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Report of The Fire Department

Date: January 20, 2020

To: The Board of Selectmen
and William Manzi, Town Manager

Prepared By: William J Edwards, Fire Chief

We wanted to start our report by thanking the residents that came out for our first Town of Seabrook Bonfire. I think for an initial event it was very successful. We drew a good amount of people that night and had a very organized and safe event. We wanted to thank the Town Employees that were on hand too, we had members from each department there showing their community support. We hope this will continue to grow, bringing more people each year.

We wanted to specifically thank DPW Director John Starkey and his crew for getting the trees to Gov. Weare and stacking them. We'd also like to thank Forrest Carter the Parks Director for doing the cleanup after the fire was out, lastly Police Chief Brett Walker for supplying the detail officers that night. We appreciate the Board's willingness to allow us to start this new tradition and also their participation as Chairman Khan was able to light the Bonfire for us.

We had another successful Santa Ride through town. Again we saw so many happy and excited children and adults out that night. This year we had a tag along as the Grinch appeared to try to steal some Christmas Spirit. Luckily he wasn't able to sabotage the night. We hope everyone had a great time with the event, it's one of our favorite nights, and we look forward to bringing Santa through Town each year. Santa had a great time and is already marking his calendar for this upcoming Christmas.



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The Fire Department Union did a fantastic job this winter with both the Seabrook FF Toy Bank and the Operation Warm program. The Union distributed toys to roughly 70 families just before Christmas. FF/Paramedic Troy Coleman & FAO Zach Annis oversaw the Toy Bank this year. The Seabrook Toy Bank program has been helping families for over 25 years, a program launched by one of our Retired Captains, Tuggy Hewlett.

Operation Warm delivered over 200 winter coats to Seabrook children. This program is aimed at providing winter coats to children in our Seabrook School system. FF/Paramedic Rich Curtis has overseen this program the last two years, he's done a great job organizing the event..

As part of the Fire Department Town Report we provide for the Annual Report Book, we included some calls for service data.

In 2019 we responded to;

3,299 Total Calls for Service & **1,521** Total Medical Aid Calls

When we compare this to 2012, we have increased our calls for service by **69%**

This is a huge increase in just 8 years. The demand for service has grown significantly and will likely never be lower than the current demand. This is the primary reason for the Warrant Article request for four additional Firefighters. The request is to fill a need we feel is extremely important not only to the safety of our residents and the community, but to the firefighters themselves.

If there are any questions on this article or any of the others we are requesting please don't hesitate to call my office or send me an email, I'd be glad to answer any questions.

Respectfully,

William J Edwards

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Board of Selectmen, EM Director Titone, Deputy Chief Perkins, Budget Chair Chris Leclaire, Town Manager Manzi, and Fire Chief Edwards



Chairman Khan lighting the Bonfire.



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Santa & Grinch with Town Manager Manzi & Chairman Khan



FF Perry, Eaton & Mawson handing out coats.