



# **SEABROOK FIRE DEPARTMENT**

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## ***Report of The Fire Department***

**Date: November 2, 2020**

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

**Prepared By: William J Edwards, Fire Chief**

The Fire Department has continued to respond to calls for service, seeing an increase in total calls for service as of the end of October 2020 compared to October 2019. The increase follows along with the yearly increase in calls we've seen over the past five plus years.

We have seen a minimal increase in COVID cases in Seabrook, we had spent many months with zero or one person on our list, and as of Friday we had three. So far as a community we seem to have not had the spike in recent cases that has been seen in other areas of the State.

We are in the middle of budget season and have met with both the Selectmen and Budget Committee. Next will be discussing Warrant Articles for the ballot in March. I cannot stress enough how important the purchase of a new fire engine is to our department. This would be the third year asking to replace the engine. Our three engines are all at or beyond their useful life expectancy, which we have seen proved through maintenance costs over the last few years. We hope to be able to better explain the importance of the replacement of this engine in the coming months as we moved closer to March.

In October the Fire Union was able to hand out coats again this year to our Seabrook Elementary School. The Union supplied 145 coats to the School covering pre-k to 2nd grade. This is the third year doing this and has been a great success every year. The Union will do their best again this year with the Seabrook Toy Bank. We are unsure what the impact of COVID will have on that, but I'm sure we will find a way to make sure every child has the best Christmas possible.



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Moving through the rest of 2021, we hope with the Board's permission to have Santa back for his annual Engine Ride through Seabrook. We can set a final date for the event as we get into December. This would be the 6th year of the Ride and we believe it has gotten better each year and we see more and more people out at the edge of the road each year.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "W. Edwards", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**William J Edwards**

**Fire Chief**