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

Date: May 1, 2023

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

Prepared By: William J Edwards, Fire Chief

Hello, our last report was at the March 6, 2023 meeting. As you're aware we had numerous warrant articles fail at the Town vote on March 14th. We are very thankful for the voters' support of all of our articles.

Our main concern moving forward is how do we obtain the personnel and equipment that our department needs to maintain our mission and keep our building from falling into disrepair?

My 2023 goal is to in my department budget, set up a capital improvement line for my building maintenance, for trucks, equipment and potentially man power. Each year we get a no vote in March we are forced to continue "getting by" with previous years funding to repair and replace capital objects, forcing the Town and my department to spend money on costly repairs. This money could be used more wisely if we had funding budgeted for our capital needs.

I would love to see the board work with and in favor of the Fire Department to reach these goals, back this department's needs so that our equipment, trucks and building can receive the needed updates and not have to constantly take money from Peter to pay Paul.

The board asked for accomplishments to date. If we are talking about accomplishments at this point in 2023, we have no major accomplishments to report other than continued community



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outreach projects. To have accomplishments that improve the department a cost is generally associated, and seeing we are not going to see any growth in our budget this cycle, we had no growth from last year where we went over budget due to injuries, I'm not sure what projects we will be able to complete in 2023.

Call volume data is subject to what we have an ability to provide. As we have stated previously we do not know how to break calls into residential, commercial, or industrial locations without dedicated man hours. This is something that has been discussed and explained in the past. In speaking with IT department, they said they could complete this but not without some extra work that they said would take time.

2023 Year to Date Ambulance Calls for Service - 807 (+20%)

2023 Year to Date Engine Calls for Service - 472 (+30%)

2022 Year to Date Ambulance Calls for Service - 644

2022 Year to Date Engine Calls for Service - 320

Firefighter Absentees for the First Quarter - Thus far in 2023 we have had one firefighter out since December of 2022, totaling roughly 600 hours out and a second firefighter who is also out, has been out since the end of March so no impact on the first quarter, but is looking at being out a total of six weeks, making about 300 hours out in the second quarter. Lastly I believe a third firefighter is looking to schedule a surgery, that timeline isn't known yet, but will add to the injury hours.

Our biggest concerns for the department have been mentioned above in regards to the need for manpower, equipment, building

Respectfully,

William J Edwards

Fire Chief