



FLASHPOINT

Newsletter Maine State Federation of Fire Fighters

Fall 2021

President's Message – Ken Desmond

The MSFFF want to thank Waldoboro Fire for a great time and all that they did for us at the Convention. We also want to welcome our new Officers that are joining the team. Lisa Donaldson, Secretary. Tom Brown, VP Waldo County. Ben McKenney, VP Cumberland West.

This year's Firefighter Memorial Service was held on October 9th in Augusta. Was well attended and many thank you go out to VP Scott Holst and family for making the grounds around the Memorial.

Looking at 2022 we will be returning to Fryeburg for our Fire Convention on September 16-17-18.

The National Volunteer Fire Council dues for next year are going up to 21.00 dollars. Hope you all have a great holiday and stay safe.

Don't forget we can help you with any question. Just give your VP a call. Contact us from our web site.

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Membership:

Your current MSFFF membership expired on June 30th, send your 2021-2022 membership to your County VP as soon as possible!

For detailed information about membership benefits, visit our website at:
<http://www.msfff.org/benefits.html>

Join NVFC! Click the following link for more information!
<http://www.nvfc.org/join-nvfc/>

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Mark Your Calendar & Save the Dates!

for the 58th MSFFF Annual Convention!
Hosted by the Western Maine Firefighters Association
& The Fryeburg Fair Grounds!

September 15th-18th 2022



A weekend full of firefighter and family activities!
Music, dance, vendors, apparatus & equipment demo's, a parade,
muster, a corn hole tournament & much more!

Advertising with the MSFFF:

The Maine State Federation of Firefighters is pleased to offer exclusive annual advertising opportunities to select businesses. If you work with a vendor who would benefit from advertising with us, send them here for all the information they need:
http://msfff.org/images/PDF/RateMarketingSheet_MSFFF_2018.pdf

County News



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Durham Fire Rescue:



Durham's newest Fire and Rescue Chief Rob Tripp began work on Monday with an eye toward reaching out to the community to help boost the department's numbers.

The fire and rescue department operates through a paid per-diem membership list of around 40 people, roughly 20 of which are really active, Tripp said. The fire chief is the only full-time position, alongside one part-time administrator.

"It's limited staffing," Tripp said. "We're always looking for new members, and it's tough to draw from a pool of 4,000 residents."

Between 2016 and 2020, Durham Fire and Rescue responded to over 400 calls each year, with a low of 402 in 2018 and a record high of 445 in 2016. As of Wednesday, the department has received 253 calls in 2021, 24% of which are for fire, 40% for emergency medical services and 36% for both.

Tripp said the department tries to have one person available, primarily for EMS purposes, between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. and then one person on-call after hours. Members perform a range of emergency service roles, and Durham frequently works with neighboring fire and rescue departments for support.

“The number one resource for Durham Fire is its personnel,” said Tripp. “They’re the ones at midnight, they’re the ones at 1 a.m. that come out and a lot of the population’s citizens don’t see it.” C.Thacher Carter, The Times Record



Minot Fire Rescue:

MINOT, Maine — Firefighters from around the state worked together to put out a fire that engulfed the [Village Trading Post](#) in Minot Saturday morning.

According to the [Mechanic Falls Police Department](#), the fire started around 9 a.m.

The [Androscoggin County Sheriff's Office](#) told [NEWS CENTER Maine](#) that nine fire departments were still working to put out the fire around 1:30 p.m. Officials confirm that the store was open for business when the fire started.

"The Village Trading Post in West Minot, Maine was destroyed on September 11, 2021. Along with the Trading Post, our town also lost the West Minot Post Office and a residence, will be working to put on some fundraisers to help the LeClair family (lived above the store) and the owners of the Trading Post," according to the [fundraising website](#).

Obtained by Newscenter Maine.



