



FLASHPOINT

Winter 2016

Maine State Federation of Fire Fighters

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – KEN DESMOND

Looking into the New Year 2016 for the fire service of Maine. Let's start off with membership to MSFFF, we are growing with departments that have come back and new one's signing up. Thank you and keep up the good work.

The National Volunteer Fire Council serving as your voice in Washington DC; is providing resources on critical topics like health and safety, recruitment and retention, and funding. My pitch to all of you across Maine this year is to join the NVFC. Join today and start taking advantage of our wide range of member benefits. Some departments have joined and are receiving benefits. For just 15 dollars you get 10,000

AD&D policy. Make sure that you look over the flyers that will be coming with the MSFFF membership packets.

Don't forget that we have the Fire Commission working for us and if you have any questions that you need answered please get in touch with them. We have Vicki Schmidt, John Arsenault, Joe Guyotte, and Larry Willis that work for us from our organization.

If there is anything you want us to do, just call your VP or go on line to our web site and contact us. Thank you and be safe. Everyone Goes Home.

WHO TO CONTACT

President: Ken Desmond

Phone: 504-1949

E-mail: kdesmond49@comcast.net

Executive VP: Mark Gay

Phone: 337-2124

E-mail: cappy-241@hotmail.com

Secretary: Stanley Saucier

Phone: 768-9236

E-mail: sec_msfff@hotmail.com

Treasurer: Michael Locke

Phone: 460-1617

E-mail: msffftreasurer@yahoo.com

Legal Rep: Bill Vickerson

Phone: 772-0303

E-mail: billv@maine.rr.com

MMA SUPPORT STAFF: Jennifer Stiles

Phone: 1-800-452-8786 ext. 2212

E-mail: jstiles@memun.org

County Representatives:

Androscoggin: Jared Blake

Phone: 329-2273

E-mail: ffemtjblake@gmail.com

Aroostook No: Travis Powers

Phone: 227-1902

E-mail: travispowers44@hotmail.com

Aroostook So: Dale Morrison

Phone: 764-5466

E-mail: firepi57@hotmail.com

Cumberland East: Richard O. Sylvain

Phone: 865-1950

E-mail: richowensy@aol.com

Cumberland West: Timothy Nickels

Phone: 699-9165

E-mail: timothynickels@hotmail.com

Franklin: Jeff Brackett

Phone: 778-3652

E-mail: jeffbrackett@yahoo.com

Hancock: Albert "Bim" Snow

Phone: 326-4252

E-mail: bimsnow41@yahoo.com

Kennebec: Scott Holst

Phone: 873-7334

E-mail: scott.holst@yahoo.com

Knox: Eliot Scott

Phone: 594-4859

E-mail: escott0724@roadrunner.com

Lincoln: Clarence Campbell

Phone: 350-6337

E-mail: bbyema1@roadrunner.com

Oxford: Richard Jones

Phone: 890-5620

E-mail: jonesy192@gwi.net

Penobscot No: David E. Manzo

Phone: 723-9695

E-mail: manzodbe@myfairpoint.net

Penobscot So: Robert DiBona

Phone: 848-5106

E-mail: dibonab@hermon.net

Piscataquis: Joseph Guyotte

Phone: 564-2187

E-mail: dffdfire1@yahoo.com

Sagadahoc: Dickey Brigance

Phone: 443-6726

E-mail: dickeylb@comcast.net

Somerset: Marshall King

Phone: 649-8359

E-mail: mackfire13@gmail.com

Waldo: Richard Libby

Phone: 223-8897

E-mail: wfd17@roadrunner.com

Washington: Wayne Seeley

Phone: 726-4674

E-mail: wseeley@myfairpoint.net

York No: James T. Howard

Phone: 468-1003

E-mail: jimhoward132@yahoo.com

York So: Jonathan Gay

Phone: 451-7071

E-mail: jgay@yorkmaine.org

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>

2016 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 – 2016 MEETING DATES:

Next meeting is February 13th at the Maine Municipal Association at 11am. Membership renewals for 2016-2017 will be passed out at this meeting.

