc.org](http://www.nhafc.org) for details)

- October 10, 2013 at Wentworth-by-the-Sea, Rye, NH •
- November 14, 2013 at NH Fire Academy, Concord, NH •
- December 12, 2013 at Crotched Mountain, Greenfield, NH •

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62 Communications Drive  
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LRGHealthcare

## AL's Breakfast

Con-Ed for EMS and Nursing

2013 SCHEDULE

Wednesday	November 6th	New Hampton <small>*note change location</small>
Wednesday	December 4th	Franklin

All Breakfasts will be from 0900-1100hrs



Any Question please contact Shawn Riley 524-6881 or Bruce Goldthwaite 934-2205

## Training & Education Opportunities

- Trauma Grand Rounds.** Last Friday of each month. 7:30 a.m. at either LRGH or FRH. For information, contact Shawn Riley at 524-6881.
- ALS Breakfasts — Wednesdays. 0900-1100.** Nurses, EMTs, EMT-Is are all welcome to attend. Please contact Shawn Riley at 524-6881 or Bruce Goldthwaite at 934-2205 with questions.

# Firefighter CANCER Awareness Seminar

Tuesday, November 5, 2013  
6:30PM to 8:30PM

Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid  
62 Communications Drive  
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*Male and female firefighters are equally at risk!  
Learn the steps you can take to lessen your risk.*

Registration deadline: Wednesday, October 30, 2013

*You owe it to those you love.*

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