



FLASHPOINT

Summer 2015

Maine State Federation of Firefighters

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – KEN DESMOND

The Maine State Federation of Firefighters just finished a GREAT Convention in Waldo County. The Waldo County Firefighters Association did an outstanding job putting this Convention on. Our Hats go off to them, with much thanks. A great time with many firefighters from across Maine came together and did a lot of networking. I want to thank our Officers for a great year in helping me get through my first year as your President. Our thanks go out to the Judges who volunteer every year to help us with antique apparatus, parade and firefighters muster. This year we honored a life

time achievement award to Fire Chief Dennis Robertson of the Blue Hill Fire Department. 1956 he joined the department and became Chief in 1981 to present. I'm glad to announce that we have over 5,000 members signed up and counting. The person we need to say thank you to who takes all of the memberships and files them and sends us the spread sheets is Jen Stiles from MMA. Thank you for a job well done.

Thanks to all of the Firefighters of Maine.
Ken Desmond, President

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MEMBERSHIP

If you haven't yet paid your membership dues for 2015-2016, please know that you are currently NOT COVERED should there be a death.

Don't let this important benefit lapse! Get your dues in today! Don't delay!

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

2015 MSFFF CONVENTION:



Save the date for September 9 – 11, 2016 for the 53rd Maine State Federation of Firefighters Convention to be held in York.

MSFFF BOARD OF DIRECTORS – 2015 MEETING DATES:

Next meeting is October 3rd at the Maine Municipal Association at 11am. There will be a memorial service held at the Capital at 10am.

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://www.msfff.org/images/PDF/RateMarketingSheet_MSFFF_2014.pdf

COUNTY NEWS

Aroostook South



Presque Isle fire department at the river doing annual pump test.



Couple of members from Presque Isle fire and Crown Ambulance service out at the old Loring Air Force Base covering the Land speed races.



Presque Isle Fire fighters at Logan Airport for their yearly burn to stay certified to cover the airport.



Control burn in Washburn with Help from Mapleton fire.



Presque Isle fire department at the county muster in Mapleton who took over all in the day's event. Also in the picture are their mascots for the year Zack and Hannah Lovely.

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Mapleton fire at a car fire that got into a small barn.



Mars Hill fire department and Ashland fire department in the Mapleton daze parade for the county muster which was held in Mapleton in June.

Kennebec



Waterville: On June 24, 2015, Waterville Rescue was dispatched to Jokas Discount Beverages on Front St. for a report of a man down. While enroute, they were notified that CPR was in progress. Upon arrival, they found the patient unresponsive with no pulse and not breathing. Rescue Tech Ryan Cote and Utility Man Glendon Bordas took over life saving measures and, after delivering one shock with the AED, effectively brought the patient back to life. Today, three days later, that patient, Sean Gillis, walked into Waterville Fire Department to thank Ryan and Glendon. Great job guys!!

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August 23, 2015

I am happy to report that the LVFD is having a great year with successes in a number of areas. Incident activities have been low with most calls focused on issues related to fire and CO alarms, utility problems and a couple of carry-outs. For some variety, we've even thrown in a vehicle fire. In my opinion, the tremendous efforts of the citizens of Lovell in practicing fire and personal safety can be credited for our relatively uneventful year.

As for our apparatus, the Platform purchased a year ago has proven itself invaluable to both the department and the community. Our Fire Boat has been afloat with us for a little better than a year and the bulk of the work outfitting it is complete. In addition to the super bright LED lighting all the way around the boat we have added communication and signaling equipment. The boat performs remarkably well in the water and the jet drive outboard really pushes it right along. Our department is very fortunate to have a top notch fleet of apparatus and a community that supports us so well.

Time marches on and how we gain wisdom as we age is best exemplified by long time member, Charlie Fowlie. To show our appreciation for his service, he was awarded the LVFD "Life Time Achievement Award" this past December. Serving as a Captain and the treasurer for a number of years, Charlie has proven to be a consistent and terrific asset to the department. Earlier this year Charlie developed complications after otherwise successful knee replacement surgery. Although not unexpected, it is with regret that I report these health concerns have resulted in him deciding to retire from active duty. We all wish him the very best and I speak for the entire LVFD when I say, "We salute you Captain Charles Fowlie!"

A couple years ago retired Colorado Battalion Chief Andy Fogg returned to his Lovell roots to build his retirement home. Although he initially thought he would take a break from fire service, the vocation runs too deep in his blood. Andy realized he just couldn't stay away from serving his community and in no time came knocking on the station door. His initial idea was to

Augusta: Tuesday, September 15

at 9:00am - 12:00pm

Central Maine Commerce Center

500 Civic Center Dr, Augusta, Maine 04330

Bob Duval from the NFPA will present a program on fire department response to Solar Powered Homes. This program is sponsored by the Augusta Fire Department and the Maine State Fire Marshal's Office. There is no fee to attend this program. Please RSVP to Chief Roger Audette roger.audette@augustamaine.gov or call the Augusta Fire Department at 626-2421.

Oxford



Rumford Fire – Building an underflow dam.