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

Androscoggin



At the Androscoggin County Firefighters Association's annual association banquet, held at the Turner Fire Dept. Kenneth Scribner Sr. of Durham Fire Rescue was awarded Androscoggin County Firefighters Association, Firefighter of the year by association President Lt. Jared Blake of Sabattus Fire/EMS. Mr. Scribner has been a member of Durham Fire Rescue for over 20 years working through the ranks to Deputy Chief, a position he held for over 15 years (1974-1990). Through this time he saw the second new fire engine, a used tanker and probably most overwhelming, the construction of a new four bay fire station. Mr. Scribner is still very active in the department and was also elected President the Durham Fire Rescue Corporation earlier this year. Mr. Scribner has made almost every call that the department get alerted to. His dedication and hard work on the department has been compared with a very select few. If he is not immediately signing on for a call we know he is either volunteering at one of his many other activities or just give him a minute and he may be walking out of the woods from cutting wood, hunting or working on the farm according to the nomination letter that was submitted. As well as being a firefighter, Mr. Scribner was a member of the Army Reserves, also past President and currently 2nd vice President of the Durham Rod and Gun Club,

he is a member of Sportsman's Alliance of Maine, Hunter Safety Instructor and an avid hunter. He is also a lifetime member of Durham Amvets Post #13, and a member of the Budget Committee for the Town of Durham. Mr. Scribner is married to his wife Pearl, who is a past member of the Durham Fire Department as a red phone operator/dispatcher and has two children. Kenneth Scribner Jr. (K.J), and Kris Scribner who are both past members.

Hancock



The Ellsworth Fire Department swore in two new members and promotes a new deputy chief and lieutenant tonight at annual meeting. From left to right: Riley DeWitt-Firefighter/Engineer, Ken Worden-FF/Eng./Training Coordinator, Robert Dorr-Lieutenant, and Gary Saunders- Deputy Chief. Congratulations to you all!

Knox



Owls Head Fire Department Graduates 9 – promotes one

COUNTY NEWS

At its annual banquet and recognition celebration, catered by Café Miranda, the Owls Head Fire Department proudly presented certificates to 9 members of the department for completing a 70 hour Maine Fire Training & Education Basic Firefighting Course. Graduates learned the basics of firefighting including; structure, car and propane fires. The course was highlighted by fighting fires using live fire simulators. They studied the dynamics of fires, equipment, personal safety, search and rescue, communications and so on. The members, and support staff (trainers etc.) volunteered their time to participate. Each made personal sacrifices to participate. The department is proud of their commitment and growth, and grateful to those who supported the process.

The graduates are:

Lt Tim Sternberg

Lt Steven Hallett

FF Dave Geddis

FF Michelle Radloff

FF Adam Philbrook

FF Miranda Sternberg

FF Daniel (DJ) Pierce

FF Calvin Morin

FF Chris Darnell

Additionally, Tim Sternberg was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant.

The evening was a busy one, as the following members were recognized for their years of service to the Town Of Owls Head:

40 years - Chief Frank Ross

35 years – Lt Jim Philbrook

25 years - FF Chris Darnell & FP Dave Darnell

20 years – FF Adam Philbrook & Lt Tim Sternberg

15 years – Deputy Chief Don Pierce, Asst Chief John Gamage, Lt Steve Hallett

10 years – FF Eliot Scott & FF Micah Philbrook

5 years – Lt Mike Root

Those recognized for performance for the past year include:

Officer of the Year – Lt Steve Hallett

Firefighter of the Year – FF Calvin Morin

Junior Firefighter of the Year – Daniel (DJ) Pierce

Company Award – FF Miranda Sternberg

Chief's Award – FF Chris Darnell & David Geddis

Board of director's Award – Asst Chief John Gamage

The evening concluded with a traditional Christmas celebration with special activities for the younger guests – even a piñata. An event like this doesn't happen without a lot of support. Members and families brought food, desserts, prizes and presents. And for the first time in a long time, the members were able to pose for a department photograph.