Greene Fire Department:

Greene Volunteer Fire Department Announcement

2021 Firefighter of the Year was awarded to Barry Beauchesne last night. Barry has dedicated his time to the Greene FD and the community. We appreciate your service, keep up the good work!



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Fort Fairfield Fire Department:



Fort Fairfield at potato house storage facility along with several other area departments at the end of August 2021



Members from the Mapleton, Chapman, and Castle Hill fire department at the convention in Waldoboro this past September 2021.

Littleton Fire Department:



Dwight Cowperthwaite (Right), the only fire chief the town of Littleton has employed, will leave his position at the end of the year, ending 40 years of service to the community.



Monday, July 19, 2021, the Littleton Fire Department responded to a fire on the Watson Settlement Bridge. The covered bridge is located off of Framingham Road and spans the Meduxnekeag River. The bridge, built-in 1911, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Unfortunately, the bridge could not be saved and is a complete loss. **By WAGM News**



Presque Isle Fire Department:

Members of the Presque Isle Fire Department waiting on the parade to start in which they took first place for marching at the convention in Waldoboro this past September 2021.



September 13 through the 16, members of the Presque Isle Fire Department did their annual airport training which is 40 hours each year in keeping up there certification for the airport.



August 11 Presque Isle
Fire Department
performing there annual
pump test.



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Public Safety agencies in Franklin County remembering those who died on 9/11/2021.

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Dixfield Fire Department:



Dixfield recently placed a 2009 Ferrara aerial into service. It has a Smeal 77' steel aerial, 2000 gpm Waterous pump, SCBA

seating for 4 with 2 additional jump seats. 2- 1 3/4" & 1- 2 1/2" crosslays, 100' of 4" LDH, additional 200' of 2 1/2", 500 gallon water tank, 20 gallon foam tank, 6KW hydraulic generator, compliment of hand tools. it replaces a 1995 E-One 75' aerial which is currently for sale.

Oxford Fire Department:

September 30th 2021, Deputy Chief John Monahan officially retired at the end of his shift from the Oxford Fire/Rescue department after 34 years of service.



A small luncheon was held on his last day followed by one last ride in Engine 6 from the Central station to his home where members officially turned

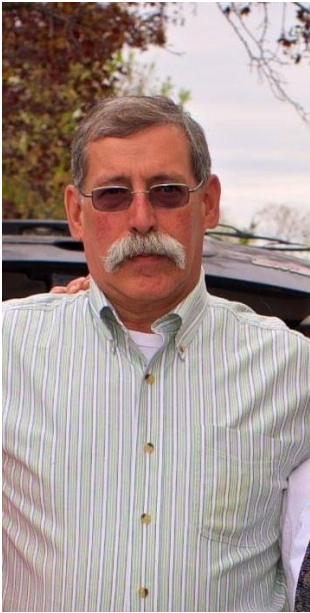


him over to his loving family.

Retired Deputy Chief Monahan will continue to serve the community at his full-time job as a firefighter/paramedic for the City of Auburn.

Take care sir, and you will certainly leave some large bunker boots to fill!





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Dexter Fire Department:



Dexter Fire Department ladies Auxiliary marches in the annual Federation parade for one of their own, with the Dexter Firefighters along the parade line cheering them on.



LeAnn Stocker pictured with her husband Rick. Battling breast Cancer.



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Dover Foxcroft Fire Department



Observer photo/Keri Foster
WATER DONATION
— The Dover-Foxcroft Fire Department received a pallet of water donated by Anheuser-Busch on Sept. 16. From left are Mike Crowell, sales manager for Valley Distributors, Fire Chief Joe Guyotte, firefighters

Mike Nelson and Jerry Rollins and Valley Distributors delivery driver Brandon Sylvester. Anheuser-Busch is a supporter of the National Volunteer Fire Council, the national association serving volunteer fire departments.