Lovell:

Lovell Volunteer Fire Company
P.O. Box 37 Center Lovell, Maine 04016
Headquarters located at 3 Hatch Hill Road

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come onboard to help in any way that he could. After a short period of time, Andy's experience and skillset became evident and he was promoted to Captain, assuming the role of Training Officer as well as taking on duties as one of our Safety Officers. Welcome aboard Andy!

As I indicated earlier, we have been very fortunate this year. Lovell Volunteer Fire was awarded an AFG grant for more than 16 thousand dollars. This grant is for a complete laundry system to clean our bunker gear and protect the health of our members and their families. Lovell also received a VFA grant from the Maine Forest Service to assist us with the installation of a hydrant that was greatly needed. And now, just this month we were successful with a grant from the Stephen & Tabitha King Foundation for some additional air packs. We have been truly blessed this year.

Here at LVFD we work hard to make an effort to show our support for the community, which we do in many different ways. Through our scholarship fund we provided the opportunity for students with ties to the department to apply for a scholarship so that we may provide a little assistance with continuing their education. I am happy to announce that we were able to award two students scholarships this year, congratulations to them. In the early spring, we hosted a Roast Beef supper with all the fixings for the community with the proceeds being shared between the Scholarship account and our equipment fund. We also participated in the Lovell Old Home Days with apparatus in the parade and then on display in the athletic field to show our equipment off and provide education to the public on fire safety.

On the tenth of August we partnered with the local Masonic Lodge and the American Red Cross on a Blood Drive held in our firehouse. This is an annual event and helps out with the need for life saving blood.

Our biggest fund raiser and most anticipated event is the annual Chicken BBQ which was the 43rd time we have barbecued up 650 chicken halves served with corn on the cob, coleslaw, potato salad, watermelon and ice cream. This barbecue is always on the 3rd Saturday in August and is a community favorite. As usual, it was a great success and a sellout. This is an opportunity to share with good friends but also to again spread the word about fire safety with handouts, hats and even a visit from Smokey the Bear thanks to Ranger Bucknell. The day was a huge success and all the thanks go to the crew who all worked so very hard, it was a tremendous job done and without our members we wouldn't be LVFD.



As with all the good there is always some shadow. Similar to organizations across the state, we too are experiencing a continuing decline in the number of our responders. In order to be successful, we must all continue to address this issue and find ways to attract new members and reenergize the enthusiasm of our veteran member so that they will mentor the youth and lead the way.

Thank you all for the service that you provide to your communities and your sister and brother firefighters.

Be strong and safe.

Regards,
Tommie C. McKenzie
Fire Chief

**SAVE THE DATE! Our 10th Annual
Western Maine Fire Attack School
and Fire Services Trade Show
May 21st & 22nd, 2016
Bethel Fire Department, Bethel, Maine**

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Just a few of our class offerings for 2016:
**Pumps & Rural Water Supply Technical Ropes Rescue
Wilderness Search & Rescue Rural Response RIT
New Chief Officers**

International Fire, Police & Military Winter Games
6th Annual Charity Hockey Tournament
 Come out and support our public safety teams battle it out on ice.

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January 15-17, 2016

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York South



Maine Public Safety Pipes and Drums playing in front of the York Beach Fire Department's 125th Anniversary parade and muster on July 18th.

Join us for a fun and traditional Maine Lobster dinner, Saturday, January 16, 2016 from 6:00pm - 9:00pm Ramada Inn, Off Exit 80 turnpike 490 Pleasant St. Lewiston, ME



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

The National Volunteer Fire Council is working with CardioViva to promote firefighter-heart health through educational outreach and health screenings this year. CardioViva is also holding a contest to find Heart Health Champions – volunteer firefighters or EMTs who are motivated to battle, or have successfully battled, high cholesterol. The grand prize winner will receive \$10,000 for his or her firehouse and a firehouse nutrition and fitness makeover valued at \$5,000. Two first prize winners will each receive \$5,000 and a \$2,500 nutrition and fitness makeover for their firehouses. The contest is located on the Contest tab at www.facebook.com/CardioViva.

<http://www.msfff.org/images/PDF/NVFCWorkGroupCampaignStrategyPresentation.pdf>

LEGISLATIVE NEWS

Summary Update – August 28, 2015

LD-37 An Act Regarding Emergency Lights on a Vehicle Used by a Member of a Municipal or Volunteer Fire or Emergency Medical Services Department. **Signed 4/21/15; Public Law Chapter 21**

LD-39 Resolve, To Require a Review of the Merger That Resulted in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. **DEAD**

LD-62 An Act To Require Notice to Municipal Officers of Violations of Emergency Medical Services Law and Rule. **Signed 3/31/15; Public Law Ch 6**

LD-97 Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Amend the School Emergency Drill Rules. **Resolve Chapter 2**

LD-112 An Act to Eliminate the Requirement That Adults Wear Seat Belts. **DEAD**

LD-125 An Act Extending Workers' Compensation Benefits to Certain Employees of the Office of the State Fire Marshal Who Contract Cancer. **Public Law Chapter 373**