Piscataquis



The Bowerbank Fire Department, with much of its community located on the north Shore of Sebec Lake, raised the much needed funds to purchase a boat to fight fire from the water. The department's efforts and a grant from the Plum Creek Foundation, resulted in the acquisition of an 18 foot pontoon boat, which has been equipped with several pieces of gear contributed by the Piscataquis County Emergency Management Agency.

According to the project description, the pontoon boat accommodates a fixed 500 gallon per-minute water pump on board to be used at a fire along the shoreline. The pump lines can be used to attack a blaze directly or fill responding fire trucks. The craft can be used for structure or forest fires to provide a needed water supply, and has a ramp on the bow to lower to the shoreline for off-loading hose, equipment and personnel.

Chief Preble said the cost of the boat and trailer is about \$15,300, purchased from Tim Merrill & Company of Dover-Foxcroft. He also stated that no taxpayer money was used in the purchase.

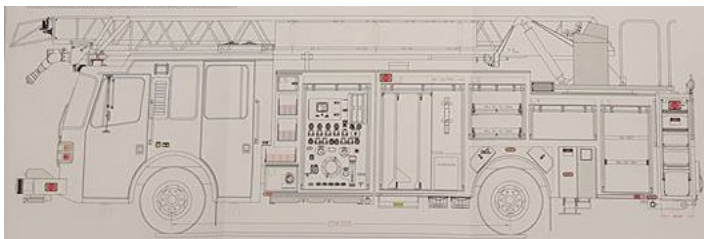
The Plum Creek Foundation gave a \$3,000 grant to go toward the boat purchase. Plum Creek Community Affairs Manager, for the Northern Hardwood Region, Mark Doty said the foundation grants are awarded by

COUNTY NEWS

a local committee. The Piscataquis County EMA donated a radio and Floating stokes basket for the boat.

The Bowerbank Fire Department is part of the county's fire mutual aid system. The department's new boat can respond to shoreline mutual aid across Sebec Lake in Dover-Foxcroft, Guilford, Sebec and Willimantic. In addition to fires, Bowerbank responders can assist with medical emergencies on the lake such as injury from a boar accident.

Somerset



Coming in August 2016, Fairfield Fire Department will be the proud department of their first ever Ferrara 75ft Aerial Ladder truck. Truck would also consist of a 200 GPM Hale pump and 400 Gallon Water tank.



Skowhegan Fire Department

The truck, which cost about \$465,000, was custom built by Pierce Manufacturing of Appleton, Wisconsin, based on the town's own design developed over the past three years, Howard said. The new truck replaces a 1984 pumper, which had seen better days, the chief said.

"What we really wanted to look at was a truck that met more than just one need of the department, meaning it was a multi-faceted truck and it could do several jobs," Howard said. "The biggest thing is being able to carry all of the necessary equipment, whether you're fighting fire or performing a rescue, a technical rescue, extrication call. Any time these guys leave the station in that truck, they're ready to go for just about anything."

Howard said the custom truck design is important because equipment compartments are set up for easy access by firefighters in route to an emergency. He said equipment cannot just be stacked on top of other

equipment, but needs designed space for maximum efficiency.

"It's not like if you buy a Chevy from an assembly line," he said. "For each truck they take the plans and custom build it for you. What we were impressed with is the craftsmanship we saw out there."

Howard said he and Selectman Paul York, the board's vice chairman, traveled to Wisconsin to see the truck being built to local specifications. The truck was paid for from the town's capital reserve account, which is supplied with money raised each year by voters at the annual Town Meeting. He said the cost of firetrucks increases about 3 percent every year.

Howard said the design had to include easy access to tools and an even distribution of weight for proper stopping distance and acceleration.

The new truck — Engine 10 — is a rescue pumper with a maximum 1,500-gallon-per-minute pump and carries 1,000 gallons of water.

Most of the time, he said, the truck will pump about 200 gallons per minute to fight a fire.

