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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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Since our last Board briefing in June the Fire Department has rolled back some of its policies regarding COVID-19. Residents now have access to the Fire Department for inhouse Burn Permits, Blood Pressure Checks or other medical questions. We have not resumed doing station tours.

Our department was able to procure numerous items to help sanitize not only our department but other departments as well. We have also been able to supply other departments with PPE when necessary. We are still doing our best to purchase needed PPE and cleaning supplies for the coming months as there are concerns of an uptick in cases.

Our department has regained normalcy with the run volume, we saw a decrease in calls for service when this outbreak began, and slowly our numbers have returned to a near normal level of calls. We are still planning internally and working with State officials to prepare for any future outbreaks or increases in cases.

Our department has also been working with both State and Federal agencies to get reimbursed through the various programs available to us. We have not received any final numbers or dates for the reimbursements, but we are assured there will be money returned to Seabrook to cover some of our costs to combat the COVID-19 outbreak.





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We have not cancelled yet but assume we will need to cancel the annual Touch-a-Truck event we typically hold in October each year. Our contingency plan is to offer either a virtual tour or pre-record information and demonstrations to send out to the public to try to maintain the connection we have with our community. The pandemic will also interrupt our usual fire safety week we do within the schools, so we are also working on something that we could give the schools and it can be pushed out through the virtual classrooms. Our goal is to provide fire safety information to the best of our ability within the boundaries of COVID.

Respectfully,

William J Edwards Fire Chief