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Report of The Fire Department

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

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Obviously a lot has changed since we last met in January, and our Fire Department has made numerous changes in how our day to day responses to emergencies are being handled. We have changed almost every faucet of how we operate especially on the EMS side. The need to wear PPE to protect our members from the public and vice versa was one of our largest concerns that we had to initially overcome.

Our Department, like most, did not stock PPE to the levels this outbreak required. We were fortunate to be able to obtain PPE and other types of protective gear to keep our department safe and reduce the chance of transmission of the COVID19 virus.

We have had times where half of our department was quarantined and we were able to rally as a group and still complete the mission. I am extremely proud of how our department has responded and handled this outbreak. I've seen all of our people step up and put in extra effort to make these crazy times as manageable as possible.

Our Secretary Kelly McDonald has done an outstanding job of organizing the documents both for our department and other departments to be reimbursed through both FEMA and the CARES ACT. We are tracking all of our expenses and are very hopeful to be able to recoup most of our costs through the numerous avenues that both the state and federal government has opened to us.





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Going forward our department, like our community, is excited to get back to this new normal. We are adjusting our internal policies to follow both the State and local guidance. As of today June 1, 2020, we will be allowing residents to call ahead and schedule to come in for a blood pressure check, we will allow one person to come into the station at a time to conduct business through our dispatch center, we are offering burn permits through the town website, you can also stop by and grab one from the station.

We hope that in the coming weeks we will be able to continue to roll back the restrictions we have in place now and again get back to our new normal.

Respectfully,

William J Edwards
Fire Chief