The next truck coming to the Skowhegan Fire Department will be a quintuple combination pumper and tanker ladder truck. That truck, to be paid for in part with an \$871,429 federal grant, will replace the town's 1990 aerial ladder truck, which has been put up for sale.

Howard said he hopes that truck, which will cost about \$1 million by the time it's done, will be ready in time for the 2016 Skowhegan Holiday Stroll parade. That way he can give Santa another ride through downtown on a big red firetruck.



It's been 30 years since the Norridgewock Fire Department first started raising money for a new fire station, or about three-quarters of the time that Chief Dave Jones has been head of the department. "I didn't think I'd be around long enough to see it," said Jones, who has been chief for 40 years, on Tuesday from the new station at 22 Upper Main St. "Especially when the economy went to pieces a few years ago. Money was

COUNTY NEWS

tight. We're luckier than most towns." The Fire Department officially moved into the new station Sunday. The move represents a much-needed upgrade. The station has a kitchen, meeting area and ample space for equipment storage. "It's pretty exciting to see it done," said Ron Frederick, chairman of the Board of Selectmen, who added that the station is paid for and was built without a tax increase or borrowed money. "(The fire station) is another project that the town has worked hard to complete along with the new highway garage (completed in 2014)." Construction on the building began in May after voters at the Town Meeting approved spending the final \$250,000 needed to build the station from the town's undesignated funds.

The building's total cost was \$819,939. It also included money from the town's surplus account, tax increment financing and money raised by the Fire Department. "It's a long way from what we had," said Jones, who described having to hold meetings at the old station with firefighters sitting on equipment and having to wash equipment outside the station because there wasn't enough space inside. An open house will take place once the department has finished moving in, but as of Tuesday, a date for that had not been set. The department has 20 volunteers, about a dozen of whom are active, and Jones said he hopes the new station will help attract more volunteers. "I'd like to have a few more people. Hopefully this will help," he said. The future of the old fire station at 70 Main St. has not been decided, but Frederick said it could be sold. There also has been discussion about turning it into a community center. "We don't know yet. There are a couple different proposals out there," Frederick said.

York South



Congratulations to PF 1st District, Ogunquit Firefighter IAFF local 3771 members who got promoted to the rank of Captain during a brief ceremony during a Selectman's meeting Oct 20, 2015. L - R, Shannon

Bridges, IAFF local 3771 President Dave Moore, PFFM 1st VP Gerry Gay, Bob Bernard, and Scott Bourque.

FF1 & 2 Classes in York County

The North Berwick Fire Department is hosting a Firefighter Level 1 & 2 course. The course runs from Dec 1, 2015 to May 26, 2016. There are 31 students enrolled in the course and they are from North Berwick, South Berwick, Lebanon, Shapleigh, Kittery, York Village, York Beach, and Somersworth NH. This will be the third year North Berwick has done this. The course is through Maine Fire Service Institute. At the end of the course and completion of the exams the students will be certified as a firefighter level 2 (pro-board). The course operates on Tuesday and Thursdays evenings and some Saturdays.

York County Chiefs Association - 25th Annual Firefighter 1 & 2 Academy

23 students representing 9 difference fire departments will start their Firefighter 1 & 2 Academy on January 4, 2016. The class schedule is Monday and Wednesday evenings and a whole bunch of Saturdays from early in January ending the first Saturday in June at their MFSI End Test.

The 25-year long history of the YCCA program enters its 10th year of collaboration with Maine Fire Services Institute; a partnership that has proven to be a successful endeavor for both the YCCA and MFSI. The true winners are the students who benefit from the best Fire Instructors locally and across the state. As with any successful program, the commitment from the sponsoring fire departments and local businesses are contributing factors to our success.

Follow our progress on Facebook!

MSFFF FUNDRAISING

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

EDUCATION & TRAINING

Mark Your Calendar!