LD-152 An Act To Encourage Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation To Be Taught in High School. **DEAD**

LD-164 An Act To Establish the Maine Length of Service Award Program. **Public Law Chapter 352**

LD-165 An Act Regarding the Funding of Volunteer Fire Departments. **DEAD**

LD-166 An Act To Allow York County To Better Provide Rescue and Ambulance Services. **Carried Over**

LD-171 An Act To Provide a License Plate Decal for Emergency Medical Providers. **DEAD**

LD-177 An Act To Protect Farm Animals from Noise from the Discharge of Fireworks and Explosives. **DEAD**

LD-196 An Act To Ensure the Safety of Stationary Public Utility Emergency Service Vehicles. **Public Law Chapter 32**

LD-206 An Act To Clarify Restrictions on Disclosure of E 9-1-1 System Information. **Public Law Chapter 153**

LD-246 An Act To Prohibit the Handling of a Mobile Telephone While Operating a Motor Vehicle. **DEAD**

LD-299 An Act To Protect Children in Municipal and School Facilities by Requiring Boiler Inspections. **Public Law Chapter 311**

LD-301 An Act to Improve Insurance Coverage for First Responders Answering a Call to Duty. **DEAD**

LD-339 An Act To Clarify That the Telephone Number 9-1-1 Is the Primary Number Advertised or Promoted for Emergency Response Services. **Public Law Chapter 62**

LD-342 An Act To Reduce the E-9-1-1 Surcharge. **DEAD**

LD-347 An Act Concerning Billing between Emergency Medical Services Providers and Insurance Companies. **DEAD**

LD-459 An Act To Protect the Environment from Fireworks Debris. **DEAD**

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LD-460 An Act To Restore Liability Insurance Requirements for Amusement Rides and Other Public Exhibitions. **DEAD**

LD-500 An Act To Support Municipal Volunteers. **Resolve Chapter 49**

LD-556 An Act To Require Public Schools To Offer Instruction Related to Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and the Use of an Automated External Defibrillator. **Public Law Chapter 146**

LD-591 An Act To Allow Municipal and Volunteer Firefighters To Operate Motor Vehicles as Authorized Emergency Vehicles. **DEAD**

LD-615 An Act Regarding Transparency in the Transportation of Hazardous Materials. **DEAD**

LD-623 An Act To Expand Maine's Carbon Monoxide Detectors Law. **Public Law Chapter 375**

LD-629 An Act Regarding Community Paramedicine Pilot Projects. **Public Law Chapter 92**

LD-655 Resolve, To Study the Feasibility of a State Firefighter Training Facility. **CARRYOVER TO NEXT SESSION**

LD-656 An Act To Enhance Forest Ranger Safety. **DEAD**

LD-658 An Act To Allow Text Messaging for Reporting Emergencies. **DEAD**

LD-697 An Act To Restore Public Safety Programs in the Department of Public Safety and the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation. **Public Law Chapter 148**

LD-698 An Act To Establish a Presumption of Impairment in the Line of Duty for Corrections Officers under the Workers' Compensation Laws. **DEAD**

LD-724 An Act To Authorize Municipal Fire Districts To Impose Service Charges. **DEAD**

LD-745 An Act To Improve Forest Ranger Safety. **Indefinitely postponed**

LD-748 An Act To Provide for Tiered Qualifications for Volunteer Firefighters in Certain Municipalities. **Withdrawn**

LD-818 An Act To Amend the Maine Emergency Medical Services Act of 1982. **Public Law Chapter 82**

LD-832 An Act To Improve Public Health in Maine. **DEAD**

LD-866 An Act To Ensure Efficiency and Safety in the Bureau of Forestry. **Carried Over**

LD-944 An Act Regarding Recovery of Emergency Response Costs Related to an OUI Offense. **Carried Over**

LD-971 An Act To Reinstate the State Fire Marshal's Authority To Inspect Amusement Rides. **DEAD**

LD-995 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Participating Local Districts in the Maine Public Employees Retirement System. **Carried Over**

LD-1021 An Act To Amend the Laws Pertaining to the Maine Public Employees Retirement System. **Carried Over**

LD-1057 An Act To Increase the Safety of Amusement Rides. **Public Law Chapter 32**

LD-1093 An Act Regarding the Municipalities to Which the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code Applies. **DEAD**

LD-1120 An Act To Repeal the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code. **DEAD**

LD-1135 An Act Regarding the Requirements for Sprinkler Systems in Townhouses. **DEAD**

LD-1182 An Act To Exempt Certain Agricultural Buildings from the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code. **Public Law Chapter 126**

LD-1191 An Act To Remove the Municipal Mandate To Enforce the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code. **DEAD**

LD-1206 An Act To Allow County Corrections Officers To Participate in the Retired County and Municipal Law Enforcement Officers and Municipal Firefighters Health Insurance Program. **Carried Over**

LD-1256 An Act To Improve the Safety and Survival of 9-1-1 Callers and First Responders. **Public Law Chapter 230**

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