Observer photo/Stuart Hedstrom

TRAINING SESSION — Approximately 20 firefighting trainees from more than a half dozen departments across the region took part in a live burn session on the morning of Sunday, Aug. 22 at the Milo Fire Department’s testing site at the Eastern Piscataquis Business Park. Participants had the opportunity to extinguish blazes in a controlled setting under the watchful eye of trainers, veteran firefighters, and chiefs.





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Georgetown Fire Department:

When Georgetown Volunteer Fire Department began the process of gathering the necessary information for its FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) application last year, they were told that their current hydraulic extrication tools belonged in a museum. When researching the serial numbers, the best information was that, at a minimum, the tools were at least 33 years old, as the company didn't keep records before that. These tools were manufactured prior to any NFPA standards, which were created in 1988 and have been updated four times since. In the event of a failure, the current tools are unrepairable by the manufacturer. Georgetown's AFG grant application requested funding for lightweight, battery operated tools: a cutter, spreader/combi-tool, and ram. In August, FEMA awarded \$38,000 to Georgetown for the purchase of these extrication tools. In October, the department has scheduled demonstrations to help determine exactly which model of tools it wishes to purchase. They hope to have the tools deployed on the truck at the beginning of the year.

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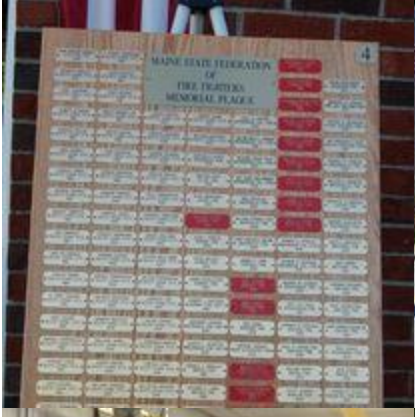
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Photos from this year's fire convention:













Firefighters who have passed 2020-2021

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Donald Patterson	Mechanic Falls Fire	Androscoggin County
Katrina Nadeau	Van Buren Fire	Aroostook County
Phil Gray	Mars Hill Fire	Aroostook County
Duncan MacPhie	Harrison Fire	Cumberland County
Dick Schieferstein	Harrison Fire	Cumberland County
Charles Smith	Freeport Fire	Cumberland County
Sawyer Coleman	Westbrook Fire	Cumberland County
Ethan Gile	Kingfield Fire	Franklin County
Robert "Bobby" Dorr	Ellsworth Fire	Hancock County
Kelton Muise	Trenton Fire	Hancock County
James Flannery	Penobscot Fire	Hancock County

Richard Haskell	Deer Isle Fire	Hancock County
Kerry McKee	Vinalhaven Fire	Knox County
Arthur Kiskila	Cushing Fire	Knox County
Peter Rines	Wiscasset Fire	Lincoln County
Michael Maxwell	Canton Fire	Oxford County
Warren Sessions	Norway Fire	Oxford County
Ernest Libby III	Oxford Fire	Oxford County
Jack Burke	Mexico Fire	Oxford County
Harold Hacky Thomas	Mexico Fire	Oxford County
Robert Hesse	Oxford Fire	Oxford County
Kenneth Kelley	Sebec Fire	Piscataquis County
David Preble	Milo Fire	Piscataquis County
Stephen O'Grady	Georgetown Fire	Sagadahoc County
Dana Sullivan Jr.	Richmond Fire	Sagadahoc County
Oakie McCabe	Bath Fire	Sagadahoc County
Gary Smith	Anson Fire	Somerset County
Mike Hines	Alfred Fire	York County
George Cressey	Kennebunk Fire	York County
Lawrence Shirk	Eliot Fire	York County
Matt Ballou	South Berwick Fire	York County
David Wilder	Dennysville Fire	Washington County
Clinton Gardner Sr.	East Machias Fire	Washington County

Designates a Line of Duty Death (LODD)

MSFFF Fundraising:

If you have any ideas or suggestions for fundraising for the Federation, please contact President Ken Desmond.