2016 JOINT CONFERENCE

**Sunday River Grand Summit Resort Hotel
& Conference Center, Newry, Maine
March 23, 24 & 25, 2016**

Wed., March 23, 2016:

Dispatch Topic: (ISO & Protocols)

Joint Membership Meeting / “Appreciation Social Hour” with the Vendors

Thur., March 24, 2016:

“Reinvention Made Easy: Change Your Strategy, Change Your Results”

Keynote Speaker: Jim Mathis, The Mathis Group, Reinvention Nation

Fri., March 25, 2016:

“Enhancing Your Comprehensive Fire Prevention Program –
Fire & Life Safety Inspections of Apartment Buildings”

Presenters: Bangor and Lewiston Inspection Representatives

Cancer Presumption Law/Workers Comp.

Presenters: Paul H. Sighinolfi and Nathan Jury

For more information visit our website at: www.mainechief.com



EDUCATION • NETWORKING • EXHIBITS

EDUCATION & TRAINING

National Fire Academy Spring Direct Delivery – March 12 & 13, 2016 at MFSI Brunswick

<http://www.mfte.org/national-fire-academy-spring-direct-delivery-march-12-13-2016-at-mfsi-brunswick/>



NAEMT's Advanced Medical Life Support (AMLS) course is the first EMS education program that fully addresses how to best assess and manage the most common medical crises in patients, offering a "think outside the box" methodology. It is for all levels of practitioners with a strong commitment to patient care, including emergency medical technicians, paramedics, nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, nurse anesthetists and physicians. The course emphasizes the use of scene size-up, history, interactive group discussion on potential treatment strategies, and physical exam to systematically rule out and consider possibilities and probabilities in treating patients' medical crises. The course offers an initial assessment-based approach those progresses to a diagnostic-based approach to quickly develop the best treatment plan.

When: March 16 & 17, 2016 8:00am to 5:00pm

Where: Medicare Ambulance

Fees: Member- \$220.00 Non-Member- \$250.00

Please register on-line at <https://www.apems.org/>

Specialty Course Registration

Payment or Purchase Order must accompany registration

NO REFUNDS...Substitutions accepted

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS 14 DAYS BEFORE THE CLASS DATE

Open for Registration! Our 10th Annual
**Western Maine Fire Attack School
and Fire Services Trade Show**
May 21st & 22nd, 2016
Bethel Fire Department, Bethel, Maine
*Course Descriptions & Registration Forms
on our Website & FaceBook pages!*

Frاندford Mutual Aid Fire Training Association
email: info@frاندford.org website: <http://www.frاندford.org>
Frاندford MAFTA PO Box 111 Dixfield ME 04224 phone: 207-562-4245
Our course offerings for 2016:
Pumps & Rural Water Supply Technical Ropes Rescue
Wildemess Search & Rescue Rural Response RIT
Wildland Refresher & Pack Carry

EDUCATION & TRAINING



Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support 8th Edition! RECERT Course

Pre-hospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) is an intensive focus program designed to increase the trauma assessment and management skills of the Pre-hospital provider. Through the widespread dissemination of this program, we have been able to save lives by decreasing the pre-hospital time of critically injured patients. This program emphasizes hands-on instruction, with 50% of the program dedicated to practical teaching stations please be prepared to work outside.

February 17, 2016 PHTLS Refresher- Mayo Ambulance

TIMES: 8:00 am-5:00 pm

COST: \$110 APEMS MEMBERS & \$140 NON MEMBERS *does not include book

Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support 8th Edition! PROVIDER Course

Pre-hospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) is an intensive focus program designed to increase the trauma assessment and management skills of the Pre-hospital provider. Through the widespread dissemination of this program, we have been able to save lives by decreasing the pre-hospital time of critically injured patients. This program emphasizes hands-on instruction, with 50% of the program dedicated to practical teaching stations please be prepared to work outside.

February 17 & 18, 2016 PHTLS Provider -MAYO Ambulance

TIMES: 8:00 am-5:00 pm

COST: \$200 APEMS MEMBERS & \$230 NON MEMBERS * includes book